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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

The Coldham Chronicle is back! After a couple of years layup CHSC are bringing back to life your Club newsletter. To save costs the newsletter will be sent out to all members in electronic format, and it is hoped along with the website and Facebook group we will enable members to keep up with and be informed of the latest club news, information and upcoming events.

It is also your opportunity to provide feedback, stories, information, photos for inclusion that you feel worth sharing with other members. Now that the Club has devolved from a pure sailing club to include a Canoe and Paddle board section, we are particularly looking for photos, news, ideas and anything that canoeists and paddlers want to see.

Thank you to all contributors to this issue and please let us have any of your pictures and thoughts for items in future editions. These can be sent by email to either Gary Corbett [corbett01@btconnect.com](mailto:corbett01@btconnect.com) or Dave Durrant [davidkdurrant@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:davidkdurrant@yahoo.co.uk)

The Officers and Committee look forwards to seeing everybody back on the water in 2023 and wish all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year.



## 2022 Annual General Meeting



The 2022 AGM took place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at Bramerton village hall. After pre meeting nibbles of mulled wine and mince pies Commodore Ian Barker welcomed those attending before giving a report on the last 12 months. Much has been achieved by the club during 2022. The sailing season resumed and is back up to pre lockdown levels and all of the major events were able to take place. The improvement works are almost complete with the toilet extension to the clubhouse to have a few minor snags resolved over the close period, the installation of floating pontoons to both the wet moorings and replace the fixed jetty has made it easier to access boats at all stages of the tide. One unexpected benefit of

the pontoons being that they now provide some protection to the quay heading. It is planned to install the remaining pontoons to the rest of the quay heading next season. Ian thanked all those involved in projects, running races and participating in the club management for all of their hard work and time given (Further details will be published in the AGM Minutes).

Race Officer Ben Adams summarised the years sailing season and talked about new ideas for the 2023 season. Plans under consideration are to introduce an additional afternoon class series in June and July for the Yeoman fleet and for CHSC to discuss with members of the now closed Buckenham Sailing Club the running and joint organisation of The Triple B. This is a popular race on the Yare through to Breydon Water and back and is the Dinghy/Keelboat equivalent of the existing Yare Navigation Race. It attracts a large number of boats, many of which come from some distance away to take part, and would be a prestigious event for the club to be involved in. Also, next year there are plans to welcome the Waveney One Design fleet from Oulton Broad to sail in our boats followed by a reciprocal event at their HQ to sail in their boats. The 2023 Ramuz trophy is also planned to be held at CHSC and to be sailed in Yeomans.

Treasurer David Woolston then explained and summarised the 2022 accounts and was pleased to report that the club was in a healthy financial position going into 2023 thanks to grants received during the pandemic which had been used to cover the cost of the improvement works. Membership is running at around 116 members of which there had been a slight increase this year in Paddleboard membership. Turning to the accounts for 2023 David felt that with the cost of everything rising rapidly due to increasing inflation which he anticipates will affect our rent, insurance and other expenses as well as the cost of materials etc. needed for upcoming necessary repairs to both the quay heading, and the club house that it would be both necessary and prudent to propose a modest increase in fees. This will ensure that sufficient funds were available to complete those works and to maintain a fall back sum in the bank to cover the clubs running costs in the event of an unforeseen circumstance preventing us from operating. David therefore proposed that club fees for the 2023 year be increased by 10%. A vote was carried out and the proposal agreed.

Outgoing Commodore Ian Barker then held elections for Club Officers and Committee. The Club Officers elected are: David Taitt – Commodore, Gary Corbett – Vice Commodore, David Woolston - Treasurer, Emma Crowfoot – Secretary and Ben Adams – Race Officer. There being nobody proposed for the post of Rear Commodore the position is still vacant. The following were elected as the committee: - David Durrant, Jane Yeats, David Greenacre, Chris Logue, Glen Vanden Ecker and Judith Robertson.

