

Following weeks of unfishable floods, the rivers finally come good...

just when it is almost too late!

ROARING back from the dead – just in time for midnight tomorrow's start of the legal close season. That was most rivers in the area.

The Tove laid on a feast of perch in the 2lb to 2-8 bracket for Towcester's Broadwater sweep, and Paul Keal tucked in with 15lb as John Harris had 10-14 and John Broughton 10lb.

● The Ouse also produced good perch, and Olney's do saw THREE 3lb stripeys (best 3-6) plus some 2s landed as Graham Clipson won with 8-3. Nigel Porter had 7-1 and Alan Carr 3-9.

Perch in the big 2s also featured in MKAA's Stony Ouse do and DATS' match.

● At Newport Sam Weir couldn't get the Ouse swim he wanted...but still had 10 roach to an estimated 2lb and, on much stronger gear, lost a huge snapper.

● And on the Ouzel Ouse tributary, Scott Tapp fished with lob on the pole over hemp and caster. Result: NINE mid-sized chub for 20lb or more in just 90 minutes!

On the same river Andrew Bird used red maggot to tempt a personal best Ouzel chub of 6lb – while Gary Maton 'stalked' it for four up to 5lb.

● Still in a different world, 10 year-old Max Warren is back from a trip to Thailand with dad, Warren. Using sliced bread in fist-sized balls he had hard-fighting Mekong cats to around 35lb from Phuket fishery park.

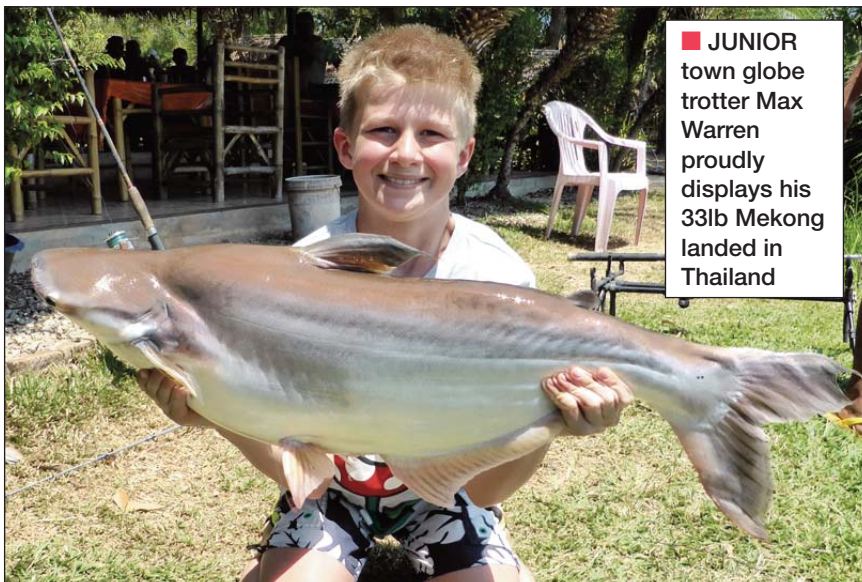
The lad bears watching... only last November he had a double figure Z from a local canal marina!

● Back in town Vince Battams is plundering Abington Park Lake trip after trip. His latest outings saw him with 14 bream to 5-14 for 63lb, and three bream and a tench for 15-8. Daytickets currently £2.

● At Stanwick Mick Poole had a 9-8 male tench from Roman

pond. Spring must be here!

● MEADOWLANDS open: Nigel Smith 75lb, Wayne



■ JUNIOR town globe trotter Max Warren proudly displays his 33lb Mekong landed in Thailand

Sharman 74lb, Ray Durrant 50-6.

● CASTLE Ashby: midweek, Scotland, Alan West 63-4, Keith Bishop 19-12, Phil Wintle 14-14; Saturday, Brickyard, Frank Pizmenti 35-6, Ian Hutton 34lb, Ron Bull 32-12; Sunday, Grendon, Richard Dunkley 47lb, Chris Camplin 38lb, Chris Garrett 30lb.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Dave Griffiths 22lb, Ken Hazel 21-8, Dave Walker 16-8.

● CASTLE, Canons' bottom; Paul Lafflin 17-12, John Lewis 13-4, Alf Gillard 12-8.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Flecknoe: Alan Boulton 10-9, Fred Johnson 7-12, Paul Humphries 6-7. Dolphins lead the teams of three by two points with one round to go.

● COUNTY vets, Canons Bottom, midweek: Alf Gillard 16-8, Paul Lafflin 11-12, Pat Neil 9-10.

● NENE, Weedon steps cut: Chris Howard 5-15, John Balhatchett 5-9, Paul Minney 5lb.

● TOWCESTER vets, Tove: Terry Robinson 5-4, John Balhatchett 4-1, George Cooke 3-9.

● AGMs: Towcester, Wednesday March 19, 8pm, town Football Supporters Club ■



■ GARY Maton had four good chub to 5lb while stalking the Ouzel