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The Coldham Chronicle

Welcome to the February edition of the Coldham Chronicle, bringing you the latest news from your club. Don't forget any feedback, comments, stories and headlines along with photos are always welcome. If you have any questions please ask, we are all here to help.

In this edition we cover, Notes from the committee, along with a diary of forthcoming events, as these approach you will receive more or separate information. You will have noticed a lot of changes are going on at the club, February is certainly a busy time, and with the Clubhouse being 20 years old this year we thought you would like a little history of how it has changed over those 20 yrs.

The first trophy of the year has been awarded to the club, with CHSC winning the annual interclub quiz with Frostbites.

Our President Maurice Ward reached his 99th birthday this month and was visited by members to help him celebrate and the Midweek sailors took to the land for a winter walk. Finally, a couple of What's On's and a Dinghy and Kayak for sail.

You may be aware CHSC runs a Try Sailing programme to introduce new members and give those who want to rediscover sailing the opportunity to get on the water and sail independently. More details will follow in the next few days, please keep an eye on your email inbox. Gary will also be asking for help to run this club event.

Could we lastly remind members that your yearly membership fees and mooring/dinghy park fees are now due, any queries please contact Treasurer David Woolston.



Notes from The Committee

From the CHSC committee meeting of Tuesday 14th February.

Treasurer, annual membership renewals are beginning to come in with 20 people renewed so far. The club's liability insurance has been renewed for the next year. The response from the membership to the proposed 100 Club to raise funds has been very poor so after some consideration it was decided not to proceed.

Bosun, responses to requests for help with the work parties has been good and both February dates have around 15 people signed up. The extension of the pontoons has been raised to the membership and approved so work on this will commence shortly.

Race Officer, the open regatta sub-committee will be meeting with Frostbites shortly to discuss arrangements for this year's racing. Frostbites will be running the racing this year. The OOD duties rota is almost full with just a few places to be filled. The Triple B race is now on the calendar for the 7th October. A sub-committee will be formed to start the organisation process.

Vice Commodore, the try sailing event and programme is currently work in progress and the membership will be approached shortly for help and use of boats.

Toilet Extension, the contractor will be laying the screed flooring on Monday 20th and the external access ramp will be constructed during the work parties in February. Once the floor is dry and sealed work will commence to finalise the disabled toilet area.

General, the club has been approached by the Old Gaffers sailing club for the use of the slipway and dinghy park for a week in the summer. It was felt that this would disrupt the clubs activities too much and the request should be refused.

Upcoming Events

March

Thursday 16th Working Party
 Sunday 26th Working Party

April

Saturday 8th Rigging Out Supper
 Sunday 9th 2023 Race Programme Starts
 Sat/Sun 29th/30th CHSC/NFSC Open Regatta

May

Sunday 14th Open day (pm) Push the Boat Out
 19th – 22nd Guest Sailor Event N. Ireland
 Wednesday 24th Oulton Broad team event
 Thursdays 18th & 25th Try Sailing - Land based theory.

June

1st – 29th Thursdays Try Sail - water based.

July

Thursday 6th Try Sail – water based.
 Saturday 8th Club Cruise – Hardley Mill
 Thursday 13th Social BBQ (evening)
 Sunday 16th Club Regatta

September

Saturday 9th Open Yare Navigation Race
 Saturday 16th Ramuz Inter Club Challenge

October

Saturday 7th Triple B Race
 Sunday 22nd Commodores Day
 Sunday 29th Downriver Series Starts

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



CHSC Clubhouse - 20 years of changes.

When CHSC was formed in 1951 the Coldham Hall tavern acted as a clubhouse. This lasted until the early seventies when an alternative was needed. After moving to the old tea rooms and then to the old boatshed (both now demolished) rising repair costs and rising tides eventually forced the club to relocate again.

In 2001 it was decided to build a new clubhouse on the edge of the dinghy park. Construction commenced in 2002 with the laying of the base and building of the new Clubhouse. The vast majority of the work being done by club members throughout 2002/3. On 26th April 2003 Commodore David Thrower officially cut the ribbon to open the club house. This single roomed wooden structure was now the new permanent HQ for Coldham Hall Sailing Club.



