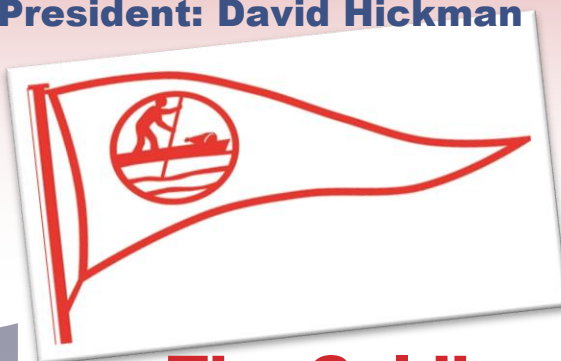


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The Coldham Chronicle

Looking back to May 23's edition the weather we are currently experiencing was very similar, lovely couple of days followed by a chill and heavy downpours, we like to think unseasonal and it will get better, it is a Bank Holiday and the kids are off! Importantly this has not held back any club sailing and paddling, we have the can-do and just got on with it.

Both on the water and off we have been busy and active at our club with 'a lot going on'. With the Open Regatta, the Open Day, visitors from Ireland, and planning forthcoming social activities throughout the year along with managing the business side of the club.

The month started with our Open Regatta the wind looked varying to low, fortunately improving over the two days, this produced a good turnout by members and six visiting Norfolk's from Frostbites. This was followed with a weekend visit by six members of Lough Erne Sailing Club, Ireland, who were entertained both on and off the water at the club throughout Sunday ending with a meal at the Tavern in the evening. The Open Day on 19th involved both sailing and paddling members making their crafts available to visitors, a lovely afternoon gaining new members for Try Sailing and the club. 8 members visited Oulton Broad for our interclub challenge in Waveney 1 sailing boats. Paddle Tuesdays are well underway, the exercise and wellbeing doing us all good, the wildlife always an added bonus, paddling is open to all.

We extend a warm welcome to our new Try Sailing members; the two theory sessions completed it's now time to get the practice and experience on the water.

Please look at the future diary events which hopefully you will be able to come too, including the club Regatta on 7th July.



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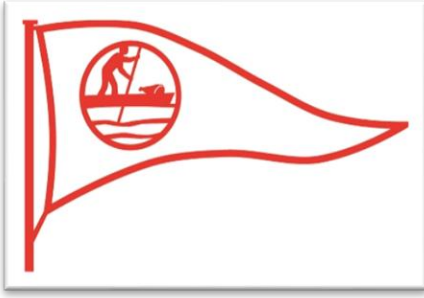
Coldham Hall Sailing Club



Yare Navigation Race



CHSC Triple B Dinghy & Keel Boat Race



Committee meeting of Tuesday 12th May 2024 at Coldham Hall Tavern.

Secretary. Weir Wood Sailing Club, East Grinstead, are in a protracted legal case with new owners of the reservoir where the club is well established as a RYA Training and Sailing Centre, the committee agreed to give £50 towards their legal costs. Full details at <https://wwsc.org.uk>

Treasurer –New member applications: 2 x family paddle both approved. A few of last year’s members have yet to renew, a reminder will be sent. Also liaising with Dinghy Park Secretary (Gary) who will review the moorings and dinghy park for any unpaid craft.

Bosun- The club house roof is leaking, a quote for a full replacement. Part of the front walkway is uneven, remedial work will be carried out. Now roped off.

Race Officer- Lough Erne weekend, thank you to all who made it a successful weekend, boat owners through to the galley. (Covered in editorial). Invite sent to members who wish to take part in Waveney One’s event at Oulton Broad. 22.05.24. Reedham Race changed to 1st June to accommodate Yeoman Nationals on 15th June. (Emailed).

Social Secretary: - Request for people to leave toilet as they expect to find them, brush and cleaner in each cubicle.
Researching location for annual dinner and presentation 18th January 2025.

AOB.

- a. Paddle section, Vickie & Clare have commenced Tuesday Paddles, setting up a group WhatsApp, further events and information will be shared and introduction on clubs Facebook page. Also making use of Chronicle.
- b. Dinghy Trailer stored at club, payment for arrears received.
- c. Club Car Park, Gary will continue to engage with UK Power and contractor for suitable repair. Contractor visited 18.04.24 not fully informed of damage by UK Power.

