

## Producing HUGE barbel and shoals of big bream, the...

# Nene starts with a real bang!

### STARTING the season with a real bang! That is the Nene: producing a stunning 18lb barbel AND some big bream bags!

Thought by some to have come from the Elton syndicate section, the big whiskers fell to county man Gary Johnson on opening day, which coincided with his birthday.

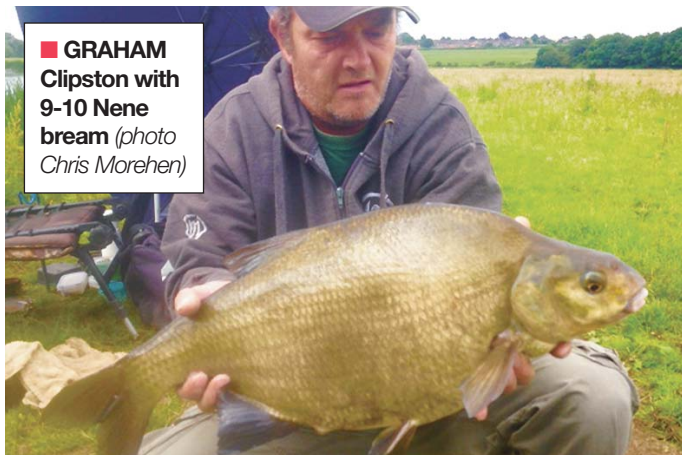
He told the 'Fish on Friday' website he had always dreamed of catching a special fish on June 16 and said: 'it finally happened, a pure gold 18lb barbel from the Nene'.

Moulton man Jim Martin, fishing the Oundle Nene,

Wednesday, had an amazing three hours despite pouring rain – bagging 21 bream for just over 100lb. Then, next day, pal Jan Cebula had eight slabs to 6-2 for 40lb.

And at Islip Graham Clipston had 11 bream to a huge (for a river fish) 9-4...plus three tench for 83-10.

● THE Ouse has been producing barbel, too. Richard



■ **GRAHAM Clipston with 9-10 Nene bream** (photo Chris Morehen)

Clipston had one circa 14lb from a Newport section while Gary Teer came close to the double mark.

● And MKAA's Adams Mill produced a 12-6 plus a 'junior' of a pound – a really welcome sight – to Alan Lambert's double 10mm boilie.

● DRAYTON carpers have been on a roll with Ben Foster taking 48 fish (including three 20s) in 24 hours. Ashley

Bennett had 37 off the top in a daylight session on the dam wall.

Brian Cotterell had a 26 pounder from Stanwick and Mick Williamson a 24 in a week which saw a clutch of low 20s caught.



■ **GARY Johnson with 18lb Nene barbel** (Fish on Friday website)

● SPORTS & Social, Decoy: Tony Glanfield 142-6, Steve Potter 134-12, Gary Millward 131lb.

● GLEBE, Stockton: Dave Haddon 118-12, Marcus Annable 20-4, Dave Jones 10-8.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Mick Wheeler 94-6,

Trevor Griffiths 85-15, Tom Griffiths 78-9.

● CASTLE Ashby, Brickyard: Wed., Courtney Hewlett 77-4, Bob Reed 39-12, Frank Pizamenti 37-14; Sat., Chris Garrett 92lb, Keith Garrett 88lb, Pizamenti 54lb.

● FINEDON, Shearsby: Dave Roberts 73-8, Pete Schniederite 63-7, Barry Lawrence 35-4.

● COUNTY Vets, Rectory Farm: Ian Hutton 63-9, Dave Keech 61-15, Pat Neal 56-14.

● NENE, Barby Banks: John Broughton 42-8, Chris Howard 41lb, John Balhatchett 30-6.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Barby Marshes: Bob Prowse 37lb, Steve Smith 15lb, Rob Rawlins 14lb

● TOWCESTER Vets, Stockton: Graham Martin 16-4, George Cooke 15-4, Kevin Nightingale 13lb ■

**Obituary: SADLY, well known local matchman Fred Prior has passed away. Big with Oundle in days when they were a river winter-league power, he had spent the past decade with town's Castle AA.**



**A family man and retired bricklayer, his funeral is at Kettering Crematorium, at noon, on Tuesday (July 5). All who knew Fred are welcome to attend ■**