

# Monster stuffed e-bay roach sparks a search for 'Mr Hyde'

**A** TWO-and-a-half pound roach from the Grand Union Canal is a huge fish in anyone's book.

And with that momentous redfin caught more than six decades ago – in an era of generally lower fish weights when too many half-decent samples were taken for the pot before reaching their full potential – it is even more amazing.

But just such a fish (and there is no word of a larger local canal roach in the 65 years since) seems to have been landed from the New Bradwell length by, according to the label on its glass case, Mr G Hyde in September 1950.

Likely having spent many a dust coated year in an attic or two, it recently surfaced on e bay – being sold by a local angler – and was bought by Ivan Truman-Childs (pictured) who is now determined to uncover its history and details of its captor.



● IT was THIS big! Ivan Truman-Childs is trying to unearth the story of this magnificent canal roach



● ACCLAIMED big fish men Paul Garner and Tony Gibson behind GoneFishin's counter as part of a Nash Tackle event

He said: "The guy selling it told me his son-in-law had all the details...but once he'd got my money he failed to come up with the background."

So far he's tried current controllers of the stretch MKAA, and various 'vets'

who would have been lads in the early 50s, all without a trace of 'Mr G Hyde'.

Anyone who can help Ivan's quest can contact him through myself – 01908 270000 or via [info@intermediauk.com](mailto:info@intermediauk.com)

■ GREAT Linford Tackle's Alf Walker bagged four carp around 20lb each on Parc Farm 1 over the weekend.

■ TOWCESTER Vets, midweek, Castlethorpe canal: Tosh Saunders 15-1 of skimmers, Terry Robinson 7-2, Bob Eales 6-11.

■ OSPREY, syndicate lake, Peterborough: Ian Millin 73lb, Pete Carter 59lb, Dave Thomas 26lb.

■ MK Vets, Linord's Wharf canal: Bob Gale 6-10, including a 2-10 perch, Mick 'the bike' Reynolds 5-9, Tony Richardson 4-14.

■ KINGFISHER, Tear Drops: Colin Chart 3-3, Paul Hack 3-1, Dean Warren 2-11.

■ STARTING Monday April 6 the Canal & River Trust will publish its own weekly electronic angling column featuring canal and CRT commercial results from across the country.

Look in at [www.canalrivertrust.org.uk](http://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk) under the 'see and do' section. And remember, the more people who regularly log in, the further up CRT's 'customer importance' ladder angling will rise...

■ TIPS from big fish stars Alan Blair, Paul Garner, Steve Briggs and Tony Gibson plus showcasing of new products were part of a Nash Tackle day held at Wolverton's GoneFishin.

■ FIXTURES: April 1, MKAA AGM, Irish Club, Manor Fields; April 12, MKAA spring canal league opener 07703 556788; May 3 AT & CRT national pairs champs round, Yardley Gobion cut, practice opens April 12, 19 & 26 07711 086436.

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