

# Spring 2012 News Letter

Since publishing the Winter Newsletter GAIA has gone on from strength to strength and we now have nearly 400 members, with new enquiries arriving every week. There is now a clear development path which has been introduced by Jim Gill, which is a great incentive for new Associate Members to embark on their personal development path. There is an interesting questionnaire that Jim has designed, which tests the depth of knowledge of conscripts. It is very enjoyable to fill in and is also a good learning tool.

Our chain of communication is now much better due to the extensive background work that Gareth has undertaken whilst constructing the website. We only see what is on the screen but this is supported by a powerful database, which enables us to reach out to all members very effectively, as in the case of the clothing questionnaire which was sent out recently at the push of a button. Members profiles are more comprehensive and can be used to promote business for those that seek it.

Thanks to the enthusiasm of people on the ground, regional initiatives are taking off and we have many new venues where GAIA are providing a casting clinic. Over the Easter bank holiday we had events at Meon Springs, Thame and Kilsheelan. There is now a long list of country fairs that GAIA will be attending during 2012 under the watchful eye of Rob Clarke, who has put together quite an impressive programme which covers the whole country. More significantly we are now holding regional assessments like the recent ones that were held in Ireland and those that will take place in Stirling during April. Unfortunately, we still have a vacuum in middle England which we will hopefully fill up over the forthcoming years.

Mike Smith and his crew have now got the national events well under control and we are looking forward to another successful CLA casting clinic at Belvoir in the summer.

Many members have been successfully assessed against the new syllabi and there have been a good number of retakes from members who were assessed to the old ones.

Finally, thanks must go to all the committee and in particular, our chairman Alberto, who does a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes, devoting much of his free time to make sure that everything is turning over smoothly - and it appears to be working.

Enjoy your fishing season - *John Symonds*

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## An important word from our Treasurer

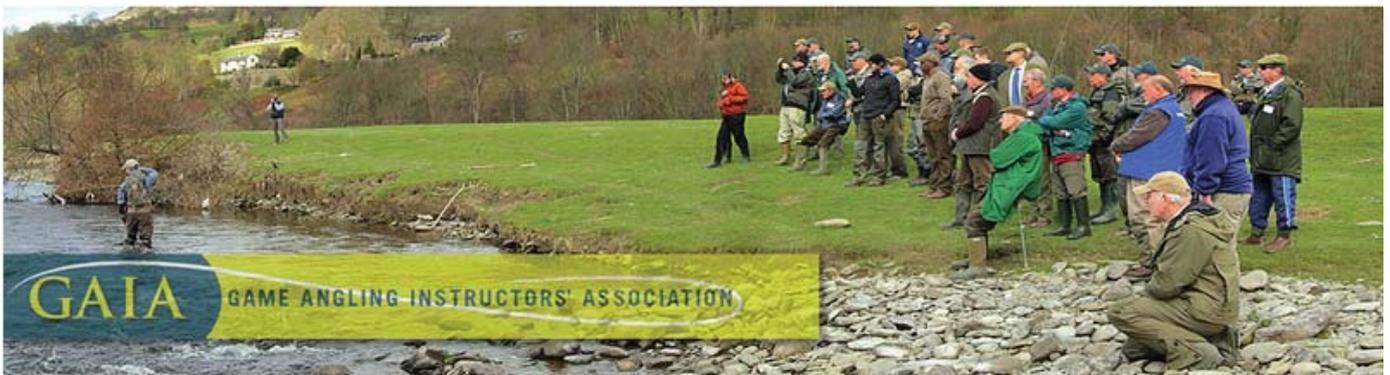
Some members have not paid their subscriptions for 2012 yet. Paul will be chasing late payments in about 2 weeks time.

# IT Officer's Update



Well, it was a while in the making! But I'm now overjoyed to welcome you all to our brand new website, designed from the ground up to be fresh and energetic; to better enable GAIA and its members to more effectively sell themselves, the high values and constant development that we strive for; and to allow GAIA as a whole to interact with an increased level of professionalism.

My biggest thanks to the rest of the Management Team and the Regional Reps for their assistance and input over the last five months, as well as the rigorous testing that has been running behind the scenes for months prior to the new website's launch. On behalf of the GAIA Committee, my thanks to you (the membership) for the fantastic and kind feedback we've been receiving since the launch of the new website; it's always wonderful to know that the hard work of the Committee and its Officers is appreciated.



