

# Willen's big pike help Floyd start the new year

**B**IG pike have been chomping their way into the new year – with Floyd Edwards being one of the main beneficiaries.

The end of the year had seen him happy with a dead-bait tempted 18-6 from Willen North.

*But that was dwarfed by another he landed from the same venue a few days later – witnessed by MKAA bailiff Simon Denny – which turned the scales all the way to 26lb.*

Also on Willen, Luke Wynder had an 18, while a number of snappers have been being caught on Newport's waters.

■ WINTER carp are there for the catching – for those putting in the hours. Tackle Hub's Neil; Richardson bagged three doubles to 21 on an overnight on Tear Drops while Chris Strong also had three to 20lb in 36 hours on the 'Drops.

■ TINY river – mega dace shoals – that's the Tove at Towcester where Sunday's Towcester/Nene match saw three pegs in a row produce almost 50lb of flashing silver fish!

*Mick Goodridge won with 22lb – more than 150 fish on double maggot – followed by John Balhatchet with 17-14 from the next peg upstream and Chris Howard on 14-12 above him.*

Downside? The next weight was barely 2lb but, hopefully, some rain in the river will hopefully spread the shoals out a bit...eventually.

■ DECENT Ouse chub are being caught, despite the river running gin clear. Willards report a customer having a 6-2 from Stony Main. Olney's Ouse produced four,

including a 5-6 and 5-3 for Pete Lima while Frank Luffman had fish of 3-15, 3-8 and 3-4.



■ MARK Fisher and his young lad shared some nice roach and perch on the Ouzel, while Aaron Coppin used a tub of lobs to net 21lb of perch on Alders.

■ CALVERT, High View Cottage: Austin Maddocks 81-13, Ben Holdaway 37-9, Barry Witteridge 28-6.

■ MK individual winter league opener, Stony Ouse: Eddie Ford 15-4 (four chub), Dave Tysoe 8-9, Ernie Sattler 8-8.

■ MK Vets, Stony Ouse: Kevin Osborne 5-13, Ernie Sattler 5-10, Rob Gibson 4-14.

■ TOWCESTER Vets, canal, Banbury Lane: Paul Minney 9lb, Grenville Read and Graham Martin both 5lb.

■ TRING Vets, canal, Red Lion bridge: Chris Howard 8-6, Mick Gillings 7-11, Richard Darbon 7-8-8.

■ AN evening with angling writer Des Taylor at the bar next to Watersedge, 8pm start on Feb 9, tickets £5 on 01908 690969.

■ FIXTURES: Sunday, MKAA individual league/golden-peg second round 01234 713144; Tuesday, Olney Ouse open 01234 240061.