Upcoming Events 2024

June

All Thursdays	Try Sailing
Saturday 1st	CHSC Reedham Race
Saturday 29th	Hardley Mill Cruise & BBQ
Sunday 30 th	Yare Challenge Race

July

Thursday 4 th	Try Sailing
Sunday 7th	Club Regatta
Thursday 11 th	Try Sailing
Thursday 18 th	Social BBQ & Table Top Sale

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.

- d. Table Top Boats and Bits sale, suggested by Kim Hickman. This will coincide with Club BBQ on 18th July.
- e. Klargestester, it is believed the non-return valve is blocking allowing river water along the outlet pipe in to the main unit which then backs up into the toilet, 3 suggestion one being extending the outlet into the river to prevent debris blocking the valve. Ongoing work.
- f. YNR, subcommittee update. Met on 7th May, debriefing YNR 2023 and preparation for YNR 2024 which will be held on 14th September. Overall 2023 was well received by both participants and Marshalls, a vote of thanks went to all who assist in the operation of the YNR. The cruiser owners recognise the work carried out by Coldham members. Monthly meeting will be held and tasks delegated.
- g. Bells commemorative Whisky. The club has received a donation of 7 x 75cl Bells Commemorative Porcelain Whisky Decanters towards club funds. See editorial.
- h. Try/ Discover Sailing. Possibly 18 signed up, request to boat owners and helms to assist with evenings.

Try/ Discover/Re-discover Sailing (TS)

Organised yearly by CHSC to introduce introductory members either to have their first Try or to Rediscover sailing after a break. The programme starts with two theory Thursdays at the club, where participants, under the guidance of Mike Roll and David Taitt, are given an overview of club facilities and the various boats. It's a run through of some of the fundamentals of sailing, not just on the water but also details the preparations required and includes information about checking the weather, understanding tides, rules of navigation, sailing terminology 'what does what', and importantly courtesy to others on the river. Advice is provided on the use and fitting of buoyancy aids, which are a course requirement, to get everybody used to the routine and habit of wearing them on arrival at the club.

The second week involves information about preparation of the boat including rigging of both Wayfarers and Yeomans and a big emphasis on not forgetting the 'bungs' and the use of and requirement for buoyancy aids.

Only after this two weeks ground work do we allow the participants into a boat on the water with the following six Thursday evenings being on the water experience given by club members who all volunteer their boats and knowledge. The eight weeks is all about getting hands on with the boat and sailing and there is a lot packed into the sessions. The emphasis being on enjoyment and safety.



Waveney One's at Oulton Broad



Just when you get to a stage of life when you hope to plan and prepare ahead things still come along a little unexpected and the other saying is 6 pence half a crown, well that's what happened to me on a lovely Wednesday evening when I and 7 other members were invited to Oulton Broad to sail in a Waveney One Design. Arriving punctually and making our way to the Sailing Club in Nicholas Everitt Park for a 6pm briefing I noticed 8 Waveney's rigged and tied up to the floating pontoon, 5 of the boats lying head to wind within the pontoon area, the wind was at least an 18mph South Westerly blowing straight up the Broad.

It quickly became apparent I was about to helm someone's pride and joy (never been in one before) in a 3 lap race with 7 other boats on a course I'd never experienced under sail, my crew Glen said the same, on top of that Oulton Broad has at least seven marks, many in the distance and we would be using five, the breeze was brisk and other boats were also racing, no practice and no owner aboard, asked if the sails

were to be reefed 'No, maybe not quite necessary—yet'.

I was told 'your boat is in the basin, just tack across towards the other pontoon, turn and head out onto the Broad' - 'What could go wrong' that's where the 6 pence half crown started to take effect'.

Never the less and let me add now after 2 races in different Waveney's it was a relief but also a pleasure and fantastic experience throughout.



The race, four boats were helmed by the owners, the second four by Coldham guests, so off we set, safely aboard we were lead along the inner pontoon and set adrift to our own devices, anyone having sailed a Waveney will be aware the miles, well maybe yards of main sheet which allows the boom to lay 90deg's to the boat, but what you let out has to be pulled in and that's while you're steering.



