

Furzton carp warming up as 'spring' arrives...

WITH spring finally moving in – well, at least the clocks have gone forward – carp are beginning to move in waters across the city.

Among those getting their strings pulled was young Kane Thompson who landed a 24-4 mirror from Furzton, where Jamie King also had a mirror – his scaling 23-14.

Several doubles were caught from the Pines at Linford – Gary Sayer getting an 18. Several pike to mid-doubles were caught from the same lake and reported through Waters Edge.

■ **SMALL** silvers were feeding for some on Tear Drops where Willards regular 'Brian' had 154 ranging from mini-roach to those in the 10 to 12 ounce bracket.

■ **MK Vets** do on Furzton went to Robin Lett with 15-6, a fair chunk of which was one carp. Simon Cordingley had 10-13 of bream and Paul Chapman 8-1.

■ **CALVERT's** Claydon Lake match went to Ben Holdaway whose 7-5 included a 5lb tench. Austin Maddock caught 3-15 (inc a 3lb tench) and Derek Bishop 3-1.

■ **NENE/** and Towcester's joint sweep on the canal at Rothersthorpe saw Les Goodridge top dog with 6-12 as Bas Eaton made second with 5-1 as John Balhatchett netted 4-5.

■ **THE** latest southern canal league round (Kennett & Avon at Hungerford) saw James Carty win with 16-10 and Tom Boyce top a section on 6-13.

■ **DE-SLUDGING** has started on Newport's choked-up Swan Pit.

Major restoration, being carried out by Anglian Water, is expected to last at least six months.

The 15-acre water was originally up to 18 feet deep but has, since AW's Cottonvalley sewage treatment works opened in the 80s,

been a settlement tank for 'final effluent' from the works...with 'solids' building up to almost reach the surface in places.

Access has been improved to accommodate the two trucks a day needed to remove sediment after it has been pumped

out, filtered and dried.

With Cottonvalley's current output said to be much improved, the future is looking good. But...should the 'works ever suffer a major breakdown the risk, as it has always been, is that untreated incoming sewage will be dumped in the Swan as a first-line of defence for the nearby river.

■ **TOWCESTER's** AGM (no ticket price increases) heard that improvement schemes are well underway on two of the club's waters.

■ **FIXTURES:** Tomorrow evening, Gone Fishin presents 'an evening with' Alan Blair, Michael Buchwalder, Adam Rooney and Tom Forman in the shop – plus raffles, snacks etc.



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)