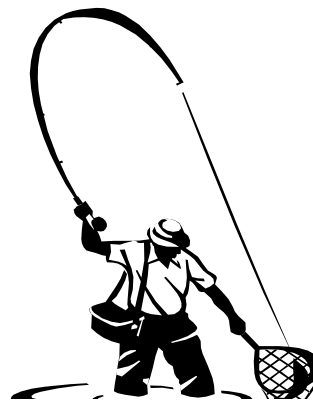


# Kingswood Legionnaires

## Newsletter

June 2003



For convenience, most of you will be receiving a copy of this newsletter at the AGM. This year's gathering will be a little different from previous meetings, simply because it will include the presentation of club trophies. At its pinnacle of popularity, the presentation evening was indeed a grandiose affair. There was much back-slapping, admiration and a real sense of individual achievement for each recipient as he walked to and then back from the illustrious top table, clutching his well deserved glittering prize. Audience appreciation, by way of rapturous applause, was bestowed upon each and every beneficiary during an awesome evening of pure self indulgence. Friendly chatter would pass amongst the guests as they tucked into their array of buffet snacks whilst downing volumes of inexpensive liquor. Upwards of 100 expectant revellers would gladly rifle through their pockets in search of small coin, in exchange for salmon colored raffle tickets whilst casting a glance at the laden basket of fruit or the litre bottle of whiskey. The merriment was relentless and would continue into the late hours accompanied by music, dance and song. We had also on occasion, witnessed the inception of some novel traditions. In particular, the 'tie' award and the passing of the 'Pairs Trophy', from which everyone would tentatively sip at the unspecified contents. Sadly, we have come to the end of an era. Member's indifference, apathy, lack of interest and concern (together with no suitable venue) has sealed the fate of this presentation and social event 'ad infinitum'. If anyone can play a bugle, I would like to request 'The Last Post' in remembrance of what for me, was always a very special and enjoyable occasion.

### Match Results

#### **Plantation Lake**

This match was held on the new lake and results can only be described as abysmal. A relatively poor attendance did nothing to liven the spirits but at least Ted Bethel was able to raise a wry smile. He came out tops with a 2-13-0 haul of bits. In second place and just one ounce behind was Ian Chapple with 2-12-0. What more can I say?

#### **The Willows – K&A canal**

I was quite surprised at the low weights in this match. I have fished this section of canal on several occasions and have seen many double figure weights brought to the scales, including nets of 20lb plus. Well, we are the legion and by now, nothing should really surprise me. The first hour was probably the most productive with decent sized skimmers showing an interest. During the rest of the match we just drowned bugs, except for the occasional 'soft suck' from some of the tiny resident roach. I had it all to do, as I pledged to give up fishing for good if I didn't catch at least 5 lb. A late tench saved me from a fate worse than death and helped me clinch the top spot with a 5-11-0 bag of mostly skimmers. Anthony Hole secured second position from the end peg with 4-11-0. A few 'good' fish were lost throughout

#### **Next Match**

#### **F Issacs Cup 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Our next match will be the first river match of the season and as usual will be held at Queenfield Farm. We will most likely meet up in the car park at Laycock for 7.30. Please try to be quiet on arrival at the farm and please close all gates behind you. The draw will be in the field at 8.00am.

### Other News

#### **Coach Outing – August 16th**

There has been a change to the venue for this year's coach outing. We had originally intended to go to Linear fisheries but their policy of not taking bookings in advance and the fact that all the lakes hold very large carp has deemed this venue unsuitable. Instead we will be re visiting Broadlands in Southampton. If you can remember, the last time we fished there we were put on the canal. Roy Garland 'stole' some of our money by finishing in the frame so this year we are going to be on one of the match lakes. Roy doesn't like lake fishing as he proved at Pallington, so we should be quite safe this time. The lakes hold a variety of fish so if the carp are a little moody, there's lots of silver fish to go for. You can bring guests including children and they will spend the day shopping or sightseeing in Southampton. We will be stopping for food and drink on the way back as usual. If you intend to fish please let Brian know as soon as you can.

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- Den Baker has been unwell recently. We wish you a speedy recovery Den.
- Amalgamation tabs are still on sale at a reduced price from Brian. But not for long! Give him a ring if you want one. 0117 9676030
- If you haven't already, don't forget to renew your rod license. Rod licenses expired on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Don't get caught out. You have been warned!
- Bill Croom has a feeder rod and a trolley for sale. Give him a ring on 0117 9651913. It's a bargain!
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All for now!