

Chub are still feeding despite cold weather

MOVING the river has been paying off for some of this weekend as they found an occasional chub willing to feed.

In a wickedly cold spell with temperatures down to minus-five around Olney early Sunday, it was always going to be a struggle.

But that didn't stop Gonefishin's Paul Hodgson bagging chub of 5-7 and 3-14 – slamming bites on flake – while Matt Jones had several up to 4-12 and Gary Maton fish to 4-8.

Elsewhere former Adams Mill regular Paul Thompson had a 6-1 from the Thames at Wallingford.

■ PREDICTABLY Phil Mapp was also getting his share of local Ouse fish. And he had a nice new hat, and an £80 cheque, to help keep him warm – awarded from the monthly Drennan competition for his pre-Christmas 7-15 chub. Congratulations Phil on gaining something wanted by so many...but achieved by so few.

■ THE cold didn't stop Sam Burnside netting Tear Drops carp to 18-5.

■ MATCH-ace Michael Buchwalder and Frankie Gioncelli have won the Hallcroft pairs league, having run second to Rob Wootton and Joe Carrass for five rounds before doing the business, Sunday.

■ PHIL Bardell topped

Sunday's Meadowlands' teams-of-three second round with 68-4...though his MK squad are still 14th from 16.

■ ALDERS Saturday open: Mike Dalziel 51lb, Nick

Dean 30lb, Toby Bird 30lb.

■ CALVERT, Brackley Lake: Barry Witteridge 12-9 of skimmers. Dave Lewis 4-13, Terry Lancaster 4-12.



● MATT Jones had Ouse chub to 4-12

■ MK VETS, canal, New Bradwell: Paul Chapman 12-2, Kevin Osborne 11-4, Martin Cunniffe 10-13.

■ TOWCESTER/Nene, Tove: Tosh Saunders 9lb (roach to 12 ounces), Paul Minney 7-3, Les Goodridge 3-12.

■ MK individual league, Riverside Ouzel: Ernie Sattler 5lb, Paul Hamilton 4-12, Paul Chapman 3-8. Sattler leads by two points overall from Don King.

FEB 3, MKAA individual league/golden-peg third round 01234 713144;

FEB 9: an evening with Des Taylor at the bar next to Watersedge, 8pm start, tickets £5 on 01908 690969.



● THICK frost didn't stop Sam Burns netting Tear Drops carp to 18-5



● PHIL Map's Drennan award citation

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