



## *Kingswood Legionnaires*

### "Ve Fish Yoo A Melly Clissmas"

Welcome to the December edition of your favourite publication. Short but sweet as always. By the time you read this we will have just finished fishing our Christmas match and we'll be nestling down for some hot grub and a welcome pint in the "Mill". No doubt there'll be the usual banter and a few sullen faces as we recall the events of the past few hours. Well it's time for excuses so let's see... it was cold... the river was low and the water was clear... and Brian had his silly hat on again. So what did you expect? And we are the Legion after all so it's just par for the course right? Come on! Cheer up it's Christmas you miserable buggers. And on that note, have a nice one and see you all next year.

#### Match Results

##### **Woolverton – 12<sup>th</sup> September (inter-club with Airsprung)**

It was a lovely sunny day way back in September and I couldn't believe my luck when I drew the Packhorse bridge. That was until about 10 minutes before the "all in" whistle. Two black Labradors appeared from nowhere and were swimming right in front of me! The owner arrived, called them out and apologised. Good start! After so much disturbance, I now had no alternative but to fish right over. Then an hour into the match 2 Spaniels dived in on the far side, I almost hooked one of them and did the air turn blue. I had forgotten I knew so many bad words! As a procession of walkers then trampled over the bridge, many peering over the side and with the odd stick being thrown in by some of the local wayward knoblings, I conceded defeat. and I finished up with 3-13-0 of bits. Am I making excuses? No but... but no... it wasn't... whatever. Top gun on the day was Mick Stowford with 7-14-0 and Johnny Thompson was second with 4-7-0. The Legion's harvest was 24-3-0 to Airsprung's 25-15-0.

##### **Stowford Farm – 26<sup>th</sup> September (return i/c with Airsprung)**

I won't ever forget this one! This was the day I lost my beloved pole. Hmm... think I would rather forget it actually. Did anyone else think the pegging was close? Even Rich Watts (bless him) could have done a better job. Again it was a warm day and there was very little flow on the river except where Mick Stowford was drawn. Now there's something uncannily coincidental about having the same name as the venue and drawing the only bit of moving water!?! Well Mick was outright winner with 10-14-0 of quality roach, which boosted our team weight to 17-0-0 against Airsprung's 12-0-0. One of the Airsprung guys got a surprise when he got back to his car... a broken rear window. Seems we were parked too close to the local cricket team pitch.

##### **Crane – 10<sup>th</sup> October**

This club match was also an open invitation to other allied anglers and helped to swell the ranks to 23. And although the

conditions were near perfect, most anglers found that bites suddenly stopped coming after about 90 minutes. Bream were expected from the usual pegs but for some reason, best known to themselves, they decided not to bother showing up. It was down to the roach then to dominate the day and Rich "Hippy" Whitmarsh managed to keep them going all day long. His 11-14-0 was more than enough for a comfortable win and a long way from Bob Hole's second placed offering of 4-6-0.

**Alcove Poppy** – Date changed without notice ☺

##### **Woolverton – 21<sup>st</sup> November (i/club with Golden Valley)**

A total of 15 anglers turned out for this one and as far as I am aware everyone caught a few fish. One of the best pegs on the river was left undrawn and could have produced the winner. (Ask Brian to explain how this came about). Top rod bender on the day was the Valley's Gordon Stone with 11-4-0 of roach and chub, followed by the "Hippy" with 9-6-0 of quality roach and dace... drawn on the Packhorse bridge (I just knew there were fish there ☺) Legion 31-14-0 – G/Valley 22-4-0.

#### **Aggregate positions - How are you faring?**

1<sup>st</sup> M.Stowford 37 points – 2<sup>nd</sup> B.Knight 29 points – 3<sup>rd</sup> B.Hole 26points – 4<sup>th</sup> R.Whitmarsh 18 points – Joint 5<sup>th</sup> B.Croom & B.Lloyd 17 points – Joint 7<sup>th</sup> J.Thompson & J.Mack 14 points – 9<sup>th</sup> C.Thompson 11 points – 10<sup>th</sup> A.Maggs 9 points – 11<sup>th</sup> C.Pursehouse 8 points – 12<sup>th</sup> E.Davis 6 points.

#### **Pairs Aggregate**

1<sup>st</sup> J.Mack & M.Stowford 24-10-0 – 2<sup>nd</sup> B.Hole & J.Thompson 19-8-5 – 3<sup>rd</sup> B.Knight & B.Lloyd 16-6-5 – 4<sup>th</sup> A.Maggs & B.Croom 9-8-5 - 5<sup>th</sup> E.Davis & C.Purshouse 5-6-0

**Heaviest Fish B.Lloyd chub 2-7-0 – Heaviest Roach M.Stowford 1-2-0**

**Next match – 9<sup>th</sup> January Crane**

**Next club meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> January**

**All for now!**

