

Willen near 30 and big 20 help get local carper...

## Wayne's summer underway

**WAYNE Elliott (right)** got his summer campaign off to a flying start on Willen North.

A long weekend session saw him take this hunk of a 29-2 mirror.

The fish is his new PB, and for good measure he added a 27-8 common and several boilie snaffling bream to 7-8.

● Down the road on Sherington Pits Alan Blair (reported by Carp Talk's Steve Sharp) had a 20-4 off the top on attractor-soaked floating pellet.

● Paul Hyam has boosted his PB to 33-12 at Linford Pits where Nick Bunker also took a 28-11.

● Shawn Singfield netted a 24lb PB from Dimmocks Pit.

● A few miles further south, at Tingrith, Dave Dobbs had a 23-12.

● MKAA's tiny Tear Drops 1 gave Peter Philips a real surprise in the shape of a



29-3 carp a couple of weeks back.

● More predictable were Steve Lindop's 21-6 and Dan Fabian's 23-2 Furzton fish.

● That same venue also saw Tony Keen land eight fish for more than 120 in a

single session with the top four going 19-2, 18-3, 17-5 and 17-1 – all on white chocolate flavour boilies.

● Newport pits saw Jack Moroney, 15, bank a 19lb mirror. The lad's impressive record also includes a 20lb winter Emberton pike.

### A tall tale... but true

ANY unusual catch of a lifetime prizes MUST go to Pete Hobson!

Fishing Beacon's 'little pit' with MKAC proprietor Brian Haynes, he landed four pike...all at once.

"He'd hooked a 12lb female which was followed to, and into, the net by four males," said Brian.

"One jumped back out before he could swing the net round onto the bank, otherwise he would have had five at once. Neither of us had ever seen anything like it before."

**SEE - sex even gets fish into trouble!**

### Your on-line column

**WELCOME** to another issue of **NewsCast MK** – the on-line magazine for anglers and angling in and around MK.

It can be read 24/7 on, or downloaded from, the MKAA website at [www.mkaa.co.uk](http://www.mkaa.co.uk) and a growing number of other websites.

It **IS** open to all and everyone is most welcome to contribute news, views, pictures and features. Any club/angler/fishery/tackleshop is welcome to make it available to others via links from their websites.

It can feature catches – coarse, sea and game news, matches, specimens and happy leisure session results are all welcome – in a very broad area in and around MK and those made anywhere by people from the area (even in other countries).

**But please remember, if it is going to keep going, it needs YOU to feed the beast with news and views etc** (see contact details below).

● In MK itself, the MK Citizen has decided to again start covering Britain's favourite participant sport with a weekly column by NewsCast editor TJ.

Tight lines and enjoy your fishing.

SEVERAL illegal set lines have been found on various local waters recently. If you find any please give them to bailiffs.

Likewise police and EA staff trying to catch the scum attempting to snare swans and other wildlife on Caldecotte lake deserve all the help anglers' can give.

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## Jolly Roger

MAVER MK's Roger Clutton made runner's-up spot in the Willowbrook Festival – beating ace-pro Phil Ringer into third.

The MK man had a 70-13-0 bream and tench section win, plus a second in the two day event at Islip while team-mate Ian Smith missed out with a duff draw on day one.

Paul Barnes, from the same group, recently made 3rd in a Castle Ashby open with 68-4-0 of carp.



Veteran Ernie Satler topped the MK Spring League opener on Stoke House cut with 12-7-0 of skimmers. Roger Tebbutt (Black Horse) had 11-5-0 with 'Horse Red's Rob Dzialak on 8-5-0 and stable-mate Gary Britton 7-15-0.

Horse Black won on the day (28 points) with MK Angling Centre and Maver MK tied on 26. Nine teams fished.



Saturday May 15: MKAA Individual League first round at Bowlers Bridge. Call Bob on 07703 556788 to enter.



You'd think he could manage at least a ghost of a smile! City trout Mick O'Farrell with an 11-5-0 rainbow he caught on a quill buzzer – part of a 22 fish catch – and which turned out to be Elinor trout fishery's biggest of the week.

## A star in the making?

AT 5 years of age Adam Rizwan is the youngest person ever to be awarded an angling proficiency certificate by MKAA's AT-qualified angling coach Nuala Gray.

Adam is pictured with fellow graduate Tom James and Nuala at MKAA's AGM.

That meeting voted to increase the top season ticket price by £1 with discounted senior citizen and cards and tickets for the disabled up £2. Junior cards stay the same.



