

Sunshine triggers feeding spree!

WHITE Hart Flore got an early taste of summer things to come when they landed more than 1,500lb – better than 60lb a man average – from Tofts.

As the sun came out, Sunday, so did the carp and – although some rods struggled – many others had a ball.

Dave Griffiths came out on top with 123lb, mostly carp falling for caster fished down the side, with Robin Wickham not far short on 120lb while Garry Muddyman netted 111lb. Dave Chapman had to be content with a section win despite putting 107lb on the scales!

● RITCHIE HULL had a runaway Makins' pairs league fifth round win, bagging 103lb of carp. John Smalley had 53lb and Jack Loughery 35-4. With one round to go Smalley and Ian Hughes lead the table.

● IT was tight at the top in the penultimate Meadowlands teams-of-three round as Rolly McEnemey (Dynamite Baits) landed 85-14 of carp to squeak home ahead of Ian Coxon (Inbetweeners) 84-12. Swann Baits' Neil Russell netted 72-2.

Swans were top on the day, 13 points, with Hooters and Tornados both on 15. Tussies lead overall, 82, Dynamite Black have 83, and three other teams are all on 84.

● WITH the river close season starting yesterday, anglers looking for last-gasp biggies were out in force. Jamie Cartwright finally got himself pictured with an 8-4 Ouse chub in Angling Times.



■ **IT doesn't matter how many trout cutlets there are in this whopping 13-8 Elinor rainbow, as captor Matt Harris put it back alive**

■ **ONE day Gary Maton will learn to take his hat off for photos – but his 6-2 Wolverton Ouse chub is a cracker and one of three over 5lb he had in a short end-of-season session**



Adam Short set a new Olney club record with a last-day 7-13 (five over 5 for 29-9) and Justin Gardner caught five 2lb+perch and two tench for 19lb; I had a 5lb Wolverton Ouse chub; Matt Snee caught a 2-12 E m b e r t o n Ouse perch the day after a 2-6 from the cut.

● STANWICKS's fish of the week was 'Roman's' 22lb Elsons common as Mick Panther had a 15lb mirror. John Dunn fished the car park pond for 14 carp to 16lb.

● COTTON Club, Stockton reservoir: Dave Haddon (only one to catch) 9 carp 77-3. FINEDON, Mill Cotton lake, Ringstead: Paul Brand 52lb carp and silvers, Chris Chapman 22-8, Mark Clement 22-6.

● CASTLE Ashby, Grendon, Saturday: Kevin Folwell 33lb of roach – 168 fish, Chris Garrett 27-12, Pete Lovell 26-8. Sunday, Grendon: Richard Dunkley 44-2 of bream, Bob Reed 38-9, Garret 29-6. Midweek, Scotland pond: Ian Smith 22-12, Grant Howie 21-12, Steve Bull 20-6.

BAG'EM Matchbaits individual league 5th round, Dog Lane: Kevin Folwell (Spring Street) 20-3-12, Lee Taylor (Bag'em

12-11-12, Mick Turner (Daventry star) 10-4. With one leg to go it is still anybody's title.

● TOWCESTER VETS, town Tove: Graham Martin, 211 (he counted them) dace for 16-8, Grenville Read 200 for 8-2, Walt Ashby 3-14. TOWCESTER, Shutlanger Tove, Sunday: Paul Keel four chub 10-2, Pat Jaquest 8-13, George Cooke 7-12.

● FLORE & Brockhall, local cut: Jim 'Dolphin Boy' Tanser 9-1 skimmers and roach, Gareth Abrahams 2-3, Rob Rawlins and Paul Humphries both 1-13. HEYFORD fishery silverfish open: John 'silver fox' Hewison 5-10-8, Ian Wills 4-13-4, Pete Baldwin 3-11-8.

● WELLINGBOROUGH league final round, 13 teams of four, Foxton canal: John Shepley Browning Gold 4-12, Colin Harris Browning Red 4-8-8 Norman Bradshaw Browning Black 4-3. The Reds tied top on the day with Black Horse A 46 points.

Overall winners 'Horse B 7 points (their Graham West series individual champ 52 points), ahead of Browning Black 10, Reds 11, 'Horse A 12.

● **WANT to know more about what is being done for your sport? Go to the Angling Trust open forum at Brampton, next Saturday, March 24. Speakers include ex-MP Martin Salter and Rado Papiewski – a Polish gent who wants British courts to REALLY crack down on those of his countrymen who steal our fish. Sounds like a good lad. Go to www.aterforum.co.uk or call 01366 384458 for details.**

● **AND FINALLY:** When Nene fished the Clifford Hill Nene, John 'Smiler' Balhatchett was the only one to get a bite – a 2 ounce perch.

● **FIXTURES:** Saturday March 25 Nene charity open Stoke canal, draw Cock Inn, Roade, 01604 414791. April 1, first of six weekly Towcester Sunday Bairstows opens 01327 353263.