



## *Kingswood Legionnaires*

Welcome fellow rod-benders, to the May edition of your Legion club newsletter. It's that time of the year again, when you can have your say about how your club is run. If you want to change a rule, suggest a new rule, vote in a new committee member or just get something off your chest, then get your proposal into Brian before the AGM, but don't forget to attend and witness the outcome. If you have a trophy to collect then please make sure you **do** attend this important meeting to collect it! You'll find a list of trophy winners below. All existing club members and any lapsed members, who may be considering rejoining, are very welcome. Remember! You no longer have to be a member of a Royal British Legion branch to be a member of our fishing club. And don't forget! Club membership includes some great fishing on the river Frome at Woolverton. See you all at the AGM on **Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.**

### Match Results

#### **National Legion Pairs Open – Bradford-on-Avon**

All credit to the lads at the Tilehurst Legion for a well organised match and for hastily rearranging the draw after the Three Horseshoes 'caught a cold'. Kingswood Legion put forward 3 pairs and our best placing was a disappointing 10<sup>th</sup> position. However, there was enough joviality and banter afterwards, especially from the Ellesmere Port lads, to warrant a definite return next year.

#### **Ted Brown Trophy – Semington - April 15<sup>th</sup>**

This match was very memorable for two reasons. The unseasonable scorching hot weather and the amazingly unusual Legion catch returns. Despite heavy boat traffic on the canal, and what seemed like a 'Tour de France' bicycle race combined with a London Marathon on the towpath, this venue 'fished it's socks off'. The fish fed continuously from start to finish and was probably one of the most productive Legion matches I have witnessed in a long time. Although only 7 anglers bothered to wet a line, all were adequately rewarded with a good day's sport, which totalled an incredible 79lb-12oz. Antony Hole put in an admirable performance and claimed the honours with a convincing 24-6-0 net of mainly skimmers. I managed to squeeze into second place with 10-14-0, followed closely by John Thomson with 10-5-0 and Clive Purshouse with 10-0-0. Roll on next April.

#### **May Trophy - Bromham - May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Known as Burbrook Reservoir, this was a new venue for the Legion, and as such we didn't really know what to expect. In any event, whatever might have been expected was soon washed away by the relentless and torrential rain

It was a case of carp or bust and the only way they could be tempted to feed was to present a bait right into their living quarters, situated tight into the margins. I was lucky enough to draw peg 14, which had all the ingredients you'd expect for harbouring typical skulking carp. However, they proved to be very choosy over the menu I offered them, so I had to resort to hair-rigged meat to tempt them from their comfy lair. The final result was 8 small carp in the net and 5 larger fish still on the run. My 14-8-0 was just enough to win over Chris Thompson's quietly accrued 13-2-0. Section places went to Glen Welsh with 12-0-0 and John Thompson with 5-10-0. Nice to see Charlie Denny back on the bank with us

### **Next Match**

The first match of the river fishing season will be on the river Frome at Woolverton on 17<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Trophy Winners Season 2006/7**

Is your name here? Then collect your trophy at the AGM.  
**Bob Hole – Antony Hole – Glen Welsh – Bill Croom - Mark Summerhayes – Gary Takle – John Thompson – Steve Cooke – Clive Purshouse**

### **Other News**

There's not enough room to put all 12 matches booked at Woolverton for the 2007/8 season, so if you're planning a pleasure session, contact Brian and check availability.

To help boost numbers on the bank for both the Legion and Post Office clubs this season, members of both clubs are invited to attend each other's matches. The Post Office have matches booked at Viaduct and Landsend and places will be available to Legion members. For a full list contact Brian.

Don't forget to renew your rod license. Here's to a great season of river fishing...**All For Now**