

# Town's fly old boy Bob keeps on racking up the specimens

**TWO specimen fish in two casts – that was town octogenarian 'supavet' Bob Church's latest Grafham reservoir outing.**

Fishing a six-inch 'fly' in 28 feet of water, he brought a 22-8 pike to the boat – the 53rd or 54th 20 of his career!

And next cast, on the first pull of his retrieve, he had a 10-8 zander. "I shouldn't think either had seen a hook before, and in my view Grafham is still the top pike and zander fishery," he said.

Then he went on to land two 20lb+ carp from a local lake, in successive trips with mate Mike Green.

● **CHURCHIE'S** career pre-dates the launch of Northampton Specimen Group, which celebrates its golden jubilee next spring and is probably the oldest still active in the UK. A reunion bash of as many past members as can be contacted is planned. Interested? Call 07507 366998.

● **GOOD** causes are £2,200 better off thanks to a big charity match and a 48 hour carp event at Bishops Bowl.

Some 66 rods fished and Mick Wheeler won with 49-8 as owner Shaun Smart had 38-4 and Mark Griffiths 37-10. Andy Souter won the carp match. The air ambulance, Cancer Research and a school will benefit.

● **STANWICK** has a new crucian record, Paul Chambers' 4-2 from Mallard – which also saw Don McInnes land 24-2 and 23-12 commons.

● **DAVENTRY** were masters of Tofts, again, as their top four totalled almost 500lb. Simon Potter had 156-14, Greg Smith 115-8 and Mick Turner 103-8.

● **CASTLE** and Royal Mail Northampton are tied with one leg of their five match series to go. Mail won, Sunday, on Peatling Pools with Ryan Harris 103-2 and Andy Pool 80-8 as Castle's Alan West had 71-4.

● **NENE** points, Tofts: Ron Collins 130-8, Steve Johnson 125lb, Brian Beard 118lb.

● **CASTLE** Ashby: Grendon, Sunday, Mick Hewlett 121-12,

Keith Garrett 52-4, Andy Jones 51-8; Brickyard, Saturday, Hewlett 34-8, Chris Garrett 32-4, Bob Reed 28lb; Grendon, midweek, Reed 34-8, Alan West 29-12, Phil Wintle 24-2.

● **LANES**, Meadowlands: Craig Casemore 112-6, Lee Davies 93-12, Wayne Sharman 77-4.



■ **THERE's life in the old dog yet – and if he had a tail he would wag it! Town's living legend Bob Church with another 20lb+ pike on fly**

● **WHITE Hart Flore**, Grundys: Gary Muddiman 63-8, Dave Chapman 55-8, Robin Wickham 53-8.

● **TOWCESTER**, Silver lake: Matt Brafield 51lb, Les Goodridge 29-8, Paul Keele 16-6.

● **RAFFA** benefit, Waterloo: Mick Dudely 47-5, Tony Granfield 45-8, Mick Riddle 41-9.

● **TOWCESTER** vets, Stockton: George Cooke 39-8 (crucians), Tom Wheldon 22-8 (roach), Graham Martin 15-8.

● **FINEDON**, Willowbrook: John Sumpter 18lb, Barry Lawrence 13-8, Geoff Eade 13-2.

● **OLNEY** midweek, Ouse: Len Wallis 17-4 (bream), Neil Shearn 13-3 (roach) Roy Hefferon 9-14.

● **NEWPORT** open, Abbey Pits: Dave Tebutt 16-3, Steve Drakulic 12-13, Jack Jones 12-10.

● **COTTON** Club pairs, Peatling Pools: Rus Lay and Roy Hickey 24-8, Marcus Annable and Tom MacIlhinney 19-8.

● **FLORE & Brockhall**, local cut: Paul Humpries 6-12, Rob Rawlins 3-15, Ken Cadd 3-10.



■ **ALMOST 25lb of bream in 45 minutes. Tony Pickering on the cut... at 4.30 in the morning!**

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