

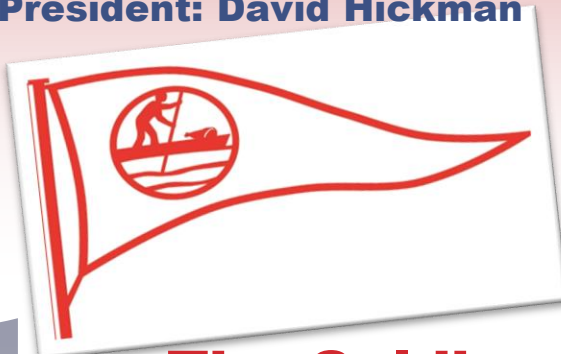
AUGUST 2024

# COLDHAM CHRONICLE

**Coldham Hall Sailing Club Est. 1951**

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

**President: David Hickman**



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## The Coldham Chronicle

Welcome to our 'Bumper' August edition of Coldham Chronicle, a busy month both on and off the water, off the water. The committee routinely have no August meeting as business is all in hand however this month it was different, the committee gathered to discuss normal business then importantly 3 essential projects at the club. We will cover these in depth further in this issue, so that you the members know our plans. If you have any concern or think of ideas or can help in anyway please speak with any committee members. We will always seek to spend our club money wisely to benefit all club members within a transparent process.

We capture a true-life sailing story from members Janet & Tim Moore, who kindly responded to an RYA request to publish how they reintroduced themselves to sailing, primarily at Coldham Hall Sailing Club, by joining our Try/ Discover sailing programme. Thank you to Tim & Jan.

We have yet another busy month ahead of us, catching up with the usual sailing programme, and holding the prestigious Yare Navigation Race on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September closely followed by our annual weekend visit by the Waveney One design from Oulton Broad (WOBYC) on Saturday & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

This along with our Paddler Ambassadors catch up covers all the events, both local and paddling elsewhere, with an invite to join in. The group have taken advantage of the excellent August weather conditions to enjoy Tuesday evening's paddles, usually a 3 to 4 mile trip and a bit more.

Finally, a big thank you to all our contributors.



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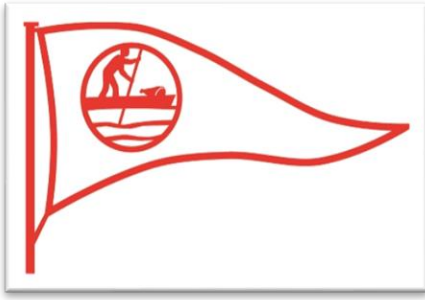
Coldham Hall Sailing Club



Yare Navigation Race



CHSC Triple B Dinghy & Keel Boat Race



Committee meeting of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**Commodore.** Ongoing keep an eye on Clubhouse roof for any leaks. Check if Planning Permission is required to change roof materials. UK Power have carried out repair to car park. Klargester. contractor looking at feeding outlet into dyke.

**Secretary.** a very bland request from a non-sailing association to borrow our club facilities and dinghies for a sailing taster day, this was rejected. The committee were made aware of a very generous bequest by past Life Member Geoff Pinder to the club of £1,000. We pass on thanks to Geoff's widow Anne and daughter Emma.

**Treasurer.** New applications, 1 x family paddle, and 3 x single paddle . Approved.

**Bosun.** See article following about state of club essential repairs.

**Race Officer-** YNR is on target. Plans now being put together for Triple B. Waveney One Design visit to encourage more club involvement on the Saturday. Downriver suggest that rules is boat to count irrespective of helm, to allow changing helms en-route.

**Social Secretary** – Buckets & Mops now purchased for clubhouse kitchen and toilets. OOD to be aske to check cleanliness of toilets as part of their duties.

**Partnerships** – no report

**AOB**

**Maintenance repairs-** see separate article.

**CHSC Committee.** The committee are still looking for volunteers especially Flag Officers for 2025 season.

Next meeting will therefore be Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## Upcoming Events 2024

### September

|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Saturday 14th | Yare Navigation Race |
| Sat/Sun 21/22 | 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.



