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# COLDHAM CHRONICLE

**Coldham Hall Sailing Club Est. 1951**

***'The Heart of Sailing in the Yare Valley'***

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## The Coldham Chronicle

A chilly welcome to our April edition of Coldham Chronicle. Not only have we had April showers this month but the wind chills have certainly been biting, especially from the north. Tides have again been locked which along with strong North easterly's has brought flooding back to The Carnser. Looking at the river it's been difficult to know when high tide is/was. Let's hope for the wind to turn to the south west and get some warmth so we can store away the thermals.

The wind strength has brought some exciting early sailing. All Sundays have had winds of at least 15mph and gusts up to 30 plus, more about that later.

May brings the Open Regatta, the Paddling section starts their Tuesday night paddles and the Open Day for both Sailing & Paddling at the club. We will also be hosting members of Lough Earne Sailing Club on a reciprocal visit after some members were hosted by them last year. May is going to be a busy month and all are invited to join in.

As usual we have a roundup of the minutes from the last committee meeting, we introduce our newly appointed Paddling Ambassadors Clare & Vickie along with a paddle WhatsApp group you are invited to join. The mid-weekers have had their first outing to Cantley and back and Judith Robertson tells us about the history of Cantley.

Help is required at the Open Regatta with managing the racing and in the clubhouse, also please pop down and watch the racing over the two days, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> May.

As always, to help with production of the Chronicle we invite news, stories and importantly any pictures, pictures and more pictures. So we'd love to see your pictures, they tell so much, photos on the river and wildlife for others to see along with local news stories. So plenty going on in May to get you active, we hope you enjoy this edition and look forwards to seeing you all on the water or at club events.



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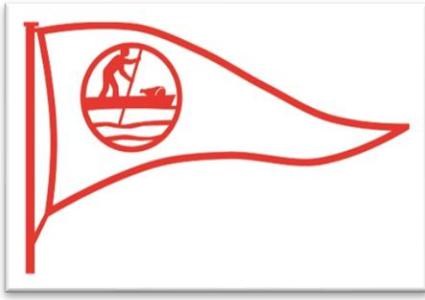
Coldham Hall Sailing Club



Yare Navigation Race



CHSC Triple B Dinghy & Keel Boat Race



**Notes from The Committee**

Committee meeting of Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**Treasurer** –New member applications: 2 x paddle, 1 family paddle 2 x sailing members. All accepted and approved. Rates review has not changed rates requirement as we are still free. Suggested to retain the toilets by the start box for use of race officers, agreed. DW still chasing a few members who have not yet paid.

**Race Officer** –Plans have change for the visit of Lough Earne sailing club members, will now have a bring and share meal at lunchtime and the BBQ in the evening. Reminder to cruiser fleet for availability. Racing rules to be checked to confirm if boat helmed by a guest is eligible for series points.

**Social Secretary:** - Thanks to all who provided food for Rigging out, lots of good feedback received. Need cakes and raffle prizes for open regatta.

**General:-** Try Sailing course has 19 interested participants this year. Limit to be set to 20 people. Format to be as last year. Notices to be sent out asking for loan of boats and helms etc. Gary has been in touch with UK Power who are still to make repairs to the car park. Email from John Wells received suggesting alternative method of repair to quay heading. Pub quay heading is deteriorating and potential for accident to club members, Gary will have a chat with Harry about it.

Adrian George , owner of Shetland in the dyke has offered use of boat to club for events or committee boat use for YNR. Insurance cover etc to be confirmed.

Next meeting will be Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Coldham Hall Tavern

**Upcoming Events  
2024**

**May**

Saturday 4th CHSC/NFSC Open Regatta  
 Sunday 5th CHSC/NFSC Open Regatta  
 Sunday 12th Loch Earne Yacht Club visit  
 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Try sailing theory.

