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Coldham Hall Sailing Club Est. 1951

'The Heart of Sailing in the Yare Valley'

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Coldham Hall Sailing Club



Yare Navigation Race



CHSC Triple B Dinghy & Keel Boat Race

The Coldham Chronicle

Although heading towards the end of the January, both Dave and I send you all our warmest wishes for a healthy 2026, we hope you all have a good year and most importantly be involved in sailing and paddling and activities at Coldham and beyond. Let's count down the days until we can get back on the water for some good 'wellbeing' and a meet-up.

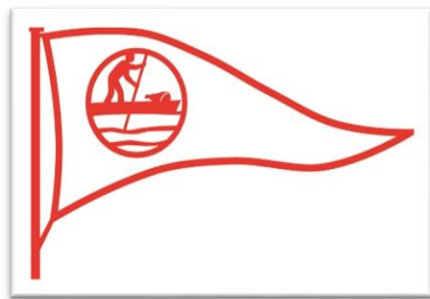
As normal we start the edition with, yes it has to be the weather, am I accurate or...

'What a mixture of weather we've had over the festive season and the start the year, gale force winds greeted the 1st January cancelling a lot of New Year events throughout the country including our paddle breakfast, heavy snow followed by storms causing vast amounts of flooding luckily for us it was mainly to the west and north of the UK, then followed freezing temperatures, not good for starting to get boats and boards ready for the year especially varnishing, with full days of sunshine with little to no wind put paid to a bit of winter water time, whilst editing the gales again blew, with no two days the same the weather does seem topsy-turvy. We in the east have certainly fared better so far.' Ed.

Are 'Resolution's' a thing of the past? Heard as none were mentioned at this years AGM. We must be doing most things right then. As always if there is anything you are concerned about or think needs changing then please let the Officers or Committee know. The club exists for you to enjoy.

If we'd asked for news predictions for the year, I'm sure nobody was expecting the stories we now read nationally and internally daily, let's not elaborate; we are a sailing club magazine with our focus purely on sailing, paddling and welfare, we aim to keep based on what we love. Being on the water gives the opportunity to forget everything at least for a while and just enjoy life.

2025 for the club was a busy year, with your help let's exceed it in 2026



Notes from The Committee

Meeting held on Tuesday 13th January, by Zoom

Club Commodore David Taitt opened the meeting and welcomed everybody. November minutes were agreed and signed, matters arising covered.

Hon. Secretary- Annual affiliation details form has been sent to NBSA. 50 copies of the Green Book requested. Ben sent latest fixtures list 2026 for publication. (Web-Chronicle)

Treasurer – Club finances detailed. Annual Dinner £52.23 profit. Raffle £129. **Club Insurance** slight increase, excesses outlined, Proposed and agreed to renew. One new sailing membership application, details given, all in favour. 2026 membership renewals to be sent out.

Bosun – Following work parties to be arranged this spring. Clubhouse roof repairs; gate posts to be renewed; Start Box: Repairs/replace window sill. Discus large Willow Tree near Start Box. Tree clearing on Train Reach, Bill Clark arranging work parties.

Race Officer – Race Programme distributed, once renewals received will review/amend. Events programme forwarded with future discussions on events. (Both on website). Racing Programme starts Sunday 5th April

Social Secretary – Annual Diner/presentation successful/ compliments from guests and members. Discussion with Tavern for interclub quiz on either Quiz 20/21st February. Fish & Chips evening 20th March, Rigging out Buffet 4th April
Committee thanked Mandy for all her planning and involvement throughout the year.

Partnerships- No report

AOB. A). **Norfolk Scouts 12hr overnight Trek**, circular route with river crossing at CHSC Committee in contact with Leaders, event will be run solely by Scouts, no CHSC involvement. All in favour for Scouts to use river access. Copies of Insurance Policy/ draft Risk Assessment shared.

B). **2025 AGM minutes** distributed to committee. No points raised. Information agreed.