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### Member Menu

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GAIA has approximately 400 members in the British Isles and Southern Ireland, and focuses on three skill disciplines; single-handed casting, double-handed casting, and fly dressing. Each of these disciplines has two levels of competence; GAIC (Game Angling Instructors Certificate) and APGAI (Advanced Professional Game Angling Instructors), which are internally assessed to very strict guidelines. It is possible to join GAIA as an Associate Member, which is the starting point for the learning path that leads to an instructor qualification and, ultimately, to becoming a GAIA Mentor and/or GAIA Assessor.



### Latest News & Articles

- ▶ GAIA Spring Meeting & CPPD Workshops 2012 at The Bryn Howel Hotel, Llangollen
- ▶ Spring Fishing for Trout on the River Usk, by Mark Roberts
- ▶ New Event - GAIA Open Day: Stirling, Scotland (22/04/2012)
- ▶ Campaigning for Angling, by Martin Salter
- ▶ GAIA Success at Kilsheelan on

'So,' I hear you ask, 'what's so great about this new swanky website?' Outlined below is a quick rundown on the new website features, where we are, and where we're headed.

## Instructor Profiles & Search Facility

The first feature which has already become a huge hit is the new 'Find an Instructor' facility. Designed from the ground up, this new facility is home to the GAIA 'Instructor Profiles'.

Each GAIA member now has their very own profile, allowing you to more effectively 'sell yourselves' by adding a professional instructor image, details for your website and blog; simply and easily control your personal and demographic information, and more. There is also a section for a short biography, allowing you to explain the services you provide, where, and how - small pieces of information which can have a big impact on potential clients browsing the GAIA website.

Also, and for the members amongst us who are active on the instructing, coaching, and guiding scene, there is now an area on each profile which will allow you to publicise what services you provide, whether you provide tackle, accommodation, etc.

The Certifications tab of each profile is only editable by the GAIA administration team, as all awards and certifications require verification prior to being advertised. If any of your Certification information is incorrect, please let us know straight away. Likewise, if you are a Licensed Sports Coach and your profile states otherwise, please send a copy of your certificate to Mark Patterson, Membership Secretary, for verification and we will update your profile shortly after.

As the website is our one-stop shop for both members of the public (our potential clients) AND potential GAIA members, we now have an improved

search facility. This allows visitors and members alike to search by a member's name, town, county, and country, as well as narrowing the results to those who hold the GAIA Accredited Mentors and/or Assessors award.

Please make sure your personal and demographic information is kept fully up to date. If you change your email address, please update your profiles; otherwise any email sent to you by a potential client via the website, will not be received.

## Member-Only Areas

By logging in to the new website, you will have access to private, GAIA Only information, which is easy to browse, view, and download. At time of writing we have a brand new 'Member-Only Downloads' area, however in time, these areas will grow to become your centralised and online GAIA resource; storing GAIA documentation, syllabi, development resources, and more.

## One Account, One Login

Most of the website support queries I used to receive always seemed to centre around one (or should that be 'two') issues - 'Why do I need two usernames and passwords to login!?' To resolve this, you'll now be happy to note that you now have ONE set of usernames and passwords which integrate seamlessly with both the website and the forum. With that account, you will be able to change your password and personal details at any time.

- To edit your profile information >Simply login and browse to 'Your Profile'> 'Edit'.
- Forgot your password? No problem! Simply visit the Member Login page and click the 'Forgot Password' link. You'll be up and running in no time!

## GAIA Forum

The GAIA Forum, although looking similar, is also brand new and the forums within have also gone through a major face lift. You'll now notice the forums have been grouped into categories, with a few superfluous forums being removed in order to make the information you need easier to find and post.

## Events Calendar

No longer do you need to scour the website looking for a list of events for the coming year. Simply browse to the 'Events Calendar' section and you'll have all the information you need relating to an event. You'll also be able to see full venue information and a Google Map for its location.

## Socialising with GAIA

GAIA is now very active on such social networks as Facebook and Twitter and, if you have an account with either of these networks, we welcome you to join us.

Each network allows our followers/'likers' to be kept up to date via short notifications; if you're at a game fair and need to know where GAIA area, easy!