**June**

All Thursdays Try Sailing  
 Saturday 15th CHSC Reedham Race  
 Saturday 29th Hardley Mill Cruise & BBQ  
 Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Yare Challenge Race

**July**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Try Sailing  
 Sunday 7th Club Regatta  
 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Try Sailing  
 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Social BBQ

**September**

Saturday 14th Yare Navigation Race  
 Sat/Sun 21/22t CHSC/Waveney OD

**October**

Saturday 12th Triple B race  
 Sunday 20th Commodores Day  
 Sunday 27th Winter Downriver Series starts

**December**

Wednesday 4th Annual General Meeting  
 Sunday 15th Christmas Pudding Race

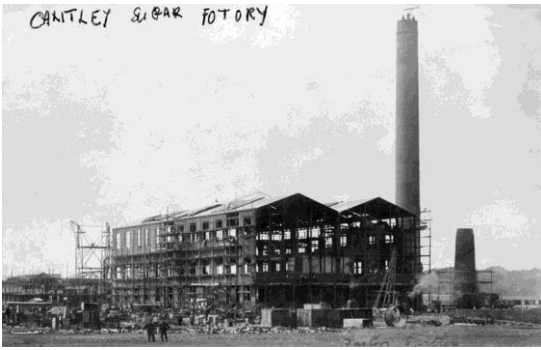
The above list is correct at time of going to press but may be subject to change throughout the year. A full list of all racing and social events for 2024 are shown on the club website.

**Boat & Fishing Jumble**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May  
 9.30am to 12.30pm  
 Museum of the Broads

**Suffolk Boat Jumble**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September  
 Suffolk Military Show  
 Trinity Park Ipswich

History of Cantley Sugar Factory – Judith Robertson*Under Construction 1912**4th Nov 1949, 24/7 Operation**21st September 1953*

I recently went to a talk about Cantley Sugar Factory and I thought members might be interested in the content: The speaker was Steve Cash, who joined British Sugar in 1970 and worked at Cantley from the 1980's. He is now the archivist for British Sugar. His talk and photos mostly covered the social aspects of sugar production.

By 16<sup>th</sup> century crystal sugar was made from sugar cane grown in southern Europe and then in the West Indies. It was very expensive. Poorer people had to make do with molasses found at the bottom of imported barrels of sugar, hence the expression '*scraping the barrel*'. Alexander the Great is said to have chewed on sugar cane before a battle.


In 1747 Andreas Marggraf, a German chemist, isolated sugar from Beta Maritima (sea beet). In 1801 Franz Achard, experimented with other beets, and found sugar beet to contain the most sugar. Selective breeding has improved the beet and yield to the levels we have today. However, it was not until the Napoleonic wars when the British Navy blockaded French ports impeding the importation of sugar, that beet was grown for sugar production in Northern Europe. In 1811 the French started to plant large quantities of beet and small factories were built. By the end of the 1880's beet sugar had replaced cane in Europe. However, because of Britain's sugar production in the colonies, and reluctance of farmers to grow beet, it had not taken off here. By the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century, it was decided that strategically and to add beet into the crop rotation cycle, beet should be grown in Britain. Joannes van Rossum, was growing beet in the Netherlands, and saw the commercial opportunity of growing in East Anglia. Firstly, he grew the beet here and it was processed in his factory in the Netherlands. The Anglo Netherlands Sugar Corporation was born and a factory site was selected for the UK. Cantley was chosen as a good site with the rail station, River Yare and adequate road connections.

In March 1912 construction of the factory at Cantley was started and finished by November despite the flooding that year. A Norwich company, Hobrough and Sons, constructed the steel frame and machinery came from Dordrecht Sugar Factory in the Netherlands. Some migrant labour was used both on the land and in the factory. Coal, construction materials and sugar beet were delivered by rail, river (wherries until 1960's), and road. Production stopped during WW1 and the factory started to operate again in 1922 as 'The English Beet Sugar Corporation. In 1938 the Sugar act amalgamated factories and subsidized sugar production.

