

WILLOWBRIDGE MARINA/MILL ROAD 16TH NOV 2011

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CALVERTON ROAD & BRUSHMILL 23RD NOV 2011

Double report this week due to unusual workload. Firstly, the planned visit to Riverside once again had to be re-arranged as the river is still low with insufficient pegs available. In short, the expected weights from Willowbridge did not materialise and most of the better weights came from Mill Rd. With good anglers pegged on the best pegs at Willowbridge even they struggled to get fish interested and the rest of us really found the going tough to say the least. Meanwhile ... those on Mill Rd – going up to manorfields found the skimmers ready and waiting! Paul Neave on the end peg there caught from the off on punch and made the most of a good peg. The next best weight came from our very own England Veterans team member Terry Lancaster who again caught from the off but only very small fish on the punch at 5 meters from his peg near the fuel pump area on willowbridge and then the next weights all came from the Mill road areas. A very disappointing day for most and no-where near the weights we expected but that seems to be the norm for the canal this year for whatever reason.

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| 1 st | Paul Neave 3lbs 11ozs |
| 2 nd | Terry Lancaster 3lbs 8ozs |
| A section | Mick Heffron 3lbs 6ozs |
| B section | Bob Gale 2lbs 9ozs |

So now this week's foray on the river at Calverton Rd and Brushmill. Everyone knew before the start that the draw would play the most important part of the day's events and so it proved. We have to thank Ken Mott for doing an excellent job on the pegging out as the banks and the river are definitely testing even the best this year so far. When certain pegs came out of the draw bag everyone knew it was game over but everyone gave it their best before the inevitable early bathers gave it second best. The hot area on Ousebank way once again triumphed and then the expected back up weights from the early pegs on Brushmill failed to produce and it was Ernie Sattler on two below Passenham footbridge who drew gasps from those watching his catch being weighed as he 'charmed' two very impressive chub – one of 6lbs 8ozs and the other 5lbs 15ozs to his net. No info on what they fell to but they obviously took a liking to whatever he used. On Ousebank way, Tony Richardson follows on with his impressive form of late with a brilliant weight from one above the weir and Alan Ford drew the same peg that he had a recent win off, but for me it was 'Buffy' Ash on peg one who took his section with a good weight from his area.

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| 1 st | Tony Richardson | 27lbs 12 ozs | All perch on worm |
| 2 nd | Alan Ford | 13lbs 15ozs | All perch on worm |
| A section | Rupert (Buffy) Ash | 4lbs 1oz | |
| B section | John Harvey | 4lbs 5ozs | |
| C section | Ernie Sattler | 12lbs 12ozs | |

With no rain still in the offing, next week's match has been switched from Riverside (again) to Deans Road – now there's a challenge if ever you needed one and with Cosgrove lock closed for repairs there could be a severe shortage of boats and therefore colour!! Hey Ho – whatever.

Roachman