

A Good Ouse catch.



It would appear catches are improving as the end of the river season approaches, not before time but with more settled and warmer weather imminent the season may close with a bang.

Times were banks were busy as March 14 neared, but with all year fishing now available the need is not there so much. Similarly to the start of the season where do rivers anglers close their season?

If it's bream you want, there have been some big bream and big nets on the Relief Channel although with the water on the move the fish are on the move to. I am told it's a mega walk to find them, hopefully for any anglers braving the walk they will find their quarry and be rewarded. One of the latest motorised trollies would certainly help.

The Middle Level could be an alternative for bream and less of a walk and less water to search going by end of season catches in recent years.

Anglers were telling me last week, how well the Cut Off Channel has fished at times, could it be worth the risk.

Few anglers on the Ouse but those venturing out have seen catches markedly improve in several sections. Pole feeder, pole, whip and feeder all scoring. Half to three quarters over on the feeder for good roach and skimmers around a pound resulting in nets of 10lb and more. Even better John Taylor (Sensas) ventured back onto his local water on Sunday and had over 25lb using his elasticated whips. Mind few anglers as good as him on the Ouse.

Result of Johns Ten Mile session



A Fighting Chub from Shepherds.



Fish around on Springside and Shepherds Lakes. Orange pop ups tempting some decent carp on Springside. Recently prawn over mini pellets has attracted an occasional Tench, and double figure carp here, Float the favored method.

Bream, Chub and Carp on Shepherds. Larger boilies required to possibly avoiding the bream if it's carp you are after. Catches often better later in the day.

Few anglers on Bear Lake but small carp feeding well. If the weather continues to improve catches and activity should too.

For the time of year Kings Lake has been busy with members enjoying some good bream catches on tip and feeder, continuing into this week too.

Work still going on Shepherds there opening up the pegs and tidying the banks.

Saturday saw the final of this seasons Angling Trust Winter League fished on various Fenland waters with 25 teams of 10 competing. Years ago, 2 local teams took part in what was then the Angling Times Winter league, indeed Sunday whilst bailiffing I chatted to an angler on the bank about those times. Safe to say we didn't make the final in those days. Anyway, I digress.

This year's match was won by the star studded Sensas Starlets. Two local teams second and third, Diawa Tackle & Bates and Sensas Hot Rods. Great performances against the top teams.