

REMEMBERING IRA



Kings Lynn and the fishing world lost a well-liked and respected member and bailiff on February 22 2022.

Ira was well known by local and visiting anglers and was bailiffing and fishing well into his 90s. The Presidents Page just gives all who knew him a chance to pause, reflect and remember.



On the fishing front the catch rates are not improving. Anglers fishing the Ouse from Denver to Ely report very few bites and fewer fish.

Match anglers across the country are still struggling. Top anglers practicing for the final of the Angling Trust winter league on the Fenland Drains, in particular the Old Nene around March have struggled with ounces winning sections in the practice opens. Hopefully the promised warmer weather will not come too late for Saturdays Final.

The Old Nene has not been on song in recent weeks, usually a phenomenal winter water. It's disappointing for the anglers and all those organising the event too.

Mind like all the Fen waters fishing numbers are not helped by marauding cormorants, that anglers and angling clubs can do little about as they decimated fish populations. Shouldn't some organisation equalise the playing field before fishing becomes a hobby lost in history?

Shepherds Port has seen few anglers during the last week. Sundays match on Kings Lake was won with a few bream. The water temperature should soon rise and get more fish feeding before the seasons end, or is that being optimistic?

Bread punch, the most successful method to tempt some good fighting carp and stunning roach on Bear Lake. Maggots and pinkies will always catch fish on this prolific water, whatever the conditions. But bread is really doing the business at the moment.

A few carp on a Shepherds Lake and an occasional Tench. In Winter conditions you would hope for a chub or two, a few anglers have targeted them without success.

Anglers having some success on Springside where carp seem to be feeding late in the day so no need to arrive at the crack of dawn.

Bailiffs report that the banks are virtually empty of anglers. Will there be a rush and an upturn in fortunes as the river season draws to a close?

Good customer service from Daiwa this week. An angler using a new pole for the first time noticed a small crack. A quick call to Daiwa, section returned and replaced with a new section within a week. Not good the damage was there, but soon sorted.