

## 100lb Nene catch, '40lb' canal carp, and dive-bomber crows...

# That was THE week, that was!

### **NENE** regulars were slack-jawed with amazement this week as a match was won with more than 100lb from the river!

Sunday's gale-lashed Willowbrook Islip sweep saw Danny Harding (pictured below) net 16 slab-sided bream and a 3lb perch for an eye-watering 103lb – two weeks on from having won another sweep there with 33lb of bream, tench and chub.

Sunday's do saw the 13 who fished total 198-12...amazing form for the Nene at any time, let alone winter.

● **AND another catch, this time bordering on the bizarre, apparently came from the cut around Blisworth as, according to facebook stories, a man fished a small deadbait for canal zander, and ended up landing a carp...of 40lb! Mind-blowing – or what?**

● I DID everything wrong on Towcester's Silver Lake, Sunday: carefully pre-conceived master plan didn't work, broke electric trolley, only caught two small perch...

But worst was a crow – blown backwards by the gales – hitting me in the face! Sat spitting out feathers and wiping away bird-poo, I thought 'I can take a hint', and packed up.

Then that evening I had a text from pal Mike Sando who'd stayed 'till dusk, fishing rubbish left-over maggots under his feet. He'd had 25lb of roach to 12 ounces... Doooooh.

● CASTLE Ashby league, third round: Team Pizamenti lead (16 points) with one round to go, followed by Team Keale 26 and Team Cowap 27. Joint winners on the day, 80-4 each, Frank Pizamenti on Brickyard and Roger Dunkley on Grendon.

● RINGER Pairs, Boddington: Phil Ringer

& Lee 'Kibber' Jackson 2 points (110lb), Mo Williams & Phil Hardwick 4 (113lb), Tom & Chris Handsom 5 (98lb).

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Mark Tottenham 79-8, Tom Griffiths 61lb, Dale Gibson 56lb.



■ **JAMES Warner**  
with 6-4 chub from  
Olney's Ouse



■ **A WINNER**  
on the Nene –  
AGAIN:  
Danny  
Harding...this  
time with  
103lb!

Photo Chris  
Morehen

● FLORE & Brockhall, Barby Marshes: Bert Isle 26lb, Jim Tanser 18lb, Steve Smith 17lb.

● NENE, Long Pound, Stoke Bruerne cut: Chris Howard 15-4 (skimmers), Baz Eaton 5-12, Paul Morgan 4-1.

● MK VETS' Newport's Ouzel: Dave McLennan 11-6, Steve Chilton 6-9, Bruce Harvey 5-5.

● CASTLE, Canons: Alf Gillard 8-7, Bob Spencer 7-7, Fred Prior 6-8.

● FINEDON, Ringstead shallows Nene: Dave Ross 7-2, Chris Chapman 4-4, Mark Clemmett 3-8.

● **SAD news: former Plessey AC regular, and family-man, Maurice Dunkley's funeral was due to be held at Paulerspury village church at 12.30 today.**

I remember photographing an 11-2 bream he caught at Potterspury in the 1970's – in the days when a 5-pounder was a specimen!

An all-round sportsman at various times in his 83 years, 'Mo' once set cycling records with Towcester's A5 Rangers.

● FIXTURES: Sunday, Olney Ouse charity open 01234 240061; Sat March 12, MKAA Grand Slam, Stony Ouse, 07970 047506; Coming up, MKAA spring league teams-of-four, 07970 01234 713144;

● ELINOR: best opening weekend trout was Sean Roe's 10-15 rainbow (returned alive) as 52 anglers shared 248 fish. Airflo qualifiers Mar 13 and April 2 ■

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