

## Phil's Iberian Masters feeder festival trip sees him...

# Struggling to avoid the turtles!

**AS** we shivered and slid our ways through last week, town ace Phil Ringer was fishing in temperatures of 28 degrees – while trying to avoid bites from turtles!

And the latter was par for the course in the three-day Iberian Masters feeder champs, fished on a wide Spanish river with a fair head of carp...and hordes of greedy turtles.

His first time in the competition, he made second in his zone on one day with 10 good carp but nowhere in particular on the other two.

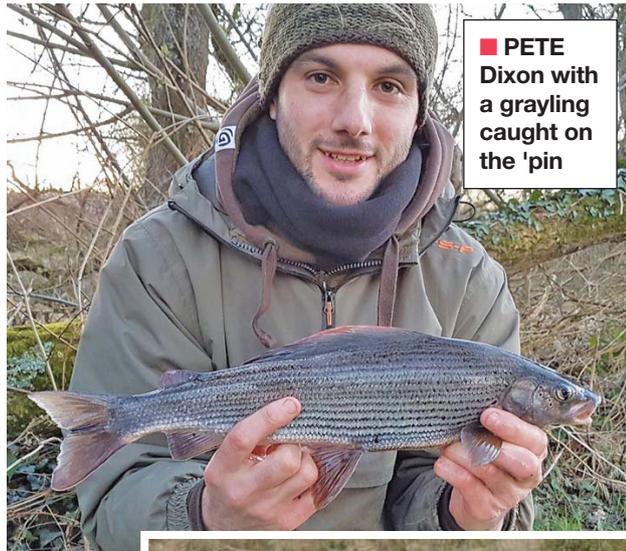
As Phil was still driving back, dad Geoff said: "He reckons that on the third day he had more turtles than carp, and they obviously didn't count. But he will be going back next year."

● **BACK** here, in much lower temperatures, Gilders' Pete Dixon travelled down to the River Frome and enjoyed the magic of catching six grayling to 2-2 – hangovers from the REAL ice age 10,000 years ago – plus a 4lb salmon while trotting with a centrepin.

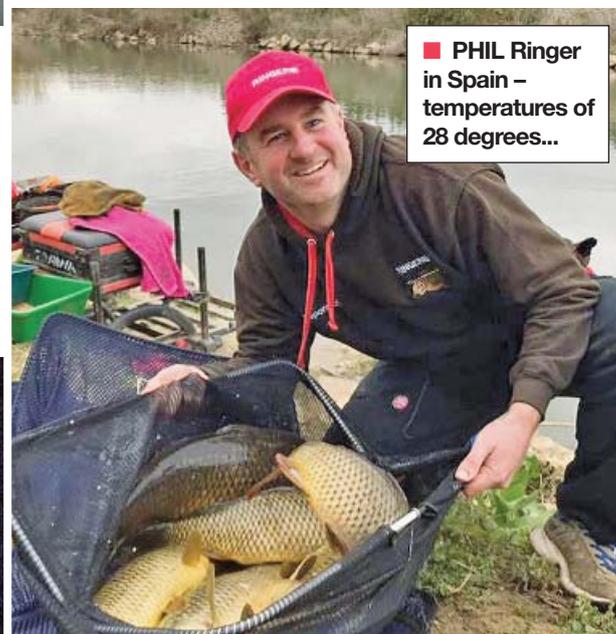
● **MUCH** nearer home 'Chub meister' Phil Mapp hit the banks of the Ouse, Sunday evening,



■ **CAUGHT** to order – Phil Mapp with PB 6-13 Ouse chub



■ **PETE** Dixon with a grayling caught on the 'pin



■ **PHIL** Ringer in Spain – temperatures of 28 degrees...

determined to get some in before snow-melt water filled the river.

And that after-dark session saw him land a 6-13 new PB chub...just a couple of hours after optimistically prophesying on facebook that he was going to get 'a new PB tonight'!

● **THE** local match calendar was virtually wiped out by the Beast from the East, but some hardy souls fished a Meadowlands open which went to Pete Caton with just 10-2 of carp while Paul Cook had 4-4 and 'Jacko' on 2-2.

● **SUNDAY** also saw a few Flore & Brockhall

*die-hards* gather in the lee of the old spice mill on the cut at Blisworth, where Rob Rawlins reckons he won because he hooked and lost a fish, with Terry Smith second because he had a bite...

● **ON** the same section, the day before the snow, Towcester's Vets found an

ice-free spot where Tosh Saunders won with 3-1 of perch followed by Tony Hirst on 2-2 and Rob Rawlins 1-1.

● **DENNETTS** & Heyford's last pre-snow Sunday sweep, Peatling Parva, saw Dave Jackson win with 30-8 ahead of Fiona Dennett 14-4 and John Hewison 10-6.

● **NOTE:** midnight Wednesday sees start of the legal close season on rivers and streams (March 15 to June 15 inclusive) ■