Simply check our Facebook/Twitter pages via your mobile phone and we'll more than likely be posting updates directly from the shows!

If you don't visit the GAIA website too often but would still like to be kept up-to-date on new articles and website content, simply follow us on either Facebook or Twitter and you'll see the updates as an when they're made!

Visit us at:

- Facebook -[www.facebook.com/GAIAGameAngling](http://www.facebook.com/GAIAGameAngling)
- Twitter -[www.twitter.com/GAIAGameAngling](http://www.twitter.com/GAIAGameAngling)

## New Content & Article Submissions

Our next line of initiatives will see us working towards the creation of an exciting line of GAIA videos, imagery, and content, and this is where you can help!

We are always on the lookout for new fishing articles to publish on the website and, where your article is successful in making it onto the GAIA website, we will happily supply a short author biography and link to your website. These articles will be published via the website on a regular basis and publicised via Facebook and Twitter.

Obviously, and it goes without saying, any article which is published in either a magazine or on a website will incur an element of editing in order for the article to flow with the publication. The GAIA website is no different; therefore, we may choose to apply a small amount of editing to any/all successful articles so that the article in question fits.

If you'd like to submit an article for consideration, we will be looking to articles which focus on general fishing, 'destination' fishing, fly tying, or technical fishing/casting.

Please email all article submissions to [submissions@gameanglinginstructors.co.uk](mailto:submissions@gameanglinginstructors.co.uk).

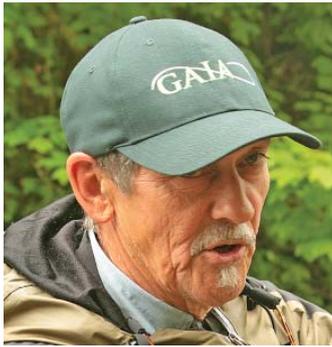
## Coming Soon...

Now that the new website is up and running, it doesn't mean the project is finished. The website, like GAIA, will continue to evolve and grow, so we already have a number of exciting new initiatives in the pipeline to take things even further.

Lastly, If you have any issues or queries regarding the GAIA website, now or in the future, please don't hesitate to contact me by emailing [ITOfficer@gameanglinginstructors.co.uk](mailto:ITOfficer@gameanglinginstructors.co.uk) or, should you prefer a chat, please call me on 07540 813 399.

*Gareth Lewis*

## From the Assessors and Examination Officer



*"To all prospective candidates I say that these successes are due in part to first class mentoring, you simply cannot do it on your own".*

### Results from Llangollen March 2012

Congratulations to the following who were successful at Llangollen:-

Roger Miles - APGAI single handed

Peter Lax - GAIC single-handed

John Boon - GAIC single-handed

Paul Ainsworth - GAIC fly dressing

Thanks to all of the assessors for their dedication and professionalism.

### Irish successes

Assessments were held over the weekend of March 31st at Kilsheelan, in Ireland, and we are pleased to congratulate the following successful candidates....

Steve Daley ( England), GAIC single handed

Mark Corps, GAIC double handed

Garrett Ruigrok, GAIC single

Patrick O'Toole, GAIC single & double

This represents a 100% pass rate for the first time.

Well done also to Philip Maher for his organisation plus of course the other assessors Willie & Leslie Holmes ( and me)

*Louis Noble*



*Successful candidates Roger Miles, John Boon and Paul Ainsworth at the Bryn Howel Hotel in Trevor.*



*Peter Lax receiving his certificate from Alberto.*

# Major Classification of Flies - By Mark Roberts

This article will hopefully introduce you to the main types of fly that you will see by the river and which trout are interested in feeding on.

