

# Wild, wild winds and downpours fail to stop some people catching

**S**PASMODIC downpours and winds worthy of winter did little for weekend anglers – but some still came up trumps.

Typically the biggest weights came from carp match pools, and visiting Kingsmill AC had a share at Alders as Gary Abrahams won with 147lb ahead of Tony Whickham 108-5 and Mark Whaddham 93lb.

Osprey's Decoy lake trip saw Mark Wilson with 68lb, Rob Napier 60lb and Steve Carthy just 8 ounces behind.

Dog Lane's carp were moving, too, for Towcester with Kevin Elliot on 61lb ahead of Graham Martin 38lb and Mick Boddilly 30-9.

The club's vets had fished there days earlier, when Andy King won with 42-4 ahead of John Balhatchett 32-6



● Mike 'over the rainbows' at Ringstead



● Danny doing the business on Furzton

and Terry Robinson 21-13.

Danny Grobber has been catching again from his favourite Furzton haunt, with fish including the 18 pounder pictured above.

City lad Mike Wibberley (left) had a nice catch of rainbows to 4lb at Ringstead.

Barbel hunters concentrating on Olney's Ouse since the river season opened had, by Monday, failed to

land any – though several hefty fish, which may have been carp, had got away.

A 10-10 common carp did get banked by Shaun Mynard – along with a 5-10 chub. His young bro, Charlie, had a 5-9. Net of the week was Keith Mitchell's 11 bream to 7-1 for 61lb, on corn. Phil Lee had a 7-8 bream and Jake Stratton a 6-6-12 tench.

Olney's annual cup produced few small fish as Gary Spavins won with 16-11 (including a 6-1 tench), Paul Caton 7-6 and Steve Glidewell 5-15.

Roger Clutton won with nine bream for 24-10 in MKAA's individual league Furzton round. Phil Bardell, next peg, netted 14-13-8 while Ernie Sattler poled it for 14-2 of perch and roach.

Sattler had won on Furzton, midweek, topping MK vets' do with 18-1. Alan Ford 9-13, Dave McLennan and Dave Lewis both on 8-3.

Kingfishers' Tear Drops do went to Colin Chart – 10-6 of bream caught in the last 30 minutes. Keith Harrison had 4-15 of roach from TD 2 and John White 3-11. John Harvey blanked on the golden peg...

Pound-plus roach helped Karl Ruditis win DATS' New Inn cut evening match with 7-5-12. Paul Chapman had 5-12 and Phil Bardell 5-9.

DATS' Rus Nash topped MKAA's 3-way interclub on Linford's wharf with 6-8 as Calvert's Jim and Dave Lewis had 5-12 and 4-7-8.

Small numbers of dead bream have been found in Furzton, Tear Drops and Lodge in the past week. Spawning stresses coupled with yo-yo-ing water temperatures are the most likely cause – a sad sequence of events occurring from time to time on most waters.

**FIXTURES: July 5 canal sections 8A to 11A closed; July 7, MKAA summer league starts, Furzton, 07703 556788; MKAA junior teach-in Wednesday evening July 10 Tear Drop 2, 01908 320007.**

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