

# Big perch go on the rampage as autumn's nights turn cold

**A**UTUMN has arrived with a run of cool-nights – and big perch have gone on the chomp with a vengeance!

The local canal in particular seems to be on a real roll with a flush of two-pounders – and even I managed a 2-4 on a worm fragment during a Friday-evening session on DATS' section.

'Somewhere' on MKAA's 9.5 miles of Grand Union MK Piker, as he calls himself, bagged a 2-8.

Then he went on a lure outing, catching a shoal of smaller perch and – in one of those once in a lifetime moments – a four ounce ROACH fairly hooked on a small silver lure!

Big Ouse perch are moving, too, with Paul Hodgson getting a 3-6 at Olney (where Paul Andrews also had a 5-1 chub) and Andy Larwill a 3-8 perch from an undisclosed length.

Maybe there is no time like the present apart from, perhaps, early March, to get out after them?

■ **DESPITE** falling water temperatures good carp are still being caught from Furzton and Willen while – on Rocla – Alan Titmus, reporting through Waters Edge, was on a high with a 32lb PB common.

■ **AT** the other end of the scale, Ashlands' 'mini carp' (some are now going 5lb) are still feeding with gusto. Shaun Taylor had 33 for an estimated 100lb+ over the weekend. Winter prices have kicked in with MKAA members £2 a day and non-members £5.

■ **THIS** winter could be a treat for Ouzel fans – with lots of freshly re-opened swims – as the Environment Agency is using a mechanical rake/digger to clear masses of channel-clogging rushes from Caldecotte through to Willen.

*Funded by the Ouzel Internal Drainage Board in the interests of reducing flood risk, the work is overseen by the EA's operations arm and its fisheries team. As a by-product, scores of once tasty trotting swims are being brought back into being for those with the skill to work a float down them.*

■ **NEWPORT** Ouse open, back of the pits, saw roach, dace and perch feeding well. Steve Wright won with 8-12 followed by Paul Abbott 8-9, Steve Chilton 7-11 and Graham Martin 7-4.

■ **LINFORD** had a bad-hair day on Giffard Park cut as Roy Hefferon won with 0-15 ahead of Steve Funnell 0-12 and Nick Barker 0-8.

■ **CLIFF** Parker-Kitchener pike session on Pitsford Reservoir saw his pike lure grabbed by his first-ever rainbow, a three-pounder. Top opening week pike went 30lb!

■ **FIXTURES:** Tues Oct 11 & Sun 16th, Olney Ouse opens, 01234 240061; Oct 16, Towcester open, Castlethorpe cut, 01908 56563617 (evenings).



● **ME** with 2-4 DATS' canal perch – the cut is coming alive with big stripys!



● **OVER** the moon: Alan Titmus with 32lb PB common

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