

Perfect end to season - a 10-4 Ouse barbel!

THURSDAY afternoon saw Sam Willis get the perfect end to his river season: a local Ouse barbel – and a double-figure one at that!

Offering a small cube of luncheon meat hard on the bottom on Newport's back-of-the-Abbeys section did the trick and, with Ade Watson on hand to act as camera man, Sam was so over the moon he had a picture up on the internet within minutes of returning his 10-4 fish.

■ ANOTHER local getting a last-minute barbel 'high' was Jamie Boomer, though he had to go all the way to Wye to get his 9-3 new PB, plus a 3-pounder to keep him interested.

Most of us, myself included, tend to think the going is getting tough when the Ouse is up an extra 18 inches or so – but Jamie caught his fish when the Wye was carrying an extra SEVEN feet of water.

■ BACK on the stillwaters,

Aaron Sturman recently had a cracking Tear Drops common.

■ ALDERS, Tuesday: Bryn Wignall 119lb, Trevor Price 106lb, Rob Dzialak 100lb.

■ Matchgroup's Ian Smith won on Wold Farm with 75-11 as team-buddy Carl Yeowell made third on 57-13.

■ GLEBE's do on Crano Lake at Peatling Parva – attracted a number of new club members and saw Russ Coleman win with 28-7 as Marcus Annable had 24-9 and Dave Jones 22-13.

■ MKAA's canal knock-up on the Galleon basin went to Dave McClennan's 8-15 of roach and skimmers. Paul Chapman included roach to 1lb in his 7-10 with Pete Whatley third on 6-7.

■ THE Nene and Towcester lads came 'under fire' on the

canal at Banbury Lane as they were pounded by hailstones. Brian Beard had 7-10 of skimmers, John Harris 5-5 and Andy Kimpton 4-5.



● ARTHUR Terrill had chub fun on the Ouzel

■ OLNEY's Ouse open, on a rising river, saw John Balhatchett win 5-15 of small perch after the d a c e decided to take a day

off. Chris Howard had 5-2 and Pete Laughton 4-12.

■ MK Vets Riverside Ouzel midweek sweep fell to Austin Maddock with 4-3 with Mick Hefferon getting 3-15 and Barry Witteridge 2-1.

■ NOTE: ALL English rivers are now legally closed to angling until 00.01 on June 16. Locally Lodge Lake and Caldecotte South are also closed until then.



● SAM Willis' 'last gasp of the season' 10-4 Ouse barbel
Pic Ade Watson



● AARON Sturman's Tear Drops cracker

■ FIXTURES: Sunday, MKAA golden peg on Bletchley canal, 01234 713144; Wednesday April 3, MKAA AGM, 8.30pm at MK Irish Club on Manor Fields.