

Someone had to get lucky - and Don found bream shoal

FULL of cold muddy floodwater, rising, and about as attractive to fish as a ditch. That was the local Ouse on Sunday.

But someone had to get lucky...and that someone was Don Tighe who, in White Hart's match on Toombes and Brush Mill, drew on a bream shoal and 'walked it with 27-14 of slabs to 6lb. Mike Elsom was best of the rest with 3-12 followed by Jeff Byron and Ray Golding on six ounces apiece.

Miles away, somewhere between MK and Bedford, Fishing Republic staffer James Aris, also 'got lucky' and hit into a beautiful PB 7-1 Ouse chub fishing paste and pellet over a handful of boilies.

■ **NEARER** home, on the Ouzel, Jamie Boomer was struggling so much that he stepped down and down until he was on 2lb line and a size 18...and then hooked and landed a 5-4 chub! Killing a couple of hours fishing the meat on the local Ouse, Phil Mapp had a nice chub around the 4lb mark and Justin Gardner netted a 3-8 tench from Olney's Ouse.

■ IT was tough going on Furzton, too, but that didn't stop Steve Lindop from having a purple patch with four 20s in one session: commons of 21-8, 21-8 and 21-4, and a golden, glowing 20-2 ghostie, while Kelvin Rickhuss-Moore had a nice 17-2 mirror.

■ **FISHING** the Heron at Linford Robin Bickley, reporting through Water's Edge, had commons of 28lb, 20 and 16.

■ **OSPREY**, Decoy: Pete Hopkinson 62lb, Peter Carter 57lb, Alan West 42lb.

■ **ALDERS'** Sunday open: Trevor Price 89lb, Ben Lawrence 87lb, Phil Bardell 70 lb.

■ **MK Vets**, midweek, Toombes and Stony Main: Mick Hefferon 13-9 (four chub and two perch), Dave Ridgeway 12-4, Kevin Osborne 6-10.

■ **TOWCESTER**-Nene, silverfish, Wappenham Water: Wayne Robinson 7-5, John Balhatchett 6-12, Paul Minney 2-6.



● **DON** Tighe got lucky in Sunday's high waters with 27-14 of Ouse slabs to 6lb



■ **GOLDEN** moment: Steve Lindop with 20-2 Furzton 'ghostie'

■ **MIDNIGHT** March 14 legal river season closes and will stay closed until June 16 - along with Lodge Lake and Caldecotte South.



● **JAMES** Aris with PB 7-1 Ouse chub

■ **FIXTURES:** Saturday, MKAA grand slam, Ouse, 01234 713144; March 24/25/26, Furzton closed for angling festival; April 5, MKAA AGM, see membership card.

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