

Kingswood Legionnaires

Newsletter



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Welcome to the Christmas edition of your favourite publication. Christmas matches just ain't wot they used to be. Longer standing members will remember the days we used to have our Christmas match at Conham. The draw was at 7am. It was very dark and on one occasion I can remember there was a blanket of snow on the banks. There would be around 10 anglers, so we would have a 'walk off'. It was a bit dodgy walking off in the dark along a slippery river bank. I admit I sometimes felt like walking off home and back to bed. Tide permitting, we'd fish 8 till 12 then hastily pack up to be in the Bull by 1pm for the results and presentation. Everyone would bring along a wrapped prize worth a couple of quid and the winner on the day would have first choice and so on. It was not uncommon to end up with the same prize you brought with you, which was usually something you really didn't want anyway. Oh happy days!

Match Results

Poppy Match – November 9th

It's obvious we'll never see a 200 peg sell out match again but these days 120+ anglers for an open match on a river is still quite an achievement. Many thanks to all who helped in some way and many thanks to all the sponsors. A big thank you to Roy Garland for a first class report in the press and thanks to Steve Cooke for the use of his laptop and printer. Well done to Brian for another well organised event.

A low, clear river made the going a bit tough for some and it was always going to be down to chub, which proved to be the dominant species, making up most of the top weights with roach as backup. Well done to Steve Dumbleton, overall winner and everyone else that managed to weigh in.

Interclub – Airsprung AA – Bradford-on-Avon

Despite some heavy rain prior to the match, the river at Barton Farm was still very low and clear. Unfortunately, the golf course section, which we would have normally fished, was out of bounds due to two large trees being blown into the river. I was particularly handicapped as I was drawn next to Ted Brown the noisy old git! But enough of excuses. We were well and truly beaten by the bed mattress boys who took the top three places and most of the sections. Small fish was the order of the day unless you were lucky enough to latch into one of the resident tench and a few did. We managed to scrape together a total weight of 13-12-0 to Airsprung's total team weight of 22-4-8. We'll be back!

Forthcoming Matches

This one!

January 11th, A Shipp Rose Bowl, Christian Malford, downstream.

February 8th, F Britton Shield, Bradford-on-Avon.

March 14th, National Legion Pairs Open, Bradford-on-Avon

Individual Aggregate Positions

A.Hole-83 points, N.Farler & A.Maggs-82 points, G.Welsh-81 points, R.Watts-74 points, R.Hole-73 points, M.Summerhayes-70 points, G.Takle-64 points, E.Brown-61 points, J.Thomas-57 points, A.Iles & B.Lloyd-56 points, P.Mogg-53 points, B.Knight-51 points, S.Cooke-42 points, C.Pursehouse-32 points, D.Thompson-30 points,

L.Waller-24 points, R.Hill-23 points, R.Newton-15 points, B.Hill-12 points, D.Cannock-9 points. Only 3 matches left!

Pairs Aggregate Positions

G.Takle & A.Hole- 35-8-0, N.Farler & M.Summerhayes-32-14-0, S.Cooke & G.Welsh-27-2-0, R.Watts & A.Maggs-26-3-0, J.Thomas & R.Hole-25-2-0, P.Mogg & A.Iles-11-14-0, B.Lloyd & E.Brown-11-8-8, L.Waller & B.Knight-7-6-0. Looks like I need about 40lb to stay in the running!

Birthday Bash!!!

Brian has organised a special 'Birthday Bash' at the Whitehall Rugby Club on January 9th. Live music and buffet available. **Everyone welcome!** Who's birthday? Tommy Ruffe's. Contact Brian on 0117 9676030 for further details.

Other News

☹ Some members seem to have just faded away! Les Gallant, where are you? Is it something we've said? Don't want to keep our company anymore? John Davies, where are you? Is it because we called you 'gopher'? Is it because you're doing something more interesting? Ray Newton, where are you? Is it because you're still rebuilding your bathroom? Is it because you're a Pillock (person from Pill) and you only catch big fish? Do get in touch lads!

☹ January 4th sees one of our members joining the ranks of the OAP brigade. Yes Brian will be queuing up for his bus pass early in the New Year and although he doesn't look his age, he certainly acts it. Bloody Nora!

☹ Good to see Bill Croom on the bank again. Hope you make a complete and full recovery Bill.

☹ Now some good news and some bad news. The bad news is, everyone must buy a Legion Calendar and the good news is, they're only £1.50. Just picture one of these amazing calendars hung up on your kitchen wall. You'll be the envy of all your friends and neighbours. Buy one today!

☹ A very happy Christmas to all club members including those we hardly ever see. Charlie Coombes, Charlie Denny and Den Baker.

See You All Next Year!

