

Terrific fish feed despite it being an 'awful' summer...

SOME cracking fish have been coming out – from both lakes AND rivers – despite the intermittently awful weather.

For many who have all but given up hope of seeing an Ouse barbel, news of at least THREE doubles will come as a real shot in the arm!

Fishing a Newport section, Richard Clifton celebrated his birthday in tremendous style by catching a whiskers of around 14lb...and, also according to facebook, Gary Teer had one probably just shy of the double mark.

■ AND, re-visiting his old haunts, Alan Lambert bagged a 12-6 barbel from MKAA's Adams Mill on double 10mm boilie. He said: "It was in pristine condition, perfect – and though it was a Saturday, I had the place to myself."

He also had a pound 'stockie': most likely a 'survivor' growing on from among thousands of 'mini' fish stocked in recent years.

Those stockings, and a host of habitat improvements, are down to the Environment Agency's fisheries team...whom it is to be hoped will STILL have jobs and budgets in the post-'Brexit' aftermath?

■ MEGA carp were also on the move as: on the new 'bandstand' pegs at Willen, Jake Stratton achieved his ambition of an 'English 40' by banking the 'golden common' at 40-4; and young AJ grassed Linford's 'clover' at 40lb.

■ OVER on Furzton others were having fun with smaller, but hard-pulling, fish. Among them Ronnie Pidgeley had samples to 19lb and Dave Colburn several doubles to 16lb. Paul Andrews netted an 11-8 mirror from Olney's Ouse.

■ CALVERT had a ball with the rudd, roach and perch on Itter's Pit. Dave Lewis, who also had a couple of small skimmers, walked it with 40-2 ahead of Ron Hillier 18-9 and John Weatherall 18-6.

■ MK Vets' midweek Furzton match saw Phil Bardell with 34-6 – on a day when the 'new' carp were showing well – followed by Phil Wintle 18-10 and Bob Gale 16-8.

■ TOWCESTER Vets, Stockton: Graham Martin 16-4 (roach

and crucians), George Cooke 15-4, Kevin Nightingale 13lb.

■ OLNEY, Ouse: Pete Hawley 4-11, Graham Prince 1-5-12, Barry Glidewell 1-0-12.

■ LINFORD, C'pn Morgan canal: Ron Dorrill 4-8, John Hough 3-12, Alan Hursey 3-4.

■ FIXTURES:

Saturday, Furzton, first round MKAA 2017 individual league, 01234 713144. July 3 Sherington Bridge open 07795 068428.

■ CLOSURES: July 7 to 10, Tear Drops 1 and 2 and adjacent parking closed for bowl concert (camping) – TD 4 likely to be 'no go' for practical purposes, too.



■ AN 'English 40' at last – Jake Stratton with Willen's 'golden common' at 40-4



● RICHARD Clifton, as he appeared on facebook, with Newport Ouse barbel of around 14lb