Upcoming Events 2026

February	
Friday 20 th	Quiz CHSC/NFSC
March	
Friday 20 th	Fish & Chip Evening
April	
Saturday 4 th	Rigging Out Buffet
Sunday 5 th	Racing Season Commences
Saturday 26 th	Club Open Day
May	
Sat/Sun 2 nd /3 rd	CHSC/NFSC/WOD Open Regatta
Thurs 21 st /28 th	Try Sailing Land Based
June	
Thursdays	Try Sail Water sessions
Saturday 20 th	Hardley Mill Cruise & BBQ
Sunday 28 th	Yare Challenge Cup
July	
Sunday 5 th	Club Regatta
Saturday 11 th	Triple B
Thursday 16 th	Social BBQ
August	
Saturday 8 th	Reedham Race
September	
Saturday 5 th	Yare Navigation Race
Sat/Sun 19 th /20 th	CHSC/Waveney OD
October	
Sunday 18 th	Commodores Day
Sunday 25 th	Winter Downriver Series starts
December	
Wednesday 2 nd	Annual General Meeting
Sunday 13 th	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 are on the club website.

C). **Retrospective 2025 events.** committee to review/discuss Events for 2026. What works well/what needs review? Agreed format for Quiz night at Tavern and enquiry for Rigging Out Supper Buffet. BBQ and band worked well and to continue. Question on Hardley Cruise, a suggestion, Coldham Fun day to incorporate Sailing and paddlers with BBQ, on site.

D). **Discussion about large Willow Tree near start box**, the tree is overgrown and could cause damage, further enquires.

E). **Try Sailing 2026.** Mike Roll will be Try Sailing Point of Contact, arranging Open Day/ Advertising etc. Theory 21st & 28th May followed by 6 weeks on water

2025 Season, CHSC Annual Prize giving Dinner

Amanda Blezzard

For a second year we once again returned to The Old Feathers, Framlingham Pigot on Saturday 10th January 2026, for our annual dinner and we were not disappointed. The quality and quantity of the food, efficiency of staff and general ambiance were unsurpassed, and a good time was had by all. We may be back in January 2027.

47 members and their guests attended including club guests Karen Armitage, Vice Commodore of the Frostbites, and her partner. The evening started with a welcome from Club Commodore David Taitt before all sat down to the excellent food, the meal being thoroughly enjoyed by all, along with the warm and friendly company.



Following dinner David Woolston proposed the Loyal Toast, which was followed by speeches from CHSC Commodore David Taitt, who outlined the past years events, a courtesy response by Karen from Frostbites whose speech was very appreciative of the special relationship Frostbites and our club and members enjoy. Ben Adams, Race Officer, then detailed the years racing programme before the main event the presentation of awards to the winners of the various club trophies. Well done and congratulations to all those who won a trophy.

The customary raffle then took place with a large array of prizes offered. Thank you everyone for coming and making it such a successful event.

Trophy Winners 2025 Race Season

A1	Summer Series R1 Overall	Coldham Trophy (Shield)	P Parker
A2	Summer Series R1 First Half	Brundall Challenge Trophy	D Woolston
A3	Summer Series R1 Second Half	Lisa Cup	J Wells
A4	Summer Series R2 Overall	Blue Jacket Trophy	P Parker
A5	Summer Series R2 First Half	Tripoli Cup	J Wells
A6	Summer Series R2 Second Half	Kingfisher Trophy	J Wells
A7	Summer Series R3 Overall	President's Trophy	S Watt
A8	Summer Series R3 First Half	John Tye Trophy	D Taitt
A9	Summer Series R3 Second Half	Perks Pot	D Taitt
A10	Summer Downriver	Downriver Plaque	S Watt & J Wells
A11	First Picnic Race	Chris Bramble Trophy	M Roll
A12	Second Picnic Race	Commodores Salver	not raced
A13	Summer Series Norfolk Class	Norfolk Trophy	not raced
A14	Summer Series Wayfarer Class	Wayfarer Series Trophy	not raced
A15	Summer Series Yeoman Class	Pegasus (Yeoman) Trophy	S Watt
A16	Cruiser Downriver Series	Payne Bowl	Colin Brown
A17	Cruiser First Picnic Race	Peregrine Trophy	not raced
A18	Cruiser Second Picnic Race	CHSC Downriver Tankard	not raced
A19	Production Downriver Series	Production Cruiser Trophy	not raced
A20	Race Officer's Trophy	Race Officer's Trophy	G Corbett
A21	Winter series Downriver	Downriver Winter Series	D Greenacre
A22	Downriver Reedham Race	Reedham Cup	N Kippin
A23	Yeoman Mid-Summer Series	Silver Cup	D Taitt
A24	Triple B	1 st Keelboat Stardust Trophy	N/A
A25	Triple B	1 st Yeoman - Yeoman Cup	N/A



