

More happy days on the Ouse for those finding the hot spots

STILL needing rain the Upper Ouse continued to dish out euphoria and disappointments this weekend, producing great catches in hotspot swims...and blanks in others.

At Stony Stratford Bruce Harvey finally discovered what his keepnet is for as he topped MKAA's golden peg sweep with a cracking 22-14 of decent perch – from a swim a good mile away from where Wayne Robinson had had 27lb of stripys a couple of weeks back.

And Bruce's performance meant Paul Abbott, a few yards away on the 'golden peg', missed out on the accumulated £300 prize fund despite landing 20-12 of perch. Steve Chilton was third with 11-13.

■ **CHUNKY** roach, dace and perch dominated Olney's Royal British Legion Ouse open, Saturday, with at least six 10lb+ nets as Paul Caton had 14-9-12, Steve Bull 14-1-12 and Pete Laughton 13-12-12.

■ **NEXT** day saw Laughton winning again, this time with 15-1 of silvers in a Nene match downstream at Newton Blossomville. Brian Beard had 9-15 and Ivor Stokes 9-7.

■ **STILL** further down, Neil Shearn won a Vauxhall open on Radwell with 25lb...mostly dace! Some 18lb was second with 10-4 third.

■ **DUCKING** and diving into swims for around five hours over two days saw Tom Andrews net 19 Ouse perch on lures – with more of them over a pound-and-a-half than under!

■ **FAR** far away from all that, travelling city rod Gary 'away day' Maton put in a shore-fishing stint on Poole Harbour: netting the incredibly-patterned 6lb ballan wrasse pictured, which went back to fight another day.

■ **PLEASE** keep your eyes open for 'dead' or 'set' lines being used by criminals attempting to steal fish. The latest find was

a dead mackerel on a massive sea hook – possibly a 6/0 – left to 'fish for itself' at Willen.

If you should find any please remove and destroy them or, preferably, hand them in to local bailiffs with info on where and when they were found.

Even **BETTER** if you can provide info enabling arrest and prosecution of the scumbags behind such fish-theft crimes.

■ **MK Vets**, Alders: Bob Gale 60-8, Richard Lattimer 53-2, Paul Chapman 50-6.

■ **TOWCESTER Vets**, Cosgrove canal: Gerald Green



● **CITY** all-rounder Gary Maton with 6lb ballan wrasse from Poole Harbour



● **FOUND** on Willen: huge sea hook and mackerel bait left by a fish thief who'd likely been 'dead-lining' for pike. Criminal or what?

4-2, Les Goodridge 3-7, Gren Read 2-14.

■ **LINFORD**, Black Horse Canal: John Hough 4-15, Mick Hefferon 2-12, Nick Barker 2-10.

■ **FIXTURES:** Dec 3 MKAA Christmas match and Jan 1 'hangover' open, both on the Ouse. 01234 713144; Tues Dec 6, Olney Ouse open 01234 240061; Jan 15 & 29, pike matches on Newport waters (non-members need £5 guest ticket) 07896 782715.

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