

With barely two weeks to go until end of running water season...

Local rivers start coming to life!

AT last! For just a few precious days the rivers fined down enough for anglers to get in there and get some fish.

Following weeks of rain, flood and torrent Dan Todd was quick to seize the chance. Having left his car for servicing, the Gilders' staffer lure-fished his way home along the town Nene...taking perch to 2-13!

Carpin Capers' customers report some good fish from the Beckett's Park area, too.

Fresh from falling into flooded Astwell Mill last week, Mike Sando (pictured) tried the Towcester Tove, Friday, and using manky left-over lobs had a 1-2 roach and a 1-13 perch from a bridge hole.

I blanked at the next peg... but upstream Mick Goodridge got stuck in with caster and bread – netting five chub and a shoal of dace for more than 18lb. Happy days.

Stalking the still settling Milton Keynes Ouse Trevor Ray had two 5lb chub on bread and worm, while at Newport on the Ouzel Dave Adams went for bream – and ended up bagging 20lb of roach and dace on the tip!

Olney even tried a match Saturday, with Mick Burrell including a 6-12 bream in his 8-3. Nigel Porter had 7-6 and Paul Caton 2-7.

● So 21 may be the key of the door...but it's also the number of the peg on Castle Ashby's Grendon that Chris Garrett has now drawn four times in five matches – and won from each time! He needed just 18-2, Sunday, as Richard Dunkley had 14-2 and Richard Garrett 12-10.

Brickyard: Ian Hutton 38-4, Alan West 34-8, John Bazely 28-14;

Scotland pond, Dave Martin 22-1, Ian Smith 16-7, Keith Bishop 14-14.

● OSPREY, Lakeside: Darren Cannock 132lb, Steve Potter 91lb, Bill Boyne 76lb.



■ WHAT A PAIR!
Mike Sando with cracking Tove roach and perch brace



■ OH DEAR... Valentin Kruglov broke his rod landing this 8-5 rainbow, Elinor's best of the new season

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Drew Adams 31lb, Vinny Atkinson 21lb, Glen Tilson 20-8.

● TOWCESTER, Silverlake: John Broughton 25lb, Les Goodridge 5-12, Tony 'one rig' Hirst 4-8.

● CASTLE, silverfish, Canons bottom: Paul Lafflin 13-10, Jeff Rice 11-8, Fred Prior 11-2.

● TOWCESTER vets, Castlethorpe cut: John Balhatchett 6-12, Mick Read 6lb, Gerald Green 5-1.

● COUNTY vets, Canons bottom: John Lewis 6-12, Alf Gillard 5-10, Bob Spencer 3-12.

● NENE club points final round, long pound,: Brian Beard 6-4 (3 perch), Dave Gibbins 5-10, Ron Collins 5lb. Paul Ramsden series winner on 191, pipping John Balhatchett 189.

● **FUTURE of the Nene? If you care BE THERE at gathering to identify projects – everything from car parking to habitat and potential funding – along the river to improve angling. Email james.roche@anglingtrust.net or call 07791 786251 for details.**

● **TROUT:** local lad Paul 'Fly Wizard' Mortimer is doing a fly-tying demo, with others, Sunday, at Rutland Fly Fair. Go to www.rutlandflyfair.co.uk for more.

● Elinor's opening week saw 93 rods land 142 trout to 8-5 ■

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)