



# *Pontardawe and Swansea Angling Society Ltd*

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009** **SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT**

The reports suggest the past fishing season has not been a one of the best for migratory salmonids, the early summer produced fish but the grilse and autumn run did not arrive in any numbers particularly in the low water conditions of September. Reports from the rest of Wales appear to show the same trend. Apart for the month of July with all the high river levels, your Secretary had a reasonably good trout fishing season.

The river was restocked with brown trout on three occasions (February, May & June) the average size of the fish introduced was in the 10 – 12 inch range. Restocking with infertile triploid brown trout is being phased in by the Environment Agency such that by 2015 all introductions will have to be triploids.

The activities of canoeists on the Tawe and the Assembly Government inquiry into access to inland waters has taken up quite a lot of time at committee meetings during the past year; we understand that the decision to seek a change in the law will be made by following presentation of the inquiry report to Jane Davidson, Minister for the Environment, Sustainability and Housing.

New Membership tickets have not been as good as in recent years despite the efforts of H.R.Jones who give the club excellent support.

Again it's been an active year on the social front with the dinner, auction, competitions and trips, fly tying etc. Many thanks to the Social Secretary, Spencer Williams for organising these events.

In 2009 the Society was well represented by seven members in the various international fly fishing teams; Spencer Williams, Roy Pascoe, Mike Pascoe and Richard Hooper in the seniors, Jake Graham in the youth, Francis Davies & Shelley Walters in the ladies.

The transfer of activities from Pontardawe & Swansea Angling Society in Partnership with Tawe Disabled Fishers into the new organisation (Pontardawe & Swansea Angling Society Ltd) has taken longer than originally expected; opening the new banks accounts with Barclays caused the Treasure a lot of heartache and at one point we considered moving our accounts elsewhere. A special thanks to Phil Jones for the effort he has put into the changes that have gone on.

I would also like to thank all the officers and committee members for their efforts and support during the past twelve months.

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Company Secretary.

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