MKAA VETERANS RIVER OUSE CALVERTON ROAD TO BRUSHMILL <u>3RD OCTOBER 2012</u>

KEVIN MAKES HIS MARK.

This was our first venture to this part of the river and some clearance was required beforehand to get enough swims available. On the day we had 22 turn up – slightly down as some were fishing an annual charity match in the midlands. As we didn't get the forecasted rain the river was running clear and in the areas around the picnic area and Ousebank Way the strong wind made life very difficult for those pegged there.

Just how this would fish was on everyone's mind and with the prevailing conditions one hoped for one of the normal hotspots to give you confidence to stay and not to go home! Thanks to some mindless moron who obviously has little in life to occupy them most of the peg numbers had been removed on Brushmill leaving you wondering 'why do I bother' Pegged on Brushmill I eventually got started and hoped for a good day but the fish had other ideas. Below me Ken Mott had an unlucky start when first put in he hooked and played a very large bream until just as it was inches from the waiting landing net it threw the hook and that fish with the other small fish Ken caught would have given him individual glory – fate or just bad luck? Either way that was rotten to say the least.

With little action I was keen to know how anyone else was doing and as the bank walkers arrived it seemed that there was little action elsewhere so all you can do is keep your head down and get on with it. Ultimately, some who persevered made it pay and top of the pile today was 'Rest from Work man' Kevin Osbourne. Drawn on Ousebank Way, Kevin fished chopped worm down the edge to snare some perch and odd roach (up to 6 ozs). Chasing him hard but just failing to snare another big perch was Calvert man John Weatherall who has to be congratulated for his determination by alternating between pole and lead to get two big perch and a couple of bits for an easy second place. Meanwhile on Calverton Road Steve Schubert fished a very tidy match fishing maggot over groundbait in very windy conditions to share third place with new addition Paul Swain who fished red maggot down the edge to catch over 60 fish for his 4lbs 2ozs. Nice day Paul. Meanwhile for most it was another hard day at the office and a return home to ponder the next outing!

So for today then,

1 st	Kevin Osbourne	6lbs 14ozs
2nd	John Weatherall	6lbs 1oz
A Section	Steve Schubert	4lbs 2ozs
B Section	Paul Swain	4lbs 2ozs

Next week sees us return to Alders and as usual I shall need names beforehand please.

Tight Lines and don't forget to get the thermals ready as you never know – the weather people might just get it right one day!!

Roachman