

# Fallen tree across tiny river creates a new winning peg!

**T**HE tiny Tove rose eight inches during a five hour match...but that didn't stop the winner bagging up with 17lb of perch ranging from 1-8 to 3lb!

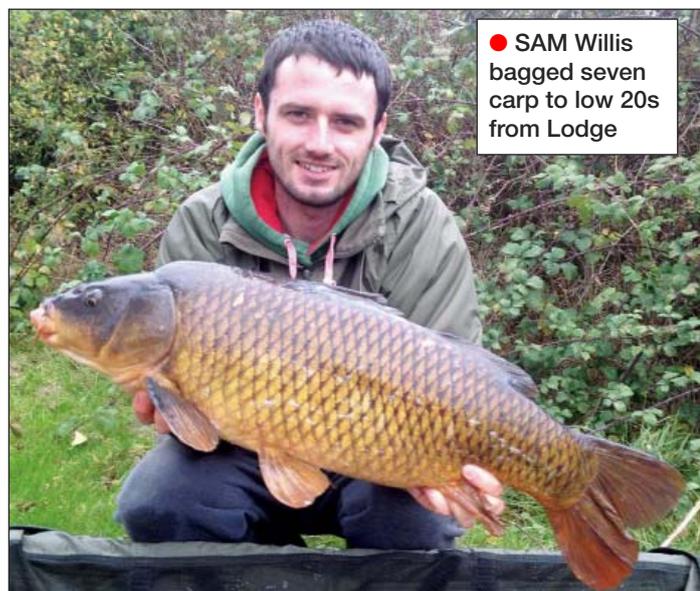
When Towcester's crew turned up for Sunday's do on the town Broadwater section – actually less than 10 metres in width – everyone wanted the peg where a tree had fallen across the river and created a brand-new 'feature' peg.

But only one man could pull its number, and that turned out to be John 'smiler' Balhatchett who promptly set to casting worm and lead into the new back eddy.

And every time he did that his tip went round and stayed round as another bristling stripey took determined hold of his lob.

Out in the open best of the rest was Mick Boddily with 5-8 followed by Dave Gibbins on 3-6.

■ BAD news for those who, like me, fear that zander will one day get out of the Grand Union at Stoke, down the Tove and into the local Ouse to decimate its re-emerging silverfish stocks:



● SAM Willis bagged seven carp to low 20s from Lodge

a small Z has just been caught way downstream at Newton Blossomville!

It was taken during a recent Perchfishers outing...and the only question is whether it came in from the canal...or whether some clown who thinks illegal stocking is fun has 'moved' it up from

way downstream of Bedford.

■ SUNDAY's rainstorms didn't stop Karl Hills netting a Furzton 28. He wrote on facebook: 'I'm over the moon'.

■ THREE quick visits to Lodge, totalling 12 hours, saw Sam Willis bank seven carp to the low 20s, recently.

■ OSPREY,

Lakeside: Darren Cannock 107lb, Tony Winnock 87lb, Steve Potter 73lb.

■ MK vets midweek, Linford Heron & Canal Lakes: Bruce Harvey (ANOTHER win!) 24-8 of bream and roach, Ted Brown 15-2, Bob Gale 11-11.

■ GONEFISHIN pairs league, Mill Road canal: Tommy Boyce Jnr 11-8, Lee Jones 6-4, Lee Newson 5-8. Jones and Pete Patton were top pair on the day while, with two legs to go, Tommy Boyce Snr and Jnr have a two point overall lead.

■ KINGS Arms, Stone Park Ouse: Steve Cable 9-8 roach and dace on stick, Dave Howell 3-3-8, Len Keyhoe 2-2.

■ DATS, Stony Island Ouse: Bob Gale 7-12-8, Colin Chart 5-6-8, John Harvey 5-8.

■ LINFORD, C'pn Morgan cut: John Hough 4-3, Ron Dorriell 3-5, Diddy Hefferon 3-4.

■ CALVERT, Claydon Lake: Derek Bishop 2-11 (and £30 on the golden peg), Charlie Green 0-13-3, John Weatherall 0-5.

■ FIXTURES: Tues Dec 2 Olney Ouse open, 01234 240061; Sat Dec 6 MKAA Ouse fur & feather, tickets in local shops; Sun Dec 7 GoneFishin canal league round, fish as an individual if you wish, 01908 313158; Also Newport Christmas match Riverside Meadow, members only, 01908 612812.

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