

As back end of the running water season looms ahead...

# Rivers start to show some form!

**T**HOUGH hardly a gold rush, some sections are showing plenty of promise for the back-end of the river season.

Making the most of a post-flood run-off, Rob Buckner (pictured) got his new year off to a flyer with a mighty chub from the Wolverton Ouse.

Fishing his unbearably stinky cheese and garlic paste he tempted the 6-11 – and a 3-8 – Saturday. Now he's out to beat his last season's 7-4 best.

● Downstream at Olney Jack Moroney landed a 12-12 barbel while, over the festive break, Nigel Laurie – reporting through MK Angling Centre – had whiskers of 11 and 8lb from Newport's flooded Ouse.

● On the match front Riverside, on the Ouzel at Newport, produced some cracking weights Sunday.

An open there saw Dave Tebbutt with 18lb of roach and three perch to 3lb for 24-10. Martin Greene had over 250 small roach on whip for 21-12 as Steve Rose landed 19-2 of quality redfins.

● And Stoke Bruerne bottom lock came on for oldies Walt Ashby and Tosh Saunders as they had more than 15lb and 8lb of skimmers respectively in a short canal pleasure session.

● Elsewhere White Hart Flore fished Spring Pool where Gary Muddiman triumphed with 38-12 of carp ahead of Tom Griffiths 35-12 and Robin Wickham 35-4.

● Local Paul Knapman (pictured right) was top dog in Daventry's Dog Lane open with 26-13, followed by Steve Milo (up from Devon) 22-11-8 and Adey Williams 12-14.

● Phil Wintle needed just 10-12 to top Castle Ashby's Sunday Grendon open with Chris Cam-plin on 8-14 and Richard King 7-14. The previous day's brickyard sweep

had gone to Chris Garrett with 38-6 as Mick Hewlett had 29-8 and Bob Reed 26-12.

Alan West won 'Ashby's Christmas Day open on Scotland with just 8-8... though a good time was apparently had by all in the pub afterwards.



■ **WHAT a fish! Rob Buckner started 2013 with this muscular 6-11 Ouse chub**

● Towcester vets' Astwell Mill do saw Tosh Saunders with 12lb of roach as Gerald Greene had 7lb and Grenville Read 5-1.

● In Nene's Heyford cut open Alan Robinson fished 16 metres throughout and was rewarded with 9-8 of skimmers. Derek Reaney had 7-6 and John Shepley 6-7.

● It was a match of two halves for Towcester on the Tove. Andy Jones had two chub for 5-10 and John Broughton 2-1, at

the A508 end, while Pat Jaquest netted 0-4 at Shutlanger...

● Flore & Brockhall's teams of 3 canal league began with a whimper... and Rob Rawlins squeaked loudest to win with 2-14-12 ahead of Steve Smith 2-4-3 and Fred Johnson 2-3-8. Top teams: Regulars 10, George 9, Dolphin Boys 8.

● **FIXTURES:** Sunday, Wellingborough teams of 4 league starts, 01933 389309; also MK teams of 4, 07703 556788. Feb 1, Newport river open, 07718 392639.



■ **PAUL Knapman, Daventry's Dog Lane open winner**