Coal was required in large quantities for processing the beet, although gas has now been connected to the plant. The iconic high chimneys with steam belching forth during 'the campaign' from October to March has been a feature of the landscape for decades. Although the beet is still sliced and sugar processed at Cantley, the 'steam' has been absent for

the last couple of years as animal feed, a by-product from the beet, is no longer processed and dried at Cantley. The factory is automated now and employs few people compared to the estimated 600 when set up in 1912.

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Entries now open for the 2024 Three Rivers Race

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024**

Entry forms and full details are available at

[www.3rr.uk](http://www.3rr.uk)

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### Rigging Out Supper

The night before club sailing commences, 'anchors away'.

The Rigging Out Supper was held on Saturday 6th April. Twenty eight members met at Surlingham Village Hall for the clubs traditional 'tasty' bring a plate and share evening. After quick introductions all enjoyed a great selection of hot and cold mains and sweets provided by members.

Followed this year by a version of TV's 1% quiz with logic type questions quiz prepared by Race Officer Ben Adams. The 'obligatory' raffle not being held this year instead a Bring and Sell. Various items, including outside lights, a TV and numerous books and trinket being donated by club members with all proceeds going to club funds.

Thankyou to all for getting involved especially to Judith and Mandy for arranging the evening and preparations at the hall. A good catch up with mardle prior to the sailing season.

**1% Quiz question.** Less is more- The more of these you take, the more you leave behind. What are we? (answer at end of Chronicle)

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### Club Tribute

On 7<sup>th</sup> April, the clubs first Sailing Race of the season the club flew the club flag at half-mast whilst members gathered by the flagpole for a period of quite reflection to honour and remember those past members recently departed.



Club Open Day & RYA Push the Boat Out

Let's all get on the water together' Sailing & Paddling in one important event to promote the club whilst enjoying an afternoon on the river together, please pop down or stay after the mornings sailing.

We would like to invite paddle members to pop down with your craft, if possible take or allow a visitor a short paddle, meet fellow paddlers. 'Let's all get on the water together'.

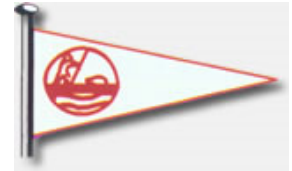
The club BBQ will be available for use, bring a picnic, the Tavern will be open, encourage new members and have a good time together.

**COLDHAM HALL SAILING & PADDLING  
CLUB  
OPEN DAY**



**SUNDAY 19<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2024**

**1300-1700HRS**



**WATCH THE CLUB RACING  
(BETWEEN 1030AM TO 1PM).**

**LOOKING FOR A NEW HOBBY AND MEETING NEW FRIENDS:-  
FIND OUT MORE ABOUT SAILING OR PADDLING ON THE YARE  
HAVE A GO, EITHER IN A SAILING DINGHY/ KEELBOAT OR A CRUISER  
WITH A COMPETENT HELM/PADDLER  
THE OPEN DAY IS FREE, ALL ARE WELCOME**

Sailing Section

Date	Allcomer Race Series	Cruiser Race	1 <sup>st</sup> Officer	2 <sup>nd</sup> Officer	3 <sup>rd</sup> Officer
May 4th	CHSC/NFSC Open Regatta		Commodore	V Commodore	
May 5th	CHSC/NFSC Open Regatta		Commodore	V Commodore	
May 12th	Downriver 2	RCC 1	B Adams	J Robertson	S Martin
May 19th	Local (4)		R Branscombe	D Branscombe	J Yeates
May 26th	Local (5)		I Barker	G Vander Der Ecker	S Lock

**Race 1 – First of the Local racing**

Racing recommenced for 2024 on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April. With cold strong winds blowing many members were put off but four Yeomans and one Wayfarer came to the line for the first race. Prior to the start a strong gust blew through and *Kingfisher* decided to err on the side of caution and retired leaving just the four boats to cross the start line for the first race. OOD’s Dave & Margaret Woolston assisted by Dave Durrant set a course of just two buoys.

