

Happy run-in to Christmas as Upper Ouse anglers cash in on...

# Dirty water fish bonanza!

**FILTHY-dirty floodwater surging through the Upper Ouse – following months of almost no flow – has been triggering a flush of big bonus-fish catches.**

Among the happy anglers to benefit was Gary Teer, cheerfully banking a 9-2 barbel from Newport's length – a stamp of fish only marginally more common these days than the proverbial rocking horse droppings!

Just a few miles downstream, at Olney Mill, Bob Cook was over the moon with his lifetime's best perch of 4-3. His head-turning capture was no 'lucky strike' at a worm dangled on an exploratory off-chance. Having netted perch to 3-7 there earlier in the year, Bob was out for the biggest of the biggies...fishing a yellow plastic 'crayfish' lure, which turned out to be just the ticket.

● **MATCHMAN** Andy Skelton was on a high, too, putting together 23-4 (mainly perch) to win Newport's Riverside Meadow river sweep. Barry Glidewell had six bream in his 14-7 as Kevin Osborne had 11-14.

● **UNSEASONABLY** warm weather was helping get fish on the move in many stillwaters, too and at Stanwick Dann Slujs' seven fish catch included four 20s to 28lb while Phil Pedlar had a 22.

● **MEADOWLANDS'** fur & feather fell to Lee Davis with 138-10 of carp as Phil Croxford netted 96-12 and Phil Ringer 79-12.

● **TOVE** Valley's Lakeside do went to Gary Millward 95-12 followed by Andy Jones 75-10 and Dave Martin 55-2.

● **WHITE** Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Mick Howkins 45lb, Mark Tofts 40lb, Dave Griffiths 28-8.

● **CASTLE** Ashby opens: Wed, Brickyard, Pete Gibson 31-10, Mick Hewlett 26-14, Keith Bishop

16-12; Sat, Brickyard, Frank Pizamenti 36-14, Keith Garrett 27-8, Wayne Robinson 22-12; Sun, Grendon, Richard Dunkley 34-6, K Garrett 25lb, Chris Garrett 24-6.

● **FLORE & Brockhall, Oak Farm:** Terry Smith 22lb, Tony Ward 13-10, John Hargrave 13-6.



■ **HAPPY** as a turkey making it through to New Year's Day – Gary Teer with 9-2 Ouse barbel

● **NENE**, fur & feather, Long Pound canal: Andy Webster 13-3 skimmers, Darren Pannell and Chris Howard both 10-6

● **CASTLE** fur & feather, Canons: Jeff Rice 9-4, Paul Lafflin 7-15, Dave Cantrell 6-8.

● **FINEDON**, Ringstead shallows Nene: Dave Edwards 8-2, Dave Ross 7-4, John Sumpter and Steve Amos both 7-2.

● **TOWCESTER** Vets midweek, Cosgrove cut: Chris Howard 6-8, Les Goodridge 4-4, Graham Martin 2-8.

● **BAITSHOP holiday opening hours: Christmas Eve, Carpin Capers, open to 1pm and Gilders to 2.30; Mon, Gilders 10-5; Tuesday, normal hours for both.**

● **FIXTURES:** Boxing Day (Dec 26) Drayton Reservoir

inaugural Common Carp Cup, first authenticated common caught that day wins captor a free 48-hour session and the cup; **Jan 1**, MKAA hangover open, Ouse, 01234 713144; **Jan 17**, British Pike Champs qualifier, Sherington Pits, 07952 812527 ■



■ **DAN** Lloyd with 22-8 Willowbrock common. Picture by Hodge

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