## Roach go on the feed

Steve Glidewell slid into top spot in Newport's Abbeys Pits match with 11-7-0 of roach as Dave Tebbutt had 11-3-0 and Mark Haynes 10-6-0.

The top 12 totalled 91-7-0...all roach bar one nice tench.



Recent Linford matches have produced some nice fish but failed to match mid-week pleasure sessions.

Typically John Hough had 13lb from the Wilderness, while Tom Hefferon needed only 6-8-0 to win the next match. Digger had 4-11-0.

The club's Fagin Cup on the same stretch was won by Alan Hursey with 8-10-0 as the Hefferons filled the rest of the frame – Digger on 6-3-0 and Tom 4-3-0.

And it was Mick H who topped the Giffard Park sweep with 6-9-0 on maggot an punch ahead of John Hough 5-14-0 and Alan Hursey 5-8-0.

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## Oh dear, Liam...

FAR from rehearsing for the Chippendales, Liam Foster took the plunge at Shearsby Lake to rescue the top four sections of Paul Hardman's brand new £600 pole which had got hung up on blackberry bushes during Royal Mail Northampton's match.

Apparently Paul gave him 20 quid for his trouble. With water temperatures barely making 50 degrees F I think you should have held out for more than that Liam, I really do!

Oh yes, and as the big-hearted lad climbed back onto the bank, the fishery owner turned up with the offer of a boat...doooh.

Andy Poole won with 63lb of carp.

## Ring-a-ding-ding

**FATHER and son Geoff and Phil Ringer are still on a winning run!**

The duo - two thirds of what is now arguably Britain's First Family of carp match fishing - have just got through another eliminator to move a step closer to the £5,000 winner-take-all final of the Drennan Match Fishing Cup.

The sponsored KO series began with 100 top names invited from across the UK...and will eventually culminate in a head-to-head two man final.

That will be interesting if it turns out to be the two Ringers in the fish-off.

### NENE WINTER LEAGUE

Delayed for weeks by the freeze and then a fixtures log-jam, the final Northampton Nene winter league teams-of-four round produced good canal weights.

Pegged between Stoke Bruerne bottom lock and Bozenham, it attracted 51 rods and saw Browning Matchgroup Blue's Paul Cowern top with three chub

and a shoal of skimmers on caster for 12-15-0.

Jack Jones (Fox Black Horse White) had 10-3-0, 'Horse Black's Gary Snead 9-14-0 and Browning Blue's Tommy Boyce 9-2-8.

His team were top on the day with 29-2-0, SPRO Blue had 26-3-0 and Browning Yellow 25-6-8.

That made 'Horse Red series winners on 17 points followed by stablemates Black who beat Browning Yellow on a count-back, both on 25, with SPRO Blue on 29.

### BOB GETS THE DOSH

Nene's Bob Eales is £500 richer after scooping the club's 18 match points series, on 181 points, with Brian Beard 178 picking up £200 and Chris Howard 173, £100.

Beard won the final match, on Stoke Bruerne long pound, with 8-15-0 of perch and skimmers followed by Tom Newbury 7-15-0, Eales 7-2-0 and Paul Minney 6-7-0.

### MK VETERANS

Over the past few weeks

the older generation has been busy toughing it out on Wednesdays, and not always in the kindest weather.

They found Furzton far from its best when Austin Maddock won with 12-1-0 of bream followed by Henry Snell 8-10-0 and Bill Lovelock 6-14-0.

A match on Tear Drops 4 saw Les Smith out front with 13-3-0 of bream. Mick Reynolds had 9-14-0 in the last hour with Mick Hefferon on getting 8-8-0 of roach on the punch.

On the Galleon it was Paul Chapman's turn as he winkled out 9-14-0 of skimmers on the punch with Roger Tebbutt 6-9-0 and Austin Maddock and Ernie Sattler tied on 6-3-0.

Weights were better at Canons Ashby where Sattler came up trumps with 33-7-0 of bream ahead of Geoff Lewis 32-10-0 and John Harvey who included a 23lb carp in his 31-15-0.

A Tuesday match at Clattercote went to Paul Barnes with 42-6-0 of bream. Ted Brown bagged 25-7-0.

Anyone wanting to join the Tuesday series should bell Ken Mott on

01908 375375.

### TOWCESTER VETS

The motley crew travelled all the way to Fancotte for their latest outing where John Wobley was a happy man with 31-11-0 on pole. George Cooke bagged 23-14-0 and Tosh Saunders 21-13-0.

