

# Glorious June 16 on the rivers - just pretend it is mid-winter!

**G**OT any scuba gear? You will probably need it for Saturday's June 16 start to the river season!

With the Nene, Tove and Ouse over their banks with every fresh downpour, and weather forecasts as uplifting as party political broadcasts, this could be THE wettest river season start...ever!

Those most likely to catch will probably be diehards chubbing with winter tackle and big old worms. Enjoy – or at least, try to...

● CARP were hard on feed at Lakeside near Towcester for White Hart Flore's match as Dave Griffiths stormed to the top with 172lb – way ahead of Trevor Griffiths on 129lb and Drew Adams 122lb.

● HOT-rod Steve Ringer doubled the next man's weight in Barby Banks' bank holiday open with 132-4 as he long-poled meat in the margins. Andy Pell had 66-6 and Joe Roberts 54-8.

● ROYAL Mail Northampton's do on the 'Banks saw 'Totts' Tottenham with 121-10 as Andy Poole caught 70-8 and Andy Forbes 57-4. Meat and worm were the in baits.

● AN interclub on Canons saw Castle beat 'Mail Northampton and take 1st and 3rd as Jeff Rice bagged 103lb of carp. 'Totts' had 101lb and Paul Lafflin 63-10.

● TOWN ace Phil Ringer is through to the last 16 in the £5,000 winner-take-all Match Fishing Cup. Dad Geoff is out, beaten by 0-0-1 – one sixteenth of an ounce!

● STANWICK's fish of the week – with several 20s and a brace of 8lb tench landed – was Mark Finlay's 30-5 Mallard lake common.

● ABINGTON Park lake's small fish may have been savaged by cormorants... but regulars are still catching bigger lumps. Tony Pickering has had a bream and six tench for 20lb and Malcolm Bunyard six tinca's to 4-8 for 19-9. Vince Battams' continuing run included carp to 11-10, tench to 4-15, slabs to 5lb and a 2lb golden orfe.



■ **CASTLE Ashby regular Frank Pizmenti with part of his 75lb winning bream catch, Saturday.**  
*Picture Lorna Wheeler.*

● **CASTLE Ashby:** midweek on Grendon, Mick Hewlett 54-12, Steve Abbott 51-12, Chris Barley 45-14; Saturday, Brickyard, Frank Pizmenti 75lb (bream), Paul Hardman 50-4, Kevin Follwell 42-8; Sunday, Grendon, Grant Howie 34-8, Steve Bull 39-12, Richard Skeen 35-4.

● **LITTLE Harrowden:** Fineshade lakes, Aidey Chance 51-15, Stan Atter 51-7, Jim Broadbent 21-4. **FINEDON:** Mill Cotton, Ringstead, Barry Lawrence 37-3, Dave Ross 17-7, Paul Brand 15-7.

● **GLEBE;** Grundy's, Brian Beard 35-12, Russ Lay 35-9, Bob Eales 31-3. **TOWCESTER Vets:** Wappenham Water John Balhatchett 19-10. Mick Reid 11lb, Don Green 5-12.

● **COTTON Club:** silverfish do, Grendon, 'Ashby, Dan Brown 18-6, Dave Haddon 15-12, Tom MacIlhinney 9-3.

● **NEWPORT's Abbey Pits open:** Michael Buchwalder 13-14, Steve Schubert 11-15, Steve Chilton 9-11.

● **FLORE & Brockhall:** Muscott Mill cut, Rob 'on a roll' Rawlins 5-13, Gary Abrahams 3-11, Steve Smith 3lb.

● **FIXTURES:** Sunday, Come & try Angling day for all ages, Barnwell Park, 07791 786251.



■ **RICHIE Evans had a ball test-fishing some 'new ideas' at Poddington's Wold Farm – bagging a string of doubles including this 17-9.**

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