

Bivvy-buckling gales as 'storm Katie' blows in to ruin Easter!

WHAT a lousy bank holiday weekend that was – for most – with bivvy-buckling gales and torrential rains making it a feat of endurance for those staying the course.

Things got so bad, with bites so few and far between at one time, that facebook seemed to be alive with carpers debating who was facing the biggest waves.

Among those actually managing to catch fish during storm 'Katie', Bill Preedy was making his first outing of the year, Friday, with a 24 hour stint on a city water during which he had a big double common.

■ MATCH anglers were equally shaken and stirred, but that didn't stop Osprey coming good, again, on Lakeside where Ed Blane managed to put 139lb on the scales. Ricky Green had 68lb and Pete Archer 64lb.

■ Elsewhere it was a real struggle, though Mill Farm's small silverfish were on the feed. Steve Wright had a 3-11 crucian plus loads of roach and rudd for 21-3, followed by Steve Dzialak on 18lb and Steve Glidewell who had a 4lb tench in his 13-2.

■ SPORT was far from brisk even before the storm, and MK Vets' midweeker on the canal at Fenny boatyard saw Martin Cunniffe win with 7-12 as Austin Maddock had 4-14 and Steve Dzialak 2-8.

■ ALIVE with bank holiday boat-traffic, Grafton cut was in dour mood for Sunday's Towcester/Nene joint sweep as Les Wallace had 4-10, Pete Lawton 3-11 and John Balhatchett 1-4.



■ 'JACE' Escott may only be 7...but while out with dad Mark he had a Black Horse canal perch just shy of 3lb and a 1lb bream



■ HIS first outing of the year saw Bill Preedy net this nice common from a city water

■ AN open on Castle Ashby's Grendon, Monday, fell to Maver MK's John Kent with 39-8.

■ CALVERT's Claydon Lake trip, their last of the club's year, went to Dave Lewis with 3-5 ahead of John Weatherall 0-9 and Barry Witteridge 0-4.

■ IF anyone finds a liver-coloured (reddish-brown) cocker spaniel looking lost around Caldecotte Lake, please call Janet on 07771 765582.

■ TOMORROW, April 1, everybody needs a new rod licence if they haven't bought one already. It is also a criminal offence to coarse-fish any river or stream before midnight on June 15. Locally Lodge Lake and Caldecotte South Lake are also closed until the same date...but Wolverton Mill, which used to have a close season, is open all year.

■ FIXTURES: April 17, Mill Pond, Husborne Crawley open, 07854 649279; April 6 MKAA AGM, Irish Club Bletchley; May 1 John Harvey Memorial open Black Horse Pit, 07748 505024 evenings only.

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 (click link to email)