

RIVERSIDE 4TH JANUARY 2012

NONE BUT THE BRAVE

At last after so many 'put offs' we eventually got to fish this venue thanks in main to Ken Mott and Roy and Mick Heffron who spent many hours cutting vegetation and imposing tree branches to get 34 swims available for use. Then of course we wondered just how many would turn up as some like me were house ridden with bad cold virus and then the fact that the weather always takes its toll. Ken pegged the match but made a note of the less than favourable swims and thanks to some rain it looked fairly good. As is the norm though this was not to be for the 20 hardy souls that turned up who found the fishing far from perfect even with a bit of colour and slight flow to give hope!

Contending with a very cold wind, the prospects of a few bites quickly vanished and some decided that indoors was a better prospect and opted for the early bath. Fresh from a good holiday, Barry Witteridge made his long journey beneficial with a very modest winning weight made up of a 1lb chublet and a few small fish. Over the time that Barry has joined the group he has shown an increasing ability to learn fast and make his mark with good results. Roy Heffron had just one perch but this proved good enough for second place just ahead of Dave Ridgeway who after many blanks on our river matches got the result that those of us who know him knew that he was capable of. On end peg 1, a now recovered John Harvey eased in with a small fish catch to win his section just ahead of Ken Mott but 7 anglers did not weigh in which goes to prove just how hard this day turned out to be. Personally I think that after such a long dry spell what rain we had just washed some undesirable material into the river and this made the fish sick. This often happens after prolonged salting of roads in adverse weather but as this has not been the case there must be some other contaminant about.

So, for the results, - stand back in awe!!

1 st	Barry Witteridge	2lbs 1oz
2 nd	Roy Heffron	1lbs 13ozs
A section	John Harvey	1lbs 1oz
B section	Dave Ridgeway	1lbs 11ozs

Let's hope that next week fairs better! Just a note here, Terry and I are now in the near finalisation of compiling the next fixture list and with the inclusion of some commercial venues there will be forms issued to all members so they can apply for inclusion on the limited venue matches.

Happy New Year to one and all and hopefully the fishing will be enjoyable.

Roachman