

MKAA VETERANS

REPORT FROM THE GARDEN SHED 16TH JANUARY 2013



ANOTHER CANCELLATION

When the weather forecasters **are** right we just have to take notice. Leaving it rather later than I had intended I finally called this week's listed match on the canal at Cosgrove and the Baileys off and boy was that the right decision as the severe drop in temperature put nearly half an inch of ice on my water butts, the canal would have been the same but worse than that the temperature never rose above freezing all day - if we had fished we would have had to constantly keep breaking the ice - no joke and any boat owners in residence would not have been amused either!

So, just what can we do in these conditions? Well there is always tackle to be cleaned and sorted but after previous cancellations there isn't much left to sort - used rigs replaced including the thought wrenching 'Now what was that one for?' then items previously 'lost' had been found and placed back in a 'safe' place - LOL - probably not to be found again till the next cleaning session!! Not the conditions to be able to do much in the garden either but have managed to find a good supply of manure and got the areas mucked over that I wanted to so not all was lost.

One important piece of news is that Ian Greenhood is taking over running the vets when I retire mid-march and I wish him all the very best. Terry Valentine has been hard at work compiling the next fixture list and I can now give you an **EXCLUSIVE** - we are to have an Inter Vets competition with Towcester Vets to be held on Stockton Reservoir which is located north of Southam and approx. 20 mins from Daventry. This was part of the old British Waterways complex of reservoirs - Clattercote, Boddington (and Stockton) to keep the canal system topped up. It is a bit of a journey but once a year should not be a problem for most and the fishing by all reports is excellent with average roach nets of 17lbs, bream carp and perch in abundance so this should be a great day out.

Finally this week I have looked at the current standings in this period's Ted Brown Trophy and the top 10 placing's are: 1st John Hewison 151pts, 2nd Dave McClellan 129pts, 3rd Ernie Sattler 105pts, 4th Austin Maddock 90pts, 5th Ian Greenhood 87pts, 6th Mick Reynolds 82pts, 7th Paul Chapman 79pts, 8th Barry Witteridge 77pts 9th John Weatherall 67pts and in 10th place John Harvey 62pts.

Let's hope the snow goes as fast as it arrives - fed up being confined to barracks!

Roachman