

# NOTICE BOARD

## Thames Anglers' Conservancy

Anglers dedicated to improving and protecting the River Thames

The TAC is a voluntary organisation established at the beginning of 2010 and run by anglers wanting to help in the conservation of the River Thames. As anglers, we spend a phenomenal amount of time by the river and collectively we hold an incredible amount of knowledge about the fish that the river contains. Many of us have fished the river for the best part of our lives – some for over 50 years. During this time we have noticed several changes in our catches. Whereas everyone has noticed the decline in sparrows, few see the fish that we do – we are the eyes and ears of the river.

While great strides have been made in the last 50 years to bring life back to the Thames, the Ol' Father is currently faced with many new challenges. In the last 10 years eel populations have crashed and non-indigenous invasive species, such as Chinese Mitten Crabs and American Signal Crayfish have gained a far-reaching foothold damaging the ecology of the river. Asiatic Clams and Zebra Mussels are out-competing native molluscs at the river bed and Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed have colonised much of the riparian zone. Suitable habitat for spawning fish has declined and water abstraction is an ongoing problem causing the river to resemble a lake for much of the year.

A main reason for the formation of the TAC was to campaign against sewage entering the Thames. In the last decade there have been several large scale fish kills due to partially treated sewage being discharged into the river from sewage treatment works when they are overwhelmed during periods of high rain fall. Not only is this a serious environmental problem but it is a health hazard to all river users.

While we appreciate that Thames Water are currently increasing the capacity of the Mogden Sewage Treatment Works by 50% and the Tideway Super Sewer is soon to be constructed, sewage is still regularly discharged into the river, on average once a week. This is readily acknowledged by Thames Water, who state that "Annually 32 million cubic metres of diluted sewage is discharged (into the River Thames), enough to fill the O2 (Millennium Dome) almost 15 times". Hence the current upgrades cannot be rendered operational quickly enough.

In order to look after the river the TAC engages with river stakeholders, such as the Thames Landscape Strategy, Thames Water, local councils, conservation organisations, river user groups, residents, Government agencies and more. We care passionately about the Thames, hence we perform regular litter clean-ups along the river, removing rubbish from the banks and overhanging trees to make the Thames look 'prettier'. But we need to do far more than that to make sure this wonderful resource, the artery of London, is looked after. Consequently we are forming partnerships with many organisations to help where we can and make sure Thames Anglers are represented.

To help look after the river we will be working with the Angling Trust. The Angling Trust is the new, single organisation to represent all game, coarse and sea anglers and angling in England. The Angling Trust lobbies government, fights pollution, over-abstraction and poaching, and campaigns on conservation and angling issues as well as a host of other threats to angling and the aquatic environment.

Above all, we at the TAC are dedicated to protecting and improving the River Thames for the benefit of all. We hope you will join us in trying to make the Thames a better place for both native wildlife and those that appreciate it. We welcome your support and we ask you to get involved in what we are trying to do. Please feel free to become a member and join us in our quest.

Check out our website [www.rivertac.org](http://www.rivertac.org)

## The Linton Angling Society

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For further details contact:

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Roach - 3lb 2oz and Perch - 3lb.

For full details and full colour brochure call Mick or Fran

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Check out our new improved web site this season

[www.farnhamanglingsociety.com](http://www.farnhamanglingsociety.com)

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