



Pembrokeshire Federation of Anglers Coaches.

News Letter 2013.

Pembrokeshire Federation of Angling Coaches (PFAC) comprises a group of local anglers keen to put something back into the sport and it's because they so generously give of their time that so many school children, adults, able and the less able groups enjoy the unique experiences that PFAC provides.

It goes without saying that PFAC is reliant on the support it receives from sponsors and partners listed at the end of this Newsletter, with whose help so much has been achieved over the years, and 2013 in particular.

2013 Activities

Our Schools programme consisted of events with Haverfordwest Church in Wales VC School, St Florence Church in Wales VC School, and Red Hill Preparatory School & Montessori Nursery, in all 13 lessons held with 26 children participating.



A new Fly Fishing Programme

comprising 6 lessons with 6 participants, ranging from teenagers to those more mature persons.



The programme consisted of outdoor and indoor sessions covering all aspects of fly fishing including basic entomology, fly tying and of course learning to cast and catch fish. We are very grateful to the venues that helped us by hosting these events including Puddleduck Fishery and the Mariner's Hotel, Haverfordwest.



Pembrokeshire Fish Week 2013 would see us host 12 events during the course of the week involving a total of 96 participants, including some friends with additional needs. In addition to our usual host venues, we were delighted to be able to use the facilities at Yet Y Gors, Fishguard for the first time.

Also a FIRST was our attendance at The Celebrity Chef event at White House Mill Trout Fishery on Thursday 27th June at which two highly acclaimed chefs caught their fish followed by a cookery demonstration at the Torch Theatre Milford Haven where they showcased their passion for cooking while telling stories of their days adventure. We were delighted to work with TV presenter and cookery writer Ravinder Bhogal, and One Show regular and proprietor of one of the UK's top 10 cookery schools, Angela Gray.

Other events included hosting 9 sessions for 51 participants ranging from Learn to Fish Taster Day's to angling sessions in the company of young people from wide ranging backgrounds. In summary, a total of 42 events with some 315 participants - another great year for PFAC.

Training

Like many other volunteer organisations, we are totally reliant on our coaches to run our programme of events. Over the years, there has been a turnover in our numbers – of the first 12 volunteers who trained as coaches only four remain active - but we have been fortunate to recruit new coaches and PFAC can now call upon the services of 15 coaches throughout the County, including four coaches who attained the upgraded Level 2 UKCC 1st for Sport qualification. However, the one constant is that things continually change and we are aiming to get more volunteers trained in 2014, thanks to the funding that is available through Community Chest. It is pertinent to record that the cost of attending the basic L1 courses is becoming prohibitive and with Community Chest funding, the position of PFAC would be very different indeed



Advertising

This year we purchased some new PFAC banners so when you see these banners at a fishery, please pop in to see us. You will always be welcome – we may even get you to catch a fish or two!. We also had some good publicity via the Western Telegraph, the Pembrokeshire Fish Week brochure, Pembrokeshire Radio. Please visit our website for further details.

What will 2014 bring ?

PFAC is already taking bookings from school and scouts groups for 2014 and interest is being shown in The PFAC voucher scheme (see our website). If you or if you know of anyone or any group that you think may enjoy a fishing experience, please get in touch and we will do our very best to help you.

In the meantime, alongside our best wishes for 2014, our sincere thanks is extended to all those that help us, including:

- **Natural Resources Wales**
- **Angling Cymru / Federation of Angling Coaches.**
- **Pembrokeshire County Council**
- **Trout Fisheries:- Llys-Y-Fran Reservoir County Park, Puddleduck Fishery, Whitehouse Mill trout Fishery, Haycastle Trout Fishery.**
Pembrokeshire Coarse Fisheries:- Llyn Carfan, Heatherton Activities Centre, Orielton Field Centre, Yet-Y-Gors Fishery. Cwm Gof Fishery, Pembrokeshire Piscatorial Association, Pembroke & District Anglers and Pembrokeshire Anglers Association.
- **County Sports, Haverfordwest**
- **Mariners Hotel.**