

all quiet on the pike front



Talking of blank sessions though, I seem to be on a bit of a bad run, as my last three piking trips, albeit short afternoon sessions have proved completely dead, with no real sightings either to inspire me!! I have been continuing with my winter tench experiment however, and I am pleased to report that I landed the best fish so far on my last trip a few days ago. It was not a monster at just under 6lb but it was very welcome, as it came from my only bite of an after dark session of about three hours duration and was taken on a small legered piece of paste. This particular evening was at the end of a short mild spell and the temperature was rapidly dropping and produced a hard frost for the following morning. My average number of chances during these short trips has fallen to one or two but I have to say that it is still consistent, with only one blank, at the time of writing. I am hoping to get a few more evenings in this month, whatever the weather throws at us and hopefully end up getting my target- picture of a tench in the snow. I am however, already quite pleased with the results and will analyse them in a bit more detail at the end of this month.

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