



# Executive updates 2015



## February

### Long Service



It was agreed to bestow Life Membership of the Association on Peter Thomas in recognition of his 20 years' service on the Executive Committee. Peter was presented with an illuminated address and a cheque by Ian Rees the President.

### Staffs Worcester Canal dredging

We have been informed by the Canal and River Trust that they intend to carry out dredging on the Staffs & Worcester Canal from Stourport to north of where our fisheries on this canal end. The work is currently planned to start in December 2015 completing in June 2016. We will publish a more detailed itinerary of work closer to the start date when it has been supplied by CRT.

This work is carried out every 25-40 years on a canal and will involve;

- Using a boat to dredge a uniform broad channel along the centre of the canal to a uniform depth of 1.3m.
- The sides of the canal will be profiled.
- All reeds will be removed
- The spoil (if non-toxic) will be spread on the towpath or adjoining land where available.

This will cause a disruption to angling due to;

- Stirring up mud and discolouring the water.
- Causing the fish to move away from the disturbance.
- It will impact matches on this canal during this period, especially those booked prior to the schedule of work being published.
- Spoil spread on tow path.

## **Cotheridge car park rubbish**

The fridges that had been dumped in the car park have been removed.

## **Bailiffing**

Four new bailiffs have been appointed, bringing the total now to 62.

## **Canal vegetation cut back**

Following representation to CRT, vegetation along the Staffs & Worcester Canal at Hinksford has been cut back.

## **New BAA website**

Phase 1 of the new BAA website is now live replacing the old site. Phase 2 a members Blog will follow in spring and Phase 3 providing on-line membership application and renewal in late summer.

# **January**

## **New water**

The purchase of a new River Teme fishery at Doddenham has been completed. When preparation of the fishery has been completed (car parking, gates, signs etc.) details and map will be posted on the BAA website and the fishery opened for use by members.

## **New bye-law**

It was proposed by K Pearson, and approved unanimously, that a new bye-law be introduced as follows:

C.7 Every member, whilst fishing in Association water, shall have ready to use, a landing net suitable for the purpose.