

'Getting some in' among the floods before season's end

PREDATORS have been on the munch right across the local patch – falling to specci-types and matchmen alike.

Making the most of a brief window when Bradwell lake was NOT flooded out Paul Taylor, pictured and reporting through Willards, had this fighting fit 18 on deadbait.

And Tackle Hub customers report plenty of snappers to double figures being caught from MKAA's cut all through the Fenny length.

■ Big perch are also coming out, many from rivers where some hardy souls are doing their best to fish before the legal running water season closes a week tomorrow (Friday March 14).

On the Tove Mick Goodridge topped Towcester's sweep with four – all over 2lb and best 2-12 – for 9-4 as John Harris had five for 6-8 and John Broughton 2-4.

Stripes were also feeding in Olney's Ouse, midweek, where a 'secret squirrel' type landed samples of 2-7, 2-11...and 3-4! Dave Partridge had a 2-6.

■ Not to be outdone, the canal came up trumps for Steve Schubert in DATS' Cosgrove do as he had a 2-14 perch, another around 2lb and some bits – all on dead maggot over chopped worm – for 6-12-8. Ernie Sattler had 3-9-12 and Colin Chart 3-6.

■ Trying for carp Ritchie Evans netted the scaly 18lb mirror (pictured) from a 'Milton Keynes lake'.



● Ritchie Evans with 18lb 'scaly' from MK



● Paul Taylor with Bradwell 18-pounder

■ MK vets got among the carp in a pairs do at Alders where Terry Lancaster and Robin 'ginger' Lot totalled 116-5 as Charlie Lancaster and Paul Swaine shared 92-2-8 and Ernie Sattler and Ian Greenhood 81-4.

■ GOOD news:

The Parks Trust has agreed to LIFT as an experiment, for 2014 only, the close season on Wolverton Mill. Thank you.

■ BAD news:

loutish morons using bushes as middens, dumping litter and generally behaving badly at Lodge lake have left the

future of night fishing there hanging by a thread – with a potential question mark over other waters, too.

Anyone witnessing such idiotic behaviour on MKAA waters, day or night, should report it to the bailiffs – numbers in the book and on the website – soonest if they value their sport!

■ VERY SAD news. Geraldine – who with partner Brian Haynes ran MK Angling Centre in Bletchley until they retired late last year – is in hospital and not well enough to receive visitors.

Best wishes to both of them from all their friends in local angling, and anyone wanting to send their own message can either email Brian at brhaynes@btopenworld.com or call me on 01908 270000 for a postal address.

■ Promotion: Greens Norton-based John Buxton, organiser of the 'Bucko' charity matches, has been invited on to the Angling Trust's completion committee to advise on matters relating to the 'national' for the disabled. This year's match is at Bridgenorth – application forms on 01159 061301.

■ Fixtures: Saturday, MKAA Grand Slam (hopefully on the river) 07703 556788; also Olney Ouse charity open, river permitting, 01234 240061.

Matches, catches, even rough patches? If there's a tale to tell call Trevor Johnson on 01908 270000 (office) or 07801 183381 or email angling@intermediauk.com (click link to email)