## Major Works at CHSC

At Coldham Hall Sailing Club we face some major repair work over the next few months to keep the club premises and property to keep them in a useable condition and to prevent deterioration and make them safe for all to use. The three main issues are explained and proposed repairs dealt with in detail below:-

### Club House Klargest, waste system.

The Klargest unit was fitted to serve the two toilets within the clubhouse. Water/sewage waste is piped into the Klargest where it is processed, after which the water flows into an outlet pipe and is then discharged beneath the boardwalk next to the dyke. About 3 months ago we noticed the water in the toilet systems bowls raised at high tide, (we have been getting extra high tides of late) this was compounded with the flushing of the toilets. As the tide ebbed the systems gradually emptied, effectively once a day if the tide was high, made the toilets unusable.

What we found was that the non-return valve had collected debris in it from the river keeping the valve open. As the tides raise the river water could then back fill the system. In the first instance and with the assistance of the installer the non-return valve was removed, (don't know why) and did not improve matters.

Recently the contractors have replaced the valve and boarded of a part of the quay heading, will it work, let's wait and see. Cost so far - nil.

**What happens if this fails?** The next step we plan to cut a hole in the quay heading and place the pipe into the river, hopefully at a height debris won't enter keeping the valve shut, allowing water to escape. It would also allow us access to clear the valve.

If this fails we have no option but to install a secondary unit with an electric pump. We believe this would cost in the region of £1,000. With a big hole to dig, we will keep you informed.

This is just a brief resume, if you are technically minded, certainly if you can resolve speak with either Dave Taitt or Gary.

### Club Quay heading.

They don't last forever and it's time for a section to be made right. Yes, this is the big one, again a resume otherwise it will be a book. A lot of research and discussions have taken place, including advice from people with experience in this field.

Getting this work undertaken should be no surprise to members as it was agreed by the membership at the last AGM. You may recall earlier in the year our committee agreed this work to be undertaken with a contractor and a deposit was duly paid. For reasons we are not aware this contractor decided to withdraw from the work, fortunately we got our full deposit back. We don't speculate.

Why are we doing this work? we can clearly see the condition of the front and side quay heading, if we leave things as they are the front may collapse into the river and same with the side. This would effect the pontoon, access and use. Part of the front quay heading has already moved forward pushing on to the metal pontoon supports. If the sliders on the post jam we have problems.

Can we manage without a quay heading?, the committee agrees we can't so we have to replace it.



Wood or steel? Unfortunately it is getting urgent that we have to go forwards with the repairs. The figures below are the cost for wooden replacement, to go for Steel whilst potentially the better option is double the figures quoted.

Having already had one quote we went for two more, the cost to do the front sections both came back similar at £18K, to go further and replace the side towards the slipway came back one being nearly £23K the second £24.5K; (total cost) so reasonably similar.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quote is from JD Services who carried out the work at our neighbour's, we can clearly see the workmanship and quality.



Do we do the front section this year and the side later? How long will the side last? we thought a couple of years if we're lucky. So getting it all done in one go it will be more cost effective, the front and side will be tied in together, getting the contractors in twice will raise the cost, labour and wood increases, the work will be carried out from the bank so we only have to backfill once. Leaving the side may cause damage to the good work of the front. Getting the contractors back for a small section, upheaval to the club and importantly passing it over to another committee to sort out, we are not minded to let a future committee inherit something we can sort out now.

The committee unanimously agreed to get the full front and side replaced. We have paid a deposit and the work will be carried out between January and March 2025, ready for the new season.

We have been approached by a club member who may be able to arrange supply of the timber at a reduced rate; this information has been passed on to our chosen contractor.

You may have questions, we are happy to answer them; we have tried to consider all eventualities.

Can we afford it, with careful diligence with our Treasurer, hopefully a bit of fund raising and carrying out the work just prior to the start of the financial year, we believe that yes we can.

We will be asking if members could pay their membership fees early in January for the forthcoming year so as to keep sufficient funds available. We have a good idea of our standard outgoings, rent, Insurance, membership, etc.

Will membership, mooring and dinghy park fees be increased? We cannot say, membership fees is decided by you the membership when the annual accounts are presented at the AGM with the committee's recommendation, you vote on it.

We have to expect maintenance jobs will come around, especially with our location by the river and the extent of our assets.

