



## Anyone For Christmas Cheer?

Hi Everyone and welcome to the K&H RBL AC Newsletter for December. For those of you reading this before the Christmas match at Woolverton, you'll probably be all fired up and raring to go... to the pub later for a nice hot meal and a jar of ale. Now don't worry about your draw or the fish that will inevitably get away and don't worry if you've had a less than terrific day... cheer up it's Christmas! It's a time for joy, laughter and frivolity. A time for giving and remembering those who have less. A time to remember those who didn't send you a Christmas card and those who bought you some useless or trivial present not fit for the dog. A time to endure hours of total boredom with family members you only ever see at Christmas and a time to catch up on all those repeat programmes on TV. A time to spend money on things you don't even need and a time to binge on food and drink... well here it is happy Crimbo!

### Match Results



#### River Frome, Woolverton, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Where did everyone go? Only 7 die-hards turned out for this easily forgettable contest on a day that was quite unremarkable. Small fish and very small fish were the order of the day and it was down to Mick 'the minnow masher' Stowford to wrinkle out more than his fair share of prize game and lay claim to the spoils. His 8lb-10oz haul almost doubled that of his bosom buddy 'Hippy' who could only manage a 4lb-6oz total for second place. And so all our hard-earned Bristol cash went to help prop up Frome's local economy once more.

#### River Avon, Crane, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2011

I pegged out the stretch in the morning and had to turf off 4 disgruntled anglers, so we must remember to put some notices up next year. Well the river was low and clear and it was a bright sunny day but that didn't stop the pike from going on a feeding frenzy! Almost everyone lost fish to pike or was at least troubled by the critters. Having seen how clear it was my plan of action was to fish a feeder to the deepest part of my swim and it paid off. I only needed 5lb of small roach to score a home win and walk off with the booty. Steve 'Mr Crabtree' Brown, our regular invited guest, took the minor berth with 4lb-10oz, and everyone else came third.

#### River Frome, Woolverton inter-club, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2011

I didn't fish this one as I was in the south of France on my annual vacation. So here's what I have learned since. Top rod (pole) on the day was Hippy 'Whippy' Whitmarsh with a total of 11lb-11oz, which included some specimen perch to 3lb. We always knew they were in there and some of us know that they go bigger than that! In runner up position was Les Williams who fished stick float and caster for 10lb-6oz of mostly quality roach. It was also a rare day for the Legion club as we emerged easy winners of this 3-way inter-club event with a total of 27lb-12oz to the Post Office's 16lb-7oz and Golden Valley's 5lb all out total.

#### River Frome, Woolverton, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011

With the Alcove and main Poppy Appeal matches now behind us it was time to get back to some less serious fishing. Frome Vale AC joined us for this one and we all expected some good weights after the drama of the last match. But alas, it wasn't to be. I drew the weir for the second time this season and was determined to do better than my previous attempt. Starting up in the water with a waggler and single white maggot I managed to get some good perch to 11lb-8oz in the net quite early. I was aware that Happy 'Hippy' Whitmarsh had drawn the Packhorse Bridge so was there was much to do. With only a few minnows coming in the last hour I thought I'd blown it, but as it happens my 5lb-4oz bag of stripeys was enough to send 'Hippy' crashing into second place. His mixed bag of gudgeon, dace and minnows couldn't pull the dial beyond 5lb-1oz, which meant I had finally broken the deadlock. Fanfare please! It was also a pleasing day for the Legion who totalled 22lb-8oz, leaving Frome Vale floundering in our wake with their feeble 5lb-11oz bag.

#### Other News

- As we are now involved in several inter-club matches throughout the season we thought it would be a good idea to smarten ourselves up and start to look more like a club/team instead of a bunch of Afghani refugees. So we're in the process of sourcing some club clothing with embroidered text and logos. We hope to have something to offer you before the end of the river fishing season.
- Club calendars will be on sale as usual priced £2.00, and as in previous years £1.00 will be donated to the **Help For Heroes** charity. Thank you for your support!
- Well all that remains is for me to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year!
- All for now, see you all next year ☺