

Cornish sunshine brings another nice big festival payday for...

Steve - the human cash register!

ANOTHER spring another White Acres festival series – and town's Steve Ringer has picked up another cool £3,500!

NOT bad for five days 'in the office'. And he won in typical style...with four straight section wins.

Under the Cornish festival's rules he 'dropped' his fifth result, a mere second, to finish with a perfect score. As Ringer senior, Geoff, said: "It certainly beats working."

● A much, much smaller payout went to Steve Bull for topping White Hart Flore's Barby Mill match with 108lb of carp. Tom Griffiths had 50lb and Bert Isles 40lb.

● The sunshine had chunky carp moving at Stanwick with Trevor Gurney banking a 28-6 mirror and a 26-4 common from Roman. Chris Oliver's 29-2 topped Elsons' list of 20s while Sam Ribano had a Mallard 24-8.

● Daventry's opening match saw Ivan Mills with 55-6 of Tofts' carp. Gareth Hawley had 34lb and Carl Hulley 25-10.

● Vast numbers of rods get started on the cut, and Gabrielle Kyte, 8 (pictured right) – yet another generation in a successful local angling dynasty – experienced fishing's magic at Stoke Bruerne when she fished with dad, Patric, to catch a 1-7 perch.

● In later life huge numbers shun the cut – because of, at times, the increasingly hostile environment of today's towpaths.

Manic against-the-clock mountainbikers 'shouldering' aside all in their paths, and water-



■ **SNAKES ALIVE!** Bob Church with strangely snake-like marked 15lb pike caught during a charity series which has raised £23,000

b o r n e 'squatters' with aggressive dogs mooring and taking over sections of path as 'their' territory, are all too often part of the picture.

The Canal & river Trust needs YOUR help to establish the true extent of the problem...and all you have to do is what most anglers are oh so good at – have a **MOAN!**

So if you care a jot about the

future of canal angling, please go to their website at www.canalrivertrust.org.uk – or go via www.anglingtrust.net/ – and tell it like it is!

Some 'antis' will go on to portray 'obstructive' (paying) anglers sitting in their way as the problem and the whole of the problem.

If you don't do their survey you will help undermine future generations' canal fishing...all because you didn't bother to have a moan!



■ **STARTING YOUNG:** Gabrielle Kyte, 8, with 1-7 Stoke Bruerne perch

● **CASTLE Ashby:** Brickyard, Saturday, Mark Moody 38-12, Ian Hutton 20-8, Frank Pizamenti 16-2; Grendon, Sunday, Keith Garrett 33-8, Darren Divers 32-8, Bob Reed 25-12.

● **COUNTY vets,** Canons top: Alf Gillard 28-12, Nick Antonacci 19-12, Paul Lafflin 19-2.

● **FLORE & Brockhall,** local cut: Ray Ayres 7-8, Paul Humphries 4-3, Steve Smith 3-4.

● **NENE,** Bugbrooke cut: Dave Gibbons 6-2, Brian Beard 4-4, Chris Howard 3-14.

● **AS of now it is a criminal offence to fish unless you have a NEW rod licence.**

● **AGMs:** N'ton Nene April 14, 7.30pm, Yeomen of England, Wootton; April 16 Castle AA, 8pm, Far Cotton WMC ■

Matches, catches, even rough patches? If there's a tale to tell call Trevor Johnson on 01908 270000 (office) or 07801 183381 or angling@intermediauk.com (click link to email)