### **Clubhouse roof.**

Look at the middle of it and you will see it has worn out, it has exceeded its natural life. Last year we had leaks in the back room, new sheets were fitted but the rest is not brilliant, so what do we do?

Although this job is not quite so urgent it is however just as important as if the roof goes we no longer have a usable clubhouse. We are looking at two options whilst we currently keep an eye on it.

1. Buy some similar roofing sheets (£50 each) and replace them ourselves. Initially 10 required.
2. We are fortunate we have a member who is currently involved in the removal of steel cladding from a building, it is still good quality and has many years of life. We are looking at the possibilities of receiving sufficient metal

sheet, then either contract a professional to fit them or work on it ourselves. We will also look at the cost of supplying new and fitting.

Prior to doing this we would have to contact the Broads Authority, planning to confirm if we need permission as the roof material specification was part of the original requirements set by them when it was first built.

So this is early days, work in progress, we are monitoring and working on this and we will continue to keep you updated prior to any decision. But we need a roof over our heads.

### And finally - some good news!

Last winter UK Power installed Generators in the club car park subsequently causing damage to the surface. Finally and after months of pressure, we are pleased that they have finally come good and we now have a new car park surface, (with aggregate left over to infill).



Steve taking care he does not to cause ruts with his tyres. (slipper's next visit).

## Rediscovering the joy of sailing at Coldham Hall Sailing Club

### Janet and Tim Moore' story as produced in RYA Magazine

Janet and Tim Moore initially started sailing more than two decades ago - Janet completed her RYA Level 1 & 2 courses over 30 years ago but didn't have the chance to sail regularly afterwards, while Tim sailed as a crew on a Yeoman at Horning Sailing Club for a few years around 20 years ago but had to stop due to work and family commitments. Despite the time elapsed, their passion for sailing never waned.

**Challenges**

Upon planning their retirement for 2021, Janet and Tim were eager to re-engage with sailing. They signed up for the Try Sailing course at Coldham Hall Sailing Club (CHSC) in the summer of 2018. Although they completed the course, their sailing progress was hindered by various factors including time constraints, the COVID-19 pandemic and family issues.

**Re-engagement with Sailing**

In the summer of 2022, with life becoming more settled, Janet and Tim began visiting CHSC more frequently, and Tim was able to sail mostly on Sundays, crewing on Yeomans or Wayfarers during club races, whilst Janet tended to sail midweek on downriver social days.

To further their skills and confidence, they took their RYA Level 2 course at Barton Turf Adventure Centre on Barton Broad in August 2022. This course significantly bolstered their sailing knowledge.

By the summer of 2023, they had taken part in refresher sailing sessions at CHSC, however, despite their progress, coordinating their schedules, weather, and tides to sail together as a couple remained a challenge. In the meantime, Tim has secured a regular crewing spot on a Yeoman on Sunday mornings, and Janet continues her midweek sailing whenever possible.

**Community and Club Involvement**

Janet and Tim said that they were made to feel very welcome at CHSC, where members generously offered them spots on their boats. They have actively participated in club activities both on and off the water, including contributing to working parties during the closed season and attending social events like Christmas lunches, quiz nights, and talks on racing rules.

**Future Aspirations**

Janet and Tim aim to further their sailing experience by sailing the club Wayfarer, to build confidence their confidence so that they can enjoy days on the river at their leisure. Tim also enjoys the competitive aspect of Sunday racing as a crew but acknowledges that competing in their own boat is not an immediate goal, and while owning their own boat is a future consideration, it is not a realistic priority at present.

**Encouragement to Aspiring Sailors**

Janet and Tim wholeheartedly encourage others to explore sailing by attending the 'Try Sailing' course at Coldham Hall Sailing Club. They emphasise that once basic skills are acquired, sailing offers a number of benefits, from various levels of engagement, from social sails to competitive racing; a unique way to appreciate the local environment and wildlife from a completely different perspective; and opportunities to meet new people, enjoy fresh air and exercise, and develop a new skill.

