

## EA's scheme to help grass-roots angling sees...

# Club get £4,000 rod licence grant

**TOWCESTER & District are set for a flying start to the New Year – thanks to a £4,000 Environment Agency grant towards restoration of the club's Astwell Mill.**

*The money, handed over just before the Christmas break, is part of that paid by anglers for their rod licences and is being channelled back to help grass-roots angling.*

Recent years have seen T&DAA fighting an uphill battle against silting-up, invasive Norfolk reed and Canadian pondweed, on their premier tench water.

The grant, part of close to £800,000

redistributed by the EA during the past year, will: part-fund creation an effective silt-trap to greatly reduce the amount of silt washed into the lake; to dredge out muck already accumulated in it, and to reduce the weed and reed beds.

**Club development officer John Newman said: "We are a small club and this is a fantastic boost, just what we needed. The lake holds some great fish, but anglers' problem has increasingly been getting at them. Now we can do something about that. Thank you the EA."**

● THE local Upper Ouse looks to be on the up with one angler (left) bagging more than 20 chub in a sitting, fish ranging from ounces to a couple of pounds, over the holiday break.

That has to be a sign that some of the



■ DAN Brackley with 15lb pike caught on a predator day at Elinor trout water

*into the river near Newport, but, unlike the tens of thousands of mini-whiskers added in previous years, THIS batch included some to around a pound-and-a-half mark...fish with a lot better*

*chances of survival than the smaller ones.*

● CASTLE Ashby: Wed., Brickyard, Frank Pizamenti 9-10, Chris Camplin 5-10, Mick Hewlett 2-4; Sat., Brickyard, Chris Garratt 17-14, Pizamenti and Mark Moody both 12-10; Sun., Grendon, Hewlett 34-8, Camplin 25-6, Andy Jones 17-12.

● WHITE Hart Oldies, Barby Banks: Dave Griffiths 24-8, Glen Tilson 16-15, Jeff Wiggins 12-10.

● MK Vets, Stony Main, Ouse: Didder Hefferon 7lb (perch), Paul Swain 3-12, Austin Maddock 2-12.

● NENE/Towcester, canal, Bugbrooke: Chris Howard 6-8 of roach to 1-9, John Balhatchett 5-13, Tosh Saunders 5-10.

● TOWCESTER Vets, canal, Cosgrove: John Balhatchett 1-4, Les Goodridge 1lb, Tosh Saunders 0-13.

● STANWICK's best of a cold-water week was Richard Cox's bag of four carp to 13lb ■



■ 'MK Piker' with one of his Christmas Eve chub to 2lb – a monster of the future?

## Happy New Year Everyone

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