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Welcome to the Kings Lynn AA web site. The plan is to rejuvenate the site to make it useful for anglers wishing to visit KLAA Waters.

With very little action for several years it won't be a quick or easy task. Indeed we are already a tad behind where we would like to have been with the river season looming.

Involvement by members in a constructive way would be a help.

The more anglers on the bank, the more feed introduced the more fish are likely remain in the area to provide sport for all. Indeed I know visiting anglers who fished the same pegs during a holiday with the fishing improving each day.

The life of a fish is not an easy one. Seals, Otters, Herons, Cormorants, Pollution to name a few, and now climate change, heavier flows and flooding on our rivers.

Changing Times, a broad outlook..

Looking over recent years . Northern matchmen filled the banks at weekends arriving in a fleet of buses and allegedly catches were brilliant. So many anglers regularly fished the Relief Channel it was permanently pegged with concrete pegs by the Gt Ouse River Authority. Winter league matches involving local teams were run on the Middle Level.

Fast forward a while and the buses were no longer and winter sport declined on the Level. Various clubs lease the fishing on the Cut Off Channel originally with good takings until catches fell away.

KLAA Took on the Cut Off lease and it became a very successful fishery. The Association extended their fishing rights on the Ouse with good results.

Rather than buses the banks were busy particularly at weekends with groups of anglers spending time on the banks searching big predators particularly zander,

Access problems reduced the use of the Relief Channel. Regular matches on the Ouse and Cut Off were well supported from near and far.

Closer to the present day and angler found few fish on the Cut Off, where did the fish go?

Matchmen found better winter fishing on the smaller Fen Drains.

The Relief Channel has become a big fish venue where you need to locate the shoals ( not easy in such a big waterway) of bream and tench and feed enough to hold the shoals, for some brilliant sport, but such a big venue is not for the faint hearted.

With water often clear night fishing can score.

It appears that over the years the fortunes of the local waters has been very much up and down for whatever reason. Perhaps in the good times there were anglers on the bank attracting the fish and encouraging them to feed, or perhaps more fish there. Perhaps the past was always looked at through rose coloured glasses... who knows.

Certainly if you look at results on the Norfolk Broads and the Old Nene , lots of anglers and great catches certainly on the most used sections. Not so long ago many small match groups regularly fished popular sections of KLAA waters helping to attract the fish and keep swims clear for use.

With over one thousand members can a concerted action help us all enjoy improved sport...just a thought.

How do we get anglers and fish back. I wonder if the same areas were regularly fished by groups of anglers a section or two could become a hot spot. Possible for winter use when the fish tend to shoal up.

It would be much better to enjoy a day on the bank surrounded by catching anglers , rather than huddled up on your own under a broolly. It is soul destroying for bailiffs as they patrol the waters for the banks to be devoid of anglers, no tickets sold, nobody to chat to.

Hopefully by encouraging anglers and getting bodies on the bank the sport can be improved for all.obviously pegs need to be cleared and good access and parking a necessity.

Perhaps Peters to Magdalen High Road could become a popular section on the Level, it certainly was at the back end of last season.Anglers reports suggested that fish were returning to the Fordham section on the Cut Off Channel. Indeed the banks have already been cut for the 16th. The Modney Bridge section on the Ouse has always been popular and accessible.

I can't see me up early pegging and running matches on these venues as I used to but maybe an occasional members sweepstake might help.

Information and catch pictures often appear on Facebook for a short time.

Let's improve on this and get more anglers catching more, more pics and more anglers enjoying their sport with the help of this web site.

If all goes to plan the site can be used to inform anglers of happenings around Kings Lynn and news from the Angling World.