

A week of sun but it's still winter for the fish

THERE were great catches for some as MK basked in record-breaking 'winter' sunshine this week.

But others had little more than a tan to show for their efforts as sport proved as unreliable as a politician's promises.

One on the happy list was Karl Seidler as, stalking his favourite Bradwell Ouse with bread on the lead, he had a 6lb chub and another of 4-8.

Also wandering 'a local' river - while coming back from a 20-year lay-off to try dropshotting - former carper Ben Hewer netted...a fin-perfect two-and-a-half pound brown trout!

And Andy Miller had a hot session on Olney's Ouse, getting over 20 perch to 2-7 in a sitting, while Dave Partridge had a 3-pounder and Jamie Knight a 4-8 chub.

Most places, though, with sub-surface conditions still firmly in winter mode, sport was decidedly patchy.

While most others struggled in the MK Vets' New Bradwell do, Kevin Osborne had a runaway win with 13-6 - perch, skimmers...and a 4lb chub.

And Colin Chart included a 3lb chub in his third-placed 5-9 (Nigel Steel second, 7-14). The local cut has always held the odd chub, some probably spilled in from the Tove, but the growing number being caught of late could be partly the legacy of an MKAA stocking a few years back.

SOME stillwater carp were moving, too. On Furzton Dan Belkon netted seven to 22lb in a day session while Kane Thompson had a 21lb common and a 16. On the Tear Drops Aaron Sturman netted a 14lb common.

■ **RISING** water temperatures in Newport's Big Pit margins resulted in a resident terrapin being spotted swimming around. Mind your fingers!

■ **ALDERS** open: Mick Dalziel 93-12, Nick Dean 74-7, Warren Owen 74-6.

■ **OSPREY**, Decoy: Tony McGregor 90lb, Charlie Lawrence 81lb, Haydon Edwin 72lb.

■ **MAVER** MK's Richard Lattimer won a Castle Ashby open, for the second week in a row, this time with 16lb of roach.

■ **OLNEY** Ouse charity open (£100 for Willen Hospice): Sam Corteze (inc three good tench) 15-14-8, Dave Sanderson 9-4, Paul Caton 8-13.

■ **NENE/Towcester**, Ringstead Nene (mostly roach: Graham Martin 10-10, Brian Beard 7-8, Les Ramsden 7lb.

■ **TOWCESTER** Vets, canal, Stoke Bruerne (all roach): Paul Minney 3-14, Mick Goodridge 2-12, Les Goodridge 2-4.



● **CRACKING** canal catch - Kevin Osborne's 13-6 included a 4lb chub.
Pic by Dave Tebbutt

● **BEN** Hewer's brown trout from 'a local river!'



● **KANE** Thompson with mint Furzton 21

■ **MK golden peg**, Calverton Road Ouse: Alan Ford 3-1, Dave Tysoe 2-15, Steve Wright 0-8.

■ **SATURDAY**: Fishing Republic second anniversary bash: refreshments, demos, competitions and special offers - proceeds to charity.

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)