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# B.A.A. NEWS



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**More fish for Nordley** See Fisheries report..

**Angling Times reads the BAA News** — see the article 'BAA Seeking new venues' on page 13 of the May 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. This is sourced from the front page article 'Search for new waters' in last months BAA News.

## Bailiffing

Anglers checked by Bailiffs from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 are; 563 of which 38 were not carrying membership cards and were sent off the fishery.

Other issues that Bailiffs are finding are;

BAA only allows fishing with a maximum of 2 rods, night fishermen are being found using 3 rods.

Fishermen are lighting fires on the banks. As well as breaking the rules, it's dangerous in the current dry conditions.

Litter is an ongoing issue. Why do some fishermen bring their rubbish back to the car park in a bag and then hang it on a tree? Please take it home.

## Executive update

No updates yet on the purchase of the meadow alongside the Avon or discussions with Birmingham City Council regarding access to the Cities lakes and pools.

Keep reading, there may well be an exciting announcement to coincide with the start of the new season.

BAA Treasurer Ken Aske reported on the Association cash flow to the end of April. The figures show a healthy financial situation with a total income of £377k and expenditure to date of £98k. Ken commented "*The Association is in a strong financial position, with funds available to make acquisitions when the right opportunities arise.*"

This month has seen the Executive Committee loose three of its stalwart members. Ted and Sue Hanlon and Brian Cartridge have all decided to leave and pursue other interests. We wish them well in whatever direction they choose to go. This means we have vacancies on the Executive Committee and any members who would like to get involved in the running of the Association would be welcomed to volunteer to be co-opted onto the Committee. All you need to do is contact John Williams at the BAA office on 01562 882116 and he will gladly fill you in with what's required.

## Evesham Festival



Pick a peg - £1 a go!



BAA stand



Future members

Following on from our very positive attendance at last years Evesham Festival, we are pleased to be able to confirm that we will be returning to the festival for 2011.

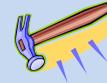
The festival runs from Saturday 27th to Monday 29th August 2011. We have booked the same space as last year and our format will, for 2011, once again focus on promoting angling to the younger generation.

There will be lots of information available about the BAA and our venues, experienced and knowledgeable members will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. For the mom's and dad's we will once again have our "Adult Only" Tombola with loads of prizes to be won.

A warm and friendly welcome awaits you on the BAA stand so come along and see us at the show.



# Fisheries report



The Environment Agency has confirmed they will address the problem of the two large trees which have fallen into the Severn on opposite banks at Blackstone and Ribbesford.

Work carried out to date in late April and early May is;

**NORDLEY:** The track to the car park next to pools 3 & 4 has been improved with the filling of many of the potholes. The vegetation around pool 4 platforms has been strimmed and the overhanging branches around pools 3 & 4 platforms cut back.

Pools 3 and 4 have also been stocked with 750lbs of roach and rudd. These fish originated from a lake being filled in. The fish were netted by the Environment Agency who also supervised their transfer into Nordley. Unfortunately about 20 lbs of the fish did not survive the transfer, owing it is believed to the high temperature. Members of the Fisheries team were at Nordley the following day to check the stocking and remove the dead fish, but not before some concerned early morning anglers had contact the Environment Agency, as they believed a major fish death had occurred in Pool 4.



Fish arrive at Nordley



Fisheries team moving fish to Pool 4

**HALLOW sections 1-5:** All platforms have been checked and access improved by the cutting back of vegetation and the removal of silt from the bank steps. Trees around the platforms have been trimmed removing obstructions to fishing. The car park and access track for sections 4-5 has been mowed and strimmed.



BAA Special Forces on parade in 'readiness' for the Battle of the Balsam

**Planned work for the next period;**

**11<sup>th</sup> May Grimley** - Tidy and vegetation cut back of pegs and car park.

**Date to be set:** Weed clearance at Stubbs Pool and possibly Mythe Pool.

## Match Reports

**If you want to report the results of a contest you have organised on BAA waters, please email details.**

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Companions A.C. – ‘King of the Cut’

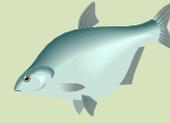
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal 10-11

A beautiful day, but it was hard going for the contest. Even so Leighton Jarvis managed to winkle out 3 chub on chopped worm for 5lb 9oz. Second was John Flood on 3lb 11oz of chub and perch and third was Sue Hanlon with 3lb 7oz of chub and perch.



