

Weather goes down the tubes but fish still feed!

LOW, clear, cold and typically miserable early winter – that has been the upper Ouse of late. But fish are still being caught.

Sunday's MK golden peg on Brush Mill and Toombes saw Paul Chapman win with 14-7 of slabs as Ernie Sattler netted 11lb of roach on bread, ahead of John White with 10-6.

Prowling the banks in their own inimitable styles both Phil Mapp and Den Reid have found perch to around 4lb, along with the occasional decent chub.

Olney's Ouse has been on a silverfish up for a while now, and the latest Bedford league round on the club's length was dominated by small roach. The winner had close to 14lb followed by a 12-5 and a 10-10.

■ MOUNT Farm produced some nice fish in the Beacon & Newport individual pike champs, with Chris Puddefoot top with 23-6 as Richard Harvey came close 22-14. Terry Read had 15-6.

■ A DAYLIGHT session on Lodge saw Terry Vine net an 8lb bream.

■ **FOR a great many carp fishing is a warm weather activity...and then there are those who try to get at least one fish in each winter month.**

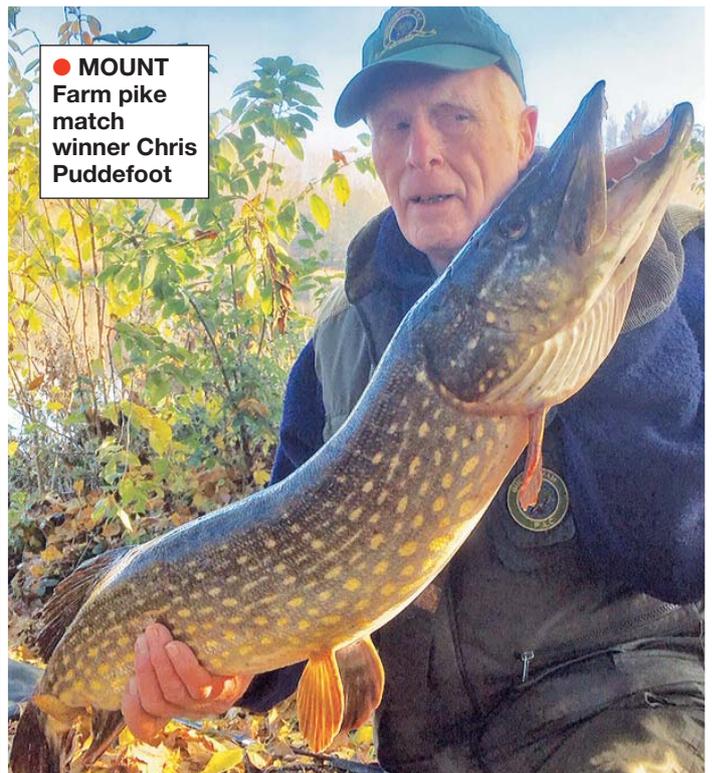
Steve Cowling has just clocked his November catch with a 17-10 from Willen South – a water which has produced far

more fish this year than have featured on the grapevine.

■ MK Vets outing on the canal at New Bradwell saw Nigel Steel top on 7-5 as Paul Hamilton had 4-12 and Bob Gale 4-2.

■ **COLD winds may have made Linford's do on their Wharf section a right grueler...but it still produced a warming story in shape of Steve 'fluff' Funnell's first win in five years with the club.**

As always, Sunday saw him fishing lobworm and waggler...and THIS time it paid off with two perch, one of which provided most of his 1-9 winning weight. Didder Hefferon had 1-7 and Paul Hancock 1-4 while several cracks – including 'serial winner' Charlie Lancaster did not weigh.



● MOUNT Farm pike match winner Chris Puddefoot



● WILLEN winter carp for Steve Cowling

■ NENE/Towcester, DATS' canal at Castlethorpe: Mick Goodridge won with 5 good perch for 5-8-8 as Pete Laughton finished with 3-14 and Les Ramsden had 3-12-8.

■ TOWCESTER Vets, canal at Bugbrooke: Tosh Saunders had 6-4 of perch, Brian Ayliffe 1-10 and Graham Prince 1-8.

■ CALVERT's Itters Pit sweep went to John Weatherall with 3-5 as Derek Bishop had 1-11 and Austin Maddock 1-5.

■ FIXTURES: Dec 4 Olney Ouse open 01234 240061; Dec 9, MKAA Christmas match, tickets from local shops.

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