

First-day catch meant rest were fishing for second...

ONE man's first-day catch meant everyone else in the three-day Terrie Tapp Memorial festival on Furzton was fishing for second place...

Drawn on the normally out of bounds islands bank, Andy Lightbrown stormed it with 189-3 of carp – many of the fish well into double figures – and despite catching less than 7lb over the remaining two days he ended up with 195-10 overall!

And with the prevailing east winds keeping the fish in deep-winter mode, the previous week's uplift in catches totally stalled with the event a real grueller for most.

Way behind Andy Mike Buchwalder amassed a very creditable (given the awful conditions) 70-9 which won him some £800 which he'd agreed to share with mate Pete Patton. Third spot went to Ian Smith on a 64-8, with Mark Williams fourth on 58-13.

Forget Brexit: in keeping with Terrie's wandering angling style, the fest had a truly European flavour with friends Markus Dillen from Germany, Danny Van Camendouk (Belgium) and Holland's Arno Vortan all taking part.

All three finished well-down but had a ball on Furzton and want to come back for the planned autumn re-run – and Markus scooped the 'super pool'!

The match raised more than £200 for Willen Hospice.

OVER on Willen Tim Southern was pleased as could be with a cracking 23lb pike caught on a popped-up pollen, and Bill Preedy had a couple of big-doubles carp.

BRADWELL's tench are starting to show with fish to 5-12 last week.

BACK with the match-scene, Tove Valley's Lakeside open went to Rob Dzialak with 64-7 of carp followed by Andy Jones on 51-6 and Dave Martin 42-6.

A TRIP to Castle Ashby gave MK Maver's John Kent a win on Grendon with 27-3 on a low scoring mostly silverfish Sunday.

MK Vets frost-hit Mill Road cut midweeker went to Dave McLennan with 3-6 – mostly one big perch – with Les Smith and Neil Hughes joint second on 2-14.

AUSTIN Maddock topped Calvert's last match of the club year with 3-3. Dave Lewis had 0-12 and John Weatherall 0-8. Bet they're glad THAT is all over..

TOWCESTER's AGM has DROPPED their adult season card from £40 to £35 to reflect having given up Bairstows Lake as, in the club's view, no longer worth the rent!



■ **TERRIE**
Tapp
Memorial
winner
Andy
Lightbrown



● **TIM** Southern had this superbly fit-looking 23lb pike from Willen Lake

FOUND on an MKAA lake – one fishing umbrella. Call 07752 307606 if you want it back.

FIXTURES: Wednesday, MKAA AGM at MK Irish Club, Manor Fields, see membership book for details; April 23, MKAA canal spring league teams of four opener, 01234 713144.

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