# Fishing news



## Grandson beats Grandad Glyn



Two of the five Carp taken at Nordley on the 21<sup>st</sup> April by my Grandson Adam Price-Hunt, five more than his Grandad.

## Another success for Keith and Nordley



I had a excellent 4 hours on Nordley No. 1 pool Wed 27th April with Carp of 5Lb, 11lb 8oz and this fine 19LB 8oz mirror all caught on the pole by fishing shallow. I was fish-less for the first two hours and my only wish is that I could have stayed longer in the fine sunshine.

Keith Jones

**Email us details and pictures of your memorable fishing trips for inclusion in Fishing News.**

**Please let us know if you don't want your name included in the article.**

**DON'T FORGET TO TAKE YOUR CAMERA AND MEMBERSHIP CARD**



# Readers' letters



If you have any items, thoughts, issues you want to air in the BAA news, please email it to [baajnw@btinternet.com](mailto: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.

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Just had a read through the new Newsletter, I think it's a great idea and I am really impressed.

Regarding potential waters, I know that the Barbel Society did not renew the lease on the famous 'Beauchamp Court' stretch of the Lower Severn, I don't know the background, but if the B.A.A could obtain such a well known stretch of river with good access and has been looked after and that is known to hold very big barbel, it would be a major coup and also potentially encourage many new members.

Regards  
Mark Harridence

Ed: Thanks for your comments and suggestion Mark. The feedback from the Executive on Beauchamp Court is this is not a venue the BAA would want to take on for the following reasons; it's a long walk from the car park to the water, it's a rented venue and the BAA is looking for venues to purchase and we already have a significant number of fisheries on the Severn.

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I've just read the BAA Newsletter, well done on producing this!

I was interested to see that you're for issues to air in future publications.

I would love to see a forum where we could swap advice and tactics for BAA venues, whilst the 'Where to fish' section on the website gives some advice it is very sketchy.

For instance I fished Mythe Pool for the first time last year and blanked twice before getting my head around the venue - landing a few Tench to 5.5lb.

Similarly I went to Apperley Pools a couple of weeks ago for the first time and really had to feel my way around before finally getting into some bream.

It would be great to have some prior information from other members on successful approaches to these and many other waters.

See what you think, although I think along with mine you may get inundated with ideas for topics in your newsletter.

Kind regards.

Tight lines.

John Snape.

Ed: Again thanks for your comments. Good idea on tips on how to fish our waters. I've included a new section *Fishing Tips* for readers to send in their information.

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Could you pass on my thanks to the work party over the later part of the year the work at Pensham is great and made fishing a pleasure again if they are not to tired another stretch of the Avon needs new pegs as they have gone Charlton fished its head off last year my mate had 17lb of silver fish from just down from weir and also loads of Perch from pegs by weir if pegs could be put back at Charlton it would encourage more to fish it.

Thanks again

Stephen Smith Member

Roger Middleton Member

Ed: Thanks for the feedback on Pensham; it's good to know the Fisheries' work is benefiting members. Regarding your suggestion on peg building at Charlton, currently we are not planning to carry this out for the following reasons; it's a long walk to this fishery and as a result lightly fished, it is also a rented fishery and we tend to build platforms on fisheries we own. Therefore we believe the effort and cost expended would result in a low benefit for the members.

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Just wanted to say that the new news section looks great, well done.

Pete Lewis

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Congrats on the Newsletter, a good development. I just wanted a bit of a rant on the closed season as it was suggested as a topic for comment. My preference is fishing the rivers, so I am largely against the closed season, *as it currently operates*,

Firstly, I don't believe that Anglers should be criminalised for just fishing the rivers. It should be a civil matter, similar to how parking fines are now administered, and this would probably mean better enforcement.

Secondly, I think that the 'one size fits all' approach of all rivers-all species-all course fishing-15-March-15 June, is impossible to justify as there are already fry in the margins in March, meaning some species have already spawned, seemingly with no problems. Also if Anglers are the guardians of the rivers for nine months, then the same would apply for the missing three months surely? Meaning that those who might harm the environment would be deterred and if observed, apprehended.

We know that there is no scientific study that proves fishing during the closed season has a detrimental effect on fish or the environment. We know this because it is impossible to obtain data on something that doesn't yet occur! So the whole argument tends to be moral (It's the right thing to do) or traditional (we've always done it this way) or anecdotal (such and such happened elsewhere) none of these can excuse the current draconian arrangement.

