



Dear Member,

WSA Newsletter

Hi everybody,

Welcome to the latest WSA newsletter. This edition differs from the previous as it is generated from our website and provides information regarding the latest news, reports and documents added to our news magazine. For an update on our latest activities, progress on our planned projects etc go to www.wyesalmon.com

Some exciting activities beginning to take shape, the SNR pilot project has been extremely successful and could be the beginning of a new era on the river, more in a special newsletter shortly, when we will also begin fund raising.

News soon of another Junior Fly Fishing Course on Aug 23rd at Letton Court. This time it will be coupled with a Spey Casting day for adults. We will also have a display of rods and reels by Sportfish of Winforton. Again we will be circulating a special newsletter shortly.

News Releases



River Wye Salmon Fishing Report May 2012

Date: **Wed 30th May 2012**

Some decent fish still continue to be reported although warmer weather and resultant fall in river levels coupled with warming and resultant nitrate driven algae blooms has slowed sport almost to a standstill. We are now on 106 for the month and 275 for season. Fish have been taken from as far apart as Builth Wells and Coedithel with a 27lb at Spreadeagle and numerous 20lb. Average weight remains exceptional at 16.5lb. Lots of angling effort in particular from Glasbury to Bredwardine and a number of reports of lost fish including Wayne Tyler who played a big fish for 45 mins at his Caemawr beat before losing it! Lower river now coming into form with Coedithel, Bigsweir and Wyesham taking fish in the last few days. A seal was reported at bigsweir this weekend and of course with bank holidays around us there are plenty of canoes, so early and late is the order of the day. 18th May Some fantastic fishing in parts of the river with real quality fish in the 15 to 25lb range at beats from Golden Mile to Builth Wells and upstream. True to say the majority caught spinning with Wooden Devons and Flying C's to the fore but fish of all sizes have also come to the fly. Individuals have taken three or 4 fish in a day, Matt Oliver took 5 in a day at The Nyth, gillie Tony Mobley took 3 at Golden Mile and an unknown angler at Spreadeagle near Glasbury taking 3 fish for 65lb. So get out there all you salmon anglers and fill your boots. I crossed the river at Bredwardine this evening and I can only describe the river conditions as fabulous. You may not get a better chance for a big Wye fish for many a day. Wayne Tyler amongst a number of anglers lost a very big fish at his beat Caemawr after playing it for 45 minutes and being down to his last few turns of backing at least once. There is plenty of fishing available at WUF Booking Office http://www.wyeuskfoundation.org/fishing/booking_office/ with fishing at beats such as Letton Court and Red Lion [Moccas] for those on a

budget and beats such as Builth Wells [GPACC] at <http://www.builthwellsangling.co.uk/> likely to produce fish. Lower river will be out for a few days more but beats such as Wyebank, Courtfield, Middle Hill Court and Goodrich Court likely to be fishable over weekend. 7th May Well can hardly believe it, here we are 7 days in and only Peter Chilton's 17lber from Builth [reported in separate article] to show. With such good water conditions over weekend and a number of regulars fishing fly and spinner in upper and middle rivers we should have seen a few fish caught at least. Apart from a Simon Evans sighting around Erwood none spotted either. Where are all the 2SW? Maybe everybody is away for bank holiday and reports will come in tomorrow. Come on guys let's get out there and catch a few of these fish above Hereford before water disappears and they begin to lie dogo in the deep pools til autumn! Rain forecast again today, Wed & Thurs may give us another spate. 3rd May No fish reported to date and little or no fishing being done with weather and water conditions bad for time of year. Main river running 3ft+ over summer levels and very coloured. Some of tributaries such as Llynfi running very red and with rain still falling conditions to get worse. Expect upper river to contain fish as far as Doldowlod and Llysdymanor when weather breaks. Main river below will not be in condition for at least 3 or 4 days with Hereford and Monmouth out until mid next week at least. Snow forecast for Monday



Smolt Migration

Date: **Monday, 23 April 2012**

The arrival of May and the good water conditions suggests River Wye smolts will begin their long and arduous journey down river and out to sea to their feeding grounds in the north western Atlantic. There to grow into adult fish destined to return to their natal river in one, two or hopefully three or four years. This year they will be joined by the smolts soon to be released from the pilot SNR pond on the upper river. We cannot control what happens to these smolts at sea but we can exercise a little influence whilst in the river. Their biggest predators are birds such as Gosander and Cormorant, who between them can create mayhem and decimate this vital stock. The high coloured water is of course a help in hiding smolts from these fish eating birds. However we ask anglers, gillies and owners to be vigilant in keeping such avian predators off the river during this smolt migration. Remember for every 20 smolts that go to sea one adult fish will return to the river to be, maybe caught by an angler, perhaps you, and maybe, just maybe survive to spawn and add to next year's smolt run.



What a start for 'Get more rods on River' Campaign

Date: **Wednesday, 14 March 2012**

On April 13th owner Don Macer Wright had a 15lb fish from Wyebank, upstream from Wyebank crib, on a 2" black and yellow tube. Today American visitor Jason Conlon, fishing a 'Get more Rods on the River' ticket, caught a 10 pounder from Courtfield and lost an estimated 20 pounder and another fish plus a further take on black and silver flying c. Peter Chilton also fishing a

'Get More Rods on the River' ticket today landed a magnificent 23 lb salmon and a 15lb fish as well as two exceptionally well mended kelts from Courtfield to black and silver flying c. In two days Wyebank/Courtfield beat have caught half last year's total of eight fish, the first of which wasn't caught until the 5th of April



Successful Junior Fly Fishing Course

Date: **Tuesday, 17 April 2012**

The WSA junior fly fishing course held at Letton Court on the River Wye with tuition provided by professional guide Frank Williams. During the morning a number of youngsters between 8 and 14 received Frank's expert tuition on knots, fly selection and entomology. A demonstration of 'kick sampling' generated great interest and enthusiasm from the youngsters with a very good indication of invertebrate life in the middle river from the samples taken. Before taking advantage of the BBQ lunch provided the children learned to fly cast with Frank giving all present, including some of the adults tips on improving their techniques. After lunch the youngsters spent the afternoon fishing a rather coloured river. Unfortunately this time nothing was caught but everybody seemed to go home tired but happy, determined to the knowledge gained at a later date.



Wales Rod Fishing Byelaws

Date: **Wednesday, 04 April 2012**

EA Wales rod fishing byelaws in both English and Welsh >>>>>>>[Click Here](#)



EA Living Waters for Wales Newsletter

Date: **Wednesday, 04 April 2012**

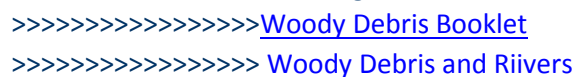
Welcome to the fifth Wales Water Framework Directive (WFD) newsletter, filled with examples of projects which are delivering a better water environment for the people and wildlife of Wales >>>>>>>[Click Here](#)



River Wye Electro Fishing Performance Reports

Date: **Wednesday, 28 March 2012**

The attached files 'Electro Fishing 1996 & 2007 to 2011 Raw Data' and 'Wye Fisheries Survey Summary' are published by EAW. Raw data has been consolidated from 6 yearly spreadsheets unabridged. The third file 'Electro Fishing Graphs' has been compiled by WSA and is based upon the results from all 'Q' sites, as these are the most complete catch depletion population estimates based on Carle and Strub population density model, with consistent axis. As reported in 'Wye Fisheries Survey Summary' The temporal programme was not carried out on the Wye in 2011, this was so as to make some space in

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