2026 Club Membership Renewal

The sailing and paddling year restarts on 1st April; your membership renewal letter should have now arrived in your email inbox. Your prompt payment would be much appreciated please as we have a number of expenses that need to be paid early in the year.

We hope you will continue with our club, get involved both on-water and land events and activities. We have a lot of planning and preparation in-hand and ongoing, please join us.

The easiest payment method is by bank transfer; all the details are on the renewal letter. Please complete all sections of the renewal form, particularly the GDPR section, and provide full details of your boat(s)/craft(s).

If you know anyone who wishes to become a member of CHSC sailing and/or paddling, please contact the Treasurer with their details or direct them to the web site where joining details can be found, or speak with any committee member. Thank you.

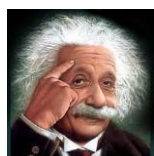


Entries are now open for the 2023 Three Rivers Race

Saturday 30th May – Sunday 31st May 2026

Entry forms and full details now available at

www.3rr.uk



Coldham Hall SC vs Frostbite SC

QUIZ & CHIP's

Friday 20th February 2026

at Coldham Hall Tavern NR14 7AN

Full details have been emailed to you, limited tickets, please be quick, contact

Mandy Blezard amandablezard@hotmail.com



TREE & BANK CLEARING WORKPARTIES.

On Thursday 22nd (nine members) and Sunday (four) 25th January under the supervision of Bill, headed downriver to take on some tree and scrub clearance, the weather was kind, dry with a light easterly breeze throughout the mornings. As can be seen a lot of scrub was cleared by the river bank and hanging/growing/fallen in the river, some flouting wood was also moved onto the river bank, a fire each day managed to clear some of the bracken, if left on the bank the cuttings would re-grow into mighty 'willow'. We also collected some waste, including plastic in the river which we taken away.

The days are a great opportunity to get together, a good healthy workout and wellbeing; more sessions have been arranged, coffee and butties provided, if you would like to help please pop down, everyone welcome. Next sessions Thursday 29th January, Sunday 1st February 9am at the club.



This Willow is leaning into the river, a job for the Broads Authority, please. When, not if, it falls it will be a danger to all navigation.



Try Sailing 2026



Planning and preparation is now underway for this year's Try Sailing programme; Mike Roll has kindly volunteered and agreed to be our Theory Instructor and manage the sailing sessions.

Try Sailing Course will commence with Land Drills on 21st & 28th May from 6:30pm then water based every Thursday from 6:30pm to 8:30pm for a further 6 weeks. At the end of which we hope to have a club BBQ for all members' paddlers and sailors – more details to follow.

Try Sailing is on a first come basis, we have spaces for 15 adult candidates for the 8 week duration.

The first 2 weeks are land based where we demonstrate how to rig a dinghy and a keelboat and run through how to safely launch and recover boats. It's a great introduction to sailing.

Please let Mike know of any potential candidates as soon as possible so we can get them signed up as we will be publicising on social media.

Full details are on our website, in summary if you have friends wishing to take up sailing – for the cost of membership there is the opportunity to sail in the evenings in a variety of boats Wayfarers, Yeoman and Broads cruisers chatting with and learning from the members who own them.

May I also ask boat owners and helms to please let Mike know their availability for the Try Sailing – it doesn't have to be for every Thursday evening of Try Sailing.