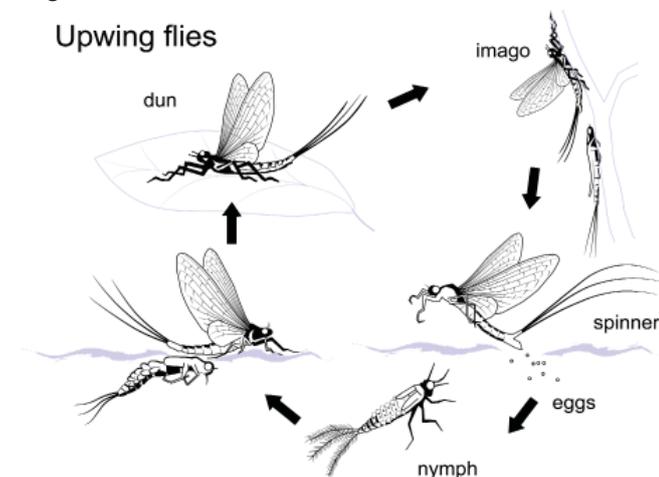
They are divided into four main categories:

- Up winged (Ephemeroptera) May fly
- Roof Winged (Trichoptera) Caddis fly
- Flat Winged (Diptera) Midge
- Hard Winged (Plecoptera) Stonefly

## Up winged: (Ephemeroptera)

All these flies have a segmented body, two or three long tails and two large upright transparent or opaque wings. Almost all also have two additional smaller hind wings.

The life cycle of the classification normally has four stages as :



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**Eggs:** Deposited in the water surface or below water surface against weed growth and subsequently sink to the bottom and attach themselves to stones or weed. This stage can last between days and even up to several months.

**Nymph:** Following hatching a larval or nymph forms. During this stage the nymph remains close to or hidden around stones or weed on the bottom of the water. It develops into a larger nymph periodically during its life by shedding or moulting its outer skeleton.

The majority of nymphs feed on decaying vegetable matter. This stage can last for a short period up to two years.

**Dun or sub-imago:** When the nymph is fully grown it then becomes ready to emerge from the nymphal case and become the up winged dun seen during a hatch of fly. This takes place relatively quickly when the nymph rises to the surface of the water and splits normally on its back. The metamorphosed fly then crawls out, pumps the wings full of blood and then flies.

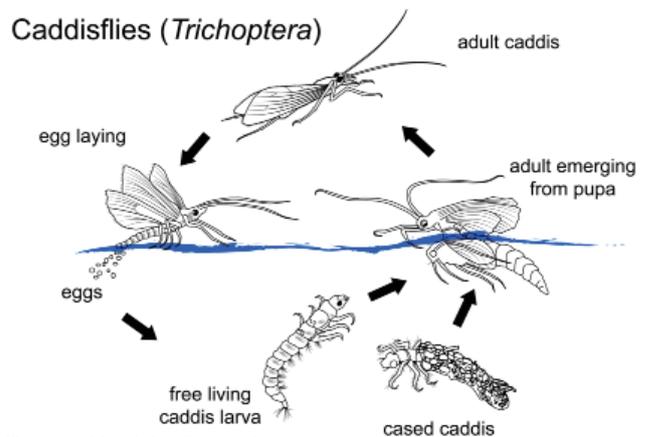
The fly remains in this form from between 12 and 36 hours depending on conditions.

There are flies that transform from nymph to dun and then to spinner within minutes.

**Spinner or imago:** This is the final stage of the life cycle where the fly again metamorphoses into a sexually mature fly and mates in the air. The females return to the water and deposit the eggs so restarting the cycle. This stage often only lasts a matter of hours.

## Roofed winged flies: (Trichoptera)

This group of flies includes over 190 different species of sedge or caddis fly. They are different in that they have a v-shaped roofed wing when at rest. They have four distinct stages in their life cycle.



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**Egg:**

The female sedge can deposit her eggs into the water by three specific ways:

- On the water surface.
- By crawling underwater and depositing the eggs.
- On vegetation or herbage overhanging the water.

The eggs hatch within 10 to 12 days into the caddis larva.

**Caddis Larvae:**

Most caddis on hatching building themselves a protective case by spinning together small stones or vegetation. This is not true of all species of sedge and they are described as caddis worms. Within days or weeks depending on the conditions the larvae will be fully grown and stop feeding. At this stage they will pupate.

