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Who is the Welsh Fishermen's Association?

We are the National Voice of Welsh Fishermen, securing a future for fishermen and their communities.

Our vision for the Welsh Fishing Industry is a prosperous fishing industry that supports the economic, social and cultural well-being of our coastal communities.

Our strong fishing heritage is preserved by generations-old fishing families who help define the communities they live in. The value of their unrivalled knowledge of our sea is unsurpassed.

The future prosperity of our fishing industry and fishing communities' rests on a productive sea and a strong market for Welsh seafood both within and outside Wales.

Website Launch www.WFA-CPC.Wales

The WFA-CPC's new website was launched by the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs, Lesley Griffiths (AM) at the Royal Welsh Show, Builth Wells.

Lesley Griffiths at the Royal Welsh Show

Communicating the latest news on key issues including Brexit, fisheries management and quota uptake in Wales, the new website also describes how WFA-CPC represents Welsh fishermen at a national, UK and European level, working with the Welsh Government, Natural Resource Wales, Fishing Industry Safety Group and Seafish to improve safety at sea and collect the necessary evidence to protect our fishing grounds and ensure our fisheries are sustainable and environmentally responsible.

Parliament lobby day organised by the NFFO and SFF 10th October 2018

60 parliamentarians and researchers attended the event with representation from all political parties that is up by 35% since our last lobby day in June. This included, 25 Conservatives, 10 Labour, 1 Liberal Democrat, 5 SNP, 1 Plaid Cymru, 4 DUP, 2 Independents and 12 Peers.

We had a number of prominent MPs and Peers there including the Secretary of State which demonstrated a strong commitment from the Government on this issue. Luke Pollard, Shadow Minister for Flooding and Coastal Communities is also influential amongst the Labour front bench. Peter Grant, SNP Spokesperson for Exiting the European Union was also in attendance (as Deidre Brock, Shadow EFRA Spokesperson was unable to attend), as well as Hilary Benn, Chair of the Select Committee on Exiting the European Union and Lord Grantchester, the shadow front bench lead in the House of Lords for Environment and Rural Affairs.

Lord Owen, former Foreign Secretary, took a great interest on the day, and is likely to be a good ally in the House of Lords for the Fisheries Bill. Lord Teverson, who served on the board of the Marine Management Organisation also attended, as did Lord Wallace, who leads for the Liberal Democrats in the Lords on fisheries issues.

Supporters for a better deal for fishermen

We've had a number of commitments from parliamentarians to help in further, practical ways, such as by speaking with their colleagues and front benches. The majority of those who attended signed our 'pledge board'.

Key civil servants from DEFRA attended, and commented they were impressed to see the strength of political support. We were also joined by the Clerk to the House of Commons EFRA Select Committee, along with the fisheries specialist from the House of Commons Library. These will all be key people to liaise with throughout the Fisheries Bill.

The lobby was highlighted very publicly in the House of Commons to the Prime Minister in Prime Ministers Questions, with name checks for both the NFFO and SFF. Two questions were asked, with the first coming early in PMQs from Alistair Carmichael.

Christmas Recipes

Tradition has it that the Christmas lunch consists of two courses. The main course being the traditional goose or turkey with a raft of different vegetables, sausages wrapped in bacon with sage and onion stuffing followed by a flaming plum pudding surrounded by a lake of brandy sauce. Enough of a feast on its own. Well not quite; why not break with tradition and have a starter that will set you up for the rest of the meal. Locally caught and absolutely delicious, these two Cardigan Bay Prawn recipes will set the festive meal off with an explosion of spicy succulent seafood flavour or mellow and cooling classic prawn cocktail.

Pan Fried Prawns with Garlic and Chilli

What you need to serve 4:

1kg of fresh uncooked prawns in shell
3 cloves of garlic
1 hot red chilly
25g salted butter
Fresh parsley

What to do:

- Chop the garlic and chilli and using the back of a knife and a little salt as a grit mash until smooth.
- In a shallow frying pan or wok melt the butter until it is hot and starts to froth. Add all the ingredients and fry quickly tossing and stirring continuously until the once translucent prawns turn a beautiful pinkish orange colour.

How to eat:

Turn the cooked prawns chilli and garlic out into a preheated serving dish. Garnish with the chopped parsley and serve with a crusty home baked bread to mop up all those lovely juices.

Mmmmmmmmmm delicious!

In total this takes no more than 15minuites to prepare, cook and serve and not too heavy leaving enough space for the turkey and pudding. A well chilled dry Italian sparkling wine would be ideal to accompany this starter.

Festive Prawn Cocktail

What you need to serve 4:

For the salad:

650g prawns in their shells, cooked
2 tbsp lime juice
100g/4oz cucumber
1 tbsp white wine vinegar
1 tbsp snipped dill
1 small ripe avocado
50g watercress
Pinch cayenne pepper, for sprinkling

For the sauce:

2 tbsp mayonnaise
5 tbsp fromage frais
1½ tbsp tomato puree
Splash Tabasco sauce
Splash Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp brandy

What to do:

Why not indulge your Christmas Lunch with the ultimate prawn cocktail starter. The deliciously juicy Cardigan Bay Prawn and homemade cocktail sauce will transform the usual prawn cocktail into an unforgettable prelude to your roast turkey. Quick and easy to prepare and delicious to eat. A yuletide classic.

- Peel the prawns. Rinse them in a large sieve under a cold tap, then pat dry with kitchen paper. Lay the prawns in a shallow dish and squeeze over 1 tbsp of the lime juice, then add a twist of pepper. Set aside.
- Chop the cucumber into small dice and tip into a dish. Spoon over the vinegar, scatter over the dill and a grating of pepper, then set aside. Halve, stone and peel the avocado, then chop into small dice. Spoon over the rest of the lime juice and toss together gently with a twist of pepper.
- For the sauce, mix together the mayonnaise, fromage frais and tomato puree. Stir in the Tabasco, Worcestershire and brandy with a twist of pepper.

