

**MKAA VETERANS**  
**HEYFORD FISHERIES 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2012**

**FURTHER DISAPPOINTMENT FOR ALL – BAR ONE!!**

For our latest venue 'Out of Town', this was our second visit here this year and we were hoping for better results than last time – however we were to find things even worse with gin clear water clarity and falling leaves making life very hard and difficult.

In short this was definitely a match to forget as the only fish that seemed to want to feed were very small perch and if you had some cover then this was a huge bonus. The only angler to buck this was Ernie Sattler who tempted one carp to the net but lost a further two at the net with all fish coming to red maggot on a 20 hook fished tight to the far bank. In fact the top three weights all came from the first 3 pegs used so I have to say from experience at this venue the fish had moved to their winter quarters and were without doubt tightly grouped. On the back straight Martin Cunniff, Paul Chapman and Dick Peerless all had leaf problems which resulted in Paul having to move as he just could not get through them despite on two occasions getting bites but no fish which was very frustrating for him. Dave Mac on the end pegs lost a carp and had to sit it out until the last hour before some roach made an appearance as was the case for Ian Greenhood next door to Dave whilst Paul Hamilton on the end peg (second time here for Paul) must have been very confident but this time no carp at all.

With the lack of activity some anglers were walking which definitely does not help on this venue but I can understand their frustrations. This is a very attractive venue and has great facilities but the fishing is hard to say the least but usually does produce with patience and perseverance – but not today. I don't know what will happen to the vets next year when I retire from office but I doubt that they will include this venue in any programme as the journey out doesn't justify the returns. In addition, it has become a real headache trying to find venues which was why we decided to give the commercials a try this year. We cannot fish the lakes all the time as this causes aggro with pleasure and carp anglers, the increased aggro on canal towpaths coupled with increased boat traffic and owners mooring up usually taking what parking there is available makes the canal less popular with anglers in general and with increased bank erosion on the rivers making this unsafe for the older generation we certainly need an alternative but what can that be? Who said that life is easy?

Well for today's result – yet another Ernie benefit day but I have to say that yet another 'nearly' in the frame day for one of the nicest and easiest people to meet – Dick Peerless who stuck it out and caught without complaint – a rare quality in this day and age!!

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ernie Sattler	3lbs 12ozs – 1 carp and 6 small perch – red maggot
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mick Reynolds	2lbs 8ozs – small perch to pinkie
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dave Lewis	2lbs 2ozs – small perch to pinkie

So, next week we go to the canal at Mill Road and it will be interesting to see how it fishes after the predicted cold spell we are to get this weekend.

*Roachman*