The hooter went for the 6-3 start and you have two line marker buoys set at an angle from the start box to aim for, what didn't help, the instruction was to head across the Broad to buoy 3 which you take to 'Port' first local boat headed to buoy 3, fortunately I was cautious in my start and didn't follow the leader. A close haul with a bit of tacking up to buoy 2 followed by a 'goose-winging' run to buoy 5, a port and head off to the north bank to pass buoy 6 to port, tack up to buoy 3 another port and a long run down the broad to buoy 7 (near the Wherry PH) and back over the line, that's one lap, so off we go again.



The course was shortened to two laps, back to base having to park in the little pontoon area, heading in under full steam with the sail out it's a quick tack to take you to the pontoon, head to wind. What's all that shouting, 'turn it's shallow' oops they forgot to mention that at the briefing, fortunately all safely tied up, then allocated a different boat to do it all over again. This time with confidence set in what a fantastic start which was soon lost with the locals taking charge.

Returning to base we relished in the hospitality supplied by our hosts; it was certainly an evening to remember. Importantly a big thank-you to our hosts Waveney One owners at Waveney & Oulton Broad Yacht Club (W&OBYC) Waveney Fleet Captain Geoff Little for arranging the boats and Commodore Kyle Beamish.

Sailing from CHSC were Ben & Emma, Mike & Mandy, Dave Taitt and Judith, Glen and myself.

Waveney One Designs; Length 20ft, beam 6ft 2in, draft 2ft 11in, sail area 290sqft, gunter rig, Designer **W S Parker**

The Waveney's were designed in the early 1920s by **William Parker** of **Oulton Broad**, after the **Waveney Sailing Club** proposed to have a one-design boat. The first four or so boats were built along similar lines and developed into a consistent set of drawn plans in 1928.

Club BBQ and Social with Boats and Bits Jumble. (Book the date)

On Thursday 18th July at the Club House. Eat at 7pm The Flag Officers and Committee invite you and partners to a social evening including BBQ at our CHSC. This is a great opportunity to get together for a mardle and enjoy an evening by the river. We are inviting budding musicians and songsters to provide a medley, please step forward.

This year a suggestion to have a Boats & Bits Jumble at the BBQ, if you would like to have a table or contribute to a club table please let Gary know. (More to follow)

Sailing Section

Date	Allcomer Race Series	Cruiser Race	1 st Officer	2 nd Officer	3 rd Officer
June 1 st	Reedham Race		B Adams		
June 2 nd	Downriver (3) Picnic (1)	RCC (2)	I Shepherd	M Dunne	A Blezard
June 9 th	Local (6) Yeoman Downriver (2)		W Taitt	S Riley	Sarah Riley
June 16 th	Downriver (4)	RCC (4)	K Mayfield	J Mayfield	Jon Mayfield
June 23 rd	Downriver (5)		D Nunns	D Warner	T Frost
June 29 th	Hardley Cruise		B Adams		
June 30 th	Local (7) Yeoman Downriver (3)	YSC/CHSC Challenge RCC (5)	Paul Parker	J Robertson	S Archer-Rand

Open Regatta Saturday & Sunday 4th & 5th May.

The Open Regatta commenced on the Saturday afternoon with individual class and Allcomers races around the buoys. Five River Cruisers also set off at 3pm to sail the long course turning prior to Langley Woods and return. After handicap adjustment the places were 1st Anna, Bob Branscombe, 2nd Glory. Colin Brown and 3rd Morning Calm, Bill Clark.

The Officers of the Day, Commodore Gary Corbett with Ian Barker set a three buoy course which they kept for both days of racing, just increasing the distance and laps when the wind filled in. Setting off at the gun downriver the fleet headed to buoy 1 taking to starboard, then upriver to buoy 3 to port and buoy 2 set near to Coldham Boatyard, a further Port Buoy, this gave a good viewing point for all at the Tavern and beyond.

The first Combined Allcomers saw 15 boats, comprising both Norfolk and Wayfarer dinghies along with half deckers come to the line for a two lap course. The wind was still light and a welcomed shortened course allowed time for the next series of starts. Fortunately the sea breeze picked up and a great afternoon of series sailing took place.