I am grateful for your continued support with this – it's a great way to meet new members and encourage more people on to the water please mail me at mikeroll@btinternet.com

Club Open Day

The club open day is to be held on Sunday 26th April after the mornings racing (2pm). Could boat owners please let Dave Taitt or Gary Corbett know if they are to attend and take out visitors for a short sail.



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Canoe and Paddle Board Section



Paddle News – January 2026

Us paddlers are having a short rest at the moment but watch this space we hope to get back on the river soon, sitting or standing it's all great fun, exercise and importantly good for the Wellbeing.

Just prior to the new year the weather was kind and a New Year breakfast paddle was muted, overnight the conditions dropped enough to put many off a planned walk and breakfast at the Tavern by Stephen, Jane and David, they found the conditions difficult, certainly not an on the water day.

Watch this space or join our Paddle WhatsApp group for events/ outings. *Coming soon near you.*

In the meantime, don't forget to check over your craft at the club and your kit at home.



Whose idea was a Walk?

Norfolk Scouts - Baden Powell Anniversary

Scout Trek 14th/15th February 2026



BPA, stands for Baden Powell Anniversary, this is an overnight activity hike for Explorer Scouts and adult teams in Norfolk. Teams are given twelve hours of darkness to walk a circular route and complete the challenges that they find along the way. Points are awarded for finishing each section of the route, completing the challenges and for their conduct and teamwork throughout.

To add to the challenge, BPA is held in a different location each year, last year around Sandringham with this years event taking place around Brundall/ Surlingham.

The event is a circular route around Brundall and Surlingham, crossing the river at Coldham and The Ferry. The Brundall Sea Scouts have asked our club for permission to use the landing area at the sailing club throughout the night; the event is being run by the Scouts with no club involvement. CHSC supports this event and wish then good speed.

(The committee has received full details including 'Risk Assessments' and Polices updates and will remain in regular contact).

BPA

Prostate Cancer Screening

We have long been supporters of medical and health research and screening for Prostate Cancer, this included 'Movember' to highlight this.

Please follow the below link which is asking for 100,000 signatures for our Government to say 'Yes' to Screening for all men at risk. Let's save lives.

<https://act.prostate-cancer-research.org.uk/a/say-yes-to-screening>



Answers to our festive quiz

Well done if you got all the answers from our December Quiz.

CHRISTMAS SONGS ANAGRAMS

1	THIS WARM ETHICS (2)	White Christmas
2	SONIC GAS KNOWLEDGE (3)	Good King Wenceslas
3	THY LION HOG (3)	O Holy Night
4	WILD RENOWNED RANT (2)	Winter Wonderland
5	RACY ADDITIVE ONLY SONIC (5)	Once in Royal Davids City
6	HID HEALTHY NOVELTY (5)	The Holly And The Ivy
7	TINSEL TWO (3)	Let It Snow
8	THE CHALK SLED (3)	Deck The Halls
9	MANAGE RAIN WAY (4)	Away in a Manger
10	TROUBLEDLY TRIM ME (3)	Little Drummer Boy
11	GREEN MOTEL DYSENTERY GERM (5)	God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
12	KNEEL DOTTILY (2)	Little Donkey
13	EARTH SHAKING DANGER SHELL (5)	Hark The Herald Angels Sing
14	SWEET GHERKIN (3)	We Three Kings
15	HANDWRITTEN BIKE MILE (4)	In the Bleak Midwinter
16	HARDY SYMBOLIC (3)	Mary's Boy Child
17	LIFT SHELTER NOW (3)	The First Noel
18	JILL BEGS LEN (2)	Jingle Bells
19	DUG MAINTAIN PETROCHEMICAL (6)	It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
20	WORTHY JOLT ODE (4)	Joy to the World
21	BOOM, TWENTIETH HOTEL FELL (5)	O little Town of Bethlehem
22	DEPLORED, HE IS THE ODDER RUNNER (5)	Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer
23	TO WISHY WASHY, RARE CRUMMIES (6)	We Wish You a Merry Christmas

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 or Dave Durrant davidkdurrant@yahoo.co.uk The editors reserve the right to delay publication or amend/reformat/correct submissions as deemed appropriate.