

Parks Trust bid to give Willen South lake weed the blues...

LOOKS like we're headed for a blue, blue summer on Willen South...and that could turn out to be a big boost for those fishing there!

Fighting an uphill battle to stop weed taking over the 90 acre lake, the Parks Trust is now colouring it blue.

The water has already taken on a faint blue-grey tinge – strongest around the H5 bridge – due to dye added to limit growth by reducing the amount of sunlight reaching emerging weed-shoots on the lake bed.

It is intended to benefit 'surface' water sports such as sailing, but IF it works it could take angling back to the weed-free days of more than a decade ago when heavy algal growths kept the weed down...and fish grubbing around in the margins made for bite-a-chuck sessions.

A similar effect occurs naturally some years on Bradwell Lake, when strong algal colour means fish stocks become bold enough to move into the margins within casting range of the majority of anglers.

Newport tried the artificial 'dye' approach on a small pit a few years back, but gave up due to costs and 'debateable' success rates.

■ BRAVING Friday's rain Luke Cole and Ronnie Woolston had four carp from 17lb to 20 on their first visit to Willen South – bream to 9-7 have also been reported to bailiff Mike Reveler – while Konrad Bukstrza had six pike in an hour on the north lake and Wojciech Dinaj a 16.

■ A FLURRY of 20s, topped by a 30, from Linford Lakes' Heron and Pines have been reported through Great Linford Tackle, with Ben Hough getting the 26-13 pictured.

■ DECENT bream and tench, reported through Willards, are falling to diverse baits on Bradwell, while 'Ben' bagged a 13-8 mirror at the weekend.

■ OSPREY's Lawn Farm, Cambourne, match went to Steve Carthy with 73lb. Ashley Priestly had 59-8 and Richard Green 49-8.



● NICE one: Ben Hough with 26-13 mirror from The Pines at Linford

■ TOWCESTER, Wappenham Water: Kevin Elliott 35-4, Dave Martin 21lb, Mick Goodridge 18-4.

■ NEWPORT, Abbey Pits open: Mark Haynes 16-15, Nigel Bass 10-10, John Harvey 9-14.

■ CLUB get-together, Navigation canal: Paul Chapman scooped £186 on the golden peg with 16-3 of skimmers. No one else came near.

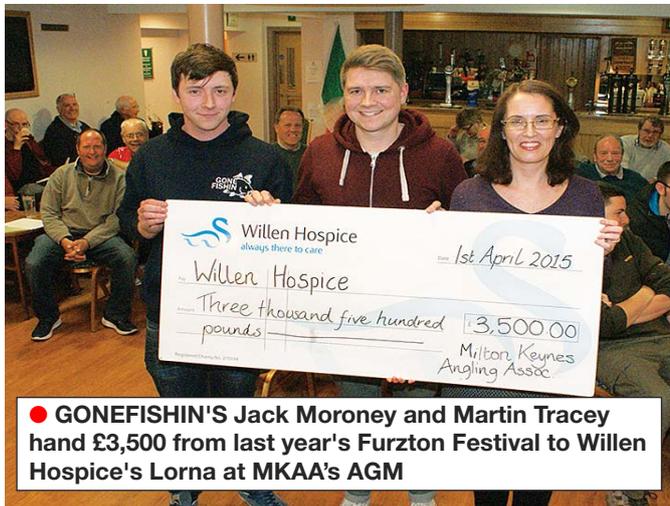
■ MK Vets, Cosgrove, canal: Martin Cunniffe 9-14, Kevin Osborne 6-13, Mick Hefferon 4-15.

■ MKAA's annual meeting voted for increases which included the non-affiliated adult season ticket going up from £38 to £42 – juniors stay at £10.

Members heard that the association had won a £4,000 Angling Trust/Environment Agency/government grant towards the stocking of Ashlands Lakes...when persistent diesel pollution has been stopped.

The meeting also saw £3,500 handed over – from last year's Furzton Festival – to Willen Hospice.

■ FIXTURES: Sunday, MKAA spring canal league opener 07703 556788.



● GONEFISHIN'S Jack Moroney and Martin Tracey hand £3,500 from last year's Furzton Festival to Willen Hospice's Lorna at MKAA's AGM

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