

# Frosty winds on frosts - but some had no need to moan

**F**ROST on frost plus bitter winds made fishing grim for most at the weekend...whether on canal, lake or river.

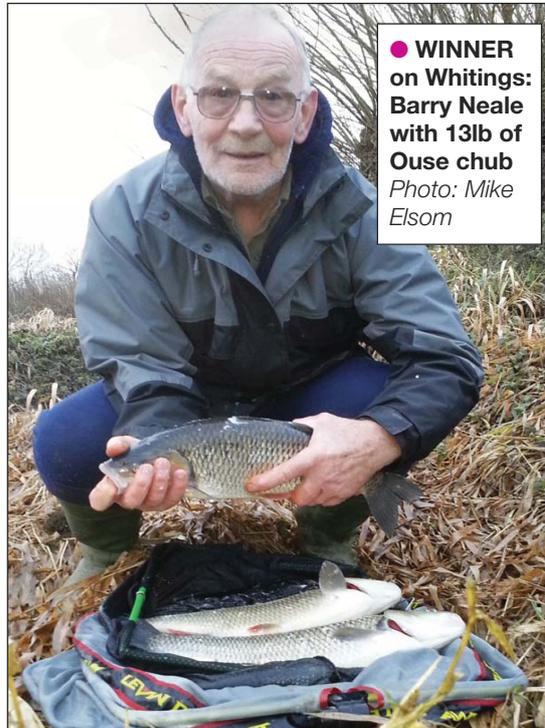
But White Hart's Barry Neal still managed a nice warm glow of success on Whittings – winning his club's match with four chub and bits on stick-floated maggots for 13lb.

Mick Elsom had smaller chub and some roach on the pole for 8-8 from Stone Park for second spot, with Dennis Walden third (Whittings) on 7-6 as 11 anglers totalled 47-9.

■ WHEN an EA fishery team led by Alex Malcolm (thanks for being out there in the cold lads) test-netted what is likely to become a new MKAA water, all they could find in four acres was sticklebacks.

And that made MKAA development officer Mike Reveler, who had persuaded the rod licence-funded experts to give the lake the once over, a happy man as it means the association can start stocking with a clean sheet.

■ Alder's winter league final round saw Rushden Sports top on the day with 36pts followed by Got Black 26 and Chiltern 22,



● **WINNER**  
on Whittings:  
Barry Neale  
with 13lb of  
Ouse chub  
Photo: Mike  
Elsom

which put Black top of the league on 187 with Rushden on 140 and Got Red 134.

Tuesday's 'affordable' Alder's open started with communal ice-breaking...and Trevor Price found 33lb of skimmers enough for his third win in a row. Mick Woods had 25lb and Richard Brain 24lb.

■ STONY's 'Island' Ouse was on form for the club's Christmas match as Chris Malia netted 12-9 of roach and good perch. Steve Chilton's 9-7 included a 3lb stripey. Paul Hamilton had 7-14.

■ A FAIR few fish were on the move for Olney's Ouse fur & feather, despite the river rising several inches over night. Paul Caton was top with 12-5 of roach and dace – alternating punch on pole with wagglered maggot. Pete Hawley lost two big perch but still weighed 6-7. Alan Lambert had 6-6 and Jim Martin included a 5-7 tench in his 6-2.

■ MK vets' midweek festive do on the Stony Ouse had seen Steve Chilton top, again, on 8-4 ahead of Didder Hefferon 6-7 and Mick Hefferon 6lb.

■ GOLDEN oldie Charlie green topped Calvert's Buckingham town river sweep with 4-1 as wife Dawn made second on 1-3. James Lewis had 1-2.

■ TOWCESTER Broadwater Tove was in dire mood when Tony Hirst won with 1-12. Mick Goodridge had 1-8 and Darren Pannell 1lb.

■ GONEFISHIN's 'office outing' – drop-shotting on the cut back of 'the works' saw young Colin Campbell with a 5lb pike...as everyone else blanked.

■ FIXTURES: Sunday, Sunday, Alders Christmas open 07860 235655; Dec26 MKAA get-together on Stony Main and Jan 1 hangover open on Brush Mill, call 07703 556788 for either.

■ Happy Christmas you all.



● **EMPTY**  
nets: the EA  
came up with  
nowt but a few  
sticklebacks  
when test-netting  
a potential  
new MKAA  
lake...and  
everyone  
was happy!

Matches, catches, even rough patches? If there's a tale to tell call Trevor Johnson on 01908 270000 (office) or 07801 183381 or email [angling@intermediauk.com](mailto:angling@intermediauk.com) (click link to email)