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Pontarddulais & District Angling Association (PAA) Newsletter

Bring on the rain...

It's been a funny old season. We've had the water to encourage fish into the river, but catches have been inconsistent. Everyone I speak to seems to be of the same opinion – there's fish about, but not in the numbers that you'd expect for this time of year.

Of the fish taken, many have been 3-4 pounders, and the smaller 'shoalies' have also been making a welcome return. Regular anglers, myself included, seem to be fishing hard for not much return. (I've made over twenty night visits for just two good fish). Having said that, the lucky few seem to be doing OK. Regular night angler, Lino Davies has taken eleven sewin to date, won the night competition (with a 4lb 8oz sewin) and is currently on target to take the trophy for the largest sewin, with a cracking 13lb 6oz fish! In comparison, our chairman, Eifion Williams has yet to even catch a fish at night this year, which is most unusual. I'm hearing stories of fish being lost, and for whatever reason, there's a definite trend towards fish 'coming short', which is proving particularly frustrating. We've all been there, when you lose fish after fish you begin to doubt yourself and your tackle! As the nights draw in, we can be fishing a lot earlier – which has got to be good news for us that work for a living! Tightlines, Lyn Davies – Editor and General Secretary.

Lampeter Competition

Our away fishing competition will take place on **Saturday 25th September – all members are welcome.** Please contact **Martin Thomas** on **01554 821605**. We plan to stop on the way home at Llansawel for a meal and a few pints.

Fish caught...

John Williams caught a cracking **11lb 14oz** salmon from our Lampeter stretch on the River Teifi. This is the **heaviest recorded salmon this year to date.** There's also encouraging signs of small grilse running on the Loughor. A number of regulars have taken fresh fish to 7lb.

What a holiday...

During late August our membership secretary, **Martin Thomas** issued a **weekly ticket to a visiting angler from Bristol.** The angler caught two salmon, one 9lb (which was returned) and one 6lb, both spinning from our Ynys Llety stretch on the Loughor. Excellent angling for a visiting angler – he plans to join PAA next season!

Catch and release

Please remember, that as of 1st September, all sewin must be returned. Thank you for your co-operation.



New stiles

You will notice the Committee have began replacing stiles along the banks of the River Loughor. We are prioritising the work (depending on the condition of the stiles), but eventually all will be replaced.

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, Andrew discovered a water vole inside! Get that Surface Lure out I say!

Poor night competition

Fourteen anglers attended the **annual night competition on the Loughor, but only three fish were caught.** Lino Davies won with a fish just over 4lb, Lyn Williams came second with a 3lb sewin and Lee Walker was third with a shoalie of about 1lb. Overall, a disappointing night, but well done Lino!



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Out and about...

Dry fly on the River Lliw



A typical Lliw brownie

Generations of my family have fished 'The Lliw' and I'm no exception. Straight from school, I'd run across the fields armed with a tin of freshly picked brandlings. Worming was all I knew, but it taught me so much about the river and where I'd expect to catch fish.

Over 20 years later, I finally arrange a return visit. This time with the dry fly, and accompanied by fellow Committee member, Oliver Burch. Like me, Oliver has a passion for chasing pint-sized brown trout in small rivers. Instead of using a 'hand-me-down' rod, this time I was holding a top of the range, 7ft, 3wt, Hardy Marksman and it's accompanying reel. How times have changed!

Our set-up was straightforward. Attached to floating lines were 5ft-tapered leaders, along with tiny leader rings, enabling a quick change of the final 2-3lb section of nylon. With tiny, greased up size 16 Klinkhammer's attached, we were ready to fish.

We started fishing just up from Gorseinon and finished near to Felindre – it was some walk. Overhanging trees and bushes tested our patience. We found ourselves skipping areas because it was virtually impossible to fish. You could just about walk through, never mind cast a fly.

We finished with over 20 fish between us, the best being 12 inches. The dry fly had worked a treat and Oliver was VERY impressed, which put a smile on my face. My little river had won over an experienced, visiting angler and there's already talk of another visit.

Tiddlers 50/50 (2010)

Congratulations to:

No.70 – Committee member, Adrian Thomas – donated back to PAA (Aug).

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for September...

Keep going. Don't put your rods away yet, stick with it. September can be one of the most productive months. The river is usually in tip-top condition and there should be a lot of fish in the system – including grilse.