

Mega charity bash at Linford raises £13,000 for wounded

WHAT a result! More than £13,000 was raised by the 'Carpin for Heroes' mega-bash on Linford Lakes – money destined to help wounded British servicemen and women.

Some 130 anglers descended on the complex for a weekend of fishing, star-angler demos, a pig roast and jokes from comedian Jim Davidson.

The biggest fish landed during the 48 hour extravaganza came from Linford 1, went 31-8 and fell to Ross Marle, with 'near misses' of 30-2 and 29lb from the same lake.

Great Linford Tackle staffer Alf said: "Use of the complex and the pig roast were donated by owner, David Marle, so all the money raised went to the charity."

■ **WHEN** Rick Aldridge (reporting through GoneFishin) and a few mates Tried Kempston Lakes they shared 14 carp – mostly high doubles – and a 'large number' of bream.

■ **JUST** 12 ounces separated the top three in Osprey's Decoy Lakes match. Les Proud was top dog with 75lb of carp and barbel, followed by Ian Millin on 74-8 of bream, barbel and carp – four ounces clear of Mark Carter on 74-4.

■ **CRUCIANS** and chunky roach made up the top weights in Towcester Vets' do on Stockton Reservoir where George Cooke won with 25-15 ahead of Chris Howard 19-2 and Tosh Saunders – mostly roach to a pound – 18-12.

■ **TACKLE** Hub's Pete Craddock hit an MK canal hot-spot when, in a two hour evening session, he had more than 10lb of skimmers on the punch. And shop colleague Bob Gale netted a rush of good slabs – to almost double figures – and tench to 8lb during one of Bradwell Lake's 'on' spells.

■ **THREE** good bream helped organiser Dave Tebbutt win

Newport's Abbey Pits open with 14-3 – a pound clear of runner-up Paul Caton on 13-2. Paul Hamilton had 12-6.

■ **TUESDAY's** opening match of the DATS evening series saw Richard Lattimer on an end peg on the Navvi cut, from which he extracted 8-2 of skimmers to finish well clear of Alan Ford, 5-15. Ernie Sattler, who got off to a bad start by NOT drawing his usual end peg, had 4-0-8.



■ **CITY** lad Rick Aldridge with a nice common – part of a catch of high doubles from Kempston Lakes

■ **A** 4lb TENCH is a good canal fish – and when it is hooked on a size 20 and number 2 flyweight elastic, it can be a real tackle tester, especially when the cut is alive with boats in the run-up to another bank holiday.

But Mick Hefferon was more than equal to the challenge as he beat his tinca while cruising to 9-2 win in Linford's Bolbeck Park canal stretch. Steve Funnell had 3-2 and Ron Dorrell 3lb.

■ **THIS** year's MKAA tickets are now available on line and should be in local tackle shops any day soon.

■ **TOMORROW:** John Harvey's funeral is due to be held at 12.15pm at Milton Keynes Crematorium.