OOD Dave Woolston set a fairly long course with buoys placed well up and down stream. The strong winds though made for some tough sailing conditions particularly on the start line and Paul and Gill in the sole Wayfarer had a fight on their hands to successfully stay upright., it was definitely Yeoman weather. John and Sandy Wells in *Diamond Lil*, sailing in conditions they enjoy, managed to take first place in all three races with Dave Tait and Will in *Trio* competing with Ben and Crispin in *Felspar* to take second places. Paul Parker and Gill Westwood in the *Wayfarer* managing to grab a very creditable third place in the second race. A full list of results and photos are on the club website.



## Race 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> Downriver race

The first downriver race took place on 14<sup>th</sup> April., OOD's Mike & Shirley Roll and Dave Greenacre, set the long course to the stile just short of Langley Woods, fair weather with lovely winds of 18mph from the southwest brought 8 Yeomans to the line.

*Millchic* and *Kingfisher* got away to a good start with *Felspar* hard on their tail, the rest of the fleet trailing not far behind. Passing Buckenham, *Kingfisher* took the lead followed closely by *Felspar* and with *Bluey* chasing hard and slowly gaining ground.

Positions remained the same at the turning mark and the return leg saw the boats in for lots of close hauls and tacking with the wind frequently now on the nose. *Felspar* took the lead close to Buckenham and gained good distance up to Rockland long dyke. *Millchic* having recovered from dropping back through the fleet after their earlier good start now pressing *Bluey* who was still in third place. *Diamond Lil* suddenly found a strong 'lift' to surge ahead through the fleet into third place for a short time. Opting to take position in the middle of the river, *Kingfisher* made good use of the north bank and regained the lead from *Felspar* to cross the line in first place. *Bluey* having regained third place was now pushing hard to catch *Felspar* before the finish line. At the line just half a boat length separated the two boats, with *Felspar* managing to hang on to take second position.



1<sup>st</sup> *Kingfisher* crewed by Gary Corbett and Paul Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup> *Felspar* crewed by Ben Adams and Crispin Lambert 3<sup>rd</sup> *Bluey* crewed by Dave Durrant and Tim Morse.

## Race 3 Local 2.

OOD's Debbi Jaffey, Chris Logue and Gary Corbett. Northly wind, 18mph with gusts up to 30mph. Again the strong wind put a few off sailing especially so early in the season along with the windchill.

Over the three morning races a long course was set with number 3 (starboard) buoy dropped well up river for the start direction, this is where the wind was strongest and plenty of gusts, the five boats, 4 Yeomans and Paul Parker taking out the Comet (solo), set off tacking upriver from the start, having turned it was a run and sails goosewinged downriver when it was more sheltered once you turned the bend at the start box, a reach to port buoy 1 with a close haul to starboard buoy 2 placed outside Herons Reach for two laps.

Race 1, *Diamond Lil* made a good start which was retained to the finish, helmed by John Wells with Sandy Watt and Jane Yates. Paul Parker sailing the Club Comet took a gust in lap two moving quickly to the side of the boat which he righted and generally kept dry, retiring from this race. For races 2 & 3 Paul wisely put a reef in the sail, further gusts tried to topple him in but using his experience kept a float.

Race two was similar with *Felspar* the boat first over the line maintaining and keeping the lead to take first, helmed by Ben Adams with Judith Robertson and Crispin Lambert.

Race 3 *Diamond Lil* again made a good start which was maintained for lap one, overtaken by *Kingfisher* who was making good ground until it's jib became detached from the sheets, causing retirement, *Diamond Lil* again taking First over the line for Johns second win of the day.

All crews being happy to return to base after a full on mornings enjoyable sail.





## The 'Mid-weekers'

Sailing during the week

Judith Robertson

The mid-weekers had their first social sail on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Although a little chilly and overcast we managed to entice four Yeomans onto the water to enjoy a brisk south westerly breeze, providing a run and reach to Cantley. Leaving about 10.30 and arriving at Cantley in just under the hour.

Two boats stopped for a quick lunch before venturing back with a hard tack back to Langley woods followed by some nice long reaches with the odd tack.

