

Catches so bad some said over-predated Tove was finished...

Then it comes roaring back to life!

PEOPLE have been writing the tiny Tove off as 'dead' all winter. Then – on the last day of the season – it came roaring back to life!

Towcester ace Mick Goodridge poled maggot and caster in a swim barely 10 metres wide behind Sponne School...and hit a mega chub shoal.

Losing five fish, he netted an incredible 25 from 2 to 4lb for a mind-blowing 60lb plus – almost certainly a river record.

Pictured centre-page, he said: "I could have had more, but had to pack up and collect the kids..."

● Does piscatorial success run in families? The 'Ringers' are one example, but there are others.

Town Specialist group co-founder 78 year-old granddad Ron Kyte recently bagged a 12-12 barbel and two good chub at Olney.

Then son Patric (top picture) had a 7-15 chub and a 10-9 barbel from the Middle Ouse.

And his son Raphael, 14, (PB 7-11) had a 6-14 chub from the same reach and an 8-8 pike.



■ Me with Ouse chub trio



■ THE picture is a mobile phone malfunction – but Mick Goodridge's 25 Tove chub are a lifetime best!

● With water temperatures at 2 degrees Rob Buckner's stinky-cheese and garlic paste tempted a 7-6 last day Wolverton Ouse chub.

● Having had an Adams Mill 5-10 (after blanking on the Ouzel) I had 4-14, 4-8 and 4-2 last day Stony Ouse chub. Two came to consecutive

casts using punch on 6 metre whip – NO elastic – and 2lb bottom...

Mate Mike Sando blobbed on all three venues, but isn't talking about that. Ho, ho.



■ RAPHAEL Kyte, 14, with 6-14 chub

● Blizzards and pouring rain – the weekend match scene was a struggle for most.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Mill: Drew Adams 44lb, Terry Adams 33lb, Tom Griffiths 22lb.

● CASTLE Ashby: Sunday, Grendon, Dick Rogers 36-12, Bob Reed 33-4, Keith Bishop 14-4;

midweek, Brickyard, John Kent 15-12, Paul Hardman 12-12, Ian Hutton 10-4.

● BISHOPS Bowl: Andy Poole 33-12, Mark Moody 21-14, Rob Bassett 13lb.

● CASTLE, Canons: Jeff Rice 13-14, Pete Laughton 11-12, Fred Prior 8-7.

● NENE, long pound cut: Brian Beard 10-15, Paul Minney 10lb, Bob Eales 8-6.

● COTTON Club, Gayton cut: Dave Haddon 3-6, John Kirton 1-1, Malc Bunyard 0-9.

● FLORE & Brockhall, canal: Steve Smith 2-1, Paul Humphries 1lb, Gareth Abrahams 0-7. Rob Rawlins dropped his keepnet and lost his pet tiddler before the weigh-in. LoL!

● APRIL 8, Nene AGM, 7.30, Yeomen of England, Wootton.

Written proposals must be in by April 1 ■