

As temperatures start to climb...

Rivers come on with a bang!

WHAT a weekend that was for some as local lakes and rivers – especially the rivers – threw up a raft of great catches.

Top of the list has to be Graham and Rob Clipston's cracking, especially for winter, Nene catch of eight big bream, four big tench plus chub, roach and dace for 63-9!

With a cold wind blowing things hadn't looked too promising when they started, but then the wind dropped...and bites started coming.

● ON the Ouse at Stony Dave McLennan came close to shattering MKAA's winter league record when, on Sunday, he bagged 14 bream to 6-6 for 48-6...and lost three more!

With the river pushing through a bit, a fallen tree provided the shoal with a nice mid-stream slack. Using worm and caster under a one gramme pole float, all he had to do was hold back a bit and wait for bites.

● AS temperatures rocketed following the freeze, Dave Booth landed a 6-2 chub from the tiny Ouzel while on the same river at Newport – where the tributary meets the main Ouse – an MK Vets' midweeker saw Bob Gale landing eight chub to 4-14 plus bits for 13-8 – from a 'chub hole' which hadn't produced in years.

● AND on Olney's Ouse Paul Caton bagged 12lb of roach and dace on maggots, and below there Carpin Capers' Dougie had chub to 4lb while worming for perch.

● AS Stanwick 'de-iced', Lliam Batts landed a 26-5 common from Elsons.

● CASTLE Ashby's Grendon came alive with fish in Sunday's open, and with howls of bankside laughter as fishery boss Mick Hewlett took an impromptu 'bath' – accidentally tumbling in while packing up.

Rather more sure-footed, Chris Garrett won the match with 138-4. way ahead of Keith Garrett on 100-3 and Phil Wintle 81-8. Keith Bishop topped the Scotland Pond do with

33-7 as Paul Lafflin netted 33-6 and Dave Keech 24-12.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Dave Chapman 101-3, Trevor Griffiths 45, Tom Griffiths 43lb.

● BODDINGTON Pairs: top individual Chris Hill on 96-8; top pair Snowy Ashington and Maurice Williams 4 points (100lb), Sean and Karl Conley 4 points (94lb), Phil and Steve Ringer 5 points (112)

● FLORE & Brockhall, Barby Marshes: Jim Tanser 14lb, Rob 'silverfish' Rawlins 8-3, Steve Smith 8lb.

● NENE, Heyford bridge canal: Mick Goodridge 10-9 of good skimmers, Dave Gibbins 2-12, Stan Pannell 2-4.

● TOWCESTER Vets, Ouse, Stony Main: Gren Read 5lb (one bream), Graham Martin 0-



■ WOT a catch – and from the Nene, too – Graham and Rob Clipston with 63lb of slabs and tench; photo Chris Morehen

12...no one else weighed in ■



■ VENUS rising from the waves...Castle Ashby boss Mick 'splish' Hewlett caused ripples AND a tidal-wave of guffaws by falling into his own lake, Sunday; photo Mick Wheeler

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