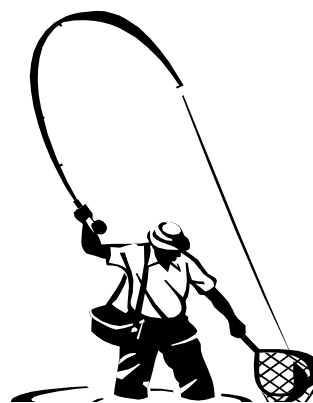


# Kingswood Legionnaires

## Newsletter

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Hi Everyone! As most of you are aware, I moved house recently and things are only just getting back to some kind of normality. However, my businesses are still taking up a lot of my time, hence, another late newsletter.

As we approach the month of November, it's time to think about the annual Poppy Match. I don't need to tell you how important it is for members to support this event, either by competing or by helping out in some way on the day. Apart from its obvious significance, the Poppy Match signals the start of the festive season. Christmas open matches and club 'fur & feather' contests are only weeks away. Join us on the bank and get into the spirit of the occasion. Support the Poppy Match and look forward to Christmas with a clear conscience. You know it makes sense!

### Match Results

#### Coach Outing - Beale Park

Most anglers enjoyed the day trip to Beale Park despite the warm sun and windy conditions. Unfortunately the carp refused to put in an appearance but the bream were gagging for it. At least Mike Kennedy thought so. He managed to find a few good specimens, which earned him first place with 14-5-0. Antony Hole wasn't too far behind with 12-10-0 for second. Everyone else just took it on the chin. Suggestions for next year's outing are now required.

#### Interclub - Swineford

I had to miss this one due to relocating. As it happens, you didn't need my vast experience and expertise, winning the team event quite comfortably with 33-15-8 against Airsprung's 22-7-8. Top rod overall was Steve Cooke with a straight 12-0-0 of chub, doubling the weight of Airsprung's M.Withey, who had a straight 6-0-0. Willy Watts was third overall with 4-10-0 (2<sup>nd</sup> in club results. Tony Rostron managed 3<sup>rd</sup> with 4-2-0, club result).

#### Interclub - Kelston

This interclub contest with Golden Valley was held on the Bathampton, Kelston water. If you fished, you'll recall it was a very hard day (aren't they all?). Eddie Perkins of Golden Valley won hands down with 6-3-0 of roach. Our top rod was new member D. Mogg with 3-0-0. I assume Valley won as they didn't want to embarrass us by announcing the overall team weights. Nice chaps! We'll do the same for them at the next one.

#### W Milton Cup - Candys

It's good to see old members returning to the fold, even if they do walk away with all the dosh. Alan Maggs proved he hasn't lost the magic by winning this one with 7-0-0 of mainly roach. Close behind was Mark Summerhayes with 6-0-0 and way behind in third place was ME with 3-6-0. Way, way behind, was everyone else. What a wet day!

#### Other News

☺ The next swim clearing sessions prior to the Poppy Appeal Open will be on 2nd/3rd November. If you can make any of these dates, give Brian a ring for more details.

☺ Branch memberships are due for renewal now. Let Brian have your subs ASAP. Remember! No renewal - no Xmas match - no exceptions!

☺ Well, it's decided then. The next presentation evening will be held at the Whitehall Rugby Club on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. No karaoke this time, just plain good old live music. So no excuses please! Make a note for your New Year's diary.

☺ Anyone stuck for Christmas prezzie ideas? If you know of someone with a computer, how about some PC software or printer cartridges. Or one of many other PC items. Ask me for a catalogue and price list or visit my web site at [www.asaps.co.uk](http://www.asaps.co.uk)

#### Recognise this geezer?

Yes it's Ray Newton posing with his fish of a lifetime, caught at the Fishponds Lido during our recent interclub match. This 23lb 4oz mirror was the highlight of the day for Ray and put an end to the hopes of Alcove winning on their home water. It's Ray's best fish of his career. This photo was taken by our old mate Roy Garland. If you have any photos of specimen fish or prized catches, let me have a copy and I'll insert them into your newsletter.



#### New Members

A warm welcome to all our new members. This is a friendly club and we don't take our fishing too seriously. You just have to look at our past match results to see what I mean.

#### Ireland Trip

Brian and me had a good time as usual in Ireland this year but it didn't go according to plan. We spent one night trying to sleep in Brian's van because we were locked out of our hotel and I muffed some filming of Brian's best catch of the week. If anyone would like to see the video it should be ready in about a couple of weeks.

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