

Fantastic silvers nets raise the temperature

HOPES were NOT high – with air temperatures in minus figures – as a group of MK Vets headed for the Ouse in Newport.

But the collective mood changed sharply – rising to something approaching mid-summer – as the river's roach and dace shoals came alive...with the top four anglers totalling a mind-blowing 75lb!

Bread punch did the trick for winner Paul Chapman as he bagged a whopping 29-12 on long pole, while having to fish tight to the far bank in the ultra-clear water.

And Colin Chart wasn't so far adrift either – netting 26-11 (mainly roach) for second spot.

Next one up was Richard Lattimer with 20-12...all dace with the exception of a single roach, while Kevin Osborne included a few perch in his otherwise roach and dace 19-15 catch on bronze maggot.

■ THAT was the Wednesday, but then temperatures fell further still, so that by the weekend most lakes and the cut – not to mention many river margins – had snow-covered lids.

■ SUNDAY saw some of the same characters lining the Brush Mill Ouse for the MK individual league third round...where Chapman struck lucky again, four times over as he landed four bream for 14-1.

Don King had a two-chub 3-8 ahead of Ernie Sattler who got one for 2-6.

Chart made fourth with a tiny roach credited as 0-0-4. Don't ask about the rest... Top three with one round to go: Sattler 56 points, King 52, Chapman 46.

■ **OLNEY** Ouse, 'Spring Cup': Alan Lambert 2-3 (one perch on worm). No one else caught.



● **MATT** Jones: still catching – and filming – in the snow



● **WINTER – WHAT** winter? Above, Paul Chapman with 29-12 of Ouse silvers!

■ **SOME** managing to fish at Alders produced, not surprisingly, the venue's worst results for years. Trevor Price 9-7 and Gary Page 8-14.

■ **TOWCESTER** /Nene, canal, Castlethorpe – holes in the ice job: Tosh Saunders 1-11 (one perch), Mick Goodridge 0-8, Les Goodridge and Brian Ayliff both 0-2-8.

■ **MARK** Austin had a 2lb+ perch from the local Ouse while Gary Maton had three chub to around 3lb from the Ouzel.

■ **MATT** Jones has still got the home-video bug and was back on the Ouse, Saturday, catching 2lb+ chub in the snow. See him on YouTube.

■ **IT is not April 1 yet... but the Angling Trust has circulated a newspaper**

report on a university study apparently claiming that so many Londoners are on coke that 'by products' getting into the Thames are making its eels hyper! Could something similar account for local otters having a definite 'attitude'?

See MK fb page or go to:

https://inews.co.uk/news/environment/hyperactive-thames-eels-found-to-have-ingested-cocaine-from-the-polluted-capitals-water-supply/?fbclid=IwAR1UOx9C95gDlv3a3M5eBxDtWFMvBTp9Wc5w3XFWo0AdOrPjzcSfRofobdGg&dm_i=3XSU,IF9Z,3EN31O,1ZX20,1