The meeting then went on to discuss in open forum a proposal by John Wells that the committee be required to consult the membership on major expenditure projects before embarking on them. Gary Corbett, standing in for the new Commodore, outlined the current process for members to raise concerns through calling an Extraordinary General Meeting if they felt it necessary. After further discussion it was thought that there was danger of defining what a set level of expenditure should be as this could lead to extra delays to completing tasks. It was also felt that although the proposal was a correct and a proper means of managing projects that this was something that was already being done. David Hickman asked that the Sailing Race Programme be looked at as there seemed to be a greater proportion of local races to downriver races. Following discussions, the race officer agreed to look at changing the ratio to try to achieve a 50/50 split but that it would not be for the coming season.

Before bringing the meeting to a close Gary thanked Ian for his year as Commodore and said that the committee would be pleased to hear from all members, especially from the paddle section, any suggestions/ideas or events to be considered. Meeting then closed.



## For Sail

Mk2 Wayfarer. Sail number 8040. Built by Moore's of Wroxham. Self-Draining cockpit. McNamara sails and full spinnaker kit. Harken running rigging with adjustable inboard jib fairleads.

Contact Richard Joy email: rhjoy391@gmail.com

## Notes from The Committee

This section is planned in the future to give a summary of the committee meetings held throughout the year.

With the club AGM being held in December, a report of which is covered elsewhere in this newsletter, there will not be a committee meeting held this month. Meetings will resume in January 2023 and an update will be included in the next issue of the Chronicle.

### Rear Commodore Vacancy

One of the first items that will be up for discussion is the recruitment/appointment of a Rear Commodore. This post is currently vacant and is essential to be filled. The Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore are the three main officer of the club and usually move upwards at the end of each year. It is essential that this line of accession takes place to allow each of them to be able to gain an understanding of the management of the club before they move up to the next appointment and maintain a continuity of ongoing projects etc. The role of Rear Commodore is generally to support the Commodore and Vice Commodore throughout the year with the occasional box duty at Regatta's

If you feel that you would be willing to take up this important role, then please contact any of the club officers who will be happy to discuss it with you and put you forwards.

**Planned maintenance and improvement works** to be undertaken in the next year include repair/replacement of the existing quay heading, installation of the remaining pontoons, inspection of the original sections of the clubhouse roof, installation of the wheelchair access ramp to the clubhouse and finishing off the toilet's extension. The usual work parties will take place in early spring. All offers of help or expertise gratefully accepted.

## Upcoming Events

### January

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Presentation Dinner

### April

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 Race Programme Starts  
Sat/Sun 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> CHSC/NFSC Open Regatta

### July

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Club Regatta

### September

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Open Yare Navigation Race  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Ramuz Inter Club Challenge

### October

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Commodores Day  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Winter Downriver Series Starts

### December

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Pudding Race

A full list of all racing and social events is on the website.

## Codeword All words are sailing related terms

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## The 'Midweekers' Sailing during the week

Judith Robinson

The Midweekers, as they have become known, are a group of CHSC members who get together between Monday and Friday for an informal sail. Leaving Coldham at around 10.30ish, normally heading downriver to Cantley for a pub or picnic lunch before returning for around 3.30ish. The group allows members to sail in companionship and safety with others and is a great opportunity to hone helming and crewing skills. The actual day is chosen each week, by email contact, and is decided on based on weather forecasts, tide and other commitments. Generally, it is several of the Yeoman sailors who take part but there is often space for additional crew, it is also open to dinghy sailors who feel more adventurous. Ultimately though all boats are welcome.



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In May 'Midweekers' sailed upriver to Bramerton for lunch and later in the year ventured slightly further downriver for lunch in Reedham. Our last sail of 2022 was on 25th November. A wonderful warmish 10c, wall to wall sunshine and a moderate SW wind. On the way we saw raptors, wigeon, geese and flashing glimpses of kingfishers. We sailed downriver to Cantley, turned back to Coldham and had a pint and baguette in the Tavern. If this is something you would like to be involved in, please email Judith Robinson, [jude\\_rob2000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jude_rob2000@yahoo.co.uk) to be included in the circulation list.

