

## Chairman's Update March 28th 2021

Dear member,

It is good news that from Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March we can now drive anywhere within Wales, and from April 12th we hope that our members based in England will be able to join us.

All of our river beats are open for fishing. Due to the lockdown we have not been able to walk many of the beats yet and doubtless there will be much work to do following the last two winter storms. John and Richard will do their best to arrange working parties as and when restrictions allow.

Storm Christophe resulted in the loss of Pont Llanerch. A local landmark as well as a vital link for many local residents. Construction of a replacement bridge will likely be no sooner than late 2022. (That is only my guess). In the meantime our access to the upper and lower Llanerch beats have been blocked off for safety reasons by Denbighshire CC. The remaining bridge structure on our side is unsafe and under no circumstances should you step over the barriers to gain a better view! Thanks to lan Macdonald and John Davidson, we have gained temporary access for both beats, and as you will see from the photos below John and Richard have done a fantastic job, at short notice, to create sturdy stepovers on each side.

On the lower beat, once over the stile keep to the right and access our bank over the stile, as indicated in the photo. On the upper side, use the stepover. There is plenty of signage warning of the overhead electricity cables! Do not use the field gate at all. When fishing keep well away from the bridge structure on either side.

You are now able to book a day at Llyn Crud y Gwynt, which is well stocked. The hut will remain closed until further notice, and catch returns must be made as detailed on the website and on the signs at the lake.

Our two rods on the River Dee are available for booking. There are some very nice beats and there are some cracking wild brownies in the Dee. You can't help but catch grayling, even out of their season, but they are great fun and there's always the chance of an early salmon.

At time of writing Llyn Brenig is about to open but only for walkers. We are waiting to hear when fishing there can re-commence but you will be informed as soon as.

Foxons tackle should be able to re-open fully on April 12th. Until then booking remains through Chris Porteous by text or phone on 07970 216533. After April 12th the booking

diaries will be back with Renee and her team.

Make the most of your new freedom but please continue to take all sensible precautions, such as not sharing cars and tackle, keeping to a safe distance and keeping your hands washed or sanitised wherever you can.

Do keep safe but let's get back fishing.

Chris Porteous Chairman













