

Seeing is believing - picture of Willen 42-12 finally surfaces!

THIS is it – the mighty 42-12 Willen common which has had the bankside rumour-mill in overdrive for best part of two weeks!

And while it may only be a 'phone-snap', the picture finally surfacing through GoneFishin's facebook page leaves no room for doubt – the fish is an absolute monster.

Believed to be the 39-10 MKAA record landed by Sam Willis, with a year's extra growth, it fell to Manchester man Billy Scott who, with pal Vic, was working in MK.

Apparently the pair spent every hour they could get away from their jobs to fish Willen, and the biggie was their reward.

- Concept Baits' tester Dean Seeth has also been doing well on the same water, banking a 31-12 last week and two more good fish – one another 30 – this week.
- Bank-chat about 'secret squirrel' types landing good carp into the 30s from Caldecotte has been circulating among Tackle Hub customers. My guess is that lake could well match Scott's Willen fish.
- Furzton has produced fish to at least 22lb in the past week.

■ Predators have been feeding too, Adam Ford (pictured bottom left) netted a 26lb pike from an MKAA water, telling GoneFishin staff he had used half a mackerel injected with fish-oil at long range.



● *The picture a lot of people have been waiting almost two weeks to see – Billy Scott with 42-12 Willen common*

■ And Geoff Williams really hit the spot with his first go at 'dropshot' fishing – getting a 4lb perch which is probably THE best landed from the local canal in the past 12 months.

■ Despite early morning frost Osprey's top six shared more than 600lb of carp from Arran's Lake in Essex. Darren Cannock won with 140lb with Steve Potter on 132lb and Matt Grant 127lb.

■ Towcester vets' midweeker on Dunnett's Daventry lake saw Graham Martin win with 15-10 of small carp as Tosh Saunders netted 14-10 and George Cooke 10lb.

■ Highlight of MK vets' midweek Giffard Park do was...allegedly...the attempts of a so far un-named local 'super star' to rescue his pole sections which had blown into the cut (a 'gale' force wind?).

Anyway, a pair of waders and a step ladder somehow figured in a manoeuvre which ended with the pole sections being recovered in rather damaged condition, and several other competitors suffering palpitations caused by laughing so hard!

Oh yes, Mick Reynolds had 6-13, Ernie Sattler 6-12 and Martin Cunniffe 5-1.

■ DATS' Navvi cut match went to Bob Gale on 3-7 with Mick Harnett on 2-3 and Steve Chilton 2-2-8.

■ Newport's annual meeting voted for a £2 increase in the club's annual ticket (to £38 a year) with the old guys' cards up to £16 and a 'third rod' ticket now also £16.

■ **FIXTURES:** MKAA canal spring league opener April 13, 07703 556788.

■ **AGM date:** MKAA, April 2, 8.30pm at MK Irish Club, Manor Fields.



● *Adam Ford with 26lb snapper*

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