Lyn Davies - Editor

Looking good...

Well, I've heard reports of some excellent fish being taken from the River Loughor, both in the day and at night.

The recent wet weather and high tides have encouraged the early runs, so what are you waiting for? Get out there and give it a try. I've yet to catch myself, but I'm putting the time in, so I live in hope...

We've good news about the new Tyn-y-Cerrig car park and access (see below) and our membership numbers are looking good (over 100 to date). I wish you all tightlines as we approach my favourite time of year. I hope I want be falling asleep at my computer too much at work!

Well done Lyn!

Congratulations to Committee member Lyn Williams for catching his first fish of the season – a cracking $8^{1/4}$ pounder, on the fly at night. I was with Lyn on the night (a few hundred yards downstream) and I know that he had one of the best fights of his life – I heard it! The fish was caught from our Tyn-y-Cerrig stretch on a silver snake pattern. I think I'll be seeing a lot more Lyn on the river this year!



Lyn Williams with his 81/4 sewin



Tyn-y-Cerrig car park

Work has finished on our new car park at Tyn-y-Cerrig Farm thanks to the hard work of the Committee.

The main entrance gate is permanently locked with a combination pad-lock. As a member, you will be issued with the pad-lock number, so please keep it in a safe place. (Many of us have put it into our mobile phones). **Do not pass the number onto non-P.A.A members.**

If we park sensibly, there is enough room for four cars (three ideally). Please ensure you lock the gate at all times and take your litter home.

Finally...

If any member catches or hears about a nice fish being caught, please contact me on 07790 466180. I would like to photograph the angler with the fish.



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for **June...**

Make the most of the good water. We may be cursed with drought conditions during the high summer, so get out on the river during a time when most of the better sewin are caught.

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Out and about...Islay – the island of dreams



A lovely 2lb brownie from Loch Gorm, Islay

During the first week of May, I spent a week fishing on the Hebridean island of Islay with Scottish angling journalist, Stuart Fraser.

Islay lies in the Southern Hebrides, off the West coast of Scotland and is probably most famous for its single malt whiskies. In fact, there are seven distilleries dotted around the island, but it was the fishing I was more interested in – honest!

Throughout the week we fished many lochs, including the famous Loch Gorm where the 2003 Bowmore European Fly Fishing Championships were held.

We experienced some first class wild brown trout fishing from a drifting boat (aided with an electric engine) using traditional wet flies. Although many of the fish were small ($^{1}/_{2}$ pound mark) they fought like tigers and they certainly tested our reflexes as they often came for our palmered top droppers!

If like me, you like fishing wild, unspoilt, peaceful places (with not a rainbow in sight!), then Islay is for you. Two, capable anglers on a boat can expect to catch anything up to thirty fish throughout the day, so be prepared for non-stop action.

I'd highly recommend a visit to this beautiful island. If you require any further information about the fishing on Islay, please contact me. Also, look out for the feature in **Today's Flyfisher** magazine soon.

Fishing competition

River Loughor, **Saturday June 18th.** Fishing will start at 9am, with the weigh-in at 4pm (Tal-y-Cynllwyn Farm). Look out for posters.

Tiddlers 50/50

Congratulations to **Roger Parry**, from Llangenneth who won £50.00.