

Huge Ouse chub double - is it catch in a million?

NOT one – but TWO fish of a lifetime...in just FOUR DAYS! That was Phil Mapp's out-of-this-world local Upper Ouse experience.

Thursday evening had seen the city's boss-chubber stalking the local river, trying with pinches of breadflake as darkness fell.

Result: a mega chub and new personal PB of 7-13.

Four days later – thinking he'd probably already had it as good as it would get, he was on another stretch a few miles away.

With the river rising and colouring following rain, he opted for his favourite stalking approach and giving lobworms swimming lessons in likely spots

Result, in broad daylight: a monster-among-monsters chub going just the tiniest of whiskers under EIGHT pounds!

Still walking on air, if not water, Phil said: "I'm like a dog with two bones, I still can't quite believe I've had two such great fish in such a short space of time."

But far from resting on his laurels the man, who whenever he can practically lives on the Ouse and must know its moods better than almost anyone, is plotting the capture of something even more spectacular!

Chances of that must be pretty slim as the fish he is looking for will probably be one of only a tiny number still swimming from among the millions spawned in the same year.

But don't bet against him. After all, the odds against two eights/near-eights in four days must be a few hundred thousand to one, too...

Wish him luck. I do.



● PHIL Mapp –
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■ YOUNG Willards regular Jack Watson had a 14lb pike from Bradwell canal as Tim Ray and sons Tom and James had fish to near double-figures while luring the local Ouse.

■ Angling Trust British pike champs qualifier, Abbey Pits: Ross Jackson 12-3, Bob Goodwin 10-13, Dave Westley 10-3.

■ OLNEY Ouse pike and perch sweep: Stuart Powell 18-12 (inc 3lb PB perch), Ian Barnes 7-7, Kevin Lake 2-8 (THREE pike!!!).

■ MKAA Christmas match, Stony Ouse: Don King 12-11, Scott Tapp 8-11, Myles Phillips 8-5.

■ OLNEY Ouse Tuesday open: Neil

Shearn 12-4, Paul Caton 11-8-8, Stuart Cheetham 9-3; Sat, Christmas do, Steve Popley 12-10, Mick Burrell 10-2, Dave Chamberlain 6-12.

■ TOWCESTER/Nene, DATS' canal: Pete Laughton 8-7, Les Wallace 7-12, Andy Webster 6-14-8.

■ TOWCESTER Vets, Blisworth canal: Tony Hirst 6-8 (95 roach), John Balhatchett 5-8, Graham Martin 5-1.

■ MK Vets, Mill Road Canal: Richard Lattimer 2-15, Ernie Sattler 2-3, Paul Chapman 2-1.

■ **FIXTURES:**
Thursday Dec 27, MKAA golden peg on Stony Main; Jan 1, 'hangover open' on the river – 01234 713144 for either.



● YOUNG
Jack Watson's
14lb canal pike