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Pontarddulais & District Angling Association (PAA) Newsletter



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Welcome back!

It seems a very long time since we've published an edition of 'Sewin' – in fact, the last issue was back in August 2008!

Firstly, I must welcome all new members to PAA. I hear reports of quite a few that have joined for the first time. I wish you all a successful first season with us – no doubt, I will meet some of you on the banks during the forthcoming months! As an Association, we continue to grow and move on with the times, and the introduction of a website is testament to this (see details below). We are already receiving many enquiries via the web. Finally, as ever, if you have any news or views, please get in touch – tightlines!

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PAA goes online!

Yes, we finally have a website. Anyone who visits the site will have access to the following:

- Membership information (including a downloadable membership form);
- Maps of our waters;
- A gallery of images (which is updated almost daily);
- Association rules, competition results and much more.

The website is an on-going project, so please bear with us, as we find the time to collate and publish the necessary information.

Note: it doesn't matter whether Pontarddulais is spelt with a single or double 'd' – those clever computers direct you to the same site!

Catch returns

To date, 50 members have failed to complete their 2008 catch return – it's not too late! Please make the effort – the information is critical for the future of our Association.

Estuary Barrage concerns

No doubt, you've probably heard talk of a barrage over the River Loughor. We are in the process of joining forces with other local clubs to air our obvious concerns – we will keep you posted.

On-going river maintenance

During the winter months, the Committee have been hard at work on the River Loughor. Work completed includes:

- extension of Tyn-y-cering car park and of the wooden walkway leading down to the river;
- clearance of fallen trees (Tal-y-fan);
- weed spraying (Tyn-y-cerig).

Thank you to all involved – you know who you are!

Ynys Llety carpark

Would all members please note that minibuses and other large wheelbase vehicles should NOT be parked in the Ynys Llety carpark.

Also, members should not park in the hay shed under any circumstances – please stick to the designated, sign posted area. Remember: this car park is our main access to the river – respect the rules, or as a Committee, we will be forced to take action.

Avoid the fence!

Would all members please avoid the barbed wire fence located at the bottom boundary of our Tyn-y-cerig stretch until a new stile is erected.

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Out and about...

River Irfon – Llangammarch Wells, Powys



PAA member Rob Evans 'bugging' for grayling – nice pose!

Throughout the winter months, myself and another PAA member Rob Evans, have been regularly fishing the River Irfon – in pursuit of grayling.

This tributary of the nearby River Wye, seems an ideal river to introduce an angler to grayling fishing. With easy access and easy wading, the Irfon has so much to offer – it's well worth the hour or so drive from Pontarddulais. We fish the Cammarch Hotel waters, which are split into three beats – top, middle and bottom. From experience, the bottom beat seems to be most productive, but there's obviously fish right through the system.

The resident fish are of an excellent 'average' size – in fact, it's not uncommon to take fish to 18 inches – a good grayling by anyone's standards! It's not a deep river, so traditional Spider patterns work well – but during the really cold weather, deep bugging is sometimes the only option.

Day permits are £12.50 and are available from the Cammarch Hotel: 01591 619802.

Thanks to PAA member, Oliver Burch for his local knowledge and guiding services!

Tiddlers 50/50 (2008)

Congratulations to the following, who all won £50.00:

- July:** No 27 – Andrew Lewis, Pontlliw
- August:** No 2 – Gillian Morgan, Gorseinon
- Sep:** No 41 – Donna Collins, Pontarddulais
- Oct:** No 27 – Louise Jones, Llandysul

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The early bird catches the worm. Why wait until you hear from someone else that the fish are running? Get out on the river early to catch that first fish – which, no doubt will be a cracking early season specimen!