The day we go varies depending on weather and tide, but is often Thursday or Friday. If you would like to join the email circulation list. Contact Judith [jude\\_rob2000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jude_rob2000@yahoo.co.uk)




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## WHERRY 'MAUD', 125years celebrations.

One of the icons of the Broads marks its century and a quarter birthday this year. 2024 sees the start of the celebrations for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic Norfolk trading Wherry, "Maud", being built and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her restoration by Vince and Linda Pargeter.

"Maud" is a very special Wherry; she is the last of the typical clinker-built trading wherries and one of the last two surviving trading wherries (Black Sail Traders) still sailing today. It is with thanks to the Wherry Maud Trust that this old lady can be regularly spotted sailing past the club or moored at Hardley Mill.

To celebrate this anniversary the Wherry Maud Trust is holding an Artists & Makers Show, as a major fundraiser to help the cost of ongoing maintenance of "Maud". The event will showcase the work of East Anglian artists and craftspeople. Hanging work will be on display in various media – watercolour, oil, acrylic and prints. Other items for sale will include wood-turned pieces, studio pottery and textiles. [www.wherrymaudtrust.org](http://www.wherrymaudtrust.org)



The show will be held at the beautiful Ranworth Village Hall, Broad Road, Ranworth, NR13 6HS over the bank holiday weekend of Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> & Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

"Maud" will also be moored at the Broadland Conservation Centre at Ranworth (Norfolk Wildlife Trust) and open for viewing. Admission is free.

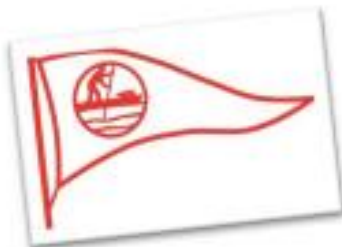


Please bring  
Cakes to be sold  
and a Raffle  
Prize

# MAY 4TH & 5TH 2024 CHSC OPEN REGATTA

## Open to All Dinghies, Half Deckers & Cruisers

Coldham Hall Sailing Club invites you to take part in their Annual Open Regatta held on the River Yare at Surlingham. Open to all clubs and most types of boat (sorry no production cruisers).



First race Sat 4<sup>th</sup> from 14.00 continuing on Sun 5<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am.  
(Weather Permitting)

CHSC Sailing Instructions, RYA racing rules 2020 – 2024 and Portsmouth Numbers as declared in the Green Book with no adjustment apply.

Entry just £1.00 per race on the day, all prizes by sweepstake

Allcomers, Norfolk's, Wayfarer, Yeoman Class races for trophies

Downriver course for Traditional Broads Cruisers – Merlin Challenge Cup

Harry Last Memorial trophy for boat with fastest correct ed time from last four races - Sunday

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## Canoe and Paddle Board Section



### Paddle News – April 2024

#### Coldham Sailing Club Paddle Ambassadors

Sailing Club members Vickie Hunter-Lines and Clare Cole have offered to be Paddle Ambassadors for the Club during 2024. Their remit will be to support existing Club members who already paddle or would like to try paddling, and to welcome newcomers who join the Club as Paddle Members. If you have any concerns or suggestions and ideas then contact either Vickie or Clare.

#### Tuesday night Paddling

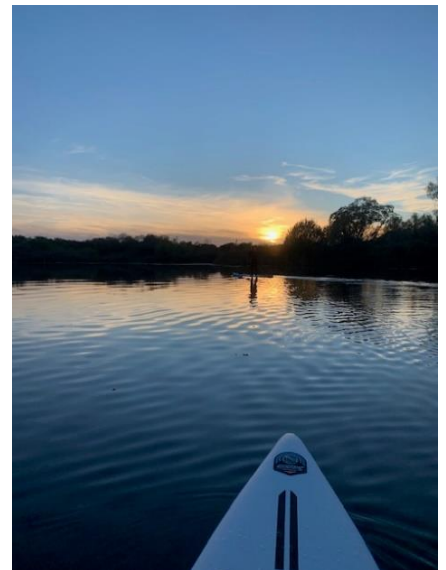
Tuesday night Paddling will restart on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Aimed at any member who would like to paddle/canoe with a social and friendly group, whether in a canoe or kayak or on a Stand Up Paddle board.

