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Dear Member

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This newsletter should reach you in time to remind you that Taff Price ( who is usually an entertaining if not the most politically correct speaker) will be visiting us next Tuesday to talk of his exploits on the Zambesi among other things so be there for 7.30p.m. Members are once again reminded not to carry on their own conversations at the back of the room whilst the meeting is in progress, it is extremely discourteous to the speakers.

At the fishing auction sales were down on the usual level but over £800 of tackle was sold generating income of £147 for the club , in addition to this £86 was raised towards the juniors evening by the sale of lost property from the lodge. The following week Tim Appleton came to speak of his plans to introduce ospreys to the water. There were about forty club members in attendance and a lively discussion followed moving from ospreys to cormorants and back again. The consensus of opinion was that anglers were in favour of the introduction of ospreys but would not be prepared to support the project if it would mean relinquishing the right to fish in areas of the lake whether from boat or bank. Suggestions were also made that it would be appropriate for the osprey project to transfer to A.W.S. an amount equal to the value of the trout that the ospreys would eat , so that the lost stock could be replaced by the fishery. Other people seemed to be of the opinion that room should be made for the ospreys by culling a number of cormorants, ( Sean Cutting suggested a figure of 650!) which met with general approval.

Last week Peter Lapsley came to speak on Knots and Wrinkles of troutfishing , the turnout was a little disappointing although it probably reflected the fact that it was a talk aimed more at the river fisherman and small water trout fisherman than reservoir anglers. Peter donated his fee of £75 to the A.C.A. and paid for his own accommodation/ travel expenses, he also donated a book for the raffle won by Nigel Savage. Below is a list of the remaining meetings, if you were one of the many who attended the cookery demonstration last year then please come again, there will be different recipes this year and also a bit about trout smoking, members are again encouraged to bring along wives and girlfriends.

### Winter Meetings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Subject</u>
January 23rd	Taff Price	Flyfishing the Zambesi for Tigerfish
February 6th	N/A	Club Competition meeting
February 13th	Florence Pereira	Trout cooking / smoking demonstration
February 27th	Chris Elliot	Taxidermy
March 12th	Peter O Reilly	Trout Fishing in Ireland

If you have recently paid your subscription you will find enclosed your new membership card, if not then you will find a membership renewal form, if this applies to you then please get your cheque off to John Harrison as soon as possible.

At a recent committee meeting Sean Cutting resigned his position as Vice Chairman and Competition Secretary due to increased pressure of work and family commitments. The committee has decided to reallocate some of his work and other events such as bank competitions and the club's continued participation in the Major Clubs league are to be critically appraised at the competition meeting on February 6th at 7.30p.m. There are too many people in this club who are not prepared to get involved in club events and the committee would appreciate any help that members can offer in this respect particularly on the competition side. This is one of the reasons that we would like all those anglers who participate in the Club competitions and Major Clubs to try and attend, Chris Churm is planning to make the evening more appealing to competition anglers.

Sean has been thanked by the committee for his tremendous efforts in organizing the competitions for the club over the past few years. During his time the club has won the Hinkley Shield , the Major Club's League and improved our performance in Benson & Hedges competition.

Members will also note that John Wadham has changed his address and will soon be an Oakham resident so we can expect to see more of him on the banks this season.

Paul Wild  
Secretary