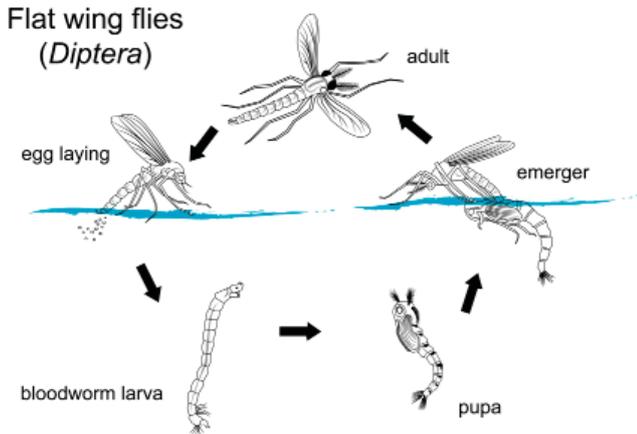
**Pupa:**

The pupa forms and develops strong paddle like legs which it will push its way from the water bed up to the surface. At reaching the surface the case will split and the fully mature adult will emerge onto the surface. Some do so with a lot of movement and skitter about frantically.

The adult can survive longer periods than mayflies and only mate at rest with only the females returning to the water to egg lay.

## Flat winged: (Diptera)

This is probably the largest group of all flies and includes the common house fly, mosquitoes, dung flies and crane flies. The species of interest to anglers are the reed smuts, midges and gnats.



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Only a few of these flies are aquatic.

Eggs:

Laid onto the water or onto vegetation.

Eggs hatch into larva.

Larva:

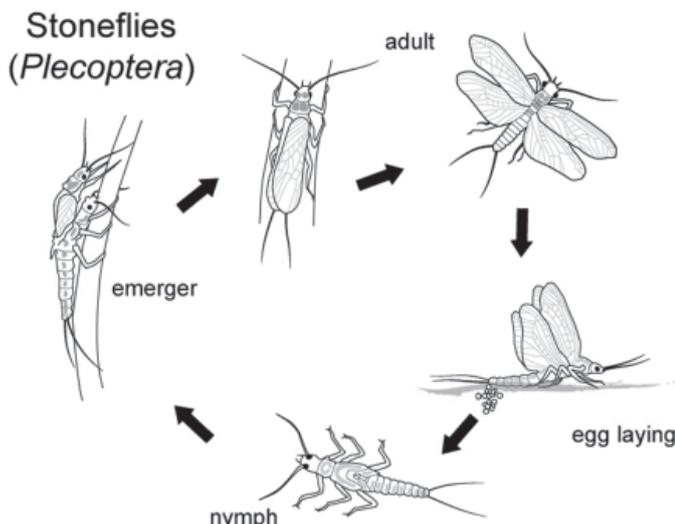
The larva normally stays in mud and are commonly called bloodworm because of their deep blood red colour. The larva feeds and develops into a pupa:

Pupa:

When ready to emerge the pupa ascends to the surface and the adult breaks through the pupal sack into the air and flies away. They then mate and die. All flies in this category are tailless and have two short flat transparent wings.

## Hard winged: (Plecoptera)

This group are commonly known as stoneflies. They only have three stages of development.



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Egg:

The eggs are laid by mature insects on the water surface. These hatch into a nymphal stage.

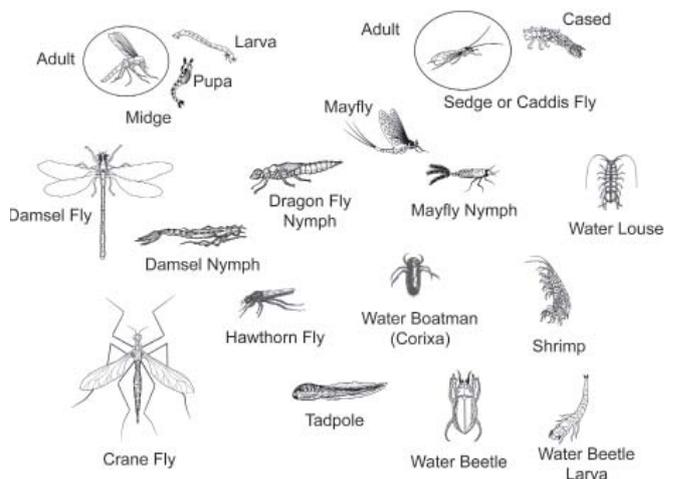
Nymph:

The nymph that develops are different from others in that they have only two tails and also have two antenna. They are robust and active hunters and can be over an inch long. The nymph grows until ready to transform into the adult fly. It crawls out of the water onto either vegetation or stones and the adult emerges from the back of the nymphal sack.

