
B.A.A. NEWS

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2011 AGM — Agenda is on the BAA website under News Reports.

Attention all budding photographers

Thank you for all the photo's you have supplied for the cover of the BAA Guide to Waters 2012 which are shown below. For those who haven't yet sent their pictures, the closing date is 19th October.

Portrait rather than landscape format will avoid us having to crop or change aspect ratios on the selected picture.





Bailiffing

Parking Issues

Almost all of the Association's venues have designated parking areas which are clearly indicated with official 'PARK HERE' signage. Access to the pegs at some venues from the parking area is not automatically a public right of way and, as such, access has had to be negotiated and agreed with the landowner.

Unfortunately, at some of these venues, members have been driving vehicles beyond the official parking area and on to what is private land. This could cause problems for those anglers doing so without the permission of the landowner, and also for the Association in terms of continued access.

Knowle Sands, Swifts Water and the Danery are three of the venues where this is happening frequently. Members should not, and must not, ignore the parking signs and should use the information in the BAA handbook to assist them if uncertain. Failure to observe the parking signs could cause conflict with the landowner and is a breach of Association byelaws.

The Association is constantly looking at ways to improve access to its fisheries and the recent land acquisition at Fladbury is an example of where it has been successful.

Start/Finish times

Unless you have a valid night permit and are at a venue where night fishing is permitted you are not permitted onto the fishery until an hour before sunrise and must have left the fishery by an hour after sunset.

Permits to fish

You must have with you either a valid membership card or day ticket when fishing. Our bailiffs do not sell day tickets on the bank and you will be requested to leave the fishery if you don't have a card or ticket.

Night Fishing

The October issue of Improve your coarse fishing magazine included an article 'Western Wonders – Teme effort pays off' based on barbel fishing on the BAA fishery at Broadwas. The article included night fishing on this fishery.

Night fishing is NOT permitted at Broadwas and the IYCF night angling took place without the knowledge or approval of the BAA. The BAA is in contact with the magazine regarding this.

The rules for BAA night fishing are;

Night permits are available to BAA members only, for certain venues at a cost of £6 per night (£10 for Coppice Lake). Night permits are only on sale from BAA H.Q. and must be purchased in advance.

(At least two clear postal days notice is required for return when ordering permits by telephone or post)

Infant members are not allowed Nigh Permits. Night Permits may be issued for Junior members, only if they are accompanied by an adult member who is also night fishing. Venues for which night fishing permits are available are as follows:

River Avon: Marlcliff, Fladbury.

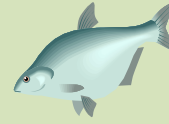
River Severn: Knowle Sands, Brook Section, Ribbesford, Ladyham, Hallow, Ripple.

River Teme: Cotheridge, Stanford Bridge.

Pools: Uckinghall, Mythe, Coppice Lake (max. 6 permits per night on each pool).



Fishing news



Thanks from a new member



4lb 3oz tench from Apperley



Nafford at first light

Dear fellow BAA Piscators

I'm a new member of BAA (from last Christmas) and would like to add my thanks to those already expressed in appreciation for the people who put in all the hard work into maintaining the BAA waters. A few weeks ago one I found one of my regular swims in a poor state. Amazingly, within a couple of weeks, all was beautifully restored. Probably it was one of the kind souls who has cleared the bank growth, or given me advice as a new member, or generally been very polite to me. I'm approaching retirement and (avoiding boring details) not a physically active person - hence my appreciation.

I won't pretend that my fishing has been fantastically successful; the weather has not been kind to us this year, although I've had a couple of pretty decent barbel to nearly nine pounds, and a chub and a tench which were very pleasing. However, I do enjoy opportunities of taking photographs and I always carry my membership card and my camera when I go fishing.

Two photographs offered, to contribute what little I can to the BAA. That nice tench was a 4lb.3oz fish from Apperley Pools back in June. The second picture was from a blank trip at Nafford, but what does blank mean when views like this, taken on arrival at first light, can be seen?

So, Birmingham Anglers, sincere thanks, and regards

Tim Gilson

Fladbury Pike



Hi,

The Pike was caught on a wobbled dead bait (smelt) at Fladbury below the bridge. It put up a great fight and when landed she weighed in at 18lb 7oz.

Many Thanks
Jonathan Harcourt

Note from Editor: - I know this picture was sent in by Jonathan for the BAA Guide to Waters picture, but it's a great fish and the first Pike in Fishing News. Is anyone out there catching chub, perch, roach, bream, tench, dace etc? If so let's have some pictures.