<https://www.rya.org.uk/news/rediscovering-the-joy-of-sailing-at-coldham-hall-sailing-club-janet-and-tims-story>

For more information about Coldham Hall Sailing Club visit <http://www.coldhamhallsailingclub.co.uk/> or for further information as to how to get out on the water in the East Region, visit [www.rya.org.uk/startboating](http://www.rya.org.uk/startboating)

Sailing Section

| Date                      | Allcomer Race Series      | Cruiser Race            | 1 <sup>st</sup> Officer | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Officer | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Officer |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| September 1 <sup>st</sup> | Local (11)                | RCC (7)                 | M Wells                 | H Wells                 | A Duddle                |
| September 8 <sup>th</sup> | Downriver (9)             | GWYC<br>Cecil<br>Howard | A Minns                 | G Harris                | J Harris                |
| September 14              | Open Yare Navigation Race |                         | YNR Committee           |                         |                         |
| September 21              | CHSC/Waveney OD           | WOD                     | B Adams                 | D Taitt                 |                         |
| September 22              | Local (12)                | WOD                     | B Adams                 | A Sant                  | A Logue                 |
| September 29              | Local (13)                | RCC (8)                 | D Taitt                 | C Hovey                 | S Martin                |

### The 2024 Yare Navigation Race Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with the marshaling of this prestigious annual race on the Yare, without your support it would not be possible. All are welcome to pop along to any of the vantage points along the river to observe the Cruisers passing by.

#### (Programme entry) by Mark Wells.

Looking back over the nineteenth century, Nicholas Everitt, the famous Victorian celebrant of all things Broads, noted that every season at least two race meetings were held at Coldham Hall, with large crowds turning out to watch the sport.

There would have been no shortage of competitors, the then Yare Sailing Club, based nearby at Cantley, being recognized as the largest such club in the world, with over 600 members. The various clubs of the area ran events over the length of the Yare from Thorpe to Breydon. But pubs along the way also ran their own events to drum up trade. A poster from 1847, displayed in Coldham Hall Tavern, advertises such an event.

The boats of the period were either ‘racing machines’, many built at nearby Brundall, then a recognized yachting centre, or the rather slower racing yachts of the mid-century, mostly converted and competing in what was known as ‘the cruiser class’.

Yachtsmen and woman of the Victorian era would feel at home at the Yare Navigation Race of today. Cruising yachts and racers large and small, many now a hundred years old, compete against both converted hire boats and modern manifestations of the latest racing technology. Most are under the flag of the River Cruiser Class of today. Cruiser racing is, as they say, ‘a broad church’.

The YNR is the longest and most keenly contested Broadland race restricted to yachts built specifically for the Broads. Doing well demands a detailed knowledge of local conditions (particularly the tide) as well as the ability to get the best from a boat. It is also a round of the new open Yare Autumn Cruiser series. One thing is certain: those racing today are contributing to a tradition already into its third century.

As ever, this year’s event could not take place without the enthusiastic participation of Coldham Hall Sailing Club members, the backing of our sponsors, particularly Jeckells the Sailmakers, and Harry and his team at the Coldham Hall Tavern, which offers moorings to all competing boats for the duration of the Autumn series. To all, the organizing committee extends its heartfelt thanks.

### The Rouge Shanty Buoys will be entertaining at the Tavern in the evening. All welcome.

Full editorial with photo’s next month.



### Canoe and Paddle Board Section



#### Paddle News – August 2024

from Vickie & Clare Paddle Ambassadors.

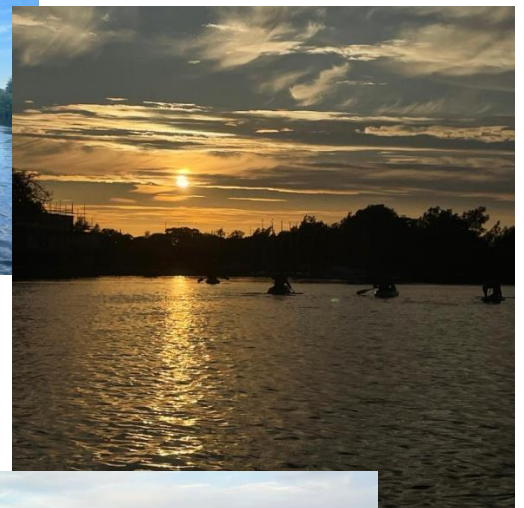
Wow what a Summer it has been. We have had a mixture of chilly evening sessions with some wind and even some showers but the reward has been the balmy evenings offered throughout August, getting on the water improving our wellbeing and meeting new friends. Each Tuesday has seen a great turnout averaging over 20 paddlers a week, we have welcomed some paddlers new to the club who have subsequently joined as members and everyone has remarked upon how friendly and supportive an environment it is.

