

Fond Farewell Handicapped Anglers Trust, Hello Wheelyboat Trust!

On March 1st this year, the Handicapped Anglers Trust changed its name to The Wheelyboat Trust.

The Trust has been providing its wheelchair accessible Wheelyboat to fisheries and other waters countrywide since 1985 and this year should see the 100th Wheelyboat come off the production line. Originally formed for the benefit of disabled anglers, the Trust has long since recognised that the Wheelyboat fulfils a much wider role than just as an angling boat.

A significant proportion of its new Wheelyboats will continue to go to fisheries. However, the Trust recognises the appeal of the Wheelyboat beyond the fishing lake and is working hard to ensure that it meets the demand for Wheelyboats wherever it exists. The change of name to *The Wheelyboat Trust* better describes the Trust's principal objective and more accurately reflects its broader remit.

The new name was welcomed by Glenys Faulkner, widow of the Trust's Founder President, Alan Faulkner. She said she felt that the time was now right for a change and she felt sure that Alan would have approved.



The Trust's new logo updates the original design and introduces an angling theme in recognition of the Trust's angling heritage.



'Dual-Purpose' Wheelyboat Launched at Wistlandpound

Disabled guests staying at the Calvert Trust's outward bound centre on Exmoor now have a brand new Mk II Wheelyboat to broaden their range of activities. As well as pleasure trips around the reservoir, the Wheelyboat will also be available for trout fishing, giving guests the opportunity to try this genial activity themselves for the first time.

Fly-fishing has many charms and it is often lack of access to the water as well as not knowing how to start that prevent many disabled people from participating. Not only do guests of the Calvert Trust have the use of the wheelchair accessible Wheelyboat and proper fly-fishing tackle donated by the tackle company Snowbee, they will also receive expert tuition from local qualified instructors, giving them the perfect all-round start.

The Wheelyboat, named The Farrell Fisher after the principal donor, was officially launched on April 16th. Funds were provided by the Farrell Trust, CHK Charities, CLA Charitable Trust and Honda UK. It is also available on a day ticket basis for local and visiting disabled anglers. Wistlandpound Reservoir is a South West Lakes Trust fishery and the new Wheelyboat (the only fishing boat available) has received their full support. For further information on the Calvert Trust or to book the Wheelyboat, telephone 01598 763221.



The Wheelyboat is toasted by (l-r) Peter Barr (Honda), Andy Beadsley, Chris Hall (South West Lakes Trust) and Caroline Roberts, Yvette Jordan, Chris Willis and Sir Michael Knight from the Calvert Trust.

Wheelyboat Website Launched

To coincide with its name change in March, the Trust has launched its own comprehensive website at www.wheelyboats.org. The brand new site provides information on the work of the Trust, Wheelyboat locations, photos, information about other accessible fisheries and links to other useful sites. If you know of an accessible fishery or water park with facilities for disabled people, please let the editor know and he will add it to the site.

7 New Wheelyboats for North Wales

The Environment Agency Wales, the Sports Council for Wales and local fisheries have been working together to provide funds to improve facilities for disabled anglers at fisheries across North Wales. This collaboration has enabled five lake fisheries to acquire seven new Mk II Wheelyboats with Honda engines. These boats were purchased to improve boat fishing facilities for disabled anglers as part of the Fishing Wales Project developed by the Environment Agency Wales. They will provide a variety of angling experiences among some glorious Welsh scenery. In total, the cost of these seven well-equipped boats was £50,000. Julian Bray the EA's Sustainable Fisheries Project Manager for North Wales said "These boats will provide excellent angling opportunities for both local and visiting disabled anglers alike". The Wheelyboats are now operational at Tal-y-Llyn (01654 782282), Llyn Trawsfynydd (01766 540400), Llyn Nantlle (01248 670666), Cefni Reservoir (01248 421238) and Llyn Brenig (01490 420463).

Wheelyboat on the River Blackwater

The famous Munster Blackwater in Ireland will have its own Wheelyboat later this summer. Situated at the Cappoquin fishery, Co Waterford, it will provide disabled anglers with unrivalled access to four miles of salmon and sea-trout fishing on one of Ireland's most prolific game rivers. Coarse fishing will also be available as will pleasure trips downstream extending some 17 miles to the estuary. The boat will be delivered in early August in time for the runs of summer grilse and salmon and will be available on a day ticket basis with ghillie. It is expected to prove a very popular facility given the lack of access for disabled anglers on the river at present. For bookings, telephone Jeremy Nicholson on 00 353 58 52302.

New Mk II for Carsington

Premier UK brown trout fishery, Carsington Water, near Ashbourne in Derbyshire, took delivery of a brand new Mk II Wheelyboat in April. This new boat replaced its elderly Mk I which will be refurbished and found a new home. The Mk II is much better suited to the reservoir's 740 acres and has been provided with a 10 hp engine. On the fishery's 10th anniversary and press day on June 3rd, TWT Trustee Danny Peet and his wife Kay christened the boat with 15 trout! Funding for the boat was provided by Severn Trent Water, CHK Charities and the Environment Agency. For bookings telephone Ed Stammers at the fishery office on 01629 540769.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Recent Wheelyboat arrivals:

Mk IIs to North Wales waters Tal-y-Llyn, Llyn Cefni, Llyn Brenig, Llyn Trawsfynydd and Llyn Nantlle. Mk IIs also to Wistlandpound Reservoir in Somerset and Carsington Water in Derbyshire.

Wheelyboats coming very soon:

Mk IIs to Bewl Water in Kent, Rutland and Grafham Waters in the Midlands and the River Blackwater in County Waterford, Republic of Ireland.

Some projects in hand:

Mk IIs to the River Thames at Chiswick, Roadford Reservoir in Devon, Wimbleball Reservoir in Somerset and Dearnford Hall in Shropshire.

2004 Show Programme

Come and meet the Trust at the following shows, see the Mk II Wheelyboat and have a great day out!

June 17-19

Mobility Roadshow, Donington Park
www.justmobility.co.uk/roadshow

July 3-4

Game Conservancy Scottish Fair, Scone, www.scottishfair.com

July 9-10

Mobility Roadshow, Edinburgh
www.justmobility.co.uk/roadshow

July 19-22

Royal Welsh Show, Builth Wells
www.rwas.co.uk

July 23-25

CLA Game Fair, Blenheim Palace
www.gamefair.co.uk



Carsington bailiffs with their shiny new Mk II

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