



# MKAA VETERANS

**Dateline:**           **1st September 2010**

**Venue:**               **GU Canal Galleon**

## **Blooming Eck – It's all change!**

A panic phone call late on Monday revealed that our venue for Wednesdays match – Bradwell Lake was affected with a widespread bloom and totally unfishable and as a result, it was decided to change the venue to the Galleon stretch of the canal as it was the closest venue to Bradwell and offered members the opportunity to get to the draw on time. Now this was a double edged sword as some of the group would not have had the opportunity to obtain the usual canal baits but these things do happen alas from time to time but then there were others who shared their bait supplies out – friendship as it should be!

In true fashion, Ken Mott volunteered to peg out the venue and the match went ahead without any major hitches. The draw as always plays a major part and if the straight doesn't fish, then the basin is as ever the place to be -- and so it proved. Pegged first past the narrows, Steve Wright got amongst some early skimmers and was without doubt the pace setter on the straight, where the rest of us were struggling for bites. In the basin, stalwart Chalky White was also getting amongst some skimmers and like Steve was the pace setter here and most of the anglers in this area were catching fairly regularly, all-be-it small fish but at least they were catching. Back on the straight and Mick Heffron was seen netting a decent fish and early thoughts of it being a skimmer were dispelled when Mick revealed it was a roach which tipped the scales at an impressive 1lbs 3ozs! As for the rest of us it was simply a job of getting your head down to keep small fish coming.

At the all out, those who stayed the course all remarked how poorly this fished for most and although the top weight came from the straight, the next 4 were all from the basin which goes to prove the earlier point. So, for the results, we were pleased to note some new faces receiving the coin.

1st	Steve Wright	6lbs 5ozs
2nd	Chalky White	5lbs 13ozs

A Section – Equal – Paul Neave and Terry Valentine 5lbs 1oz

B Section – Mick Reynolds       3lbs 15ozs

Don't forget now, the top 15 of each match gain points for the Ted Brown trophy which runs for 1 year from the Furzton festival. No weigh = no points.

Am away for the next 2 matches on a favourite venue of mine – the river Trent practicing and then fishing the Civil Service UK Championships having qualified to represent the Eastern Region along with Phil and Pam Mason Earlier in July. Let's hope the draw will be kind to us and we can retain the title we won last year.

*Roachman*