

Feeder National winner Will Freeman.



The Angling Trust talked of a Fenland Shootout for Feeder National glory and wrote a good introduction to the event last week. Beginning back in the 70s and 80s when the banks of the Ouse and Level were thronged with both local and visitors from Yorkshire and East Midlands regular fishing matches. Mind sometimes it's a case of rose coloured glasses when looking back. Few bites and anglers were back in the pub or back on the bus where their crates of beer sat. Then on to more modern times.

Big matches are back this month with 120 anglers taking part in the Feeder National last weekend. Conditions were not brilliant with no colour and hot bright sunshine on the Ouse, but some colour on the Level. It was hard going for many, but it was not all bad with only 6 dry nets on the day, although some only caught ounces. The 2 sections on the Level fishing are better than the gin clear Ouse. I can remember a National when there were 60 dry nets, a nightmare for organisers and competitors. Unfortunately, we're dependent on the vagaries of both nature and fish.

Float rather than feeder was the method, catching all the fish prior to the event, which perhaps skewed expectations.

Hopefully this week's Open and next week's Division two National will present a better view of the two local waters with float to the fore. Recent rains and cooler temperatures should help produce much better catches.

Unfortunately, I heard the fish are around but not feeding as the Ouse remains very clear, let's hope it switches on as quickly as it switched off, however, if flows persist the feeder could do well particularly on the Level, guess you pay your money and takes your chance.

Drennan Barnsley Blacks continued their team successes winning the event scoring 31 points with Feederland Nomads second 3 points behind.

Individually the match was won by Barnsley's Will Freeman with 8-350 Kilo from the Middle Level at Crooked Chimney,

2nd man Steve Cable of Preston Innovations Black Horse at Peters Bridge only 250gms behind.

The Angling Trust have produced a very good You Tube video of the day well worth a watch. Anglers practicing on the Level for the upcoming matches enjoying some success but come the day the pressure increases. Perhaps that's what keeps dedicated match men fishing.

Shepherds Lake just right for whip or waggler.



Shepherds Port Lakes is still going well.

Bream and a few big carp from Kings, the place to be.

Springside for carp to 22lb.

Bear busy as usual.

Shepherds very mixed from day to day but has been some good bream catches. If you just want to catch or have a beginner in tow Shepherds lake on a whip feeding maggots or/and nuggets of groundbait for small roach every put in. Always a chance some bigger ones will come to the feed too.

Forthcoming Open Match.

September 21 Pre. National Open Match Great Ouse and Middle Level
Details and to book in from Ray on 07843860737.

Reserved Sections but look out for notice boards too.

Gt Ouse Ten Mile Bank Denver section, Wissey Mouth to Railway Bridge and Modney Bridge up and down.

Middle Level Peters to Magdalen High Road, Around Neeps bridge and Mortons Bridge to Crooked Chimney

Local match news

Anybody out there fancy a match on the Middle Level, the date is Sunday October 5
Peters Drove draw 8.30am, fish 10am to 3pm. To book in ring me on 07818 027973 or fill in the email linked to the Presidents Page, by October 4.

Peg Fee £5, KLAA Members £0. Main Pool £12 Section £3.
Given a reasonable entry the next one will be on the Ouse.