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Pontarddulais & District Angling Association (PAA) Newsletter



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Lyn Davies – Editor and General Secretary

There's always someone catching fish...

Well, overall, I think everyone would agree, it's been a disappointing season to date. We've had the rain, but for whatever reason, we just haven't seen much evidence of fish.

Regulars have taken the odd fish during the day using spinners – but, until very recently, most night fly anglers have struggled. I'm shamed to admit, that I personally have only fished the Loughor seven times this year and caught just one fish. Even the likes of Mark Walker, Eifion Williams and the infamous Adrian Thomas have taken limited fish. But I must mention one man – Oliver Burch, from Gloucester. Oliver has been regularly making the 1½ journey to fish the Loughor at night – and boy has he been doing well. Commitment and perseverance has paid off (see his report opposite) – hat's off to Oliver – he's an inspiration to us all! I'm certainly got the bug at the moment, and I'm going to be making the most of the remaining weeks. Tightlines...

Out and about...

River Loughor by Oliver Burch



Oliver waits for dark on the Loughor

It was certainly a difficult start to the season – I think I had 5 blank nights – but started again in hope after the recent rains.

This week I've had an unusual run of luck in what I usually find a difficult place to fish: the Gutter pool on the Tyn-y-cerrig stretch. I usually come to this at the end of the night before going back to the car, and I almost always see sewin move in the small hours, but somehow can't get the casting angles right and fail to hook up. On the first visit this week I came to it well after midnight, knowing that a couple of our members had been worming it earlier in the evening (I understand they took a small salmon out of it the previous night). Conditions looked good and I had already taken a 1½ pounder on the Golden Mile. On the Gutter, second cast across the eddy with an intermediate line and Lyn's little tube fly produced a 5 pound hen which fought very deep and slow. I was fishing a few nights later, came again to the Gutter late having had no more than a couple of tweaks lower down. But I saw a couple of big fish move, heard fish migrating up the stickles below, changed in desperation to a sinking line at 2 o'clock and got a lovely 9½ pound hen fish from the depths. Out again with Lyn Davies and Rob Evans a couple of nights later, and a 4 pound cock fish took the tube towards the head of the same pool. When the Loughor is on song, it's a very special river.

Fund-raising fishing competition – River Teifi, Lampeter

On Sunday 6 September, land owner Dai 'Dolau', is holding a fund-raising event in aid of the County Agricultural Show in 2012.

Members are requested to avoid this day, unless of course, they want to actually enter the competition.

For further information, please contact Lyn Davies via e-mail: lyn@capturedonline.co.uk

Fishing Competition

River Teifi, Saturday September 26th. Only the first 25 names will be considered (due to the size of the bus). For more information, please contact **Martin Thomas** (Membership Secretary), **01554 821605**.

Bumper membership for 2009!

We are pleased to announce that our membership total currently stands at an impressive 121. We welcome all new members to PAA and, as a committee, we hope you are experiencing a productive first season with us.

On-going river maintenance

Tyn-y-cerrig gate

Committee members have re-directed a small stream that had burst it's banks and was causing a wet, boggy area around an access gate. Well done boys.

Night Fishing Competition

On Friday 10th July we held our annual night fishing competition on the River Loughor.

Unfortunately, it proved to be a very disappointing night – over 20 anglers entered, with just the one fish being caught.

Regular night angler, Mark Walker caught the winning fish – a 3lb hen fish on our the Tyn-y-cerrig stretch. Well done Mark and a big thank to all who attended. Hopefully next year will be more successful!



Committee member Mark Walker with his winning fish

Tiddlers 50/50 (2009)

Congratulations to:

No.57 – Andy Curtin, Glais.

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for August...

Try an upstream cast. If you find yourself fishing a place with limited access, don't be afraid to fish upstream. Bend the rules a little and try to reach those difficult to reach places – they often hold fish!

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