

## *Kingswood Legionnaires*



Once again, Christmas is almost upon us and yet another year is slowly drawing to a close. A time to reflect on events over recent years, take stock of where we are now as a club, and perhaps where we may be going in the future. We're no longer involved in the organisation and running of the Poppy match, we're no longer organising the Legion Pairs National, we don't have a presentation social evening, we've given up our annual coach outing, our membership has dwindled to an all-time low, our president has walked out on us and nobody wants to be our match secretary. But it's not all doom and gloom. We're one of the few remaining river fishing clubs and that's something to be proud of. We get the opportunity to fish miles of unspoiled river set in beautiful countryside, with hardly ever another angler in sight. We have almost unlimited access to 5 fields of the Somerset Frome at Woolverton and our interclub matches are as popular as ever. And we still have our traditional Christmas match. So.....who's up for a bagging session at Landsend Fisheries next week? ☺

### **Match Results**

#### **Bill Milton Cup - Woolverton - Oct 8<sup>th</sup>**

It's great to see the Woolverton stretch has now been permanently pegged. What a time saver and very useful for identifying those hot spots. Eleven turned out to compete in this match, which isn't bad all things considered. Pegging went up to and included the weir, which isn't always a dead cert in producing a winning weight as Steve Cooke will testify. It was a day for the lower numbered pegs to produce and I was fortunate enough to draw one. 6-15-0 of roach was all that I needed to secure first place and John Thompson's 5-15-0 was sufficient to take the runner up position. Everyone caught fish on what turned out to be a pleasant autumn day.

#### **Inter-club – Golden Valley – Swineford – Oct 15th**

The Legion received a right pasting in this interclub match, held at Swineford. And it was all because someone turned up late and an extra peg had to be found to accommodate him. It was decided to put an extra peg at the beginning instead of the end section, which put lucky angler Chris Trevellyan just below the outfall. Casting out into the foaming water he just couldn't go wrong as bream after bream queued patiently for his worm offering. His eventual 87-2-0 was easily enough to beat the Legion lad's total weight on its own. Storming up the rear in second place was Dave Bryant, another Golden Valley stalwart, whose smaller bream bag pulled the scales round to 19-2-0. Our best effort in reply went to Glen Welsh, who on peg 3 put together a hard-earned total of 7-1-0. If you don't want to know the final score, skip reading this bit now...

K&H Legion 39-2-0. Golden Valley 156-12-0

#### **Inter-club – Airsprung - Cancelled**

Unfortunately this match had to be cancelled as it inadvertently

clashed with another Airsprung fixture. However, not to be put out some of our lads muscled in on a Post Office match at Woolverton. Top weight was 12-8-0 of roach from peg 4. Clive Pursehouse came out top of the Legionnaires with 3-6-0

### **Next Match**

Just in case you've forgotten, our next event is the Christmas match, which this year will be held at Woolverton on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Draw 8.30 on the car park field and back to the pub for sausage and chips afterwards

### **Other news**

This year's poppy appeal match, organised by Bill Milton and Ray Bazeley was well attended with 110 entrants. Apart from a few misunderstandings over pegging, the event was a success and weights were generally very good. Over £700 was raised for the appeal.

It would appear that Ray Newton, one of our long-standing members will be out of action for a while, due to the effects of sciatica. As a long-time sufferer myself I know exactly what he's going through. Get well soon mate.

Well done to Antony Hole who won the Alcove poppy appeal match on November 5<sup>th</sup> with 9-8-0.

The Angler's Mail feature I mentioned in the last newsletter was published on October 31<sup>st</sup>. If you'd like to see the report, ask me or Brian.

Anyone else up for a trip to Ireland next September? We need a car owner/driver to join myself, Brian and Clive. Contact us for more details.

Tony Rixon has a new book out. It's an amusing account of his experiences spanning more than 30 years and includes hot tips for catching carp from match lakes. Take a look at his website: [www.tonyrixon.co.uk](http://www.tonyrixon.co.uk)

**MERRY CHRISTMAS.....**See you all next year.