

Furzton Festival provides another boost for hospice

WILLEN Hospice is £2,750 better off – thanks to all those taking part in the latest MK Angling Festival on Furzton.

Presentation of the cheque to hospice 'ambassador' Lynette – by MKAA member Dean Warren – was a high spot in the association's otherwise uneventful annual meeting.

And it brought the total raised for the hospice, through the festival, over the years to well in excess of £20,000.

Well done everyone who contributed, including the Parks Trust which allows use of the out-of-bounds bank for the matches.

The AGM also voted through a £2 increase in prices of this year's MKAA cards (except the two-rod junior ticket which stays at £10).

■ THIS spring's Canal River Trust electro-fishing of the cut from Three Locks to Whilton has seen almost a tonne of zander removed.

The invasive alien predator has spread southwards from the Braunston area over a number of years, coinciding with a decline in silverfishing – and it is estimated that a tonne of Zs would have eaten at least two-tonnes of silvers...if not more.

The on-going work seems to be impacting on the southwards spread. This time the greater numbers, and highest average sizes, were taken from lengths north of Blisworth tunnel.



● **BEN Ward with his first Tear Drops 20**

Though not universally popular, the electro-fishing is supported and part-funded by tenant clubs keen to restore the canal's historic silverfishing potential.

■ **BLANKING** at Willen on his first day with an MKAA card, Ben Ward moved to Tear Drops and was delighted to net a 20+ 'dark' common. Michael L'Honore had a nice Caldecotte double.

AND Mark Escott and his lads had fun with Ashlands' carp as did Gary Weeks and Dan Packard.



● **WILLEN Hospice's Lynette receiving £2,750 from MKAA's Dean Warren – proceeds of last year's Furzton festival**

■ **TOVE Valley open, Lakeside:** Adam Griffiths 67-2, Dave Martin 52-9, Terry Davis 37-6.

■ **ALDERS:** Trevor Price 65lb, Colin Kidd 50lb, Jim Stubbins 43lb.

■ **MK Vets, Tear Drops:** Bob Gale 35-2 (bream), Ernie Sattler 21-12, Richard Lattimer 5-8.

■ **MILL Farm, Husborne Crawley:** Dave Tysoe 19-10 (one carp), Dave Tebbutt 1-6, Steve Chilton 0-5-0.

■ **NENE-Towcester, Banbury Lane canal:** Dave Gibbins 11-6, Paul Minney 7-12, Bas Eaton 5-12.

■ **LINFORD, Bolbeck Park canal:** John Hough 9-14, Nick Barker 6-2, Ron Dorrell 5-6.

■ **NEWPORT, Abbey Pits:** Don King 1-14, Dave Tebbutt 1-8, Steve Glidewell 1-3.

■ **TOWCESTER Vets, Grafton canal:** John Balhatchett 1-2, Grenville Reed 0-8, Tony Hirst 0-3.

■ **DESPITE** bad weather the Summerfield's trout fishery got off to a good opening with one pair of brothers sharing a dozen decent fish between them.

■ **FIXTURES:** Friday thro Sunday, Furzton closed for Terrie Tapp memorial fest; April 22 MK canal spring league opener, 01234 713144.



● **ASHLANDS fun water lived up to its tag for Mark Escott and sons**

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