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Pontarddulais & District Angling Association (PAA) Newsletter



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Bring on the rain...

As I write, we've had a splash of rain – just enough to help clear the algae from the river bed, but we really need a proper spate to liven things up.

Regulars are picking up the odd fish here and there – having really putting the time in. Andrew Davies and new member Dean Scott seem to be doing well – and they deserve the success, they're out all the time! On that note, I've noticed that here seems to be a lot more anglers fishing at night this year (which is encouraging). It may not be for us all, but it's one of the most addictive forms of fishing there is – watch out though, as it can play havoc with work, relationship and family commitments!

We've got our night competition to look forward to (weather permitting) and of course, the most productive few months of the season. Get out there and enjoy – meet other members and share stories and tactics. As they say, only one thing comes close to fishing, and that's talking about it. Tightlines!

Poaching problem

We're hearing reports of poaching on the River Loughor. Nets have been found and the Environmental Agency (EA) are aware of the situation. All members are requested to remain vigilant at all times. If you see anything suspicious, please call 0800 80 70 60 (this number is also printed on the reverse of your club permit). REMEMBER: It's important that all incidents are reported using this freephone number – the call is logged and the EA are obliged to respond.

Night Fishing Competition

Weather permitting, the night fishing competition will take place on Friday 23rd July. Meet at 9.00pm at McMillans carpark (Glynhir Ind. Est). For further information, please contact Lyn Davies on 01792 884949.

Fish caught (and lost!)...

Dean Scott, Sam Gorvett and Andrew McGuirk have all caught their first sewin at night on the fly. Well done! Glyn Richards – 3 sewin up to 4lb, 2 July (spinning). Oliver Burch – hooked and lost 4 fish in the same pool w/c 5th July – one was a monster... (location withheld!). Andrew Davies – 3 good sewin to date, largest 6lb. Let us know when you catch a fish!

The Shoalies are back!

We're seeing encouraging signs of the small sewin (known locally as Shoalies) returning to the River Loughor – this has got to be good news for the future.

Who says they don't eat!

Regular night angler, Andrew Davies took a lovely 6lb sewin from the Loughor on 18th June. On closer inspection of it's stomach contents at home, Andrew discovered a water vole! Get that Surface Lure out I say!

On-going work

Every weekend, Committee members are maintaining our river. Work includes: spraying the Japanese Knot weed and Himalayan Balsam, cutting paths down to the river and soon we'll be replacing many of our stiles along the river. Please contact Gary Lewis on 07779 837294 to report on any work that needs doing.

Well done Lino!

Congratulations to Lino Davies for catching a cracking 13lb 4oz sewin! The fish was taken on the fly at night near to our Tal-y-Cynllwyn stretch. They don't come like this very often!



Lino Davies with his 13lb 4oz sewin

Out and about...

Chew for Pike



A sample of what Chew has to offer – a small Jack of about 6 pounds

Ever thought about fly fishing for Pike? Well it's become more popular than ever – as I discovered during a recent trip to Chew Valley Reservoir, near Bristol.

Commissioned by Total Fly Fisher magazine, I met with fly fishing guru and guide, John Horsey and House of Hardy Executive, Chris Bond to take photographs for an article.

You need some heavy duty kit to tackle Pike. Ideally, a 9ft, 8/9wt rod, sinking lines, wire traces (or preferably 'Proleader – Armoured leader', 20-30lb tapered leader and of course some Pike flies. It's hard work flinging those huge flies about all day, but it all seems worth it when the fish 'turn on'. It's very visible, exciting fishing and the sight of a huge Pike tail walking across the surface is enough to get any ones pulse racing! Many anglers traditionally drift close to weed beds, but many of the bigger specimens are taken over the deeper water. John's been fishing for Pike on Chew for many years and knows the water like no other, but on the day, the curse of the camera seemed to put a damper on proceedings. For whatever reason, the fish did not show willing. We managed to capture a few Jacks (small Pike) for the camera – but the 'doubles' proved illusive.

If you fancy something that little bit different – give it a try. Llandegfedd Reservoir (Pontypool) and Llangorse Lake (near Brecon) also hold Pike. Look out for the feature in the magazine. For further information, Tel: 01275 332339

Tiddlers 50/50 (2010)

Congratulations to:

- No.42 – Gary Lewis (May).
- No.66 – Nai Thomas (June).
- No.58 – Gwynlais Williams (July).

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Explore new water. Go for a walk on a sunny day and check out those pools and runs you've heard other anglers talking about. Get to know a new stretch of the river – knowledge is power!