

Newsletter

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Chairman's address

Welcome to this newsletter. I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well during these strange times. As we are unable to hold our usual annual meeting, I thought a newsletter would update you all.

Sadly, the club lost member Roger Dicks of Oswestry during the year. We express our condolences to his family and friends.

The club continues to thrive and offers affordable membership with access to 10.5 miles of prime middle Dee fishing. Due to lockdown restrictions fishing pressure has been low this year. I know many of you did not fish due to the Covid 19 restrictions. That is reflected in the arrangements for fees for next year outlined below.

Salmon fishing was mixed with a returned catch to date of 20 fish. If you have not made your salmon/sea trout return yet please do so before the 7th December. It is a condition of membership that all catches are reported within 24 hours. Some members are still not doing this! It is important for the club to keep accurate catch returns in the event of a pollution incident and to value our waters. It is also part of our agreements with landowners that we make annual returns to them.

The trophies will be awarded after the 7th December. We have had a new trophy cabinet placed in the RAFA club. The trophies will be permanently displayed there.

Sea trout runs fell below average. One or two 2lb+ fish but most in the 1lb category. The high-water during July/August clearly had an impact on the fishing. Trout and grayling fishing continued to be good when conditions settled. Sadly, the International grayling competition will not take place this year but will hopefully return in 2021.

Please care for your catch before release. Keep the fish wet and if possible, unhook in the net. A brief photograph if necessary and a swift return. Always wet your hands before handling your catch. Please avoid the pictures one sees all too often in fishing publications of fish held up, on gravel or on the bank.

I would like to thank the Board members, Derek Bithell, Suzanne Davies and the bailiffs for their hard work during a very difficult year. Work parties have been restricted by the pandemic. Hopefully, things will improve in 2021. Details will appear on our website.

I wish you and your families a happy and safe Christmas. I also hope you enjoy a full fishing season in 2021.

Huw Evans





Membership fees and benefits

You will recall that at our meeting last November we agreed to move to a flat fee membership of £125.00. Members would then decide what level of NRW licence to purchase. In the light of the pandemic we have decided to hold that move until 2022. The fees will therefore remain the same for 2021.

Adult salmon/sea trout:	£120.00
Adult trout/grayling:	£80.00
Intermediate 16-23 years:	50% of species cost
Junior salmon:	£40.00
Junior trout/grayling:	£10.00
Day ticket salmon:	£50.00
Day ticket trout/grayling:	£22.00

In addition, due to the restrictions on your fishing this year we have pushed our renewal date back to 1st April 2021.

That means you may fish on your 2020 membership until 31st March 2021. The 2021 fees will become payable on 1st April next. We are also looking to sign up with the Angling Trust's Clubmate system to allow you to re-new your membership online.

Reciprocal ticket arrangements exist with Bala, Corwen, Midland Fly Fishers, Rhyl & St Asaph and Vale of Clwyd angling clubs. Please contact Derek Bithell to take advantage of these.

You also enjoy personal accident insurance cover with our Angling Trust membership. This provides cover of up to £5,000.

We strive to keep your membership costs low and membership numbers at a reasonable level to avoid overcrowding. We are investigating the possibility of members having guest tickets to allow you to introduce potential new members. More on that in the New Year.

If you have any suggestions or ideas to make please feel free to send them in for consideration. Contact through the website pages will get to us.

Tackle shops

Please support your local tackle shop. For first class knowledge and service we recommend:

Foxons of St Asaph. www.foxons.com

Corwen Manor Fishing. London Road, Corwen.

Winter reading and suggested flies to tie

We are I am sure all guilty of having far more flies in our boxes than we need or will ever use. Having just re-read Jack Hughes-Parry's book "A Fishing Fantasy" he makes the following suggestion, that 4 wet and 4 dry flies are all one needs for a trout season:

Wet flies: February Red, March Brown, Greenwell's Glory and Coch y Bonddu or Invicta.

Dry flies: White moth (yellow body), Grey Duster, Russet coloured Palmer and Black Gnat.

Why not give them a go in 2021. Patterns for them can be found online or in A Dictionary of Trout Flies by A. Courtney Williams.

Another more recent publication is Steffan Jones' book Sea Trout Tips, Tricks and Tribulations. A very good manual on how to deceive these iconic fish.

For the keen fly tier, the late Moc Morgans' Flies of Wales is very informative.

All books available online or from Coch y Bonddu books at www.anglebooks.com

