

Stick it out a bit longer...there are still plenty of fish feeding!

THE weather may finally be going downhill fast, but don't start hibernating just yet – there are still plenty of fish on the feed!

Continuing his summer-long run on Bradwell Bob Gale, who looks to have been picking up tips while behind the Tackle Hub counter, topped his latest good catch with an 8-10 tench.

Fishing Tear Drops Steve Vipond banked a superb 27-2 common, while Graham Jackson had a 25 at Furzton, and veteran Colin Page had six chunky bream on feeder at Wappenham and lost a couple more.

One man has been reporting perch to 3-12 to Willards staff, but has yet to produce the photos.

And Sunday's first frost didn't stop John Harvey finding bream in a deeper part of Lodge – during a Kingfisher match – to win with 32-14. Others were not so lucky: Steve Chilton had 8-13 and John White 7-4.

■ The second-lowest water levels locals can recall on the Severn didn't stop city lads John White and Paul Hack making the 200 mile round trip up to Bridgenorth.

It turned out to be a really dour week's sport for both of them, until John (pictured right) finally bagged the 4-10 barbel pictured...and then they both lit up like Christmas trees!

■ THIS year's Towcester charity open on the cut at Castlethorpe attracted a near-record (for recent years – four decades ago it used to sell around 400 tickets) 38 entries.

Tommy Boyce won with 7-10 of roach and skimmers with MK's Steve Wright on 6-11 ahead of Loll Breach 4-6 and end-pegger Tony Hirst 4-5.

■ IT was carp all the way for Towcester vets at Dog Lane where Geoff Cooke had 59-11, Chris Howard 28-12 and Graham Martin 26-13.

■ MK vets, Mill Road cut (27 fished): Alan Ford 7-1, Bob Gale 6-8, Dave McLennan 6-3.

■ LINFORD, wharf cut: Eamon Burke 6-0-8,

John Hough 2-8, Chris Smart 2-2.

■ OLNEY predator match, Ouse: Rob Mynard 8-3, Kevin Lake 3lb, Ron Bull THREE pike for 1-7...

■ ONE-time local lad Alan Blair – now with a national reputation as a carp expert and leaning over the counter in the picture –

● It may not be the biggest Severn barbel – but it made John White one very happy man.
Picture: Paul Hack



spent a good part of Saturday passing on rig tying tips to GoneFishin customers in Wolverton.

■ FIXTURES: October 14, Olney Tuesday Ouse open, 01234 240061.



● Carp ace Alan Blair (left) demonstrating the finer points of rig-tying to GoneFishin customers

OBITUARY

● SAD news: DATS and MK vets all-rounder Gordon Metcalfe has passed away aged 76.

His funeral is set for 2pm, Monday (October 13) at MK Crematorium's Oak Chapel. Angling apart he was also an enthusiastic jazz drummer and, at one time, played as a semi-pro with the Eric Silk Jazz Band, backing the likes of Acker Bilk. Condolences to his family ■

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