

*With chill factors of minus 11 in places, it has to be asked: are we...*

# *Too keen or too daft to give it best?*

**I**f Britain ever needs a Granddads' Army to invade the Arctic Circle... local fishery banks would be a good place to start recruiting!

With wind-chill factors hitting minus double figures in some places those too keen – or too daft – to stay indoors were out there toughing it out.

And 78 year-old Ron Kyte, a Northampton Specialist Group founder, was leading the charge – doing after-dark sessions on Olney's Ouse!

Despite the incredible cold, he persevered to catch, on one occasion, a 12-12 'fin perfect' barbel and chub of 5-12 and 4-6... in just two hours.

He said "My wife worries about me fishing after dark... but while you can still go you've got to go."

● Among others also getting last gasp biggies (river close season starts midnight tonight, March 14) Stewart Harris had a 7-13 chub and Ian Spires a 7-2 – both Ouse fish.

● And Graham Prince set a new Olney record with a 4-4 perch and landed a 4-6 chub, while a vets' do on Newport's Ouzel was won with 10lb of silvers. Stan Pannell had 10lb of roach on the Tove.

● ON stillwaters Scone Zones' Paul Garner topped the Meadowlands' 16 teams of three round with 12 margin carp for 92-6 as Simon Fry (Cherry Pie Trio) had 58-14 and Tussies' Nige Smith 52lb. Following disastrous early rounds, Ringers Baits roared back for top team. Guru lead.

● CASTLE Ashby: midweek, Grendon, Steve Ringer 47-12, Nick Waddham 39-4, John Kent 35-12. Sunday: Grendon, Bob Reed 17-12, Chris Garratt 16-4, Andy Jones 15-12; Scotland, Kevin Folwell 21-8, Keith Bishop 16-12, Roger Clutton 14-8; Brickyard, Phil Gimbit 26-12, Paul Hardman 22-4, Frank Pizmenti 15-12.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Dave Chapman 44-8, Alan Barnes 19-8, Rob Whickham 11-8.

● BISHOPS Bowl pairs: Dave Smart 39-14, Roy Murfitt 23-2, Steve Hatt 19-2. Kevin Green and Rob Bassett top pair.

● CASTLE silverfish, Canons: Jeff Rice 23-4, Fred Prior 16-1, Steve Brooks 10-8.

● NENE, 'lovers lane', Bugbrooke cut: Dave Gibbins 10lb (inc a 1-2 roach), John Balhatchett 6-15, Chris Howard 5-6.

● RUSHDEN, Wold Farm: Josh Lines 12lb, Ash Whitnell 10lb, Gary Winkle 9lb.



■ BREADFLAKE – and weathering the weather – brought Derek Brown chub of 5-14 and 5-2 from the Wolverton Ouse

● TOWCESTER, Tove: Tony Hirst 4-11, Les Goodridge 3-15, Grenville Read 3-14.

● GLEBE, Bugbrooke cut: Dave Haddon 3-7, Marcus Annable 1-8, Brian Beard 1-7.

● TOWCESTER vets, Navvi canal: George Cooke 1-14, John Balhatchett 1-13, Walt Ashby 1-7

● FLORE & Brockhall, canal teams of three: Rob 'It's a gift' Rawlins 1-9-8,

Jim Tanser 1-5-4, Gerald Cash 0-11. Regulars lead.

● TROUT: Elinor, 563 fish to 10-4 for 120 rods; Ringstead, fish to 6lb, Ravensthorpe, 218 to 6lb for 63 rods; Pitsford's opening averaged 4 per rod, Judith Tufts getting 13 before lunch!

Grafham opens Sunday ■



■ JOHN Bromilow with 5-14 Ringstead rainbow. Flyfishing THIS weather MUST mean frozen fingers!

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