

# End of an era as a Newport club stalwart stands down!

**N**EWPORT's annual meeting saw the end of era as long-serving club secretary and treasurer Richard Dorrill finally stood down.

And having given the club some four decades committee service, and in latter years having been available for ticket sales almost 24/7 despite ill health, he is bound to have left a void which will be hard to fill.

There will be a lot of people who have come to know Richard over the years who will, I'm sure, join me in acknowledging the unstinting effort he put into the club and wishing him, and his wife, well in their 'second retirement.'

Paul Evans relinquished the chairman's role at the same meeting, with Richard Cole and Steve Miller elected as successors to the top jobs. Among the other club posts, Dave Tebbutt is continuing as match organiser.

Those present also voted to increase the standard Newport ticket price by £2 to £40 - with the concession rising £3 to £17 and juniors (12s to 16s) staying at £5.

■ **LIKELY** lads Paul Housego and John Reddy are fresh back from Thailand having had a ball with Bangsamran Lake's Mekong cats. A one-day session saw them land over 900lb - including the simultaneous capture of the 59lb and 55lb brace pictured.

■ **IT** may only be an eight...but given the gales lashing the local cut on Sunday Rob Harriman's pike on floatfished deadbait was a real prize.

■ **MEAT** fished at seven metres on Lakeside's most gale-lashed bank seemed to be the answer in Osprey's match as Chris



● **YES** it was somewhere warmer - Paul Housego and John Reddy display part of their 900lb Thailand catch



● **SUNDAY**'s gales couldn't keep Rob Harriman from piking - and catching - on the local cut

Lovelock won with 193lb ahead of Keith Stent 155lb and Darren Cannock 111lb.

■ **TOWCESTER**'s knock up on Wappenham Water went to Dave Martin with seven carp for 20lb as Mick Goodridge had a seven-pounder plus 5lb of silvers.

■ **MK Vets'** midweek Willowbridge marina canal do saw Ernie Sattler with 4-14 followed by Steve Chilton 3-15 and Martin Cunniffe 4lb.

■ **BREAM** to 5lb or so have begun showing on Bradwell Lake over the past week to 10 days, plus a couple of early starter tench, while bailiff Sean saw a nice double figure pike landed, Sunday.

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■ **FIXTURES:** Sunday, Newport open, Abbey Pits, 07795 068428; April 12, MKAA spring canal league opener 07703 556788; May 3 AT & CRT national pairs champs round, Yardley Gobion cut, practice opens April 12, 19 & 26 07711 086436.

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