Spring league's record tumbled before anyone even wet a line!

KAA's spring league had already broken one record Wibefore the first whistle – with Sunday's opener on the Bletchley canal pulling in 13 teams of four.

GoneFishin Left (yes, their other team is called Right) scored a runaway win with 38 points as Team Raiders made 33, Maver MK Black 31 and the Browning hot shots all finished mid table.

Double-figure nets of bits filled the frame as Left's Paul Abbott had 11-12. Black's Steve Rose 10-15 and Colin Harris (Browning Gold) 10-2.

GOOD news travels fast! Sam Willis'

39-10 Willen Lake common (last week's column) got national front page treatment in this week's AT Carp News supplement.

Not bad coverage considering that, originally, the Richworth baittester didn't want any publicity...

ANGLERS in last year's Furzton Festival raised £1,200 which was handed over to Willen Hospice's Lyn O'Gorman (left of picture above) by MKAA youth officer Nuala Gray at the association's AGM.

The meeting raised the standard adult ticket price £2 to £38 a year, and included spirited debate about the effects of otters, cormorants and two-legged predators.

THE gathering of grumpy old geezers pictured below marks the start of a 'feud' set to run and run (well, amble) as, for the first time, MK vets clashed with their Towcester counterparts. Sadly Stockton's roach

didn't show in force and Dave McLennan (MK) won with 18-15 of crucians as John Hewison (MK) had 10-8 of caster roach and George Cooke (T) 9-10 on a cold old day.



Richard Brain 144-2 and Steve Potter 136lb.

Osprey's trip to Decoy near Whittlesea saw Den Proud win with 61lb. Tony McGregor netted 55lb and Peter Carter 40lb.

With water temperatures rising Alders came on form with a real

bang, Sunday, as Gary Thorpe won with 220-7 of carp... followed by

Towcester's first spring open series match on Wappenham Water

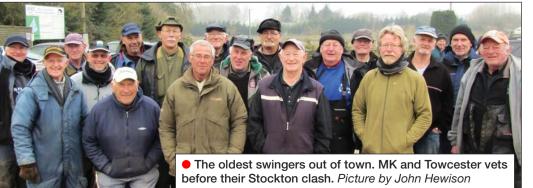


saw carp on the munch as John 'the vicar' Broughton topped with fish to 12lb for 48lb ahead of Wayne Robinson 29lb and Dave 20lb. Gibbins This week's leq is on Bairstows.

Fixtures: Sunday, Towcester open, Bairstows, 07973 861174; Wednesday

April 24, DATS AGM, 7.30pm, Stony Football Club; May 1, Olney AGM, Two Brewers.

Better weather means many 'butterfly' anglers will be



visiting MK's great lakes for the first time in months.

Beware, legal changes have made it an ON-THE-SPOT PENALTY FINE OFFENCE to park on roadside verges anywhere in the borough - with police entitled to have culprits' vehicles towed away.

Use the car parks. It is what they are for.

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