

Cheats' charter – or an inspired move...

Is spinning the future of trouting?

PITSFORD bosses have – in an out-of-the-blue ground-breaking move – 'legalised' spinning for the reservoir's trout.

And the two-month trial is likely to put chasing 'spotties' high on the agenda of hundreds of anglers who wouldn't normally dream of trouting with fly.

Knowing many sneaky visitors regularly cheat by trailing a spinner during the July and August 'hard months', management have decided to try making it 'legal'.

On a £22 boat ticket you can now fish any size artificial lure and take the normal eight fish bag limit.

But unlike fly-anglers, you cannot catch and return any trout: you must keep all fish caught and then pack up – or buy another ticket.

Ticket sales could soar...but then some fly purist regulars may vote with their feet? However it goes, the trial is certain to be watched very closely by other trout bosses.

● **LOCAL specimen world patriarch Ron Kyte has really set the bankside telegraph buzzing with an incredible 6-5 chub...from Northampton Nene's Upper Nene!**

Such a fish would be notable on the Ouse, especially in summer, but on the local Nene it's a mind-blower.

Concentrating on fish location, Ron rarely actually fishes for much over an hour at a time. His big one (pictured below) fell to float-fished bread.

● **SUNDAY's Barnwell Country Park family fishing day tempted 150 novices to try angling, helped by coaches from Mid-Northants Fly Fishers and the Brackley, Nene, ECL and Abington Park clubs supported by Carpin Capers and the county council.**

● **TEAM England has just won Euro-championship gold. We've been pretty much top of angling's world rankings for three decades now, so perhaps Rooney and Co should go through a compulsory fishing 'boot camp' or two...just to get the winning habit?**

● **STANWICK's Roman lake saw Trevor Gurney land 37 carp to 20lb...two bream to 16-14 – and three tench to 10-4.**



■ **CRACKING start: young Matt admires a 3lb tench – held by qualified angling coach Dougie – he caught during Barnwell Country Park's family fishing day**



■ **AMAZING fish: Ron Kyte's 6-5 chub from the Upper NENE – and looking set for further growth!**

● **OSPREY three-day fest, Lakeside: Friday top rod Keith Stents 125lb, Saturday Rob Napper 126lb, Sunday Chris Lovelock 187lb. Top team, Lovelock, Neil Fenner and Steve Carthy.**

● **ROYAL Oak, Barston: Cliff Skyrne 104lb (skimmers), Carl Barnfield 85-12, Ron Savage 82-4.**

● **WHITE Hart Flore, Bishops Bowl: Steve Bull 80-2, Bert Isles 46-4, Chris Campling & Mick Wheeler both 44lb.**

● **TOWCESTER vets, Flecknoe: Tosh Saunders 58-11, John 'smiler' Balhatchett 40-8, Grenville Reed 34-2.**

● **NENE\Towcester, Bishops Bowl: Darren Pannell 47-4, Les Ramsden & Mick Goodridge both 34-6,**

● **HOBBS Miller, Willowbrook: Mick Dudley 23-6 (bream) Jim Broadbent 10-8, Danny McMakin 10-4.**

● **FLORE & Brockhall, Birstows: (skimmer nets) Terry Smith 7-4, Steve Smith 6-15, Rob Rawlins 5-12.**

● **OLNEY, club Ouse: Pete Hawley 3-6, Stan Smith 0-13 ■**

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