



Ogmore Angling Association Ltd
End of season newsletter 2011



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THE GREAT OGMORE CHALLENGE

Dear Member,

You may be wondering why I have sent the end of season newsletter out so early this year. There is a very simple reason - The Great Ogmore Challenge!

This is quite simply the biggest organized event relating to the river in many years. Keep Wales Tidy will be organizing a mammoth clean up of the Ogmore system on Friday 30th September, Saturday 1st October and Sunday 2nd October. It is hoped that many groups and organizations will participate by adopting a stretch of the river. The Association will be holding two events during this weekend.

This is the point where I make a heartfelt appeal to members to support the Association and Keep Wales tidy in making a real difference to our river. The Association is quite simply the biggest recreational user on the Ogmore system and I am hoping that this will be reflected in the participation that takes place. **This is a real opportunity for the Association to show the residents of the Borough of Bridgend that we do not only take from the river but also give a lot in return.** It would be a grave pity if members did not turn out in numbers to support their Association or even join another group if they were unable to attend the Association's events.

The Association's events are as follows:

Saturday 1st October, meeting 9.30am at the Recreation Centre car park to clean the Town stretch.

Sunday 2nd October meeting, at the same time and venue to clean Newbridge Fields.

All necessary equipment will be provided by Keep Wales Tidy. Members are encouraged to bring waders and wetsuits etc. Less able bodied members are encouraged to attend to assist bank side litter clearance. For further details of the Association's events please feel free to contact our clean up officer Geraint Jones (tel: 07813835119) or myself (tel: 07824446776). If you are unable to attend the Association's events and wish to join another event during this weekend please contact Brian Jones who is the Keep Wales Tidy Projects Officer (tel: 07901527007).

“This will be a fantastic opportunity for members to get out and really help make a difference to the river. Keep Wales Tidy are hoping to repeat the success of the Great Taff Tidy from last year and it is hoped that the Ogmore will be one of the big success stories of 2011. Volunteers from other groups, as well as individuals and local businesses will all be out helping clear the river from “source to sea”, so even if you can't make the club events, I'm sure there'll be an opportunity for you to help out at another event. We're not asking for a whole day, just an hour or two would be fantastic. If you want to help with the other events that will be happening, just let me know.” - Brian Jones, Keep Wales Tidy.

WINTER FLY TYING CLASSES

The close season fly tying classes will commence during October at the Bridgend Conservative Club, Dunraven Place, Bridgend meeting at 7.30pm. All skills of fly tyers are encouraged to attend from total beginners to advanced. Equipment and materials are fully provided. The classes will commence

on Monday 24th October and will take place on every Monday (except 26th Dec) until the 2012 fishing season commences. For further details please contact Mr Harry Carvill (tel: 01656 720099).

CATCH REPORTS

Some notable fish have been caught during the season including several salmon and sewin doubles. There have also been several reports of 4-5lb brown trout being caught which are presumed to be 'slob' trout. What again is evident is the lack of larger sea trout, with most fish being under 3lb. There has been a large increase of small sewin this year which is believed to be the first run of our brood stock programme. It is also pleasing to hear that there are juvenile fish in large numbers dispersed throughout the system. Despite this we are under no illusion about the challenges of restoring our migratory to stocks to what they once were.

JUNIOR COMPETITION

After being blessed with dry conditions over the past few years, this year's junior event was somewhat different! A large amount of rain the night before produced a massive spate. The juniors who braved the conditions and elements should be congratulated for their perseverance in what were very difficult conditions. The eventual winner was Ethan Saunders who caught two brown trout. Ethan also caught the first sewin on a junior competition for several years, which was commendably returned.

Ethan was ably assisted by his Grandfather Emrys Stoneham who is one of our longest serving members. The Association would once again like to thank Ewenny Angling and Garry Evans for their continued support of the Association by providing the prizes for this event.

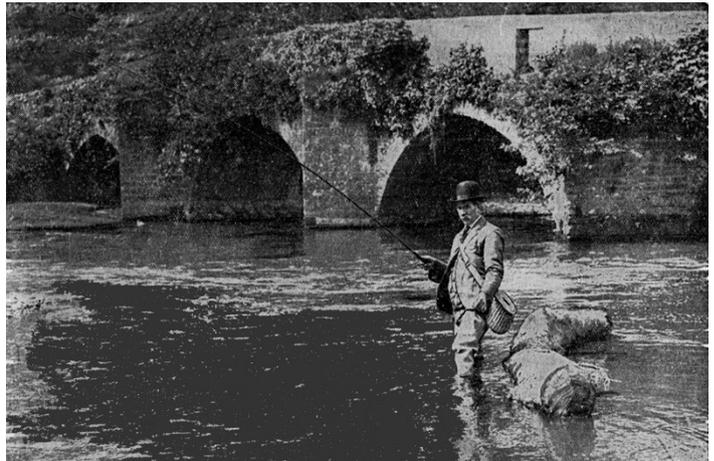
BRIDGEND SHOW

This year's show, like the junior competition was affected greatly by the elements. Despite this, when the sun eventually shone the Association's trade stand was quite busy. Of particular interest to the visitor's were our fly tyers who carried out demonstrations throughout the weekend. Many thank to all those individuals who gave up their time to enable us to attend this event.

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By now most of you would hopefully have visited our new website. There are many new fea-

tures which you will find interesting. I would particularly like to mention the Association's records 1891-1942 which have been fully digitized and are now available to view. It is quite fascinating to view the list of our founding members in 1891, their occupations and the cost of joining the Association at that time! If any of our senior members do not have internet access, please contact me and I will arrange for you to view these records. Many thanks to our webmaster Mr Colin Chapman for the efforts he has put into the website. If you would like to contribute an article, photo, news item etc please contact Colin via the website.



Above: The Dipping Bridge—The Western Mail May 1931

WINTER TRIP

Unfortunately last year's event was cancelled due to snow. We are hoping to organise an event around the New Year at a local venue. As always this will depend on the interest from members. If you would be interested in such an event please register your interest with Geraint Jones (tel: 07813835119). We will also include any arrangements on the website.

FINALLY...

Please contact me about any notable catches you have achieved during the season to enter into our big fish competition.

I hope to see many of you on the forthcoming Ogmores Challenge and would appeal to you to support this event.

Yours Sincerely,

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