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Pontarddulais & District Angling Association Newsletter



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Long term weather reports predict another long, hot summer for 2007. I suppose it's almost becoming 'the norm', with such ever increasing signs of global warming.

Of course, drought conditions mean low, life-less water – which in turn means poor fishing. These days, when we have rain, it's paramount to make the most of it, because being realistic, we all know what's on the way – and that's more dry, warm weather. So, no matter how tired or over worked you may feel – get out there when the water's right.

Finally, I wonder if we will see a difference with Salmon stocks following the ban on the Irish drift nets? Maybe it's too early to tell, but surely we must see some difference. Tight lines for the season!

Work at Ynys Llety

Thanks must go out to the Committee members who spent an afternoon removing a sunken tree from our Ynys Llety stretch recently.

With the help of the local farmer and his 'Hymac', the massive tree was successfully removed from the straight between 'Pwn-y-rails' and 'Popular Pool'. The stretch has been given a new lease of life, which will hopefully produce some fish this year.

Ynys Llety parking

Some members are illegally parking underneath the cover of the barn at Ynys Llety – THIS MUST STOP.

Please respect the landowner by only parking within the designated areas outside of the barn. Registration plates of incorrectly parked cars will be passed to the Committee for investigation.

Junior Membership

It is the on-going responsibility of the Committee to encourage new junior members to join our Association.

We are in the process of distributing posters and leaflets within local schools and tackle shops to advertise PAA as a 'Junior friendly Club'. Remember, as a full member, you are entitled to introduce juniors to our rivers, in the hope of them joining.

REMEMBER: JUNIOR MEMBERS ARE THE FUTURE OF OUR ASSOCIATION!

Invasive weed control

During June, three Committee members are attending an Invasive Weed Control course at Pen Coed Agricultural College, Bridgend.

Once qualified, the individuals will be targeting the Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam that is smothering many of our stretches on the River Loughor. We will keep you up-to-date with the on-going spraying schedule.


Pipe line battle

South Wales Evening Post have published an article outlining the National Grid's intention to extract massive quantities of water from the Loughor, Lliw and Tawe rivers to 'pressure test' a pipeline.

Action Group, Safe Haven Network are hoping to prevent the water extraction by Lobbying the Environment Agency (EA). PAA are carrying out a full investigation with the EA. We will keep you up-to-date with developments.

Membership count (to date)

87 paid members to date – not including Committee and Life Members.

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Out and About The 'Apprentice'



'One on the fly' – Rob Evans (left) ditches his worming rod to learn the art of fly fishing

I received an e-mail from Tim Smith – Editor of Total Flyfisher (formally Today's Flyfisher). He had an idea for a new series of features for the magazine.

Tim asked if I knew someone who had just started fly fishing and was willing to be taught by World Champion fly caster, Hywel Morgan! The series was to be aptly named 'The Apprentice'. Hywel would write the features and I was to take the photographs. What a team!

I racked my brains and finally remembered about a local guy I knew called Rob Evans (who by the way owns Kingsbridge Print and Design), near Gorseinon. Rob, a regular at Lliw Reservoir, was a 'wormer' by trade – but he was keen, mad keen to learn to fly fish. He was just the man. A few e-mails later and Rob was on-board – and was a very happy chappie indeed. Well, who wouldn't be – having the chance to be taught by one of top anglers in the country!?!

To date, we've visited 'Papermill' and 'Garnfrwdd', two local small waters. Rob, a quick learner, is loving every minute of his time with Hywel and is doing very well.

Next it's onto boat fishing at 'Llys y Fran'. Look out for the features in the magazine!

P.S. I recently received a text message: "6 fish – result!". It was Rob. He had 'bagged-up' at Lliw Reservoir – all on the fly. This to me is what fishing is all about. 'The Apprentice' is no longer! Well done Rob.

Tiddlers 50/50 2007 winners

May: J. Sweeney – Loughor (£40)

Remember: You can still join for the rest of the monthly draws – it's not too late.



for May...

Go small. Most night fly fishermen tend to fish with quite large single hook and tube flies concoctions – but have you ever thought about fishing a team of small wet flies? A few local anglers are experiencing some great sport using size 12, sparsely dressed wets!