## Sailing Section

As Christmas fast approaches and the weather takes a more wintry turn the sailing season has come to an end for another year. boats will all soon be either wrapped up and tied down or lifted out for winter storage and sailing put on hold till next season whereupon it all begins again. if you have any craft in the dinghy park please ensure it is tied down and secure, and please keep an eye on others boats.

Disappointingly the weather forced the cancellation of both the Commodores race day with heavy rain forecast and the Christmas Pudding Race, due to very light wind and a combination of icy fog and bitterly cold.

The Winter Downriver racing has been slightly frustrating with lack of wind and some rain on most Sundays but the hardened sailors amongst us battled through. Despite the freezing conditions five boats took part in the final winter downriver on Sunday 18th which brought the series to an end. Winner on handicap on the day was Paul Parker sailing a wayfarer single handed. Afterwards all participants were treated to warm mulled wine and mince pies. John and Sandy Wells being awarded the Xmas puddings for being the only ones to wear Xmas outfits.



D Durrant

Trophies for all of the season's winners, including the winter downriver series, will be presented at the clubs forthcoming dinner in January.

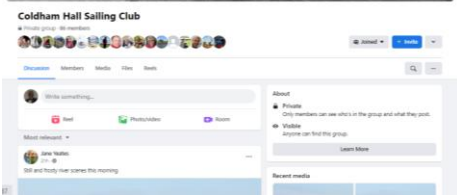
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<b>Paddle Board</b>	Vacant
<b>Dinghies</b>	Nigel Kippin
<b>Half Decker</b>	David Tait
<b>Cruisers</b>	Bob Branscombe

# Coldham Hall Sailing Club on the Net

Keep up to date with everything that's going on in your club with the Club website

[www.coldhamhallsailingclub.co.uk](http://www.coldhamhallsailingclub.co.uk)

The site contains a wealth of information including full details of the club officers and committee, race programme and results, social events, club history archive, photographs of various events and much more.



There are even links to up to date weather and tide information allowing you to check the conditions before venturing on to the water. To advertise sailing items or boats, for free, on the site contact webmaster Dave Woolston by email at [woolston546@btinternet.com](mailto:woolston546@btinternet.com)

Alternatively, why not use your mobile to check out the Coldham Hall Sailing Club on Facebook.

Administered by Judith Robertson and Jeni Barnacle, members can join the group and keep in touch or share their thoughts and photos etc. with the rest of the club through our Facebook group.

## Canoe and Paddle Board Section

Gary Corbett

Sitting here with the current cold and icy weather outside it's lovely to reflect back to the long hot spring, summer and autumn, when conditions were ideal for paddling. Members use a variety of craft from sleek, sit on, to fishing kayaks, Canadian canoes, Skiffs, and SUP's (stand up paddleboards).

Open Tuesday Paddle evenings were organised, where up to 12 members would venture further from the club. Depending on the tide either heading downriver, round Rockland Broad or upriver on to Bargate/Surlingham Broad, following the network of hidden channels and dykes as far as we could. Importantly we collected litter from the river during the trip. Debriefs followed on our return, usually over a liquid and chips in the Tavern.



G Corbett

Open means open to all, no matter your level of experience, beginner to expert, so if you fancy paddling with like-minded people in a group, with safety in numbers, join us next year.

Two new canoe racks have been constructed on the dinghy park. These have sufficient capacity to safely store twenty-one craft. If you have any redundant reasonable condition 3-inch rainwater downpipe that you could donate, please contact Gary as this could be used to further protect the craft on the rack.

How we move forward with paddling is up to members. Ideas for social evenings, communication between each other for paddling in groups and maybe even a competition series or just further support are very welcome. Remember you are club members and welcome at all events both on and off the water.

### Codeword Solution

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CHSC currently has a vacancy for Paddle Captain so if this interests you, please get in touch with any of the officers or committee members.

All members are invited to submit articles, photographs, comments, items for sale or anything they feel appropriate 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)