



# BDAA News Letter

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**W**elcome to another issue of the BDAA Newsletter! This issue has been written with a bit more speed than usual, so I apologise in advance if any gremlins creep in. Well, the news so far....

By the time you read this the AGM should have taken place and a number of important issues raised not least the future of the Affiliation and continued fishing at Trow Pool (TP).

On the subject of TP, further clean-ups are under way to establish better swims and to improve the fishing. If you would like to help in the future then please ring Jason Harvey (see permit for details). We have invested in two pairs of waders so if you are amphibious then come on in.

This season we will try to organise a couple of activities such as barbecues and fishing contests BUT these are dependant upon the support of the members.

With warmer temperatures, Trow is becoming alive with carp. You can see them cruising like submarines churning up the sediment in their wake. But can you catch them?

Remember you need a permit at TP but at £8.00 a year, where else can you get such good value? This includes night fishing - I tried this out myself with my son a couple of weeks ago having never done nights before and boy was it an experience!

Our intrepid Jason Harvey (JH) who has done so much to promote the Affiliation has written an article about TP. It's reproduced opposite with some minor editing to fit it all in.

If you have any fishing stories or photo's please send them in as I'm getting tired of seeing the same old mug shots!

## JH EXPLORES TP

**F**or those of you who are not familiar with Trow Pool I shall give you a brief insight into this delightful little lake.

This is a stream fed Lake with approximately five foot of water at its deepest and heavily weeded. A small island is situated at the far end which offers sanctuary to the few coots and moorhens which live within this natural environment. Surrounded by some great climbing trees makes spotting the carp an easy task, but don't be fooled they are hard work and take a lot of thought and cunning to catch.

Well, since October the rivers have been running at a pace similar to that of a high speed train, with many of them bursting their banks, making access for the angler virtually impossible. So what are you to do? Well in my case I launched a winter campaign at Trow Pool.

To start with I moved around the lake trying various swims, with some success, mainly in the shape of carp from 3 – 9 lbs. With the aid of a couple of sturdy trees (anyone who knows me would appreciate that to support my weight the trees would need deep roots and a substantial trunk!). I started to look across the lake and make observations of the carps behaviour. The time spent doing this proved to be worth while as I then concentrated my effort to certain areas that I was sure would produce

some better fish. Armed mainly with lob worms, bread and the occasional Boillie all of which were fished over a bed of 3mm trout pellets and hemp seed mix. Over the months leading up to Christmas I caught many carp, ranging from roughly 3lb – 9lb 11oz. Never quite made the double although I did come close, but I'm afraid that's the tale of the one that got away. Amongst these captures were commons to 9lb 8oz Mirrors to 8lb 12oz and my favourite of all was a leather carp of 9lb 11oz. This was the first leather that I had ever caught and have included a photo below.

My companion throughout this campaign was Dean Harris who until October had out-fished me at Trow every time. This time was different and we both seemed to have similar catches. We would catch anything from 2 to 7 fish per session and you didn't have to fish very far out for them either. Some of the captures have been on very obscure experimental baits, I will not disclose these as this is our hard work and effort to attempt to catch the bigger residents which go to plus 20lbs.

Why not take yourself up to Trow and make the most of this venue during the remainder of the club year which runs until June the 15<sup>th</sup>. There is no close season on Trow Pool so you can fish there all year round.



JH with + 9lb leather carp

## CLASSIFIEDS (buying or selling)

If you have some fishing tackle to sell consider the club members, the frequency of this newsletter does not lend itself to advertising but a quick call to JH might result in a sale?

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## FISHING BY ROCKET SCIENCE:

Every knot you tie in your line reduces its strength by about 10%. If you have more than 10 knots then be very careful!

If you ever hook the "Big One" and its pulling away from you like a tormented torpedo, try to hold the rod at an angle of about 45°. At this angle the stress on the line is a minimum.

Due to Archimedes' Principle, it's possible to catch a 20lb carp with 2lb line.

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## CATCHES AT TROW



(We recognise the fish but who's holding them?)