The original 2003 Clubhouse



1David Thrower, Maurice & June Ward 2003

Being sparsely furnished with just a table and half a dozen metal and leather benches salvaged from the old boatshed (yes, the ones still in use today) it soon became apparent that it would be useful to have some sort of kitchen area for preparation of teas and coffees etc. With the kind donation of the units and a couple of willing volunteers one was soon formed. This allowed for the Sunday morning 'cuppa' and even the occasional bacon roll for the early starters at the YNR.

By 2005/6 it was realised that the clubhouse was becoming overused for the storage of equipment, sails etc. and was not able to be used comfortably. Also there was nowhere with privacy for changing into or out of sailing clothing or into dry clothing if somebody got wet. So, a rear storage area and changing room was designed and planning permission sort. With construction commencing in 2006. This new area, accessed by double doors cut through the back wall, enabled all the paraphernalia of sailing to be moved out of the main room/kitchen area into a purpose built storage area which included a changing room with sink.



Clubhouse with 2006 rear storage being extended 2013

By 2013, and following the theft of the outboard engine and steering gear from the safety boat, it became obvious that secure storage was required for the boat so it was decided to further extend the clubhouse towards the dyke to enable a boat shed to be built. Again a planning and build project was organised

Around 2019 and with most of the action now being centered around the dinghy park it was considered that the toilet location was no longer suitable so planning commenced for

yet a further extension to be built onto the car park end of the building. Covid put things on hold for a couple of years but eventually plans were submitted and approval gained with this new section due to be fully completed by the start of the 2023 sailing season. This new toilet block and the additional ramp area to the main entrance will improve the use of the facilities by members and any disabled persons attending the club.

CHSC Clubhouse - 20 years of changes - continued

Today 20 years after its official opening and through the hard work of so many members carrying out the hundreds of jobs that get done CHSC has a clubhouse which now provides the Club with excellent facilities, close to the dinghy park and wet moorings. What of the next twenty years, well only time and of course tide will tell.

Quiz & 'n' Chips with NFSC

Three teams per club, made up of members of CHSC and Norwich Frostbites Sailing Club competed in the annual quiz and chips supper on Friday 24th February and kindly hosted this year at the NFSC clubhouse in Norwich.

Teams were thoroughly tested on their knowledge of 'all things local, geography, classics, literature, general knowledge with the odd nautical question thrown in as well. Could you explain the rule of twelfths as it relates to tides in 30 seconds? A picture quiz on 'dogs' completing the rounds.



With excellent fish and chips, from the local chippy, served in the break, followed by Apple Strudel and cream dessert. The usual obligatory raffle took place. CHSC's Bill Clark gaining two wins. The box of chocolates he very kindly shared out with his teammates but kept the Gin firmly under wraps!

With CHSC teams being placed 1st, 2nd and 4th CHSC were finally declared the winners.

Altogether now and in the spirit of Baddiel and Skinner "It's coming home, It's coming home, Oscars coming home"!

Many Happy Returns Maurice.

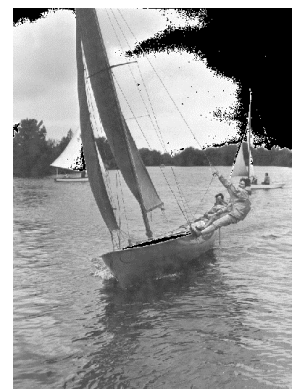


On 22nd February, club members Alan, David and Gary visited Club President Maurice Ward at his home to celebrate his 99th birthday, presenting him with a bottle of his favourite tittle and a birthday card signed by Club members.

Maurice has been a member of CHSC for 54 years and along with his wife June he has raced and sailed all sorts of craft on the Yare in his day. At one time Maurice and June even raced in a converted lifeboat.

Maurice expressly wished to thank all members of CHSC for their kindness and wishes, Although, no longer as mobile as he used to be, Maurice hopes to be able to pop down to the club when the weather warms up in the spring/summer.

The photographs show Alan and David and Jean Gee, Norwich Frostbites member, and previous owner of River Cruiser 347 Sapphire and Maurice and June racing at Coldham.



Sailing Section

The 'Midweekers' - Sailing during the week



Midweekers Walk,

Clearing the cobwebs, walk with a light lunch.

