

'Essence of bloodworm' potion really brightened up Mick's day!

THE carp and specci worlds are awash with dips, glugs, sprays and other forms of lotions and potions 'guaranteed' to give your bait extra pulling power.

Rarely though do they figure in the average maggot-dangler's armoury – but when Mick Nimmo tried dunking his casters in a shop-bought bloodworm essence...the move lit up his day!

Having fished the cut 'somewhere' in the Bradwell area, and reporting back through Willards Tackle, a delighted Mick declared three tench to 5lb, a 1-8 roach-bream hybrid and some perch – all in one session.

Not bad in a week when so many were struggling. Perhaps leisure anglers should, in general, spend more time (and dosh) experimenting with bait enhancers – especially when the going gets tough?

■ Former MKAA secretary Mike Sando (pictured) brightened up his day with an 18-6 pike from the Grand Union.

■ DATS' Cosgrove cut match saw Kevin Osborne – fast becoming the new Ernie Sattler – pull an end peg and win with 8-13, including perch of 2-10 and 2lb all on his favourite worm. John Harvey included a 3-7 slab in his 5-4 with Bob Gale on 3-13.

■ Habitual baggers Osprey were knocked out of their normal stride when a deep frost put the fish down on Pidley lake, near Huntingdon, and Ian Millin needed only 38lb for a clear win. Rob Napper had 21lb and John Cosby 12lb.

■ City lad Phil Bardell picked up fourth place with 50-4 in a 48 peg league match on Meadowlands, Sunday.

■ It turned out to be one of their 'better days' for Calvert when they fished Hill Cottage Farm and Barry Witteridge won with a dozen carp for 30-15. Mark Penwell netted 15-12 and Derek Bishop 13-6.

■ A 2-9 perch helped Ian Greenhood to top spot with 4-4 in the latest



MK vets' midweeker, on DATS' Cosgrove cut, followed by Dave McLennan 3-9 and Mick Hefferon 3-3.

■ Tosh Saunders scooped Towcester's town Tove sweep with 4lb of chunky perch – a full pound ahead of Mick Goodridge on 3lb. John Broughton had 2-12.

Tosh had spent best part of two days last week, frequently up to his rear-end in cold water, working on the club's Astwell Mill to upgrade pegs for an upcoming vets match, so perhaps his win, Sunday, was just reward? Good old boy.

■ **FORTHCOMING events:** Saturday February 1, Sensas-backed carp ace Mitch Smith is set to be

one of the attractions scheduled to help mark the opening of the Tackle Hub in Bletchley's Victoria Road. All welcome.

Monday February 3, Beacon AC AGM 7.30pm, Inn in the Park, Mount Farm, Bletchley.