

# Forget that winter is coming - put some FISH on the bank!

**W**INTER's first few frosts sent droves of 'butterfly' anglers fleeing the banks for the duration...but some of those still out there are having a real ball!

Among them Tackle Hub staffer Bob Gale got among the slabs on Tear Drops and finished up with some 75lb – a catch to rival any made during the height of summer.

And Neil Richardson, rumoured to have given up carping in favour of match-style fishing, had better than 50lb, mainly crucians, from a small city pond.

■ ON the match front two clubs – fishing Lakeside near Towcester on consecutive days – found the venue's carp climbing up their rods despite rapidly falling water temperatures.

Tove Valley Matchgroup's Chris Garrett scored his third successive win there, Saturday, with 100-5 followed by Maver MK trio Phil Wintle 76-8, Ian Smith 68-14 and Andy Jones 58-13.

Next day was even better as Chris Lovelock topped Osprey's do there with 132lb, Followed by Mark Wilson 94lb, and Steve Carthy 91lb.

■ IT was tight at the top in MK Vets' midweek Canons Ashby do as Austin Maddock squeaked home with a two-carp-and some skimmers 32-1 – just five ounces clear of Bob Gale. Martin Cunniffe had an all silverfish 16-11 for third.

■ GLEBE's match on Heron saw Dave Jones the runaway winner with 21-4, way ahead of Dave Haddon 11-4 and Mark Bunyard 9-12.

■ CALVERT opted for the Ouse in Buckingham, Sunday, where Derek Bishop walked it with 6-4 as

Dave Lewis had 2-7 and Tony Richardson 1-9.

■ LINFORD's Boatyard canal sweep went to Roy Hefferon with 5-10 as John Hough managed 4-5 and Mick Hefferon 4-1.

■ KINGS Arms' visit to the Stoke House cut saw Leanne Kehoe win with 4-11. Top bloke on the day was Peter Fish

(that really is his name) on 4-6 with Steve Parker third on 4-2.

■ OLNEY's Spooner Cup on the Ouse was a low scoring do as Graham Clipson won with just 2-14, a pound-and-a-half of which was one perch. Barry Glidewell netted 2-11 and Pete Hawley 2-2 – the latter's efforts being enough to help him top the club's annual points series.

■ DON'T bother fishing the cut between Great Linford (bridge



■ JAMIE Boomer (above) was so pleased with this 2-10 Tear Drops perch he forgot to ask the name of the passing angler who netted it for him

78) and Leighton Buzzard, Sunday – there is a mass canoe charity event scheduled.

■ FIXTURES: Sun, Towcester Hesketh Trophy Tove open, 01908 563617; Tues Nov 3 and Sat Nov 7, Olney Ouse opens, 01234 240061.

■ NOVEMBER 14, free fly-fishing taster, courtesy of Mid-Northants Trout Fishers, at Pitsford reservoir – all gear and basic tuition supplied. Call 07794 465607 for more info.

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