



# BDAA News Letter

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**G**reetings! This issue of the News Letter is special and contains important information. It has been sent to all club members so please read on...

We have arranged a Christmas event on 7th December 2001 when Trefor West, a well known Barbel expert, will give an informative talk and presentation. This will be an ideal opportunity for all members (currently 160+) to meet each other, the committee and others. It will also lead us nicely into the festive season! There will be a raffle, fishing equipment and books to buy along with other interesting memorabilia and much more besides. Entrance is FREE to all members and the committee want to meet you all, so please come along. The venue is at Bicester Ex-serviceman's club with a prompt start at 7.30 p.m. and will finish at 11.00 p.m. There's a poster in J&K Tackle giving the details & other posters are on display around Bicester.



On Trow, by all reports is fishing well although space in the News Letter does not allow me to show the latest catches. However, if you have internet access why not log on to [www.learn2fish.co.uk](http://www.learn2fish.co.uk) ? This web site is run by our very own resident expert, Jason Harvey. It contains an abundance of interesting fishing information and has a link to Trow Pool. There are many photos, so check it out you may see yourself in print.



There was another weekend clean up at Trow this month and the swims and surrounding bank have been further improved. The weather was atrocious on the Sunday, but despite this much progress was made. We even managed to get

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into the middle of the swim with a canoe! Many thanks to all those who attended and gave up their valuable time to help.



During the last clean up much spent line was removed along with other fishing waste and rubbish. And so perhaps now might be a good time to briefly mention some fishing etiquette. We appreciate that the challenges at Trow may lead you to use a strong line but please take all your spent line back home or bin it. There is an abundance of heron, coots, ducks, rabbits and other wildlife that also love to use the facilities.

On hooks, ideally barbless or micro barbs are best. While we humans may like to adorn our bodies with pierced jewellery for

**Hey, I like your piercing!**



the carp at Trow it's an occupational hazard!

As this News Letter is being sent to all members, I'm extending the quiz in the last issue as I'm sure that most of you will have missed it. So please make the effort to reply.

## THE QUIZ:-

Below are ten facts about fish but two of them are incorrect. Can you spot them? Telephone or email the two incorrect facts through to me and you could win a prize. First prize is either free membership next year or half a days fishing tuition from our resident expert. Jason Harvey. You decide!

1. Fish need to sleep.
2. Fish scales were once used as sand paper.
3. Pisces is Latin for fish.
4. The study of fish is called Ichthyology.
5. Fish have all round, full colour daytime sight.
6. The largest fish is the whale.
7. Fish scales have growth rings just like trees.
8. Fish first appeared some 450 million years ago.
9. Some species of fish fly and walk on land.
10. The first four disciples, Peter, Andrew, James and John were all fishermen.

Go for it! The lucky winner will be announced at the Christmas do .



I have kept the photos to a minimum this period due to the large numbers of printed copies. But opposite is our intrepid chairman Jason Harvey with a typical mirror carp. On photos, don't forget to supply me or any other committee members details of any conquests at Trow. We want to hear from you and include your catches in the News

Letter and possibly the Web site.



We are starting to catalogue the fish caught at Trow. The biggest, I'm reliably informed, is called Fat Lady and must by now be over 20 lbs. But no photo exists. Your challenge when you fish at Trow is to catch her and get a photo to me. If you are successful be gentle with her as she is a lady! Hot off the press is a catch of 16 lbs 4oz, the biggest this year & further details will follow.



The committee is looking for someone to set up and run a match team in the role of match secretary. If you have the experience then contact Jason Harvey on 07713 959861 or email him at [jason@learn2fish.co.uk](mailto:jason@learn2fish.co.uk) .



We have have other plans for the future but would also like to hear your views and aspirations too. So don't forget to come along on 7th December 2001. All the committee members will be there and we look forward to meeting you on the night.

Until the next time, tight lines and may the fish be with you.