

## Record-breaking Easter sunshine...

# Brings the carp out to play

**S**TANWICK's sport has hotted up along with the weather over the past week – producing no less than **THREE 30s** and a shoal of 20s.

Matt Lacey had the largest, a mirror which spun the scales round to 37-6! And, also from Elsons, Alex Grice had a 30-4 common and Lee Rookes a 30-3 'leathery' mirror.

Paddy Wheat had the best from Mallard, a 25-6 followed by Aaron Clarke's 24-8. Zsolt Bardi had four to 22-10 from Swan.

● **MATCHMAN** turned devout lure-angler Andy Jones is on a mission to find a double-figure canal zander – and it is debateable whether CRT's roach restoration project will make that easier or harder...

Either way he's tramping miles of canal-side per day – sometimes twice a day – after the big 'un – and finding that Z numbers are dropping faster (almost) than public faith in MPs. **BUT...he is catching some cracking perch, netting them to 2-9 over the weekend.**

● **TEAM** Ringer's Adam Waklin scorched his way to the top in Sunday's Meadowland's spring league third round – winning with 210lb.

The fishery didn't do bad on a day when many matches elsewhere turned out to be right scratchers, and Pete Caton managed 178lb for second with Ian Coxon on 152-5. Stuart Pelsar has a two-point lead with one round to go.

● **SCORCHING** record Easter Sunday sunshine plus holiday

boat traffic sounded like bad news for MK's nine teams-of-four spring canal league opener – but that didn't stop 'Town Browning lads dominating the event near Bletchley.

Browning Northampton Black's James Lewis tied on 10lb with MK's James Mead for top spot as Browning Central's Carl Smith had 8-7 and Browning Grey's Barry Smith 8-2. Black now lead on 29 points ahead of their Red squad (27) and MK (25).

● **WELLINGBOROUGH's** Brian Campbell has caught a 31-12 from the club's Barkers water.

● **WHITE** Hart Flore, Bishops Bowl: David James 128-8, Wayne Robinson 60lb, Dave Griffiths 59-8; midweek, Tofts, Trevor Griffiths 87-2, Tom Griffiths 65-11, Ted Adams 61-6.

● **FLORE &** Brockhall, Barby Banks: Mick Chambers 50lb, Rob Rawlins 42lb, Terry Smith 34lb.

● **CASTLE** Ashby: midweek, Mick Hewlett 37-8, Courtney Hewlett 29-14, Frank Pizamenti 24-12; Sat., C Hewlett 52-8,

Mick Wheeler 43-12, Keith Garratt 37-4; Sun., (Grendon – mostly bream) Chris Garratt 48-12, Steve Shakespeare 37-4, Chris Camplin 37-12

● **CASTLE** silverfish open, Canons: Paul Reynolds 25-11, John Lewis 16-6, Jim Broadbent 16-1.

● **TOWCESTER** Vets, canal, Banbury Lane: Brian Ayliff 16-12, Tony Hirst 6-9, Chris Howard 3-12.

● **TOWCESTER/** Nene: Silverlake: John Broughton 11lb, Les Ramsden 8-6, Brian Ayliff 7-10 ■



■ **ANDY**  
Jones' 2-9  
lure-caught  
canal perch



■ **MATT**  
Lacey's 37-6  
Stanwick  
mirror