Pictures from Lee Wilkes



River Teme Broadwas 13lb barbel
Barry Hope



River Severn Arley 9lb 7oz personal best
barbel Reece Wilkes 13years old

Latest from Kev



Colin's 9lb common carp



Kevin's 9lb mirror carp

Hi all, it's Kev of Birmingham. Me, my mates Colin and Greeny and my son Liam went fishing at Nordley Pool 2 on Saturday 13th August. Had nothing all morning and then come the afternoon it kicked off; first of all I had a 10lb mirror carp on a 20mm ocean's 11 boilie, followed by another 10lb common carp on the same bait, followed by Colin having a 9lb common carp again on the same bait. Greeny then had a 6lb common carp on luncheon meat and back to me I then had another 10lb common carp on a boilie. Greeny got another common carp 8lb on the luncheon meat again and then it's all about me, bang! I'm in 11lb common carp on a boilie, Mmmm what a lovely fish and then 5 minutes later bang! I'm in again 11.5lb common carp on the same bait. Well what can I say about my day at Nordley, it was slow at the start of the day, the weather was nice, the pool looks like it's looked after, there was no litter but someone had just dumped 15-20 meters of fishing line on the bank but all in all well done BAA.



Greeny's 24lb mirror carp



Kevin's 21lb common carp

Hi all had a great time doing two and a half days of fishing at Uckinghall and Coppice Lake with my other two mates. At Uckinghall I had 43lb of fish my two mates had nowt, above are some of the pic's from Coppice lake.

Nafford barbel



Hi,

Having moved near to Hereford a few years ago and enjoyed some great Wye barbel fishing which is on my doorstep, this year I decided to rejoin the BAA and visit some of my old contest haunts. In late August we fished Nafford and after a day float fishing for silver fish I decided to try my Wye barbel tactics i.e. hair rigged pellet and low a behold the last cast of the day produced this 9lb example.

Kind regards

Peter Niblett

Fishing news record

Fish/catcher	weight	location	method	BAA News edition
Barbel				
Stephen Mayo	14lb 7oz	Mid Severn	10m DD ellipse Pellet, hair rig 12 hook. Hemp/pellet g-bait	July 2011
Barry Hope	13lb	Broadwas		October 2011
Steve Hewitt	12lb 4oz	Wasperton		July 2011
Lee Wilkes	10lb 10oz	Arley	SBS Baits Frankfurter hooker	July 2011
Reece Wilkes	9lb 7oz	Arley		October 2011
Peter Niblett	9lb	Nafford	Hair rigged pellet	October 2011

Bream

Colin Townsend	8lb 8oz	Severn Stoke	8m halibut pellet hair rig on 10 hook. 2m halibut pellet & Brown crumb feeder	Aug 2011
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Common Carp

Stan Kovachev	34lb 2oz	Coppice		July 2011
Phil Wood	26lb 4oz	Coppice	mid water boilie	June 2011
Carl Gerroni	24lb 7oz	Nordley 4		June 2011
Jack Parkes	23lb 5oz	Coppice		April 2011
Kevin Smith	21lb	Coppice		October 2011
Daniel Ambrose	20lb	Coppice		June 2011
Will Peace	18lb	Worcester Canal, Alvechurch		Sept 2011
Kevin Smith	17lb	Coppice		July 2011

Mirror Carp

Steve Middleton	31lb plus	Coppice		June 2011
Curtis Holdom	26lb 2oz	Coppice		April 2011
Greeny	24lb	Coppice		October 2011
Keith Jones	19lb 8oz	Nordley 1		May 2011

Pike

Jonathan Harcourt	18lb 7oz	Fladbury		October 2011
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Tench

Tim Gilson	4lb 3oz	Apperley		October 2011
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Executive update

As a result of a request to the BAA, we have agreed to allow an individual and his guests to carry out pheasant and partridge shoots at Nordley Pools. This has initially been authorised for the winter 2012 shooting season only, as a trial (1st September 2012 to 31st January 2013). The shoots will take place on Thursdays once every two weeks during this period, with a maximum of five guns and will be completed by 1pm.

For safety reasons access to any of the pools will not be permitted during the shoots. Prior to each shoot commencing, warning signs will be put up on each car park entry track and each pool physically checked to ensure that no anglers or other individuals are there. The dates of the shoots will also be listed on the BAA web site.

The BAA has not authorised the shooting of any other wildlife other than pheasants and partridges, but believe that the shooting activities will deter cormorants from taking up residence on the pools and thus reduce their predation on the fish stocks.

Our Forestry suppliers have carried out a survey at Blackstone and have reported that 2000 trees nearest the river are dead due to the dry spring. These trees will be replaced this winter.

Spot that sign

This picture was supplied by Richard Edwards along with his pictures for the BAA Guide to Waters 2012. The signs are at Charlton railway crossing and both looking a bit worse for wear; the older one looks like it's been shot at and the new one suffering knife attack.

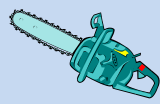


The following pictures were taken during a Fisheries work party at Deerhurst on the tidal Severn. Whoever put it up did not allow for growth!

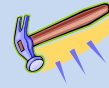


Finally, someone expresses their frustration with litter at Ladyham.





Fisheries report



Stubbs Pool cleared



Before weed clearance



Hard at work



Dragging the chain



What came out!

The Fisheries Work Party has carried out extensive work at the pool recently. Although the lack of rain has not benefited most venues, the low water level at the pool has enabled the work party to clear large areas of weed and algae from the pool. After three sessions the team has removed several tons of weed, but it is anticipated that it will take another two sessions in the week beginning Monday 17 October to clear the rest of the pool. On the island, trees which overhang the pool or have fallen into the water have been trimmed.