Stonefly: The adult can be recognised by the fact that it has four wings. They are normally poor fliers and when not flying the wings fold away flat across its back.

## Other Classifications

This list defines other classes of insect that are relevant to fly fishing for trout.



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Ephemeroptera	Up winged flies.
Trichoptera	Sedge flies.
Plecoptera	Stone flies.
Diptera	Midges, Gnats, etc.
Crustacea	Shrimps, Water-louse, etc.
Megaloptera	Alder flies.
Hemiptera	Water-bugs, corixids, etc.
Coleoptera	Beetles.
Arachnidae	Spiders.
Lepidoptera	Moths, etc.
Neuroptera	Lace wings, etc.
Orthoptera	Grasshoppers.
Hymenoptera	Wasps, ants, etc.
Odonata	Dragon flies and damselflies.

## Autumn Meeting at Llangollen



**Bryn Howel Hotel on the River Dee  
at Trevor, near Llangollen**

<http://www.brynhowel.com>

**Friday 26th - Sunday 28th October 2012.**

- Friday Assessments
- Saturday Assessments
- Sunday CPPD

*Mike Smith*

## Call for CLA and BFFI volunteers



The CLA Game Fair will be held at Belvoir Castle, Grantham, Leicestershire on 20 - 22 July 2012 and the British Fly Fair International will be held at the Staffordshire Showground on the 23rd and 24th of June 2012.

Both of these are main GAIA events, when we are in view of the general public and the game-angling community. These are also opportunities to meet

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up with fellow members and for this reason they are always joyous occasions.

We are calling for volunteers with the suitable qualifications to teach adults and children for 20 minute casting sessions at the CLA game fair and qualified fly tyers for the BFFI.

If you are interested then can you please contact Mike Smith or Jim Gill.....

Jim Gill – Administrator  
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Nursery Lane,  
North Wootton,  
King's Lynn  
Norfolk PE30 3QA

Mobile: 07983107158

## New Pin Badge

We are please to announce that GAIA has created a new pin badge which is available to all members and can be purchased from John Symonds for £3 plus 50p post and packing. The badges can also be bought at main GAIA events.

For more details please send an email to....

[john\\_symonds@btconnect.com](mailto:john_symonds@btconnect.com)



## GAIA Awards



At Llangollen there was an opportunity to discuss the new look GAIC portfolio with Associate Members who have recently joined GAIA. Jim Gill discussed the portfolio requirements for Part 1 of the GAIC award. He also presented a workshop on the delivery of the award – the intention is

for GAIA members to be able to mentor an Associate Member through the portfolio as they work up to their technical assessment. As reported in the last Newsletter (New GAIA Awards - Winter 2011) it had become apparent from feedback that potential members did not find the GAIC course of study quite what they were looking for as a coaching / instructor's award. The launch in January this year has seen a rise in Associate Members and some positive feedback. Peter Lax was the first GAIC candidate to be awarded his GAIC after completing the portfolio and successfully taking his technical assessment at Llangollen.

The presentation asked a prime question “What is the expectation of a GAIA instructor – whether they are awarded the single & double handed rod and fly dressing award?” There was a vibrant discussion on codes of practice, safety, underpinning knowledge as well as technical excellence.

It will be compulsory to complete the portfolio prior to taking the GAIC technical assessment from January 2013. Level 2 CCA coaches can RPL their award to the GAIC portfolio. Jim is willing to visit each region to repeat the workshop and encourage members to deliver a short course regionally. A 2-day course is in the planning stage for the GAIA Autumn event.

There is a CD available for GAIA members who may wish to view the portfolio and even use it as a personal CPPD tool – this is entirely up to the individual. It is not a re-certification tool. Similarly those members with their L20 can contact Jim with a copy (an electronic copy is acceptable) of their L20 certificate and he will send a GAIA Mentor & Assessors certificate.

The next step is reviewing the route to APGAI with regard to timescales – it may be that the Mentor & Assessor award (M&A) is the step from GAIC to APGAI – therefore having the timescale and a complete award process. There are sections of the GAIC portfolio that are transferrable to the M&A

award. What are your views? A post on the forum would be most helpful.

