

Duo's big carp French connection

REGULARS on county waters **Craig Carder** and **Paul Housego** have just made their latest annual big carp safari to the warmth of South of France. And what a trip!

On Lake Brigueille Paul got off to a flier with a 46 within two hours of starting, and Craig – who had a 55 there two years back – topped that with the 54 pictured.

● In a completely different world TWO Olney specimen records were smashed in Sunday's Ouse club match as winner Adam Cook had an 8-7 bream in his 17-15 and Dave Partridge a 4-3 perch in his 7-1. Andy Crouch was third on 6-1.

● Things are looking good for the up-coming Castle Ashby Angling Trust series with Sunday's open producing good silverfish bags from all three ponds.

Lee Farmer (Chiltern Gotbaits) worm and castered 68-12 from 'brickyard with Maver MK's Martin Greene getting 67-10 from the Scotland and CG's Maurice Williams 65-1 (also Scotland).

● Last week's tale of a Paulerspury lad upping his lures' pike-pulling power by spraying WD40 on them prompted Nene's Neil Stafford to point out that the stuff likely contains non-fish friendly chemicals, and to add: "Us 'ard northern men... have known about this for donkey's years."

And Castle's Alan Davies says he's heard of its use on trout flies. Well... I did say there's little truly new in angling.

● Carper Ben Tungate has had a 29-8 mirror from Stanwick's Elsons, and Dave Ribano a 24-13 common from Mallard.

● Flore & Brockhall lad Jim Tanser's fishing is an up-down affair. Having earned last week's wooden spoon, this week he won Sunday's Barby Mill do with 29-8.

That included a 9-12 carp which, foul hooked in the tail, pulled him every which way before finally allowing itself to be 'scooped' out in his puny canal net.

Reece Clulow and Rambo Rawlins had 21-8 and 20-8... after Rambo had managed to organise a match with TWO peg 14s. Oh dear...

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Dave Chapman 61lb, Dave Walker 52lb, Tom Griffiths 46-8.

● FINEDON, Peatling Pava: Sam Corteze 60-11, Paul Brand 33-9, Dave Roberts 22-14.

● DAVENTRY, Barby Banks: Rich Wills 60lb, Barry Carr 49lb, Paul Nappman 33lb.

● NENE (points match) Spring Pools; Steve Johnson 45-12, Ron Collins 39-12, John Balhatchett 37-2.

● CASTLE Ashby: 'brickyard, Saturday, Mick Hewlett 44-8, Pete Lovell 40-4, Keith Garrett 38-8; Grendon midweek, Chris Barley 58-12, Paul Hardman 34-8, Bob Reed 23-4.

● TOWCESTER vets' midweek, Flecknoe: John Balhatchett (smiling) 41-4, Gerald Greene 40-7, Tosh Saunders 39-12.

● LITTLE Harrowden, CJ Fisheries: Rus Mayhew 37-6, Tony Granfield 35-12, Jim Broadbent 22-8.

● TOWCESTER, Castlethorpe cut: Mick Goodridge and Matt Brafield both 2-8, Darren Pannell 2-4.

● FIXTURES: Sunday, Towcester charity open Castlethorpe canal, 07915 613862; Oct 16, Olney Ouse Tuesday open, 01234 240061; Oct 21, Bairstows open, 07915 613862; Oct 20/21 Northampton Specimen Group carp open, Stanwick, 07565 420496.



■ CRAIG Carder up to his waist in Lake Brigueille with his French 54-pounder – his second 50 there in two years.



■ MOUTH wide-open and for once nothing coming out (that's the fish) Dave Partridge, pictured by Ron Bull, with his 4-3 perch... one of TWO new Olney records in one match!

Matches, catches, even rough patches? If there's a tale to tell call Trevor Johnson on 01908 270000 (office) or 07801 183381 or angling@intermediauk.com (click link to email)