

'Biblical' floods a prelude to some cracking river catches

FLOODS of almost biblical proportions virtually wiped out the end of the river season for most – but a few of us crept in under the bar!

Cheesepaste and groundbait feeder brought Adam Short a 6-6 chub – Olney's best-of-season – the night before the rains came, and was a great follow-up to the 8lb bream he'd had a week earlier.

Monday's last day of the season saw a pair of 'secret squirrels' catching Ouse chub of 5lb and 6lb around Haversham.

And at Ousebank Way weir I had my best last-day-of-the-season ever with chub of 6-1 and 5-11 – a fantastic return on my previous day's purchase of a Waitrose 'Essentials' loaf...marked down to 19p!

Yes, I'm tighter than a cork in a bottle...and who needs all these fancy HNV baits, anyway?

Fishing the Tove after having failed on the Newport Ouzel, Les Goodridge had the last-day catch of a life-time.

Just five days after the 'tiny' Tove had been carrying 10 feet of extra water – and had been 300 yards wide in places – he had more than 20lb of prime roach and dace in an afternoon 'drop-in' session, using 12 metres of pole to work double-bronze maggot under a busy road bridge which is little more than a culvert!

Kevin Osborne finished with a double figure, mostly perch, net on the Riverside Ouzel.

■ A MILTON Keynes team – Phil Wintle, Ian Pretty and Phil Bardell – won this years six leg Meadowlands teams-of-three league by a country mile. They topped 15 teams with 83 points, ahead of Lowdowns 112, with Swan Baits and Dynamite Black tied on 125.

■ Saturday's MKAA Grand Slam on Willowbridge cut saw Kevin Osborne float to the top with 7-7-8 of

skimmers and perch as Dave Tysoe came oh-so-close with 7-6 and Pete Watley had 6-4.

■ TOWCESTER and Nene's joint canal sweep at furnace lane fell to Chris Howard with 14lb of skimmers on bread. Andy Kimpton had 10-4 and Tosh Saunders 5-13.

■ MK VETS' Bradwell cut midweeker was another win for Kevin Osborne, 7-6, with Colin Chart on 4-8 and Dave Cantrell 3-4.

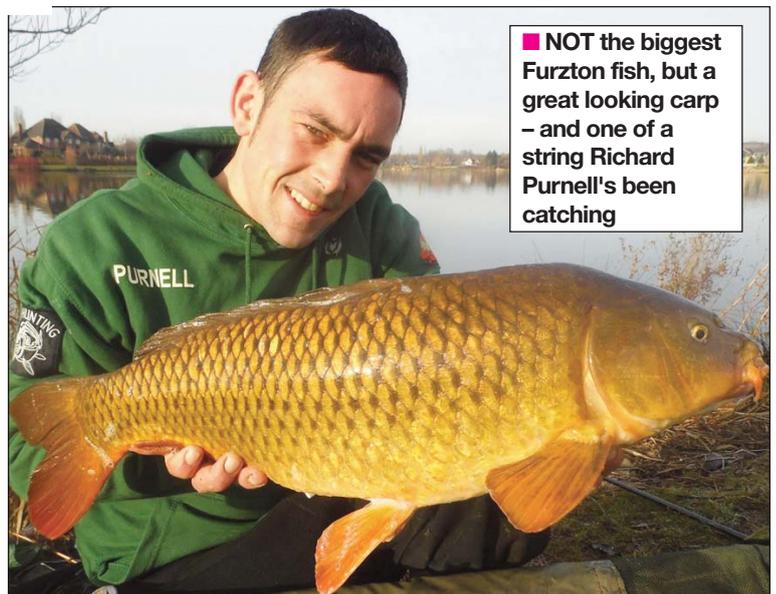
■ CALVERT's Claydon do went to John Weatherall, 2-1, as Barry Witteridge had 0-2. Don't ask about the rest...

■ LOCAL ace Ian Smith has finally made the big time: splashed across Angling Times' front page. Shame about the wide-angle lens treatment making his fish look bigger. LoL.

■ FIXTURES: April 6 MKAA AGM, Irish Club Bletchley; May 1 John Harvey Memorial open Black Horse Pit, call 07748 506024 evenings only.



■ ADAM Short's 6-6 Olney best-of-season chub!



■ NOT the biggest Furzton fish, but a great looking carp – and one of a string Richard Purnell's been catching

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