It is early days but the ADB is reviewing its coaching model – there may be opportunity to have the GAIC - APGAI model as a supporting award and credited with a national coaching qualification.

Watch this space!

## Fishing For Answers

### Conference for the launch of the Social and Community Benefits of Angling Project – Final Report

31st January 2012, Coin St. Neighbourhood Centre, South Bank, London.

This conference was sponsored by the ADB and 105 people were invited including GAIA (Bryan Martin, Jim Gill – Mark Roberts was there as an ADB board member), and although not all attended the conference room was almost full. The research was carried out by Substance ([www.substance.coop](http://www.substance.coop)) a social research co-operative working in sport, youth and community development. The co-operative helps projects and organisations delivering personal, community and social development to improve and demonstrate impact and value. For more information;

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David Moore (Chair, ADB) opened the morning session noting that in 2002 there was statutory ministerial guidance on a “new” Environment Agency. The purpose was to enhance the social value of angling as a widely available and reality form of recreation. There were many benefits of angling and it was unique in that it was a sport that can be practised for life. The question posed was “Do we discuss more widely or restrict it to the bankside?”

The ADB secured Sport England funding to promote and stimulate preliminary research in angling, which was regarded as a “low intensity” activity and this view constrained funding. However, following research that view had been modified and angling was now regarded as moderate activity. It was shown that it had one of the highest satisfaction rates with “release and diversion from everyday life stress”.

### Keynote and Report Launch:

Rt. Hon Richard Benyon MP (Minister for Natural Environment and Fisheries, DEFRA) then gave his full support to the launch of the Fishing for Answers report. He recognised the work of the ADB in

unblocking the log-jams in government. The report is dramatic and takes angling forward; it highlights the benefits of angling and provides evidence of the many, clear benefits to a wider society – especially young people.

There were unexpected benefits that addressed such problems as truancy and anti-social behaviour. Young people could be taken from their urban environment to see and understand the natural environment. For some it was their first contact with wildlife in its natural state and there was often a stimulus for a lifelong commitment. He recognised the general spiritual uplift and well-being from angling. The health benefits were not to be ignored – not just peace and serenity of the open countryside but physical and mental benefits too.

Angling also had an impact on the economies of rural communities – the money anglers spent when out fishing. Anglers were the eyes and ears of the countryside – they know what is going on and can contribute to policy making as they are aware of the effects that government projects can have if misplaced. However, all this required good research based on a solid platform of evidence.

He was very supportive of angling and the partnerships that had evolved with the last government under Martin Salter. He wanted to build on the work so far with a long-term involvement of government and angling.

### **Promoting Angling Benefits:**

Martin Salter (National Campaigns Co-ordinator, Angling Trust) gave an inspirational presentation and there is no doubt he has a “passion for all angling disciplines”. He acknowledged the support Richard Benyon has for angling and noted that as a minister he would be subject to government reshuffles. Angling had to remain proactive and with this report keep the momentum moving forward. A change of minister was inevitable and any successor must also be well informed and engaged to maintain the healthy partnership of angling and government.

Angling was now more professional and more organised, however the Angling Trust is the only organisation we have that is government recognised. It was imperative to keep the minister informed – alert to changes other government departments may be making and their impact on the environment and therefore angling. In order to engage at ministerial level it was imperative that angling is able to provide quantitative research. Angling had made the right choice by identifying with the environmental lobby and not the blood-sports lobby.

This is only a brief overview of what was a passionate and informative presentation. From his experience as an MP he was able to demonstrate the reality of the situation and the importance of engaging with government on all issues of angling and the environmental impact of ministerial initiatives. Angling had got off to a good start and must maintain the momentum.

### **Well-being and the environment / Young People and the Community:**

“What is angling and well-being?” supported by a slide that identified physical activity, escape, social contact, sensory stimulation and experience of nature and wild-life as the answers to his question. These were all inter-connected where angling was open to all people each with different abilities; it was a life-long participation sport and one of few sports that had what was termed “active ageing” – that there were no barriers to continue with the sport as one grew older. The physical and mental health benefits were well documented in the report; the preventative means of avoiding ill-health and the restorative effects of angling in the treatment of ill-health. Physical activity or “green exercise” where activity in the open countryside and also urban green sites – the fact that to actually go angling required a level of physical fitness; even non-anglers involved in related community projects were able to enjoy the benefits too. The effect angling had on young people was quite profound.