If you don't have your own paddle craft but would like to give paddling a go, please let us know as it will usually be possible to borrow a paddle craft from another member.

If there is something in particular you would like to give a try please include these details when you get in touch.

**Tuesday evenings 5:45pm at the Club House for a 6:00 set off.**

Last year we regularly had 10 people or more joining the Tuesday night paddle in a variety of craft. Routes are chosen to get the best assistance from the tide and weather, and we go at the pace of the slowest craft and never leave anyone behind. The evening is always finished off nicely in The Tavern for a drink or more often The Ferry for cheesy chips!



#### WhatsApp group chat – CHSC Paddlers



Anyone interested in paddling is welcome to join the CHSC Paddlers WhatsApp group chat.

We'll use this group chat to communicate details of the Tuesday night paddle and any other organised paddling activities we are able to arrange over the season. The group chat could also be used by Club members to let other paddlers know they are planning their own paddle – there's definitely both safety and enjoyment in having company on the water.

If you would like to be added to the CHSC Paddlers group chat please contact Clare email [clara-cole@sky.com](mailto:clara-cole@sky.com) or Vickie email [vhunterlines@gmail.com](mailto:vhunterlines@gmail.com)

## Suggestions and Requests for CHSC paddling activities

We'd love to hear your thoughts and suggestions for paddling activities.

We plan to arrange some Club paddles on other days, hopefully including a couple of longer paddles to include a picnic and possibly some excursions to other locations, perhaps a coastal paddle if people are interested. Perhaps you'd like a skills or paddle safety awareness session to be organised, maybe you'd be interested in paddle racing.

Please let us know and we'll be pleased to look into the options.



## Helpful tips, keeping safe and Broads Licence requirements

We recommend taking a look at the brilliant 'Paddlers Code' website endorsed by the Broads Authority and Paddle UK [The Paddlers Code | Respect, Protect, Enjoy.](#)

We've outlined some helpful safety tips below:

- Check your craft for damage every time before you put into the water, and keep an emergency repair kit with you if using an inflatable craft.
- Ensure you wear a buoyancy aid when near or on the water.
- Check you have all the equipment you might need for the activity you are planning.
- In a canoe or kayak, think about taking air bags or floatation devices.
- Have you got the right clothing with you for the conditions of the day? Have you got lights if it might get dark?
- Consider any other items you might need, such as drinking water and energy snacks, suncream and a travel first aid kit, and a map or navigation device if you are going somewhere new – a dry bag is a useful item of kit to keep these essentials in on the water.
- Taking your mobile phone in a waterproof pouch is recommended.
- Ensure that you are aware of self-rescue techniques, and that you have practised these in a safe environment with other people before going paddling alone.

### Licences

Paddle craft used on the River Yare and the Broads **must** have an **annual or short visit toll**, more information is available on the Broads Authority website [Annual toll \(broads-authority.gov.uk\)](#).

Alternatively Paddle UK membership (previously British Canoeing) covers licence requirements for most UK waterways including the Broads and has other benefits such as insurance.

More information on Paddle UK membership and benefits can be found on their website [The Home of Paddle UK | The NGB for paddling and paddlesport](#)



# HAPPY PADDLING

1% Quiz question Answer – Footsteps. No prizes but well done if you got it right.

All members are invited to submit articles, photographs, comments, items for sale or anything they feel suitable to be considered for publication. Email to Gary Corbett [corbett01@btconnect.com](mailto:corbett01@btconnect.com) or Dave Durrant [davidkdurrant@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:davidkdurrant@yahoo.co.uk) The editors reserve the right to delay publication or amend/reformat/correct submissions as deemed appropriate.