My vision for the future would be something like this: the law as it stands *doesn't* change. That would require primary legislation. All that needs to happen is for the E.A. to announce that they will not prosecute Anglers fishing between 15/3 - 15/6, if they are fishing with the permission of whoever controls the water and for species that may be targeted. If individuals are breaking relevant bye-laws then they may be prosecuted. If Angling associations, local authorities and others wish to enforce a closed season, it will be up to them to determine its length and manner, its location and if it needs to be species specific, or whether certain methods are banned or if there needs to be other restrictions and allowances. They have a direct knowledge of and responsibility for the waters they control and are therefore best suited to deciding on any type of closed season. This is subsidiarity in action. It may even result in less of open season on certain stretches and for certain species, but this will be done for the right reasons by the people 'in the know'. I could say more, but mercifully I will restrain myself.

Regards

James Stubbs

Ed: Thanks for your interesting thoughts on the Rivers Close Season. As you say the EA position leaves them in a situation of not wanting to change anything for lack of evidence which is not possible to obtain.

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Well done on the news letters return, its nice to be kept informed.

Richard Burton

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Thank you. Great to have the newsletter online. Adding the OS map reference to waters information is a great idea, maybe it would be possible to add a postcode, -very useful for sat-nav directions?

Best regards

David mem S02362

Ed: Thanks. Your idea of postcodes for use with sat-navs is a good one. We plan to include a list of all the fisheries with their OS map references. If we can find a web site that converts the OS map references to postcodes, we will include them. I've checked on my sat-nav (Tom Tom) and it accepts latitude/longitude co-ordinates and I know a web site that does OS-lat/long conversions so will include those.

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Just a quick note to say what a good addition the news sheet is. Well done! Must say that some of the content is very encouraging.

Best wishes

John Lane

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Just a thought.

The BAA books lots of waters out for competitions but we never see the results. Might be worth publishing?

Cheers,

Pete Lewis.

Ed: Thanks, keep the ideas coming, a match results section has been added to this issue.

**Fishing tips** - Please send in any tips/guides on successful ways to fish our waters. We will publish them here and also build up a library to supplement the *Where to Fish Guide*.

### Focus on Nordley



Nordley Pools are situated just over 3 miles from Bridgnorth and, despite containing large numbers of specimen fish, are very much under-fished compared to, say, Coppice Lake. I took a stroll around all six pools late morning on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April in perfect weather conditions and there was not an angler in sight!

Pools 1-4 hold large numbers of double figure carp as well as silver fish. Note that over 700 lb of roach have just been put into Pool 4. Pool 5 is smaller and has a very large head of rudd and roach, some bream and a few large carp. Pool 6 is the smallest but still holds rudd, roach and a few carp.

Access to all the pools is very easy, the platforms are excellent and members can chose to walk a few metres, or no more than a few hundred metres, from their car to fish any peg.

An added attraction at Nordley is the setting. The shallow valley in which the pools lie is a haven for wildlife and there is a complete absence of traffic noise, although light aircraft occasionally pass overhead. Many anglers have told me that they enjoy the scenery as much as the fishing!

Directions : take the Broseley road (B4373) from Bridgnorth town centre. When you get to the hamlet of Nordley, there is a sharp bend in the road to the right and a large brick building on this corner. The track leading to the BAA car park for pools 3-6 is on the left opposite the end of the brick building. Follow the track, past the houses on your right, down to the bottom of the hill, over the cattle grid (there is parking for no more than 3 cars here if you wish to fish pool 6) and turn right for the BAA car park.

If you want to fish pools 1&2, remain on the road for about ½ mile and turn left into Stocking Lane (there is a road sign indicating the turning in 180 yards). Follow the track to the BAA car park which is on your left at the end of a long straight stretch of track.

OS Grid Refs : Nordley 1 SO 685 971 Nordley 4 SO 689 965

**Please note that night fishing is not permitted at Nordley**

## BAA Merchandise

All of the items listed may be ordered when renewing membership. Simply indicate which products you wish to purchase and add the cost to your membership renewal cheque, postal order or credit/debit card total. They can also be purchased direct from the Hagley office.

### Price list

B.A.A. Monogrammed Tie in Navy Blue     **£1.00**



B.A.A. Cloth Badge     **75p**



B.A.A. Metal Lapel Badge     **50p**



B.A.A. Car Window Sticker     **50p**



B.A.A. Membership Card Holder in  
White/Blue or Blue/Silver     **75p**



B.A.A. Cuff Links     **£2.00**



B.A.A. Guide to Waters     **£2.00**

Includes Maps and Directions to all BAA waters  
+ Bye-Laws & information

