



Pontardawe and Swansea Angling Society Ltd

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2013 NEWSLETTER

Dear Member,

From all reports received it appears the 2012 fishing season on the River Tawe has again been a very mixed one; it, like all the rivers across Wales, suffered from too much water from late spring onwards. When the Environment Agency catch returns for 2012 become available, I suspect we will see reduced numbers of sea-trout having been caught compared to the 196 recorded for 2011; salmon, I'm hoping will come in at a higher figure than the 104 for 2011.

The river was restocked with brown trout on two occasions and the same is planned for 2013; as a result the early season trout fishing season was good; however, it too was also affected by the high water levels later in the season.

Again it was an active year on the social front and many thanks are extended to Des Williams for organising the monthly fishing safari's for disabled members. There was also a full list planned for the general membership that included a dinner, auction, trips and competitions, fly tying etc. Many thanks to the Social Secretary, Spencer Williams for organising these events, unfortunately for the second year running many of them were not well attended and a scale down the list has been tabled for 2013.

Early in 2012 the Society secured grant funding for two footbridges to be constructed on Ynysymond Isaf Farm; one across Nant Llechau and the other across a small stream a little way downstream on the Tawe. The work was completed before the beginning of last season and in conjunction with the stiles constructed in 2011 will provide decent access along the Ynysymond side of the Tawe between the Graig Chapel and Cemetery Pools.

The Annual General Meeting in December decided that membership fees for 2013 would be as follows:

- £80 - New Adult Member (angling & canoeing)
- £60 - Existing Adult Member (angling & canoeing)
- £20 - Concessionary Member (available for Senior Citizens and TDF/Disabled)
- £25 - Student in full time education (17 years to 21 years)
- £10 - Junior Member (12 years & under 17 years)
- £ 5 - Junior Member (Under 12 years)

Existing Adult Members should note that renewal of membership is due on the 1st March. If your application for membership is not made before the 1st May 2013 the full £80 is payable.

With the exception of Junior permits all existing Adult, Student, Concessionary and TDF section membership tickets are only available from the **Secretary**, renewals must be made **by POST**. If you wish to receive your permit by opening day please apply in good time and **include a stamped addressed envelope** with your application. Please clearly indicate your postal code. If you have an email address also include it with your application. **To save work for your Secretary, please make all cheques/postal orders payable to "Pontardawe & Swansea Angling Society Ltd"**.

Visit our website for more information about the Society, maps and photographs: www.pasas.org.uk

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2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Although the list of activities has been reduced this year there is still a varied schedule of events with, hopefully, something to interest everyone - so why not take part in one or more of the organised activities.

Note:

1. Despite all our best efforts, dates may sometimes have to change.
2. A firm booking is required at least two weeks in advance of the dinner; failure to do so may result in disappointment.
3. **For 2013, those members wishing to attend boat trips will need to make their own arrangements for the booking of boats.**
4. **Tackle Auction: Only club members may enter items for sale.**

15 th February	Friday	Tackle Auction -Vardre Rugby Club
22 nd February	Friday	Annual Dinner - Morriston Golf Club
21 st April	Sunday	Llysyfran - boat trip
13 th May	Sunday	MFL Cup, River Wye - Builth Wells
19 th May	Sunday	Junior Competition - venue Lower Lliw Reservoir
23 rd June	Sunday	Tal Y Llyn - boat trip
19 th July	Friday	Sewin competition
11 th December	Wednesday	Annual General Meeting
4 th November	Monday	Fly Tying

For further details of the above, contact Spencer Williams on Tel: 01792 849293.

Each member will be responsible for the costs associated with a booking.

The following is the draft programme of safaris being proposed by Tawe Disabled Fishers section for the 2013 season. Please can you check to confirm dates and venues on our Web site www.pasas.org.uk or by contact the TDF Secretary, Desmond Williams on Email des.william@pasas.org.uk or by Telephone on: 07971 639404.

06 th March	Wednesday	Papermill
14 th April	Sunday	Usk Reservoir
15 th May	Wednesday	Tyn-Y-Graig
19 th June	Wednesday	Palleg
21 st July	Sunday	Llys-Y-Fran
14 th August	Wednesday	Seven Oaks
18 th September	Wednesday	Lliw Valley Reservoir

Note: All dates are provisional and need to be confirmed

Regards



Ray Lockyer