

The Kingswood Legionnaires' Newsletter

Kingswood RBL Angling Club Officer Found Drunk & Naked In Tesco Car Park... Again

Police arrested a 76 year old RBL fishing club official last weekend, who was said to be acting in a lewd and indecent manner in a public place. When questioned about his behaviour he said he was celebrating in favour of FGR, which despite what you might be thinking, does not stand for Fisherman's Genitalia Regeneration, it's actually Forest Green Rovers. Apparently the tiny herbivorous football club has just won promotion to the English Football League. *Okay... so what's going on here? What's this all about?*

Well, there's been a lot in the media just lately about "fake news". Seems like it's not easy to determine what real news is anymore. So who can you trust to report the facts these days? Well, as you're aware, you can always rely on factual reporting when it comes to your Legionnaires' Newsletter. It's probably the ONLY publication you really can trust for honest and unbiased reports... wouldn't you agree?

One Ounce Separates Top Two In Final River Match... Legionnaires Miss Out On Top Booty

The final match of the river season was held at Barton Farm, Bradford-on-Avon, on 12th March and was well attended with 21 anglers from both the RBL and Airsprung AA. The river looked spot on for bream, as it was just fining down after some heavy rain, which saw the river rise to bank level just a few days earlier. With bream in mind then, everyone was looking to draw a high number, or at least above peg number 12. Going into this match, the individual aggregate scores were quite close between Leigh Wakefield, Paul Pitt and Bill Knight with 65, 60 and 58 points respectively, so it was all to play for. Leigh and Paul were ahead by more than 6lb in the pairs aggregate so it looked like they were definitely going to lift some silverware at the end of the day, barring a major disaster.

The draw didn't pan out well for any of the Legion boys, with me drawing peg 2, Leigh on peg 10 and Paul on end peg 21, which was probably best of the bunch. Other Legion rank and file were to draw either side of the bream pegs. No big surprise then when the Airsprung contingent netted the top 3 cash prizes with bream in their nets. First in the queue at the paymaster's purse was Airsprung's

Steve Green with 43-4-0 of bream to 5lb, closely followed by Airsprung's Terry Scott, an ounce behind with 43-3-0, and that old bushwhacker "Hippy" in third place with 10-15-8. Paul Pitt took section 2 with 6-15-0. However, top Legion rod



once again was Adrian Dennis, who is beginning to make a name for himself in these club events, (I'd better not say exactly what that name is) with 7-2-0. Paul's section win also helped him to reduce his points

deficit... but only by 2, leaving Leigh a clear winner with 72 points overall and 6 points ahead of me. Well done Leigh but listen out for the Chairman's "curse" in all future events. ☺

Old Father Ted Rises To The Occasion At Rushcombe... Leaves Youngsters In Tears

This was a Kingswood Legion Members only match and attracted a field of 16 anglers. Johnny Thompson made a welcome appearance but his side-kick, Graham must have jinxed him as he

failed to catch. However, he wasn't the only one who struggled on a lake that was at best 24" deep and much less in places. I could only find 18" of water down the middle with probably not much more than 9" on the far side. Maybe size doesn't matter but depth certainly does! On their Bullock Farm website, it states that Rushcome Lake has 4 feet of water, (They must have measured bank to bank) so it seems we were robbed. Perhaps it wouldn't have been too bad if there had been a few



silvers in the lake, but it came down to either carp or nothing. Personally, I didn't like it and I wouldn't go there again. Well that's the moaning out the way... Ted Bethel is a regular to the area and quite often takes part in matches at neighbouring Acorn Fisheries. (not a favourite of mine either) So, he had a good idea that paste

was a safe bet and it sure did the trick. The steadfast veteran put together a very tidy 31-10-0 to take the spoils. Paul Pitt, who was on the next peg came a close second with 29-5-0 and Fishy McFishface, who was on the other side of Ted came third with 20-12-0. Well done Ted! *(Pretty as a picture)*

Treasure Trove Declared On Peg 9 At Farleigh Wood... Peg 8 Gets A Close Sniff!

Although some members were unable to attend for various reasons, this venue appears to be losing appeal for others, as only 10 turned out for this one. Fed up with lakes already are we?



The man fast building a reputation for pulling out the plum pegs recently is John "The Gem" Treasure, and in this latest competition he did it again. John dew peg 9 and attacked the small resident carp with meat close in on his right margin, where

the tree branches protrude from the surface. Needless to say he lost a couple, but still managed

to bag 24-11-0 of the blighters to take the small kitty. At the other side of the tree, on peg 8, was Billy "The Kid" Croom, who also targeted carp but chose to go with pellet just off the end of the tree with the protruding branches that grow out of the water... (WTF am I babbling on about?)... Anyway, Bill dragged in 22-15-8, just one small carp short, or one short carp short of the mark to take second place and with much fanfare. Top silvers went to yours truly but I wouldn't blame anyone if they asked for a steward's enquiry on that one ☺ Unluckiest rod on the day was Leigh "Longshanks" who magically drew the flyer, peg 1, and then fluffed it after being dramatically cursed. (Oh! dat 'ole black magic just keep on rollin' along, yeh!)

Next Match... Next Match... Next Match...

In case you need any reminding the next match is on the river at Keynsham on June 18th, which is Father's Day. Now who wouldn't want to go fishing on Father's Day? And the Crane will be a welcome sight for many I'm sure.

AGM... AGM... AGM... AGM... AGM... AGM...

Our next AGM will be held on Monday 5th June at 8.30pm at the usual place. If you get there early you can sit in on our normal monthly meeting, which kicks off at 8pm. Come and witness the wheels of club politics in motion. If you have any proposals for the AGM you must put them in writing, or email, and get them to the secretary in advance. You cannot bring them with you and expect them to be discussed without notice.

If you have a trophy or two to pick up please make an effort to attend and collect it, or them. Here are the names of this year's trophy winners: Paul Pitt, Leigh Wakefield, Alan Maggs, Adrian Dennis, John Treasure and Bill Croom. New tabs will be on sale on the night and on the bank at our first match and forever thereafter. See Brian.

***** Heaviest Fish and Heaviest Roach Trophies...** We just need to clarify that the onus is on the angler to register a large fish or specimen roach. It MUST be witnessed and recorded on the weigh sheet at weigh-in.

Welcome New Members... A warm welcome to Kevin Murch who has finally saved up enough money to join our little club. Kevin has been guesting for the past few years and now realises there is no real competition to worry about, handing over his subs with a wry smile. Also welcome to Mark James, who I believe might be helping out with B&W Federation bailiffing duties.

Want to fish a club match? Then pick up the phone and call da man! 01179 676030

All for now river warriors!