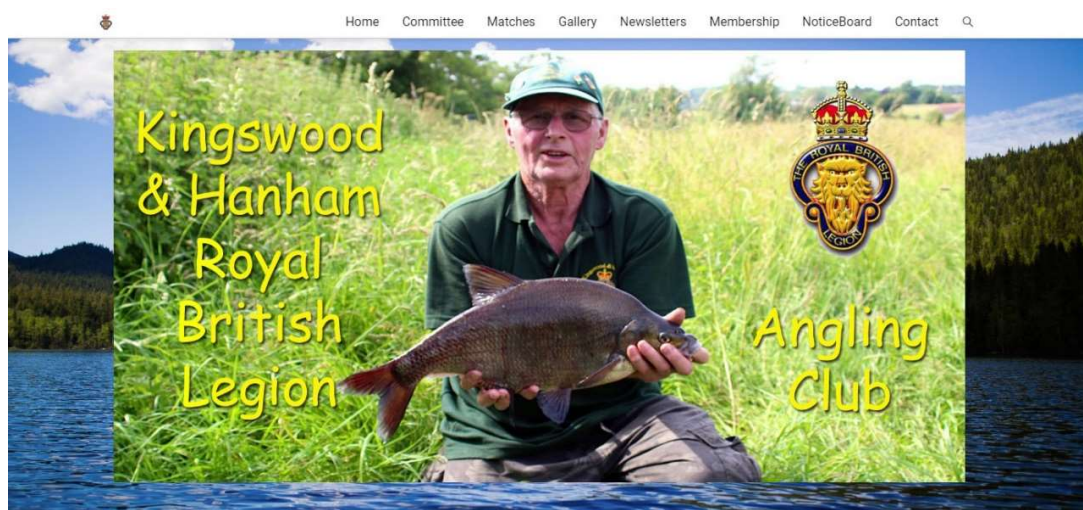


K&H RBL AC

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The Kingswood Legionnaires' Newsletter

It's All Systems Go As The K&H RBL AC Website Goes Live



Welcome to the Kingswood & Hanham
RBL Angling Club

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Well it's official. We now have a website loaded with valuable and exciting club information. So, now there's no need to call me up in the middle of the night to ask when the next match will be or text me about your missing or lost newsletter. Don't be surprised to see a few ads appear here and there in a few weeks' time because the domain name and hosting costs a few quid and hopefully I can recover some of the costs. Hope you like it but if you don't then click off! - **www.kingswoodangling.co.uk**

Adrian Delivers A Deadly Double Whammy Blow At Barton Farm

Adrian Dennis stepped up to the mark and delivered a convincing win at Barton Farm on Sunday 14th July. He also stamped his authority on the Pairs Challenge Trophy by helping to secure a pairs win alongside partner Paul Pitt. The contest attracted a Legion contingent of 12 good men plus one, who were greeted by a sluggish and crystal clear river under bright and sunny blue skies. Adrian's total weight of 5-12-0 was enough to keep Alan Maggs at bay who finished well behind with a total of 4-02-0 for second place. Yours truly scraped home in third place with 3-15-0. ☺

Pairs Match Winners, 2019 at Barton Farm.



Legionnaires Suffer Humiliating Defeat At The Hands Of The Whitehouse Alcovies

Even though the K&H RBL outnumbered Alcove AC, 8 to 6, we were still out-manoeuvred at the annual interclub match held at Whitehouse Farm on 4th August. Their top sniper, Bill Ferris, put 42-13-0 on the scales, above match organiser Tony Welsby who plucked out 36-02-0 for second, pushing our top gun, Paul Pitt, into third place with 34-02-0. Alcove's total weight was an impressive 131lbs compared to the Legion's feeble 97lbs total.

The Pit Man Pummels The Pitiful Pits At The Annual AwayDay Non-Extravaganza

Our annual awayday jollyup, on 18th August, saw us once more converge on South Cerney lakes situated in the heart of the Cotswolds. This year we had selected to fish Walters' Lake, a mere stone's throw from where most of us had threatened to take our lives last year, after such a dismal encounter. Apart from a slight delay due to road closures, we all arrived in plenty of time to have a cuppa, a wander, some banter and get the draw under way. We had been allocated Red Lane, which as its name suggests, should have sent warning signs of potential doom and disaster. To be fair, apart from a very noisy and busy road immediately behind us the venue wasn't too bad, if compared to somewhere like Harescombe match lake for example. However, it was a bit peggy shall we say, inasmuch as you needed to be on an end peg to score a decent weight but with only 2 end pegs, it was a lottery... and just luck of the draw.



End pegged 'youngster' Jason Pitman came up trumps with a creditable catch of 65-00-0 for first place, pushing the other end-pegger, Kev Murch, into second place with his total weight of 48-01-0. John Treasure did well to coax 32-01-0 from the far bank on pellet but as for the rest, it was a bit of a

struggle to say the least. New boy Tony Humphries, walked off with the top silvers prize. So, that's it for South Cerney and its pitiful pits. Let's have some suggestions for next year's venue. Todber Manor? Witham Friary? Edney Lakes? Or is there somewhere else you might like to try? All suggestions welcome.

Not Quite The Swan Song For Old Swanny At Sunny Staverton

The river at Staverton was the venue for our next round of the Individual Aggregate, Pairs Challenge, Knockout and also an Inter-Club match with Airsprung AA. This match took place on September 8th and with the river running clear below beautiful bright sunny skies it was

always going to be a tough one. I certainly thought so as I didn't get a bite until 40 minutes into the match. It was then tiny fish all day long with just the odd 4-6oz specimen showing up at various locations along the river. Despite the poor fishing this is still a venue to savour with nothing but birds singing in the trees and the odd kingfisher flying by every now and then. It's so nice to get away from walkers, dogs and boats and fully concentrate on a day's fishing without being forever interrupted. Personally, I'd be happy to sit on the bank at Staverton and not catch anything... er



not... but you know what I mean. So, top legion rod on this event was Ian Swanborough with 4-07-0 from permanent peg 21, although he actually came second in the match to ex-legionnaire Rich 'Hippy' Whitmarsh who won with 5-10-8 from peg 2. Potty pegger, Polly Pitt came close with 4-04-0 from peg 3, taking 3rd

prize with Bob Hole and Alan Maggs sharing a section payout for their 3-08-0 apiece. The Kingswood Legionnaires won the day.

Who's Where, What's What And How Are You Farin' In The League Tables?

It's still early days but interesting to see how the aggregate tables are shaping up. Here are the top 10.

I.Swanborough	35
A.Maggs	29
B.Knight	28
A.Dennis	28
L.Wakefield	24
I.Brice	21
J.Pitman	19
P.Pitt	16
G.Sage	16
C.Purshouse	14

And here are the top 4 pairs

A.Dennis & P.Pitt	15.07.0
I.Brice & I.Swanborough	11.13.0
A.Maggs & C.Purshouse	10.07.5
B.Knight & T.Humphries	09.05.0

Next Match... The glorious Gloucester canal at Rea will be the venue for our next great adventure. I already know about the weather forecast for the day but I'm not saying anything yet.

Forthcoming events... The Crane on October 13th followed by Staverton on the 27th.

All for now river warriors ☺