Of course, the huge draw has been the debriefs? and amazing Cheesy Chips offered for post paddling refuelling at The Ferry House so we must send them a thank you for accommodating us all piling in at 8pm! and later.

Last week on Bargate Broad, Wherry Solace was settling down for the night, we were told one of the Passengers Angus was celebrating his birthday; he was pleasantly surprised when all 18 paddlers sang 'Happy Birthday'. You don't get that very Often on Bargate Broad.



*Wherry Solace on Bargate Broad*



*Clare demonstrating Paddle Board recovery*





Paddle shenanigans have not been limited to Coldham over the summer, many of the group have been out and about exploring:



Maggie in Vancouver at Port Alice and Vancouver Island



Peter Paddling on the Lac du Der in France

Chris and Liz have been out with grand children in various locations and also found their own short water race environment. (Ask Chris how Liz got her hair wet).



Paul



had a trip to Scotland and took along his inflatable; with a quick stop off in Coventry to have a paddle on the canal

Mark, Kraig, Clare and Vickie paddled the route from Beccles slip to Geldeston Locks Pub, windy conditions and a slight miscalculation of the distance made the lunch and beer even more tasty. For future reference this route is 6.5 miles!



Trish and Vickie had a short paddle from Whittlingham Woods to Bramerton Straight with a stop off at Thorpe Ferry Café, they are welcoming to all craft and there is plenty of mooring space. The food and doggie company is exceptional.

If you fancy exploring further afield we would recommend the Go Paddle App, it contains parking advice, terrain and difficulty with good local knowledge. Please share your adventures as it is great to see new places to paddle, although I'm not sure Go Paddle covers Vancouver!



All good things come to a pause, we will shortly be running out of light for the Tuesday evening paddles but some plans are afoot to have a local breakfast paddle and also Paddlers on Tour, visiting the North rivers. But before we wave goodbye to the Summer we will have a bit of fun, this Tuesday, 3rd September is the Commodore's Colour Bonanza, encouraging all paddlers to be as bright as possible and add a splash of colour to the river.

The final paddle will be chasing the dusk so we can take the opportunity to add a bit of bling and have a fairy light paddle, please feel free to adorn your craft and maybe yourself in sparkles (safely).

Thank you to everyone for supporting the paddles, what an amazing bunch.

Best wishes Clare and Vickie

## Club Notices

### Clubhouse Housekeeping

We hope the Klargester, problems are now 'behind us'. However, the toilets can be used, but please do not flush if the bowl is full. If push comes to shove, we still have the toilets near the start box, The keys for which are in the drawer below the microwave. Please ensure that those toilets are locked and the key returned afterwards.

As we do not have a cleaner, it is the responsibility of users of the clubhouse and toilets to leave them in a clean condition. There are separate mops for each room. All we ask is, **'Please leave the Clubhouse as you expect to find it'**.

On race days we request that the Officer of the Day team check the toilets and brush and flush as appropriate. There is environmentally safe cleaner in the toilet compartments. Paddle evenings will also be checked over to keep things clean and tidy.

#### In the kitchen area.

On local race days, please ensure that the urn is only filled sufficiently to provide hot drinks for the number of people there. On downriver race days, it's more economical for the kettle to be used after the race if required (the pub is often the preferred destination for drinks). It is more hygienic to wash mugs in hot water which can be used from the urn at the end of the session. Please ensure it is **switched off** when not in use, otherwise it will boil dry.

Money from teas and cakes goes towards the purchase of supplies and club funds. Please put cash in the box or note your IOU on the pad provided on the notice board.

As well as waste and recycling bins, there is now a food waste bin in the kitchen for tea bags and left over food. Thank you all.

And finally - Whose boat has got a friend?



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.