Terry Robinson put together 10-5-0 of nice roach-bream hybrids to win on the Leicester arm canal. 'Tosh' Saunders had 7-1-0.

### TOWCESTER & DAA

Bairstows' carp came on with a bang for Dave Martin who won a match with eight to 11-8-0 for 71lb. In a lesser world John Balhatchett made second with 8-3-0 of roach to 3 ounces while Kev Elliott had eight small carp for 8-2-0.

John Balhatchett won the next match with 13-8-0 - mainly roach. Simon Cordingly netted 8-2-0 and Mick Goodridge 5-2-0.

And Balhatchett made it two on the Bairstows trot when he won again with roach and small carp for 9-12-0. Bob Eales had 9-7-0 and Simon Cordingly 5-5-0.

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## White Hart a-go-go!

**WHAT a blast! White Hart Flore's top four landed more than 400lb between them- with the top eight totalling well over 700lb.**

The match saw a welcome return to summer-style carp baggin as the wild bunch really took Barbys Banks by storm.

Well clear at the front Steve Bull fished the pellet to amass 120lb, followed by Dave Walker on 99lb, Daren Williams 97lb and Paul Jackson 93lb.

● Carpetbaggers did well, too, at Boddington reservoir where 30 fished.

Northampton lad Mark Whaddhams had the first open win of his career, thereby undoubtedly achieving notoriety at his Frog and Fiddler local, with 73-12-0 on method feeder from an end peg near the bird sanctuary.

Alan Walton was runner up with 53lb, ahead of Maurice Williams 47-8-0 and Ian Baggy 43lb.

● But catch-of-that-week contender was surely Kevin Folwell. He won Castle Ashby's Grendon Sunday do with 57-4-0 - three bream, a carp...and 35lb of shimmering rudd and roach on pole. Chris Garrett had 46-12-0 and MK's John Kent 41-6-0.

● LONG Buckby's Old Kings Head had one of their decidedly better days when they fished Tofts. Darren Oakley won with 22-9-0 - just one ounce in front of Rob Bailey, 22-8-0. Mick Holmes caught 19-6-0.

● Dick Stafford missed out on £80 by less than threequarters of an ounce in Flore & Brockhall's latest canal event. Having drawn the 'golden peg' he had 1-

13-0 but was beaten by Jim Tanser's 1-13-10. Rob Rawlins caught 1-4-0.

● MK Angling Centre boss Brian Haynes has been getting among the tench using 'old fashioned' lobs and float tactics.

He's had a number of tincas to 6-10-0 from a "Leighton Buzzard" water.

● DATS (Deanshanger & The Stratfords) made a clean sweep when they 'entertained Kingfishers (nee

Royal Mail) on the Navvi canal.

Gordon Metcalfe proved age goes before beauty as he won with 3-9-0 of skimmers and perch, followed by Mick Peerless who had a 2-10-0 perch in his 3-7-8, and Steve Schubert 2-13-0 - part of which was a 2-4-0 tench.

Nigel Steele was top with 3-9-0 ahead of Metcalfe 2-1-9 when DATS fished their Cosgrove section.

The club's sweep on the Galleon basin and straight went to Ernie Sattler with 3-15-0 of bits as Rus Nash made 3-13-8 and Lee Jones 3-13-0.

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## Tear Drops coming on strong

SOME of those making a spring start on the Tear Drops at Loughton have been pleasantly surprised by what's turned up.

Matches apart, catches have included Mark Miles 7-3-0 bream, 5--4-0 tench and 14lb carp all on popped-up sweet-corn.

Keith Whiting caught slabs to 5-2-0 on tiny shrimps fished over home-made fishmeal groundbait.

Ian Van Lokven was another one to get

among the fish with a 7lb bream and several tench around the 3lb mark.

And Barry Lamb tipped corn to take a net of bream totalling 30lb in another happy session.

That's all without Peter Philips 29-3 carp mentioned on page 1.

Elsewhere tench are beginning to move at last on both Bradwell Lake, at New Bradwell, the Sherington Road pits outside of Newport Pagnell, and at Emberton Park near Olney.



CASTLE AA have been putting in a lot of volunteer effort at their two lakes at Canons Ashby.

New platforms have been installed to open up swims which, in some cases, were previously unreachable.

It has taken several weeks work involving blood, sweat, and on a few occasions, some tears.