

Local rivers are finally starting to come good

It is taking almost as long to develop as a universally acceptable Brexit deal...but local river fishing IS beginning to pick up at long last.

Phil Mapp – fittingly as he has stuck with the upper Ouse throughout its summer doldrums – has been among those getting a share with some nice chub and a stream of decent perch, mostly caught using touch-leger.

And Arthur Terrill has had several threes and a 5-3 – plus a decent bream – dangling his pet worm around Wolverton, while Mark Fisher has been getting good value from a single tub of worms with chub to 3lb and some nice Ouzel perch.

Sunday's MKAA golden peg do on DATS' Stony Main saw Eddie Ford win with 14-9 of chunky perch ahead of Colin Chart 13-8 and Don King 8-9 while, well downstream, Vauxhall's Kempston open went to Paul Reynolds with a cracking 22-9 of hemp roach...as Alex Graham had 13lb and Jim Broadbent 11-14.

■ A LONG way from the local Ouse and its low flows, Fishing Republic's Gordon Owen was on a French trip and landing three good carp into the high 30s. Unlike his soul-mates back home, he

didn't have to wait for the rain to get wet...falling in on his first night at the venue!

■ THE fish may have been smaller on Lodge, but none the less welcome to their captors as Michael Cole and Owen Humphries shared seven fish. Chris Denton had an 18-6 and Michael Carroll netted 'footprint' at 15-5.



● **ARTHUR Terrill** with a 5-3 – one of several chub he's had from the Wolverton Ouse



● **HAPPY chappy: Lawrence Wright** caught three carp in a Tear Drops session

■ **WILLEN** is still producing the occasional good fish and Lawrence Wright had three decent carp during a spell on Tear Drops.

■ **TOWCESTER Vets'** Les Goodridge hit the sweet spot on the Stoke Bruerne cut as he won with 14lb of perch to 2lb. Gren Read landed 6-8 of nice roach and Dave Podger 6-7, including a pound-plus redfin.

■ **MK Vets'** Furzton sweep went to Austin Maddock with 16-8 followed by Kevin Osborne 13-12 and Richard Lattimer 13lb.

■ **SUNDAY's** Towcester open, on the Navigation canal, saw at least half the field top the 4lb mark with Les Ramsden winning with 7-11 (mostly perch), ahead of Tosh Saunders on 6-7-8 and Graham Martin 5-7-8.

■ **CALVERT's** Itters Pit match went to Nigel Steel on 4-11 as John Butler had 4-2 and Ben Holdaway 2-10.

■ **FIXTURES: Saturday Nov. 11, Olney Ouse RBL charity open, 01234 240061.**

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