With their boats all tucked up for winter a group of 8 Midweekers, along with Jenny, meet at the Reedham Ferry Inn at 10.30am on Thursday 16th February to enjoy a 6 mile circular walk around the Reedham area. With those living on the south side taking advantage of the chain ferry (free if you have a meal and the closest to being on the water they could get) to save a long car journey round.

The weather being breezy and overcast, and the forecasted rain holding off, except for the last 20minutes, the group walked along The Wherryman's Way, keeping to the river where possible, through Reedham village before passing Pettitt's, and circling back to the riverside walk finally meeting up at the Ferry Inn with Judith and Debbie to enjoy a spot of lunch, a drink and a good mardle. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Canoe and Paddle Board Section

The paddle section is taking a short break to check over their craft, and repairs, including a quick clean, importantly check over safety equipment.

Would you like to be a contributor to the Chronicle? In order to include all forms of water activity and craft used at CHSC and make the Chronicle inclusive to all we are urgently looking for a paddleboard or canoe member/s who could contribute items or photographs.

If you fancy it please get in touch.



Crewing Opportunity

Does anyone fancy the opportunity to crew on a Sunday morning.

You don't need to be a top rate sailor and no experience is necessary. Just need to be available for Sunday morning racing throughout the summer.

Contact Dave Durrant by email davidkdurrant@yahoo.co.uk

Winter Work Parties

With the improving weather the first two of the winter work parties took place on Wednesday 15th and Saturday 25th February. Organised by Club bosun/Commodore David Tait members tackled and completed repairs to the walkway and quay heading by the wet moorings, painting of fences and rehanging the gate. Others sorted out the walkway to the start box and repaired the original start box toilets. With a complete spring clean of the main area and store rooms the club house is looking tidy and ready for the season. The safety boat and club wayfarer dinghies have been thoroughly cleaned.



A disabled access ramp has been constructed to the front of the clubhouse in accordance with our approved planning application and the toilet extension floor screed having now been laid has had the first coats of sealant applied ready for painting and the installation of the disabled toilet pan and support rails etc.

At the forthcoming work parties in March it is hoped to get the pontoon extension constructed and floated into place along with a good sort out of the clubhouse sail loft and the remainder of the outstanding work.

A massive thank you to those members who were able to attend and carry out the works. Members volunteering for a couple of hours each time keep the club going and saves pounds on maintenance work. Thank you all. If you haven't had the chance to help out at a work party yet then there are still two more dates in March which you would be welcome to attend.



Thursday 16th March
 Sunday 26th March

Please contact David Tait david.tait@gmail.com
 Or tel. 07905 153172 if you are willing to help.



And there's always time for tea and chat! – the loo's is waiting to be installed it's not planned to be quite that communal!!

Upcoming Boat Jumbles

Need some bits for your boat or watercraft?

Suffolk Boat Jumble

Sunday 5th March

Trinity Park Showground Ipswich

Norfolk Boat Jumble

Sunday 2nd April 10 am – 3pm

Royal Norfolk Showground



FOR SALE

Fiberglass Leader sailing dinghy 1191

Complete with launching trolley, one set of sails, all in good condition.

£400.

Contact Bill Clark aloosend@gmail.com

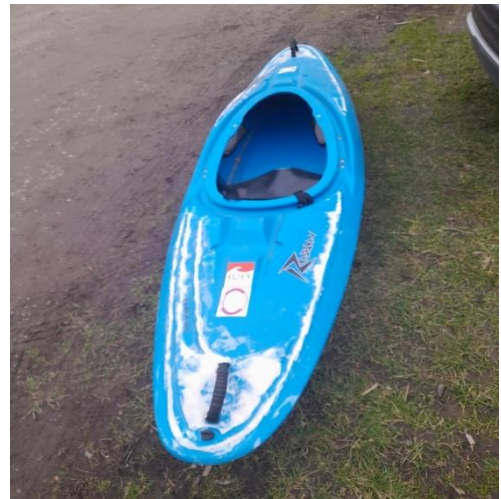
FOR SALE

Fibreglass Robson Monster Kayak

Good condition and sound. With front and rear grab handles.

£130 (offers)

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