

As club bailiff reports catching 5lb stripey, it has to be asked...

Just how big can river's perch go?

HAVE local Ouse perch finally hit the magic 5lb mark – and can the current crop of biggies get even heavier before succumbing to old age?

Olney club bailiff Olley Hulston (pictured) has landed a stripey taking his scales down to exactly 5lb – the largest he's seen in 40+ years on the river!

Admittedly he was using fairly ancient 'spring balance' type scales, but they can't have been too far out...and could even have been UNDER – rather than over – reading.

Picking a deep swim, he legered a lobworm on a size 10 and didn't have to wait long for a take.

The upper river has done a handful of 4s in recent years – no doubt bulked up by feeding on junior crayfish – but no publicly reported 5s.

● RINGSTEAD junior trout match saw 10 year-old Harry Piercy win with a 2-8 rainbow (pictured) on a day which raised more than £500 for Macmillan Nurses – due partly to Phil Willmot providing, and cooking, a hog roast.

● STANWICK's Mallard has been on form again this week with more 20s gracing landing nets. Among them, Jason McKay had a 24, Jonny Soper a 22 and Jason Nichlos three fish to a new PB of 21-8.

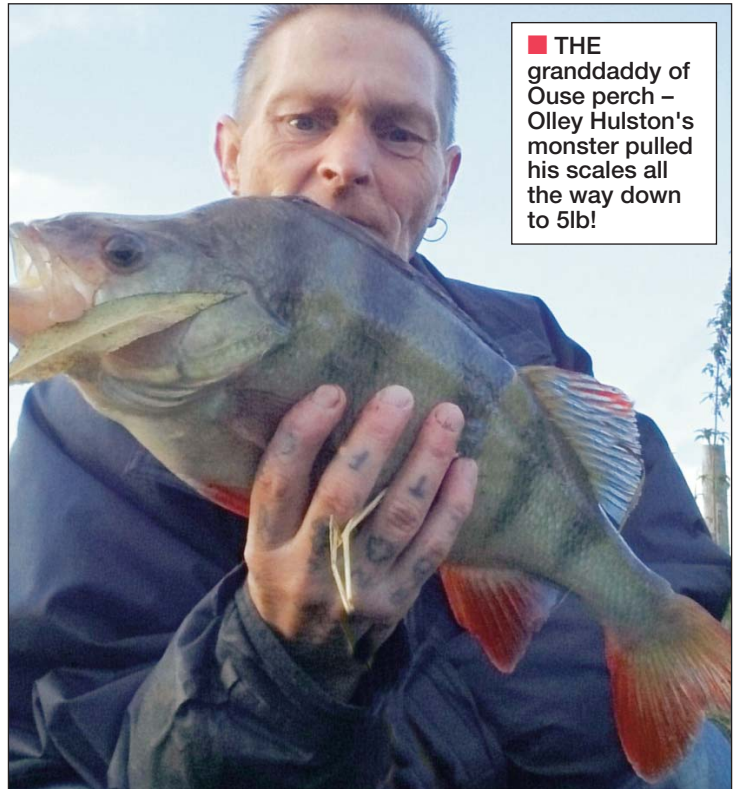
● GILDERS' customers are reporting good roach catches from Mill Cotton (Wellingborough ticket) and Stuart Eggleton has had nice redfin nets from Nene's members-only Swan Valley.

● ABINGTON Park Lake saw Vince Battams land nine carp for 101lb.

● ONE M1 junction south, at Willen Lake, Sunday's wild winds saw Dave Hollis bank a 38lb common.

● CASTLE Ashby opens: Brickyard, Sunday, Mick

Wheeler poled 136-2 (new lake record), Courtney Hewlett 73-2, Frank Pizamenti 63-4, also Sunday, Grendon, Phil Wintle 102-4, Mick Hewlett 94-7, Ian Drage 90-6; Sat, Scotland, Grant Howie 23-14, Craig Shaw 19-14, Alan Robinson 15-12.



■ THE granddaddy of Ouse perch – Olley Hulston's monster pulled his scales all the way down to 5lb!

● TOWCESTER, Stockton: John Broughton 70-8, Kevin Elliott 55lb, Kevin Nightingale 50lb.

● WHITE Hart Flore, Barby Banks: Dave Griffiths 62lb, Glen Tilson 52-8, Mark 'Guru' Griffiths 52lb.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Dog Lane: Jim Tanser 50-8, Dave Ayres 47lb, Bert Isles 41-4.

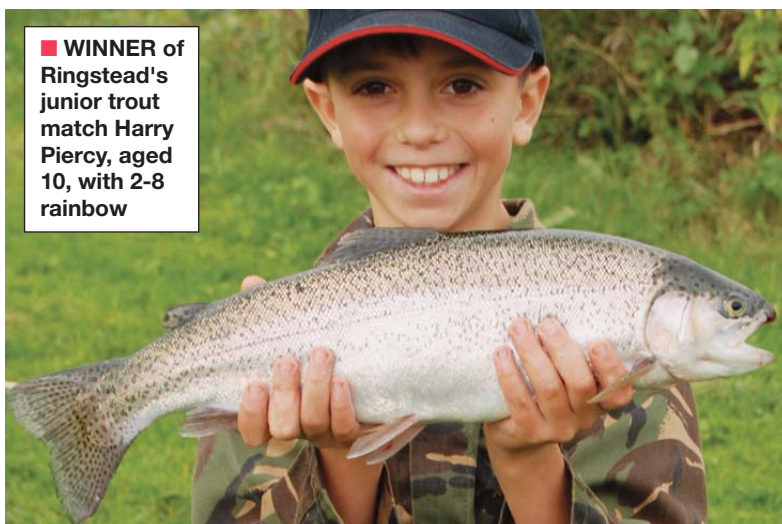
● CASTLE, autumn Canons silverfish league second round of six: Dave Keech 20-10, Alan West 18-4, Alf Gillard 17-4.

● COUNTY vets, midweek, Canons: Bob Spencer 14-8, Paul Lafflin 14lb, Alf Gillard 11-8.

● OLNEY, Ouse: Kevin Osborne 8-15 including a 3-10 perch, Lee Jones 7-6, Paul Hamilton 7-4

● ABINGTON, Bugbrooke cut: Russ Coleman 3-8, Malcolm Bunyard 1-14, Dave Huth 1-7.

● **FIXTURES:** Nov 8 (Sat) RBL charity open, Olney Ouse, 01234 240061. RINGSTEAD is doing four weekends in December of bank-only trout fishing, with boat weekend boat fishing for pike starting December 5 ■



■ **WINNER** of Ringstead's junior trout match Harry Piercy, aged 10, with 2-8 rainbow

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