Some areas of weed have been left for protection of fish from predatory birds and also to provide spawning areas.

During the weed clearance, the Fisheries team have seen a number of large carp. So get fishing it and send us photos of your catches.

Other Fisheries news

The Fisheries Work party has carried out work at the following fisheries since the last edition;

River Avon

Charlton 4, 5, 6, & 7

Pools

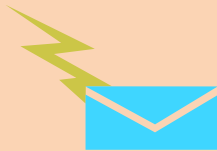
Stubbs

River Severn

Trimpley

Ripple (again)

Birds Meadow



Readers' letters



If you have any items, thoughts, issues you want to air in the BAA news, please email it to baajnw@btinternet.com titled for attn of BAA News Editor.

When sending in a comment can you please let us know if you don't want your name included?

The Editor will act as moderator for items to be included.

Landing Net found at Erdington Brook Section, on Monday 12th September.

Please contact: Trevor Ridley 07765050434

Ed: Sorry we could not put your letter in the September issue, but it arrived just after we published. Please let us know if the owner contacts you.

Grass Snakes?

Dear Sir

In July my son, Ben, sent in a picture that my wife took of a snake that we came across at Wasperton. I really appreciate the comments on its identity but although I do not know what the snake was, I am quite positive that it was not a grass snake. My uncle was a game keeper and I was brought up with him seeing many grass snakes and adders and able to easily identify them.

In 1996, whilst fishing the BAA waters at Salford Priors and Cleeve Prior, I saw 22 grass snakes, having 6 crawl over or under my feet whilst I sat enthralled. I saw a beautiful adder curled up on a tree stump two years ago at the BAA waters in Pershore.

The snake in the picture my son sent in did not have the customary 'V' behind its neck; was about 3" in thickness at its widest part when curled up and was certainly 8' long at least. The bank stick I picked it up on was only 3' and my wife, Linda, was about 8' away when she took the photo. I know the picture is not brilliant but hoped that someone might have been able to identify it.

Interestingly, there are half dozen BAA waters (I will not name them for obvious reasons) where Ben and I regularly see otter.

Andrew Keen
BAA Member

Ed: Thanks for your email; let's see what comments and views it generates.

Cormorants

We have received the following petition letter and form regarding legal control of cormorant numbers to help preserve freshwater fish populations. If you want to give your support please complete the form enclosed and return to the address given (not to BAA HQ please).

CORMORANTS - Biodiversity in Danger

PETITION to lobby for a change in the law and have the Cormorant placed on the 'GENERAL LICENCE' allowing the legal control of numbers where they pose a threat to our fish populations.

Dear Fellow Angler,

We are asking for your help in obtaining as many signatures for our petition from customers, friends and visitors to your shop as you possibly can.

A review of the cormorant licensing system was announced by DEFRA in January 2011, and this could be our only chance to influence this and make the difference we so desperately need.... So PLEASE HELP.

The more signatures we get, the louder our voice will be.

We have enclosed six blank petition sheets and would ask that you keep one as a master/template and photocopy your additional requirements.

We would also ask that you return the completed sheets in batches, perhaps weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

This will ensure as many as possible are included in the overall petition, and will enable us to deliver the petition at short notice.

We have sent this to all 868 tackle shops up and down the country and it is vital that everyone takes part.

If we don't unite now on the most emotive subject in angling today, and on the biggest ever threat to our fish

stocks, then we will only have ourselves to blame for the consequences of having to continue to put up with cormorants on our waters as an everyday occurrence we can do nothing about.

The petition is to be delivered to Richard Benyon MP. Minister for Natural Environment and Fisheries.

Further information and details, plus our accompanying document, which is to be sent with the petition can be found at www.avonroachproject.co.uk and www.gopetition.com/petitions/cormorants-biodiversity-in-danger.html

We very much look forward to your support and receiving your completed petition sheets.

For and on behalf of Trevor Harrop, Budgie Price, Jim Wreglesworth, Hugh Miles, Chris Whalley, Peter Pleydell-Bouverie, Peter Orchard... And all the fish under three pounds in mainland UK.

Please return your completed sheets in batches to:-

Trevor Harrop
Avondale
Christchurch Road
Kingston
Ringwood
Hampshire
BH24 3AX

If you wish to make direct contact, please do so via email at:- trevor@avonroachproject.co.uk

Cormorants - Biodiversity in Danger

<http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/cormorants-biodiversity-in-danger.html>

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The current Cormorant licensing regime is woefully inadequate as it stands. Therefore, we the undersigned call upon the Minister for Natural Environment and Fisheries to change the licensing law and include the Cormorant on the 'General Licence', allowing the legal control of Cormorant numbers where they pose a threat to fish populations. In so doing, this will allow the vital link in the food chain to be maintained, and the protection of not only our freshwater fish species, but also species such as Kingfishers, Grebes, Bitterns, and more. We should have the right to protect our environment, but the current law does not allow this.

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Please return this sheet to:-
Avondale, Christchurch Road, Kingston, Ringwood, Hampshire, BH24 3AX