

When Ron gets his crowquills out, it's odds-on good fish will soon be...

# Falling to skills of the 'old master'

**F**ORGET sitting behind boilies and bolt-rigs – the 'old ways' can still do the business on our river banks...especially in the hands of Ron Kyte!

When the local specimen-hunting patriarch starts talking quill floats (sometimes with 'Beta-lights' on top!) many of today's young tackle-tarts fall about laughing.

But Ron's time-proven methods can out-fish many of them while they're still changing batteries in their hi-tec bite alarms!

Recently he's been stalking Northampton Nene's Nene just below town, for a couple of hours at a time, catching chub to 6-5 with the latest, this week, going 5-8 and falling to a tiny piece of bread on a 14 to nylon under a crowquill on light line and light, soft-actioned rod.

"I've also had carp to 10-8 and roach over a pound," he said, adding "It's a lovely stretch and it doesn't look as though anyone else has been fishing there."

And he took his quills to the Hertfordshire Lea last week, just for a change, clocking up five chub to 3lb, four barbel to 8-8, four gudgeon and a good roach on bread, pearl barley and a 'secret' natural bait...in one outing!

● WITH two rounds left Guru now top Castle Ashby's AT league four points clear of joint runners-up 'Ashby Youth and Maver MK, having won Sunday's round 11 points clear of RAF.

RAF's Andy Beazley had top weight, 68lb, followed by Guru's Nigel Fawkes 53-12 and MK's Ian Smith 47-4.

● TOP Stanwick fish this week was Karl Finnley's 30-6 PB common from Mallard.

● GILDERS' Pete Dixon's two Trent sessions brought him nine barbel to 8lb using pellets super-glued to his hook.

● MEADOWLANDS individual league opener: Paul Garner 117-12, Bas Byrd 101lb, Ian Coxon 70-8.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Tofts: Dave

Griffiths 103lb, John Berry 90lb, Vinny Atkinson 79lb.

● CASTLE silverfish, Canons: Jeff Rice 18-2, Alan West 17-6, Graham West 12-10.



■ OVER the rainbow: Shaun Marriott with 10-3 Elinor rainbow, returned to fight again



■ GOLDEN plate: Vince Battams with glistening 2-10 Abington Park crucian

● MOBBS Miller, Fenland drain: Stuart Cheetham 12-10 (seed roach), Ken Taylor 12-9, Stan Atter 7-12

● FLORE & Brockhall, Muscott cut: Buster Matthews, 10-2, Ray Ayres 3-4, Jim Tanser 2-1.

● NENE, Stoke long pound: Chris Howard 9-6, Les Wills 7-14, Brian Beard 3-8.

● TOWCESTER, Shutlanger Tove: John Broughton 6-13, Les Goodridge 6lb, Tony Hirst 5-10 ■

## Obituary

**SAD NEWS:** John Woodhouse, long-serving Castle committee man, former treasurer and secretary, has passed away aged 84 after suddenly being taken ill. Castle's Bob Spencer said: "He was a stalwart of the club and a really good man."

Angling apart, the former soldier was passionate about history and archaeology, and a long-time trustee of Piddington Roman Villa Museum.

His family say all who knew John will be welcome at the funeral – 1.45pm, Church of The Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, November 14 ■