

## The Kingswood Legionnaires' Newsletter

### *And Now The End Is Near, And So I Face, The Final Curtain...*

No it's not my impending epitaph! It's the month of March, which means it's practically curtains down on yet another river fishing season. Has it been a good one? Well, pretty much par for the course I would have to say. As the last match looms ever closer, it's all to play for in the individual champion stakes, with the Chippenham chuckle brothers out in front fighting amongst each other for a slice of the kudos, while the rest of us mere tiny tip watchers look on in awe. However, the way results have been over the last couple of matches I wouldn't like to call it. Also, with an almost 6lb clear lead in the pairs aggregate league the "laughing boys" could well be in for a clean sweep right across the board. "Lady lucky draws" will have the last say in this one I'm sure. Anyway, welcome to the **John Treasure** edition newsletter.

#### **Dark Horse Adrian Gallops Home In The Annual Xmas Extravaganza**

They say the quiet ones are the worst but Adrian Dennis proved to be simply the best on the big day, bringing a fine 6-6-0 mixed bag to the scales. A last gasp Kamikaze chub did help his case but we all need just a little luck sometime. Adrian was drawn on one of the high number pegs at Stowford Manor Farm, a stretch of river that has yet to produce one of its elusive barbel for a Legion angler,

and a venue that can just about accommodate a full Legion contingent. Plucky pegger, Polly Pitt made it to second place with a weight of 3-13-0, and some valuable points in the bag, which propelled him into second position on the individual aggregate leader board. Noticeable by their sheer absence from the event was Johnny Mack and his slightly absent-minded father-in-law, rock steady Eddy, who confessed to getting his dates wrong.

After the fishing it was all back to the Hungerford Arms for pub grub consisting of cheap and cheerful sausages with oven chips and some jolly banter. However, the seating arrangements left much to be desired as we were split into 3 isolated groups. We have suggested a much more convenient plan for next year. The food was okay, the sight behind the bar was eye watering but at least the unexpected £2 a pint Guinness offer was a welcome shock. Well done to Adrian and well done to the "Muppet of the match". This year the coveted award went to veteran John Treasure for his dryish keepnet,



consisting of mainly clean fresh air and a little unheard prayer. John collected his just desserts in good spirits, as the photo shows.

### John Finds Bronze Treasure Over On The Far Side Of Peg 3 At The Crane, Keynsham

The river looked in fine fettle for our club match on the Crane at Keynsham, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017. So it was both surprising and very disappointing to see so many poor weights and 6 total blankers. The river was pushing through a little and most of the colour had dropped out but we think rock salt from the roads may have washed in during recent rains causing a real washout in terms of results.

However, one man and his soft tip rod did manage to rise to the occasion and put an incredible 23-06-0 of quality bream on the scales. Do you recognise him? Yep, it's that man again, only this time he's wearing a different hat! The former 1970's 'stud muffin' cast a groundbait feeder to the far side with worm on the hook to tempt several bream for a runaway victory. His nearest rival was one sandwich short of a picnic, Polly Pitt who conjured up a last cast chub for a total 2-4-8, which has sky-rocketed him well into the lead in the individual points aggregate and 7 points clear of his nearest rival, Leigh Longshanks.



### Even More Treasure Found At Chippenham

John Treasure, the man who just can't stay out of the news lately, found himself once again in the limelight when we fished our very last match at Riverside Drive, Chippenham on 12<sup>th</sup> February. The river was fining down after some heavy rain and was quite clear but it had a steady flow, which made it fishable by stick float or crow quill in some of the swims. However, it did prove to be a bit too turbulent in places but that didn't stop the bigger fish from putting on a bit of a show. John's treasure trove this time round was more silver coloured in nature and comprised 8 half-decent chub for a total weight of 11-2-0. Ian Brice had just over half the winner's weight with 5-14-0 for second and 'Fishy McFishface' Wakefield clawed back some much needed points and a few beer tokens for third with

5-5-0. Paul Pitt came up blank and so drops into 2nd place in the aggregate, 5 points behind Leigh.

### Forthcoming Match...

Our next match, and the last of the river fishing season for 2016/17, is at Barton Farm, Bradford-on-Avon. This important club contest is also an invitation match, so we can expect a few Airsprung AA lads to join us. However, at least we know John Treasure will definitely not win this one as he will be fishing a Frome Vale match on the day.

So, how are you faring in the individual aggregate Club Champion league stakes and the Pairs Challenge Trophy? See for yourself...

Individual Aggregate		Pairs Aggregate	
L.Wakefield	65	L.Wakefield & P.Pitt	39.01.5
P.Pitt	60		
B.Knight	58	A.Dennis & A. Maggs	33.05.5
I.Brice	52		
A.Maggs	51	B.Knight & I.Swanborough	22.14.0
A.Dennis	48		
C.Purshouse	47	S.Jefferies & I.Brice	20.09.0
I.Swanborough	41		
B.Hole	38	C.Purshouse & B.Croom	15.12.5
J.Treasure	38		
B.Croom	34	B.Lloyd & B.Hole	11.10.0
J.Mack	30		
B.Lloyd	20		
R.Lloyd	18		
S.Jefferies	15		
R.Warlock	8		
E.Davis	2		

### Information On Lake Matches For April & May

Just a reminder of the next 2 matches for those who get their dates mixed up and for those who are a little economical in the grey matter league...

**Rushcombe Lake, Bullock Farm, 9<sup>th</sup> April.** This lake has 52 swims, is about 4-5 feet deep and just 10 metres wide. It is a mixed fishery but does hold a good head of carp to 15lb. Several 100lb nets have been hauled out of this lake and the record stands at 216lb from peg 50. Bring plenty of keepnets!

### Farleigh Wood, Farleigh Hungerford, 14<sup>th</sup> May

This lake has approx. 22 swims. Is about 4 feet deep and has an island off centre. It holds lots of carp and skimmers, but good luck trying to catch them.

**Welcome New Member...** A warm welcome to Graham Thompson, who has officially joined our club, and will be aiding John in the 2 forthcoming lake matches.

**Rod License Renewals...** Don't forget!

**Want to fish a club match?** Then pick up the phone and call da man!

**All for now river warriors!**