



The Kingswood Legionnaires' Newsletter

Christmas? Oh NO... Not Another One!!!



It's hard to believe another Christmas is upon us. Seems like only yesterday that we wished each other festive greetings at the Red Lion, Woolverton, before disappearing into the darkness of the night. However, one thing is different this year... do you know what it is yet? Okay, well moving on... I'm tempted to look back at the fishing year thus far but it's just too depressing. In summary it's not been good. I mean, just getting a bite has been like an adrenaline rush for me. How was it for you? Well let me remind you. February, Monkton Park – river in flood. April, Harescome – yuck! August, South Cerney Away Day – disaster! September, Gloucester Canal – dire! October, Crane match cancelled due to flood. October, Staverton – river in flood. So, I don't want to sound like the merchant of doom or anyfink but... bah humbug!... Well nevermind. Let's get on with all the cheery fishing news.

'Swanny' Shreds The Competition On An Out Of Sorts Gloucester Canal

In-form Ian Swanborough showed no mercy at the Glos Canal match held at Rea on Sunday, 22nd September. The crack matchman laid into the fish right from the off, hitting skimmers and roach whilst everyone else struggled to get a bite. Some didn't even manage that with 3 anglers not weighing in at the end of a grueling 5-hour endurance test. Ian's winning 6-15-0 net was almost twice that of second placed Bob Hole who managed to persuade some choice redfins into his waiting keepnet, finishing up with 3-12-0 from end peg no. 1. Ian's travelling companion and partner in crime, Adrian Dennis, sweet-talked his way into third position with a 2-10-0 mixed bag to join the cash feeding frenzy. Below: The 3 Musketeer Glos Canal wonga winners.



Sage Gives The Opposition A Good Stuffing At Staverton Stables...

Glyn Sage drew a mustard peg at Staverton in the latest round of the knockout competition, which also counted towards individual points and the pairs aggregate weights. This match was fished on Sunday, 27th October and also replaced the previous match, which was cancelled on the Crane due to floods. The river at Staverton was also in flood although some of the pegs were just about fishable, making it another hard day for some, notably the 'Billy Blankers' – Glyn attacked his swim with a groundbait feeder to land a small bream and some skimmers for a convincing win totalling 3-09-8. Paul Pitt drew one of the lower numbered pegs and put 1-06-0 on the scales for a comfortable second place ahead of Ian Swanborough.



Alcove Poppy Open, Whitehouse Farm, 3rd Nov



Numbers were down on the previous year for this charity fund-raising event, which attracted a field of 17 fine anglers. Both lakes were in action and it was George's Lake that finally threw up a winner in Matt Challenger who weighed in 15-12-0 of skimmers and F1s from peg 1. I was second with 12-11-0 of chub and F1s from Margaret's Lake. No carp showed on either lake. £200 was raised for the Poppy Appeal.

Bill Milton, RBL Poppy Appeal Match, Chequers to Newbridge – 10th November

Prior to the draw Brian recited the most famous verse of Laurence Binyon's poem "For The Fallen", which signalled the start of yet another special Remembrance Day event. Most of the usual faces turned up for this prestigious event, which was sadly marred by the weather and a flooded river once again. Surprisingly, a section had been included at Chequers, which eventually produced both the winner and second place with both anglers having bream in their catches. First was Craig Fletcher with 4 good bream and some small roach for 19-12-0 and second was an 8lb plus catch from Chequers straight. There were 2 sections (20pegs) on the Crane stretch and not surprisingly only 1-02-0 was needed to collect a section win there.

Jason's Bream Dream Comes True At Monkton Park (And Not An Argonaut In Sight)



Chippenham's Monkton Park played host for this match held on Sunday, 24th November and the river looked surprisingly fishable after recent heavy rains. 13 chirpy anglers put in an appearance, all hoping for a draw in the high numbers, as usually any

peg above No. 10 can be considered a good draw with chub and bream mostly showing up around this section. True to form the top 2 weights came from this area led by Jason Pitman on peg 13 who had some nice bream and bits for a convincing win, weighing in a total of 11-13-0. 2 pegs away on 11, Alan Maggs had chub and skimmers for a total of 6-14-0 to secure 2nd place. Section wins went to Nigel Vigus on peg 14 and Bill Croom on peg 3, who had a nice perch and a skimmer

amongst his quality mixed bag. However, I think I was the real winner on the day after a Kingfisher perched on my rod and brazenly posed for a photo.



Next Match... Xmas Match, Farleigh Wood Lake, 8th December. Followed by a slap-up meal of tasty fish and chips at the Red Lion, Woolverton. Remember last year? We had over 200lb of fish between us with 5 weights over 20lb. Fingers crossed! This match counts for points, knockout and the pairs aggregate.

Who's Where, What's What And How Are You Farin' In The League Tables So Far?

No real disasters or calamities to speak of but it's all been hard work thus far. Runaway rod bender at the minute is in-form Ian Swanborough with 44 points.

I.Swanborough	44
A.Dennis	32
A.Maggs	29
B.Knight	28
G.Sage	27
J.Pitman	27
P.Wyatt	26
L.Wakefield	24
I.Brice	21
T.Humphries	19



And here are the all the pairs aggregate placings...

A.Dennis & P.Wyatt	16.15.5
I.Brice & I.Swanborough	13.00.0
A.Maggs & C.Purshouse	10.07.5
B.Knight & T.Humphries	09.08.0
G.Sage & J.Treasure	07.08.0
J.Pitman & B.Lloyd	03.02.0

Other News... All members please note that **Paul Pitt** has officially changed his surname to Wyatt. I was going to announce that "it was all change at' pit as new Sherriff comes to town"... but I won't ☺

Forthcoming Match – No sooner will the trimmings have come down and we'll all be at it again on 12th January. The Crane beckons gentlemen!

*** Is there something missing in this newsletter? I'm sure there is. Do you know what it is yet?

All for now river warriors ☺ Happy Christmas!