

Ready for a rod-bender - big Ouse chub are on the move!

GET ready for some winter river rod-bending action – the big Ouse chub are starting to show!

Sunday's MKAA four-way interclub saw Russ Nash include a 6-2 chevin in his winning weight of 10-13... caught from the same Hollands' Field peg which gave Martin Cunniffe a 2-1 roach last week.

Most of the other top weights were largely made up of chunky perch as Paul Hamilton had 7lb, Ernie Sattler 4-14 and Steve Emerton 4-5.

The back half of last winter saw a welter of chub between 5 and 7lb+ landed locally with Jake Stratton's 16 fish (three of them 6lb+) in a single afternoon almost certainly a new Upper Ouse record. Can that be beaten this winter – only time will tell?

■ WAY downstream at Olney, the roach which were on parade as Paul Caton (pictured in the Two Brewers by Ron Bull, who seems to keep his camera there these days) won the town club's charity open with 15-6.

Tom Halfpenny had a 7-6 bream in his 11-3-8 as – with the match fished along the recreation ground section – Steve Glidewell caught 10-14 of roach to 12 ounces, followed by Neale Shearn 9-2-0.

■ FLASHBACK a week or two to slightly warmer weather when Nuala (pictured) and John Gray shared a net of Lodge bream to 6lb.

■ A REALLY wicked overnight frost hit Alder's midweek so hard that Trevor Price needed just 27lb of skimmers and carp for his fifth 'stinky stuff' win from six matches. Keith Ashby landed 22-12 and Warren Downie 21-11.

■ TOWCESTER vets Dog Lane do saw John 'smiler' Balhatchett top of the frame, again, this time with 32-15 of carp on the lead. Tosh Saunders had 24lb and Gerald Greene 21-11.

■ FLORE & Brockhall had high hopes when they hit the Towcester town Tove, but struggled following a stiff over-night freeze. Small dace made up most of the weights as Ray Ayres caught 4-11-8, ahead of Brian Johnson 3-8-8 and Ken Cadd 2-1-4.

■ BUT downstream on Shutlanger section, Towcester found the going grim. Matt Brafield won with 3-12 of dace followed by Andy

Jones 3-6. Mick Goodridge was third with seven chub and a dace... for 2-12.



● Olney RBL open winner Paul Caton
Pic: Ron Bull

■ EACH trip to the Ouse in Buckingham brings better results – just – for doggedly determined Calvert. This time Dave Lewis won with 2-5 as Barry Witteridge 1-9.

■ MKAA bailiff Sean Wilson has had a surprise fish Wolverton Mill – a 5lb leather. He said: "It was black on the back, brown on the sides and yellow underneath. It was so colourful, and the first leather I've seen from the 'Mill.'"

■ FIXTURES: Saturday, Stony Ouse, MK clubs' golden peg (£312 if won this time) 07703 556788; Nov 20, Olney Tuesday Ouse open 01234 240061.

■ TODAY (Thursday) Lodge peninsula closed for bush trimming.



● Nuala Gray & 6lb Lodge slab

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