

# Forget the mince pies - Christmas special lured by plastic 'crayfish'!

**S**anta Claus came a week early for Bob Cook when he hooked his life-time's best – so far – perch...a real cracker of a stripey turning the club's scales all the way to 4-3!

And his head-turning capture – also the club's best of season – was no 'lucky strike' at a worm dangled on an exploratory off-chance.

Having netted perch to 3-7 from the 'Mill' stretch earlier in the year, Bob was there again and out for the biggest of the biggies...fishing a yellow plastic 'crayfish' lure, which turned out to be just the ticket.

Now, cock-a-hoop, he's hoping for an even bigger result in the New Year.

■ SOME carpers were also having a festive ball with Phil Mapp getting a 26-8 from Furzton, followed next trip by a fish just shy of 21, and A J Featherstone netting a 30 within a couple of hours of starting on Linford 1.

■ OSPREY hit Arrans on one of its better days...and the 25 rods on the outing netted an amazing one-and-a-quarter tons between them – with 25th place going to 85lb! Brian Ritchie had top spot with 277lb ahead of Pete Archer 246lb and Mark Wilson 217lb.

■ ROB Woollett took a morning off carp fishing to go on a sponsored charity run and, thanks to on-line angling mates, raised over £200...which he then matched for Willen Hospice.

■ MK Vets' combined fur & feather and past members memorial do on Heron Lake raised £85 for Willen Hospice despite

being marred by weather that led to 16 out of 21 rods blanking. Bob Gale had 4-10, Jack Wilson 0-14 and Roy Hefferon 0-6.

■ TOVE Valley's do on Lakeside went to Gary Millward 95-12 followed by Andy Jones 75-10 and Dave Martin 55-2.



■ **LIFETIME's best – Bob Cook with 4-3 mega perch from Olney's Ouse.**  
Photo Kevin Lake

■ CALVERT, Itters Pit: John Weatherall really rocked, taking the golden peg with 7-8 – 118 waggler roach and rudd...as Les Smith had 0-7 and Barry Witteridge 0-3.

■ TOWCESTER Vets midweek, Cosgrove cut: Chris Howard 6-8, Les Goodridge 4-4, Graham Martin 2-8.

■ LINFORD, Bolbeck Park cut: John

Hough 6-14, Ron Dorrill 1-12, Mick Hefferon 1-6.

■ KINGFISHER, Toombes Meadow Ouse: Austin Maddock 5-4, Colin Chart (now the club's 2015 points champ) 5-3, Mircea Perederu 5-2

■ DATS' Christmas match (Stony Main and Island) was hit by rising floodwater. Dave Tysoe and Kevin Osborne tied on 1lb with Roger Tebbutt getting 0-12.

■ BAITSHOP holiday opening hours: Xmas Eve – Tackle Hub 8.30-1.30pm, GoneFishin 8.30-4pm, Willards 8.30-4pm, Linford 8.30-noon; Sat 26th – Tackle Hub 10-2pm; Mon 27th – Willards and Linford both 9-5pm.

■ **FIXTURES: Jan 1**, MKAA hangover open, Ouse, 01234 713144; **Jan 17**, British Pike Champs qualifier, Sherington Pits, 07952 812527.



■ **Having a festive time on Furzton – Phil Mapp with a 21**

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