

## 'Just down the road' reservoirs' predator breaks yield...

# 30lb pike and '17lb bream'!

**L**OOKING for seriously BIG reservoir pike? Then Ravensthorpe and Pitsford could be the places - right on town anglers' doorsteps!

This weekend saw both trout waters open for their first lure-and-deadbait break of the winter...with the top fish boated taking the scales all the way to 30lb!

That came from Ravensthorpe and fell to a 'Mr Walton' (no one seems sure of his first name - but 'Izaak' it is not) and it was not the only trout-fed biggie boated.

A 28 was also landed, while Stuart Boulton had a red-letter-day double featuring a 23 and 20. And Pjak, who measures his fish, boated a 108 centimetre snapper - a whopping 42.5 inches.

Not to be left out, Pitsford produced a 29lb snapper among a stream of other good fish.

**And there are very strong, but as yet unconfirmed, stories of a Pitsford trout catching a bream on a fly...a BREAM weighing a mind-blowing SEVENTEEN pounds!**

Even if that mistakenly included the weight of the landing net, that would still be a real show-stopper of a slab.

All it needs now is for ressi-owners Anglian Water to find a way for anglers to target the water's huge bream without cleaning out the relatively insignificant trout. If they can do that they will be sitting on a fortune!

● THERE is a carp in Stanwick's Elsons which follows young Ollie Pruden around. Over three years he's had it at 24lb, 26, 28...and this week at 31-4. Dan Sharpe had a PB 35-9.

● THE Grand Union is currently alive with good perch. Even I've had a 2-4 in recent days.

● WHITE Hart Flore. Tofts: Andy Sibley 101lb, Glen Tilson 94lb, Jeff Wiggins 89-8.

● CASTLE Ashby, Brickyard, Saturday: Rolly MacEneaney 88-4, Chris Garratt 75lb, Keith Garratt 45lb.

● WILSON Construction, works-outing, Barby Mill: Tom Griffiths 84-10, Drew Adams 72-11, John Spencer 46-12.

● MILL Lane, Lakeside: Alan Alrd 76-10, Gary Abrahams 65-2, Mark Whadhams 51-11.

● FLORE & Brockhall, Dog Lane: Rob 'who' Rawlins 41lb, Steve Smith 31lb, Jim Tanser 27lb.

● GLEBE, Peatling Parva: Dave Haddon 34-5, Paul Latter 27-9, Russ Lay 23-9.

● FINEDON, Dennetts: Dave Roberts 27-8, Barry Lawrence 27-5, Paul Lafflin 26-15.

● CASTLE, Canons: Jeff Rice 21-12, Gary West 15-4, Alan West 14-1.

● OUNDLE, Nene below Ashton weir: Dave Mabbutt 9-8, Mark Cunnington 7-5, Alan Smith 5-13.

● NEWPORT, Ouse open: Steve Wright 8-12, Paul Abbott 8-9, Steve Chilton 7-11.

● SPORTS & Social, Nene, Woodford; Jim Broadbent 8-9, Dave Chamberlain 7-10, Ken Taylor 7-2.

● NENE, Canal, Heyford: Tosh Saunders 5-12, Dave Gibbins 4-8, Wayne Robinson 4-6.

● FIXTURES: Tues Oct 11 & Sun Oct 16, Olney Ouse opens, 01234 240061; Oct 16, Towcester open, Castlethorpe cut, 01908 56563617 (evenings) ■



■ IT's not just pike which grab lures at Pitsford: piker Cliff Parker-Kitchener with his first-ever rainbow



■ THIS 31-4 carp just can't leave Ollie Pruden's baits alone