

The days may be starting with thick white frosts but...

# Roach dominate cut match

**D**ESPITE all the frosts Wellingborough's relatively shallow canal – Foxton to 'the piggeries' – fished surprisingly well for Sunday's ten teams-of-four second-round.

Small roach dominated as Browning Black's Colin Fowkes topped the 42 peg field with 8-14-10 – well clear of MK's Ian Mills on 5-9-7, Browning Silverlight's Matt Hodgetts with 4-7-11 and Browning Sphere's Chris Dyed 4-6-9.

Top Teams on the day: Silverlight 28 points, MK 27, Welly'boro A 26, Browning Grey 22 – all of which saw MK take the league lead on 6 points ahead of Browning Xitan and Silverlight, both on 8, with Browning Black and SAS next up on 9.

● THOUSANDS of small chub up to four ounces found new homes in the Ouse below Brackley last week.

Using money from anglers' rod licences, the Environment Agency is working to kick-start recovery of a 16 mile length devastated by a major pollution last summer.

The river's fish and invertebrate life were pretty much wiped out all the way down to Thornborough in the days following a Brackley factory fire.

The EA plan involves some 8,000 chub – plus 8,000 roach and 8,000 dace – from the agency's Calverton fish farm being added each year for five years.

Responsibility for the pollution may yet be decided by a court.

● CRAIG Twelvetrees had a 27lb PB mirror from Stanwick's Mallard, then moved on to Elsons for a 22. Billy Freeme banked a 26-12.

● WHITE Hart Flore: midweek, Dog Lane, Tom Griffiths 75-7, Glen Tilson 40-6, John Payne 23lb; Sunday, Flecknoe, Gary Muddiman (shallowest peg on the lake) 86lb, Dave Chapman 13-12, Rob Wickham 10-14.

● FEEDER-only series opener, Barston: Wayne Sharman 50-12, Stuart Palsar 47-12, Snowy

Ashington 42-4.

● CASTLE Ashby: Wed., Brickyard, Steve Bull 28-2, Frank Pizamenti 19-4, Chris Camplin 12-14; Sat., Brickyard, Chris Garratt 39lb, Courtney Hewlett 38-4, Pizamenti 29-12.

Sun., Scotland, Mick Wheeler 34-12, Steve Bell 19-10, Mark Morgan 18-14; Grendon, John Kent 19-8, Keith Garratt 12-4, Steve Shakespeare 11-14;

● CASTLE, Canons: Paul Lafflin 12-13, John Lewis 10-9, Dave Cantrell 9-13.

● NENE/Towcester, Ouse, Stony Main: Les Wallace 6-



■ CASTLE Ashby winner Mick Wheeler



■ The EA's Kye Jerrom helping restock the upper Ouse with 8,000 chublets to 4oz

14 (perch to 2lb), Harry Harris 3lb, Dave Gibbins 2-6.

● FLORE & Brockhall, silverfish, Barby Banks: Tony Ward 5-6, Steve Smith and Rob Rawlins 3-14 each, Terry Smith 3lb.

● OLNEY Ouse opens: midweek, Pete Laughton 2-7-8, Chris Howard 2-6-8, Graham Prince 1-15; Sat., Mick Burrell 9-3 (five perch), Jim Martin 2-15-8 (one perch), Jim Corteze 2-14

● TOWCESTER Vets, canal, Grafton Regis: Les Goodridge