

## **Vranch House Fishing Charity Challenge** **Kennick 2010**

Seven sponsored teams of two anglers per team met at Kennick on Sunday 25 April to take part in this year's fund-raising fly-fishing event, organised by Sue Gould from Vranch House School and Centre in Exeter.

The Kennick heat, held in conjunction with the Kennick Fly Fishers' Association and South West Lakes Trust, was fished from the bank, and this year, to add to the challenge, it was a 'floating lines only' competition - as the fish are still lying low in deep water due to the low water temperature, some anglers struggled to catch their fish. The winning technique was to use a long leader (some anglers in excess of 25') and a weighted fly in order to get down to the feeding fish.



**The four qualifying teams, with organizer Sue Gould in centre, and winning team (Mike Boston and Chris Bolt) to the right of her.**

Kingsteignton angler Chris Bolt managed to catch his final fish in the last minute of the competition, which ensured that his team (with fishing partner Mike Boston) go through to the next heat with a bag of 7 fish for 12lb 10oz. The runners-up (Rob Gale and John Hern) with 6 fish for 11lb 6oz, along with the third (John Walker and Nigel Elsworth) and fourth (Andy Watson and Fred Hutt) teams, also qualify for the next heat.

The Kennick heat is expected to raise £700 for the Vranch House School and Centre for children with cerebral palsy and all children with physical difficulties. Since the Challenge first started in 1992 it has raised £196,407.

