

Jon's 16 lb dream bream puts Brad'll Lake in Premier League

MIND-blowing! That was Jon Pearson's latest capture – a monster bream which has left most Bradwell Lake regulars slack-jawed with amazement.

And at 16 lb exactly – weighed by bailiff Rob Jolley on MKAA scales – that one fish has catapulted the venue into the specimen bream world's Premier League.

Having previously had fish to 12-8 Jon (pictured with his super-slab) fished through Thursday night for bream to 11-2, and then stayed on for a daylight session with his perseverance paying off at lunchtime when the 16 pounder picked up his 'natural' bait.

He said: "I've been fishing that lake for a few years and had no idea there was anything that size in there. Now I want a bigger one..."

Back again Saturday he had a 10 and another 11, but come Tuesday morning the wind had changed and the biggies appeared to have moved off.

■ A STRANGE looking craft (pictured below) was plying the cut between Cosgrove and Fenny locks, Tuesday.

Looking akin to a water-borne crop-sprayer, it was a specialist electro-fishing vessel trailing probes and crewed by MEM Fisheries staff contracted to find out just how far south the dreaded zander – an invasive alien species – have or have not spread.

Brought in by Canal & River Trust national fisheries manager John Ellis, they also surveyed the pike population.

Once unknown south of Braunston, Zs have come south in significant numbers and sizes to Stoke Bruerne in the past couple of years and, whatever damage they may do to local canal silverfish stocks apart, there are real fears that they will get into the Tove and the local Ouse.

■ SOME 200 or so people went to Crownhill Crem for Geraldine

Haynes' (co-proprietor of the former MK Angling Centre) send-off last week, and Brian and her family thank everyone who attended.

■ ANYONE interested in a part-time job at GoneFishin should see the shop's website and send CV/letter to gone_fishin@hotmail.co.uk



● Jon Pearson with 16 lb Bradwell bream

■ BUCKO's charity series opener, Tofts: Wayne Panting 44-7, Gary Makin 33-2, Keith Haynes 29-6.

■ TOWCESTER vets, Wood Farm: Grenville Read 31-15, George Mynard 30-8, Bob Eales 28-12

■ MK vets, Heron Lake, Linford: Austin Maddock 29-6, Laurie Harding 22-8, Martin Cunniffe 20-8.

■ TOWCESTER, Wappenham Water: Chris Howard 28-12, Kevin Elliott 21lb, John Balhatchett 16lb.

■ NEWPORT Abbey Pits open: Michael Buchwalder 15-11, Mark Haynes 15-7, Nigel Bass 13-1.

■ DATS, Navigation cut: Lee Jones 12-7 (and won the £206 golden peg), Mick Reynolds 6-13-8 (inc 1-6 roach), Pete Patten 6-4.

■ LINFORD, Bolbeck Park cut: Mark Morgan 9-14, John Hough 6-6, Eamon Burke 6-3.

■ MKAA individual league opener, Tinkers Bridge cut: Steve Rose 5-14, Ernie Sattler 5-13-8, Paul Hamilton 5-9-8.

■ FIXTURES: Tuesday – DATS' evening series starts, call 07703 556788.



● Appliance of science: electro fishing boat looking for canal zander near Springfield

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