Happy run-in to Christmas as Upper Ouse anglers cash in on...

Dirty water fish bonanza!

FILTHY-dirty floodwater surging through the Upper Ouse – following months of almost no flow – has been triggering a flush of big bonus-fish catches.

Among the happy anglers to benefit was Gary Teer,

16-12; Sat, Brickyard, Frank Pizamenti 36-14, Keith Garrett 27-8, Wayne Robinson 22-12; Sun, Grendon, Richard Dunkley 34-6, K Garrett 25lb, Chris Garrett 24-6.
FLORE & Brockhall, Oak Farm: Terry Smith 22lb, Tony Ward 13-10, John Hargrave 13-6.

cheerfully banking a 9-2 barbel from Newport's length – a stamp of fish only marginally more common these days than the proverbial rocking horse droppings!

Just a few miles downstream, at Olney Mill, Bob Cook was over the moon with his lifetime's best perch of 4-3. His h e a d - t u r n i n g capture was no 'lucky strike' at a worm dangled on an exploratory offchance. Having



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 both 10-6

CASTLE fur & f e a t h e r, C a n o n s : Jeff Rice 9-4, Paul Lafflin 7-15, D a v e Cantrell 6-8.
FINEDON,

netted perch to 3-7 there earlier in the year, Bob was out for the biggest of the biggies...fishing a yellow plastic 'crayfish' lure, which turned out to be just the ticket.

• MATCHMAN Andy Skelton was on a high, too, putting together 23-4 (mainly perch) to win Newport's Riverside Meadow river sweep. Barry Glidewell had six bream in his 14-7 as Kevin Osborne had 11-14.

• UNSEASONABLY warm weather was helping get fish on the move in many stillwaters, too and at Stanwick

Dann Slujs' seven fish catch included four 20s to 28lb while Phil Pedlar had a 22.

• MEADOWLANDS' fur & feather fell to Lee Davis with 138-10 of carp as Phil Croxford netted 96-12 and Phil Ringer 79-12.

• TOVE Valley's Lakeside do went to Gary Millward 95-12 followed by Andy Jones 75-10 and Dave Martin 55-2.

• WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Mick Howkins 45lb, Mark Tofts 40lb, Dave Griffiths 28-8.

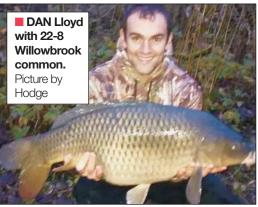
• CASTLE Ashby opens: Wed, Brickyard, Pete Gibson 31-10, Mick Hewlett 26-14, Keith Bishop

Ringstead shallows Nene: Dave Edwards 8-2, Dave Ross 7-4, John Sumpter and Steve Amos both 7-2.

• TOWCESTER Vets midweek, Cosgrove cut: Chris Howard 6-8, Les Goodridge 4-4, Graham Martin 2-8.

• BAITSHOP holiday opening hours: Christmas Eve, Carpin Capers, open to 1pm and Gilders to 2.30; Mon, Gilders 10-5; Tuesday, normal hours for both.

• FIXTURES: Boxing Day (Dec 26) Drayton Reservoir



inaugural Common Carp Cup. first authenticated common caught that day wins captor a free 48-hour session and the cup; Jan 1, MKAA hangover open, Ouse, 01234 713144; Jan 17, British Pike Champs qualifier, Sherington Pits. 07952 812527

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