

'River-meister' Den leads way in local big Ouse perch race!

THE recent run of big Ouse perch is accelerating – for those with the knack of finding their hide-outs, that is!

And judging by results Den Reid is one of those who, if he can't actually think like a perch, undoubtedly comes pretty close.

No less than four stripys over 2lb from one swim on the local river – 2-10, 2-12, 2-12 and 3-6 – graced his net in under two hours on a recent evening trip.

And within an hour of the picture (right) being taken, he'd added a three-pounder from a swim 50 yards downstream, again on worm.

All that puts him ahead – for the moment – of fellow GoneFishin worker Paul Hodgson who had a 3-4 while trotting maggots, and saw an even bigger fish snatch at a roach he had hooked before letting go.

■ OSPREY had an incredible day on Arrans near Chelmsford with their top 12 totalling 2,426lb of carp – over a tonne! Ed Blaine won with 324-7 as Barry Hatch had 260lb and Ian Millin 242-10.

■ TOWCESTER Vets, Dog Lane: Grenville Reed 138lb, John Balhatchett 59lb, Graham Martin 54-4.

■ STILL on carp, Jason Pratt had a 20lb mirror on Lodge and an un-named angler had a similar-sized fish from Pines.

■ MKAA 'golden peg' round (DATS' Stony Main Ouse) saw perch dominating, again: John White 13-3, Paul Hamilton 9-6, Paul Chapman 7-11.

■ TOWCESTER open, DATS's Navvi canal (loads of fish, mostly perch): Ivor Stokes 11-13, Dave Gibbins 10-9, Pete Laughton 9-6.

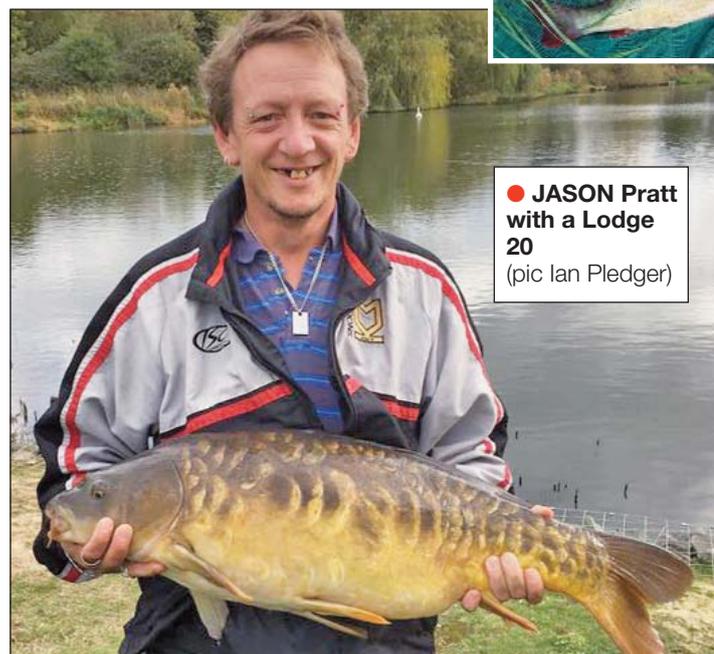
■ OLNEY, Ouse: Pete Hawley 8-1, Graham Prince 7-11, Dave Walsh 3-4.

■ CALVERT, Woodfields Lake: Barry Witteridge 4-3, Austin Maddock 3-1, John Hewison 2-11.

■ THE tally of canal fish, mostly carp, killed near Leighton Buzzard two weeks back has topped 1,200lb – around half a ton of fish to 20lb!



● 'Mr Crabtree' Den Reid with a magic double-brace of Ouse perch going from 2-10 to 3-6



● JASON Pratt with a Lodge 20 (pic Ian Pledger)

Investigations into what went wrong are continuing.

■ FIXTURES: Sat, MKAA junior teach-in, Lodge, 01908 320007; Sun, Newport Ouse open 07795 068428; Oct 29 MKAA golden peg, venue to be fixed, 07970 047506; also, Newport's Sherington complex (including adjacent river) closed for match.

● SAD NEWS: long-time **OBITUARY** Olney & Clifton stalwart and club vice chairman Ron Bull passed away last week aged 79. The former Ousedale maths teacher was also into local table tennis and short mat bowls.

Ron's funeral is set for 1.30pm on Oct 27 at St Paul's & St Peter's in Olney, and his family say all who knew him are welcome to attend ■