

Biggest barbel and the roar of the crowd puts 'drynet' on cloud nine!

Hot rod' Bruce Harvey is walking on air – if not water – having gained angling 'stardom' in his own fishing break.

Driven to catch his first-ever barbel, the retired postie travelled all the way to a towncentre stretch of the Severn at Bridgenorth.

And there the old boy (pictured right with his largest barbel) finally came good: landing two whiskers of 5-8, a 6-2 and a 7-10.

"There was a crowd on the bank behind me watching as I landed the biggest, and they cheered so loudly when I netted it that I almost dropped it. It was great – just like being in Fish O'mania on telly."

Then, back in MK, he beat brother John at the next peg in the Furzton festival vets' do...and is hoping those twin successes will finally rid him of his 'drynet' nickname earned for his match record.

■ John Lewis AC's Kevin Briggs (pictured below) also travelled to fish, and landed three mullet to 6-9 on floating crust and three bass on sandeel, from a jetty in Poole harbour.

■ Osprey journeyed to Arrans, Essex, and came back exhausted after 21 rods landed 4,960lb of carp – more than two tonnes. Mark Newbold won with 428lb, Chris Lovelock had 411, Keiron Chavda 384-10 and Ian Millin 384-2. Lowest weight was 74lb.

■ Towcester's Stockton reservoir do saw Dave Martin top on 102lb as Andy Jones had 56lb and Harry Hayes 52lb...and the 'curse of the Goodridges' continued.

Two weeks ago Les provoked a nestful of wasps which stung almost everyone in the match. This week brother Mick kept the bad luck to himself, missing his net with a 9lb carp...though several other competitors are reported to have hurt themselves laughing!

■ MK vets' Clattercote sweep

went to Dave McLennan with 40-15 of bream and roach, with Paul Chapman 34-10 and Ernie Sattler 22-12.

■ Austin Maddock topped Calvert's Claydon lake do with 17-6, ahead of Mick Reynolds 5-8 and Dick Peerless 4-13.



● Bruce (the angler formerly known as 'drynet') Harvey with crowd-pleasing 7-10 Severn barbel



● Kevin Briggs

■ Olney's floral fiesta Ouse open pulled in 37 entries, and Tony Sinfield pulled in 12-1 of good perch, followed by Paul Caton 11-2 (mainly tench) and Paul Chapman with 8-7 of bits.

■ Veteran organiser John Hough had his second Linford canal win in a row as he topped Sunday's boatyard sweep with 5-9-8. Mick Hefferon had 4-14 and Ron Dorrill 4-8-8.

● **Make a date – September 22 – for the Citizen Cup** on Olney's Ouse for which Olney & Clifton club are guaranteeing the £500 top prize, plus several others.

There is a 60 peg limit and tickets must be booked and PAID for in advance (transferable if you need to sell yours on) so get in there now.

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■ **FIXTURES:** September 10, Olney Tuesday Ouse open, 01234 240061.

■ **And More Furzton Festival opens** – 01908 320007: this Saturday (7th) Ladies, Furzton; Sunday (8th) Mixed Pairs, Teardrops 1 & 2.

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