

# Mark lands trip to dream of in tackleshop's online draw

**L**OCAL rod Mark Tyrell is looking forward to a trip money can't normally buy – and Willen Hospice is £1,000 better off, too.

For Mark has won GoneFishin's on-line draw...the prize for which was a 36 hour stint on Kevin Nash's Church Pool big carp water – invitations to which are, naturally, usually about as rare as hens' teeth!

The idea for the draw was hatched by the Wolverton tackleshop's people and Nash Tackle star Alan Blair while they were organising the carp match part of last year's Furzton Festival – with tackle company boss Kevin agreeing to the use of his 'backyard' as the prize.

Willen Hospice has long been high on local angling's list of worthy causes, receiving tens of thousands of pounds over the years as a result.

■ **CARPER** Martin Stewart, reporting through Great Linford tackle, has been having a ball on Linford Lakes – netting three fish over 25 from Pines and the 31 (pictured above) from Heron.

■ **AN** outing on Olney's Ouse saw Stuart Shepherd bag a superbly conditioned 6-9 chub (pictured) on Friday. Visiting rod Jim Martin had a 5-11 tench from the club's stretch a couple of weeks back.

■ **RECORDING** his catch via GoneFishin's facebook page, Alex Burbeck had seven perch in a morning on an 'undisclosed' MKAA Ouse section – all between a pound or so and 3-10!

■ **ALDERS** open: Lee Cox 148lb, Dan Hardy 138lb, Nick Darkram 102lb.

■ **AMPTHILL** took first and second individual spots in Sunday's MKAA winter league opener – but only just managed to scrape into the top team slot after a tie on points and a count-back on weight with Tackle Hub. Olney finished third.



● AT 6-9 Stuart Shepherd's chub must be one of the best from Olney's Ouse this winter



● NO wonder Martin Stewart looks pleased – his Heron Lake common went 31lb

With the match switched off the river to the cut at Willowbridge, Stuart Kitley won with 9-0-8 of caster roach, beating stable-mate Dave Pearson, 5-1 and Olney's Paul Abbott 4-11-8.

■ **TOWCESTER** Vets, Cosgrove canal, midweek: Chris Howard 7-2, John Balhatchett 4-10 (inc a big perch), Gerald Green 4-2.

■ **MK** Vets, Willowbridge cut, midweek: Martin Cunniffe 5-15, Ernie Sattler 5-9, Mick Hefferon 3-8.

■ **TOWCESTER**, Castlethorpe cut: Matt Webb 4lb, Kevin Elliott 3-1, John Balhatchett 3lb (inc a 2lb perch).

■ **CALVERT** Woodfield Lake: James Lewis 4-4, Derek Bishop 2-9, James Cavendish 1-12. Bet they were glad to get back to weighing-in in pounds rather than ounces...

■ **FIXTURES:** Monday Feb 2, Beacon AGM, 7.30, Inn on the Lake aka The Beacon; Sat Feb 7 best forget Tear Drops for fishing – some 2,000 cross country runners expected.

**Je suis  
Charlie**

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