

Twilight 'quicky' on the Ouzel brings a big chub

WITH the light fading fast a last-minute change of plan brought Derren Burr a stunning 6-2 chub from the city's Ouzel.

An Ouse regular, on this occasion he went for the tributary as: "The light was already going, so I headed for somewhere where I could get a quick 15 minutes in."

Picking a swim close to the car park, the Brown's Angling manager fished a pinch of bread below a small mesh feeder – and was soon into what has to be one of the biggest Ouzel chub so far this season.

Chub were on the feed in the Ouse at the weekend, too, where Arthur Terrill had a 5-14 in the Wolverton area, and Ian Barnes a 4-4 downstream at Olney.

■ WATER temperatures were diving but skimmers fed in force during Kingfisher's Christmas do on the Stoke Road 'boatyard' canal section.

Steve Carr netted 19-5 for a runaway win – and one of the best local canal weights for months! Dean Warren had a respectable 11-12 and Del Rowland 9-11.

■ MK Vets' fur and feather attracted 23 entrants to the Ouse

around Stony where Martin Cunniff included two good bream in his 17-10. Tony Richardson had 8-4 and Pete Watley 7-14.

■ DATS' festive outing, Stony Main: John Hewison 10-5 (inc



● OUZEL monster! Derren Burr's 6-2 chub



● STEVE Carr's 19-5 canal skimmer net

a 5lb-ish chub), Bob Gale 3-4, Alan Ford 2-15.

■ CALVERT, Potash Farm: John Robinson 8-11 (four carp), Austin Maddock 2-8.

■ MKAA sweep, Riverside Meadow Ouzel: Mark Haynes 7-2, Dave Shultz 5-4, Kevin Osborne 5lb.

■ NENE/Towcester Christmas match, canal, Heyford: Tony Hirst 4-12 of roach, John Balhatchett 3-11, Bas Eaton 3-3.

■ FIXTURES: Thursday Dec 27, MKAA golden peg, Stony Main; Jan 1, 'hangover open' on the river – 01234 713144 for either.

Fish for perch? Have YOUR say on zander - now!

LOVE 'em or loathe 'em, if YOU have a view on zander, there's an on-line survey YOU should fill in NOW.

Hosted by a university (research sponsor unknown) it seeks 'predator angler's' views.

Anyone who fishes for perch, even if only with worms and maggots, is a 'predator angler' – so get in there, tick the box which asks if you are, and go from there – right down to the bit about Zs.

It may be entirely unconnected to Zs in the canal...but some might think the wording would attract maximum response from Z lovers...and leave the rest behind at the first question.

Go to <https://bournemouth.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/freshwater-predatory-angling> or find it on MKAA facebook page or on CRT's angling facebook page.

Remember, if you fish for perch YOU are a predator angler, too, and should have a say.

Matches, catches, even rough patches? If there's a tale to tell call Trevor Johnson on 07801 183381 or email angling@intermediauk.com (click link to email)