There was the escape from the social obligation of the modern world. There was personal development (learning, achievement and skill acquisition) through the sport of angling. An important factor was that angling was unique in its intergenerational contact – where members of the family from children to grandparents were able to share the angling experience. This research has found that the UK has become a leader in targeting angling provision for young people; with many national and local projects.

### **Afternoon Sessions: Meet the Practitioners and an Angling Question Time Panel**

This was an informal series of displays and we were encouraged to move around the display area and have discussions with the display teams. This was also an opportunity to write down questions for the final session. There were many questions fielded and well responded by the panellists.

A full report is available on the GAIA website.

*Jim Gill*

## 2012 Events Calendar

GAIA will be running a series of organised events throughout the year across the whole of the UK and Ireland. These are good opportunities for you to meet up with GAIA members and to get a flavour

of what we are all about and the kind of people we are. Hopefully we can convince you to join our organisation and to embark on our continuous personal development program.

Month	Date	Type of event	Venue	Region	Local Organiser
March	3rd	Welsh Fly Fair	Pontardawe	Wales	Alun Rees
	31st	Assessments	Kilsheelan	Ireland	Mark Patterson
	1st	Open day	Kilsheelan	Ireland	Mark Paterson
April	8th – 9th	Game and Country Fair	Thame	S Midlands	Andy Grey
	15th	Open Day	Meon Springs	South East	Alan Purnell
	21st - 22nd	Game and Country Fair	Kelmarsh	Eastern	Malcolm March
		CPD	Stirling	Scotland	Brian McGlashan
28th – 29th	Game and Country Fair	Norwich	E Region	Malcolm March	
May	5th - 6th	Show	Ballywalter	Ireland	Mark Patterson
	6th - 7th	Game and Country Fair	Burghley	Eastern	Malcolm March
	12th – 13th	Game and Country Fair	Brentwood	E Region	Malcolm March
	13th	CPD	Stocks	North West	Chris Aldred
	26th – 27th	Game and Country Fair	Highclere	South East	Alan Purnell
June	3rd – 5th	Game and Country Fair	Broadlands	South East	Alan Purnell
	16th - 17th	Sussex Country Fair	Parham	South East	Alan Purnell
	23rd - 24th	BFFI	Stafford	GAIA	Mike Smith
Jun/July	29th - 1st	Scottish Game Fair	Scone Palace	Scotland	Brian McGlashan
July	7th – 8th	Country Show	Southend	E Region	Malcolm March
	20th - 22nd	CLA	Belvoir	GAIA	Mike Smith
August	25th – 26th	Game and Country Fair	Knutsford	North West	Chris Aldred
Aug/Sept	31st - 2nd	Chatsworth Fair	Chatsworth	GAIA	Paul and Sue Sissons
September	8th – 9th	Game and Country Fair	Sandringham	E Region	Malcolm March
	15th - 16th	Midland Game Fair	Weston Park	W Midlands	John Symonds
	22nd – 23rd	Game and Country Fair	Calne	South West	?
October	7th	Burton Fly Fishing Show	Burton	GAIA	Rob Clarke
	6th – 7th	Game and Country Fair	Ipswich	E Region	Malcom March
	13th – 14th	Game and Country Fair	Newark	E Region	Malcolm March
	26th - 28th	AGM - Autumn Meeting	Llangollen	GAIA	Mike Smith

For the contact details of regional event organisers please use the instructor search tool on our website

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We look forward to meeting you.

## Notice of the next AGM

The GAIA committee have for some time discussed the possibility of moving the AGM to the Spring for two main reasons. The first is that it provides a better timing for the Treasurer's end of year financial report (January - December). At previous AGMs (Autumn - October/November) the report has only been a financial statement with a reasoned projection for the final out-turn. The second reason is that there is always a clash with the final end-of-season

opportunities to go fishing; some members finding it difficult to attend due to their angling commitments. The Constitution 4.1 allows this change to Spring 2013 and annually thereafter. The intention is to have a notification of the AGM in the Winter Newsletter - generally released after the Autumn assessments. As soon as the minutes have been agreed they will be posted on the website as per normal.

# Pictures from Llangollen - 2012 Spring Meeting

