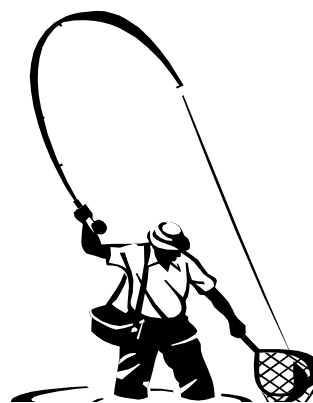


# Kingswood Legionnaires

## Newsletter

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I know of a stretch on the Bristol Avon, well over 2.5 miles long that holds most species of coarse fish. In the past it has produced numerous 100lb nets of bream with fish up to 5.5lb. It has produced pike to 23lb, chub to 5lb, roach to 2lb, perch to over 2.5lb, barbel over 8lb and carp to 24lb. A few years ago, a pleasure angler would stand little chance of getting on this water at a weekend, due to the popularity of club and open matches. Today, this particular section of river is all but neglected by pleasure and match angler alike. Why? Carp holes! Whilst most rivers up and down the country are readily embraced and reclaimed by Mother Nature, armies of anglers descend on 'carp puddles' to get their weekly fix. How sad! You all know this area of waterway I'm talking about. It's quite local. In fact, because you're a Legion member, you can all fish it for free! You might have to clear away some undergrowth but it could be well worth it. Where is it? Swineford, Crane, Jackie Whites and Chequers. Need I say more? Go get 'em!

### Match Results

#### **Interclub – Woodmancote RBL, Warwickshire Avon**

A task force of 13 Kingswood Legionnaires made the trip to Warwickshire and duly defeated the home team. A beautiful section of water was offered to us and we set about the opposition in some style, winning 13-15-0 to 10-14-0. Top rod was Glen Welsh with 4-2-0 followed by a joint second place for Alan Maggs with a straight 4lb.

#### **Interclub – Alcove, Whitehouse Farm**

These waters do not respond well to heavy pressure. Add bright and sunny skies and the resulting one-finger keepnet lift speaks volumes. Alcove's Mick Hibberd was lucky to latch into a 6lb carp, swelling his top weight to 7-8-0. The Legion responded via Bob Hole who managed to collect a total of 5-12-0 for second spot. However, many anglers (mostly ours) had only ounces to show for 5 hours of frustrating effort. On this rare occasion Alcove proved to be the more diligent team amassing a total of 21-7-0 to Legion's 13-15-0 (the same as our last interclub result).

#### **Coach Outing – Broadlands**

Only 18 anglers, of which 14 were club members, bothered to book a place for the annual coach outing. Without members whole hearted support, we cannot continue to run this event in its present format. As a family day out, this trip has run its course. As an 'awayday' for club members, it's up to YOU. Your thoughts and suggestions please.

The match lake looked the business with carp topping all around the island but it was big bream that decided the eventual outcome. The top three weights included good bream and a new club record for Bob Hole. Bob's 6-3-0 specimen knocked Brian Lloyd's name off the record list and helped him to victory with a total of 17-13-0. Golden Valley's Andy Chivers secured second placing with 16-12-0 and Mark Summerhayes cantered into third with 13-2-0.

Brian Lloyd had to miss this one but did anyone miss Brian Lloyd? Well done to Bob Hole for undertaking the organiser's duties.....and winning the match.

### Next Match

#### **September 14<sup>th</sup>, Swineford**

Our old friends Airsprung AA will be joining us for a friendly interclub at Swineford. With very little flow on the river and millions of bleak to contend with, think about alternative baits.

### Poppy Match

The annual Poppy match is looming. Tickets will be on sale shortly and at the same price as last year. As usual we will be looking to you for support in either raising sponsorship, helping out on the day or swim clearing on the specified dates before the match. You can also buy a ticket and compete for one of the many cash prizes. Tell your friends!

### Other News

I have it on good authority that Bill Croom continues to make a steady recovery from his recent operation. Hope all is well Bill and look forward to hearing some of your risqué jokes again soon.

- The Legion welcomes Clive Purshouse to the ranks. If you enjoy peace and quiet and catching fish, you're in the wrong club Clive.
- According to our club tab there is another Star & Garter match at Westerliegh on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Can this be right? Has Ted finally lost it?
- Don't try to get hold of Brian or me from 15<sup>th</sup> September as we'll be in the Emerald Isle. Naturally, we'll be bream bagging and Guinness sinking for a solid 10 days. You'll be drooling over our titillating tales, so ye will.
- We still haven't had any volunteers for the vacant position of Match Secretary. Why? It's an easy job and everyone will love you for it.
- Airsprung AA have taken control of the Barton Farm stretch of river at Bradford-on-Avon, which is good news for our club and the future of the National Pairs Open.