How to eat:

To serve, put a small spoonful of the sauce into the bottom of each cocktail glass. Very coarsely chop most of the watercress, leaving a few sprigs whole. Lay the chopped watercress on top of the sauce. Drain the cucumber well, then spoon it over the watercress with the avocado. Pile over the prawns, then spoon over the rest of the sauce. Tuck in the sprigs of watercress and serve with a sprinkling of cayenne

Welsh Fishing Safety Committee Lifejacket & Personal Location Beacon Project

The Welsh Fishing Safety Committee (WFSC) with the support of Seafish has provided grant-aided Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) with integrated Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs) to owners of active Welsh fishing vessels at a significantly reduced price of £15.00 per item (normal RRP over £350).

The initiative received funding from the Welsh Government and from Seafarer's UK, a charity that has been helping people in the maritime community for more than 100 years. The overarching aim of the project is to contribute to the WFSC and The Wales Seafood Strategy target of zero preventable fishing-related deaths by reducing fatalities resulting from man-overboard incidents.

The project has been a remarkable success, with over 280 applications received for 661 PFD-PLBs between April and August 2018 (application closing date 31 August 2018). Distribution of the first batch of PFDs took place at safety workshops at various locations throughout Wales in July 2018, supported by Seafish and the RNLI. The final batch roll-out is expected to take place November 2018.

New PFD/PLB in use by one of our fishermen

Milford Haven Lifejacket Distribution Event

Day on the Quay in Aberdyfi/ Ceredigion FLAG

On the 21st July, Aberdyfi held their first 'DAY ON THE QUAY' to promote the local fishing industry and the work of the Ceredigion FLAG.

It took place on the quay in Aberdyfi where a local chef prepared and cooked seafood. The Aberdyfi fishing fleet was moored up alongside for all to see and ask the fishermen questions and inside the marquee a video was linked to the National Aquarium in Plymouth.

There were family beach activities, free barbequed mackerel and on display were live lobsters and crabs in the popular Cardigan Bay Fisherman's Association's mobile marine aquarium, which was manned by Huw Evans, North Regional WFA officer who described how they were caught highlighting the responsible and sustainable nature of the local inshore fisheries. Many thanks to Llew and Ryan Hughes for supplying the crabs and lobsters.

Huw stocking CBFA's mobile aquarium with local lobsters

Commercial fishing if there is a no Brexit deal

Defra has issued technical notices for commercial fishing outlining the preparations necessary for exporting fish and shellfish to the EU markets in the event of a 'No Deal' Brexit on the 29th March 2019.

This notice sets out how the commercial fishing industry (the commercial catching of fish, as well as the marketing of fish and seafood) would be affected if the UK leaves the EU without a deal in March 2019.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/commercial-fishing-if-theres-no-brexit-deal/commercial-fishing-if-theres-no-brexit-deal

Michael Gove
Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affair

Directors Biography
Sion Williams

Sion Williams, Secretary of the Llyn Pot Fishermen's Association is a Director of the Welsh Fishermen's Association.

I am a full time fisherman working from a small fishing cove called Porth Colmon which is located on the north coast of the Llyn Peninsular. I have been fishing commercially for over thirty years.

There is no safe anchorage at Porth Colmon therefore myself and the other three fishermen who work from the cove launch and retrieve our boats daily from the beach. My fishing vessel is a catamaran that is powered by twin outboard engines.

During the year I will fish for Lobster, Brown crab, spider crab, velvet crab and whelks which are caught in pots. I also fish for bass, mullet, cod and various flatfish mainly during the autumn and winter months, these are fished by the use of gill and tangle nets, I also line fish for bass.

My fish and shellfish goes mainly to merchants based in Ynys Mon and Fleetwood. I also supply a local Processor based here on the Llyn, and three restaurants specialising in seafood here in North Wales.

I am fully Supportive of the Welsh fishermen's Association and the vast amount of work their employees undertake to represent our fishing industry on a local, national and European level.

To have a Association Representing our Industry in a balanced and informative way using the best available advice and scientific evidence, has placed our industry in a much better position to face the future. Unity and reaching a common ground based on Sustainable harvesting of our natural resources will secure our fishing industry for the future.

Sion Williams and his Fishing Boat William Stanley

The “safetyfolder.co.uk” and new fishing safety legislation

The consultation for the ILO C188 Work in Fishing Convention has concluded and the process of finalising the legislation has begun.

What is known is that the UK fishing sector has been listened to and calls for greater phase in periods and maximum flexibilities were received and heard by the MCA.
To support the industry the UK federations have been developing the “safetyfolder.co.uk” website to be ILO C188 compliant and to allow last minute changes and guidance to be immediately available. The website is free to all and importantly can produce the evidence of compliance necessary for the MCA FSM Code (MIN 558 F) and supply chain needs or certification schemes like RFS. To help with complying with and understanding ILO C188 the Safety Folder is recommended to all vessels, no matter the size.

Improving Safety and ensuring confidence in the catching sector have become aligned because of ILO C188 and the existing Modern Slavery act, which has led to a new alliance. The Fishermen’s Welfare Alliance is led by the UK fishing federations and includes processors, retailers, charities and government and non government organisations. The Alliance will be working to ensure that the UK’s fishing vessels can evidence compliance with legislation without duplication and that the whole supply chain can have confidence in, and promote, UK caught fish and shellfish.

The best way to comply with this new legislation and to be totally supply chain compliant is to register your boat with the Safety Folder. It is free to use and once set up will continue to keep you compliant with all aspects of legislation and safety.

www.safetyfolder.co.uk

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