After the boats were put away a little bit of socialising and debriefing at the Tavern for some took place.



Day 2, Shirley Roll joined Gary in the start box for the Sunday racing. The mornings forecast didn't predict a lot of wind so the river cruisers abandoned their morning race opting for just the one race in the afternoon. Fortunately the breeze soon picked up allowing all series races to take place with a full programme for all.



After an exiting days sailing the afternoon ended with the presentation of trophies to the cup winners. A full list of results are available on the clubs web page, trophy winners were:-

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| Silver Challenge Cup, (local boats). | David Woolston |
| Merlin Challenge Cup (River Cruisers) | Diane & Bob Branscombe |
| Silver Challenge Cup (Norfolk dinghy) | Sam Archer |
| E. J. Redding Challenge (Allcomers) | Sam Woodcock |
| Jack Points Trophy (CHSC Boats) | Sandy Watt |
| Youngman Bowl (Yeomans) | Crispin Lambert. |
| Yacht Trophy (Allcomers) | Tom Frost. |

A great weekend event enjoyed by all. Thanks to all who helped out, especially in the clubhouse.

Club Open Day. 19th May.

After an enjoyable mornings local racing, many members remained at the club to be joined by Club Paddlers to welcome visitors to our annual Open Day when we allow visitors to have a go sailing and/or paddling.

5 Yeomans, two wayfarers and a River Cruiser were available to take people for a sail, conditions were breezy from the north making it difficult to come alongside at the club, all who took part had the opportunity to helm and/or take out a canoe/kayak or SUP, importantly ask questions on sailing and paddling. As a result a couple have signed up to the Try Sailing and similar coming along to the paddle sessions.



Thank-you to all who helped out.

Canoe and Paddle Board Section



Paddle News – May 2024

The club's second Tuesday evening social paddle attracted 18, yes 18 members with a couple of guests on/in various crafts onto the Yare. Although conditions to the south of the county and beyond had reports of thunderstorms and flooding it turned out to be a lovely evening with a light breeze. The group decision was to venture down river to Rockland Broad and return with the rising tide. A great night was had by all resulting in two guests joining the clubs 'paddling section' to enjoy many more adventures paddling.



To note whilst on Rockland Broad we heard the call of a cuckoo and returning past Strumpshaw the clear boom of a Bittern.

Paddling with others can boost confidence levels, particularly if you feel a bit uncertain about venturing out your own. The encouragement and camaraderie within the group create a positive environment for learning and trying new skills.

Being part of a group allows you to observe and learn from more experienced paddlers. You can pick up valuable tips, techniques and safety practices by watching how others navigate the water and handle different situations. You feel part of a family team.

On a personal note, many of you will have noticed that I am a baby giraffe when paddle boarding. Tuesday was my first SUP adventure this year, surprisingly once upright I kept my balance all the way to Rockland when I called for a team photo. Whilst positioning near the edge of the Broad my two fins beneath the SUP soon became entangled in the Lilly pads. Fortunately after the photo had been taken the board, now entangled stopped, and I didn't and yes I had my first fully immersed dip of the season. Immediately my legs became entangled in the Lilly stems and pads and the oxygenating weed took hold. Importantly I was wearing my 'correctly fitted' buoyancy aid and had the leash fitted to my board and my ankle so I soon had hold of the SUP.



Getting back on was no easy task with my legs becoming more entangled in the weed, being in a group of concerned paddlers I learnt how to place my paddle into the webbing at the front of the board with the paddle out flat in the water, my board was steadied and I was able to get back on the board and get back on my now muddy feet and away.

From this situation a valuable lesson was learnt, not just by me but those with me in that you should never take the river for granted. Always wear a buoyancy aid (correctly fitted) and where possible paddle with a group. That way if you get into trouble there is help available. Lesson learnt, Yes I will be back on Tuesdays for more paddle adventures.

Our paddle Ambassadors are planning some safety tips and practice soon.

Oh yes, forgot to say fell in again on the main river. I think this was due to being over relaxed, or maybe another bit of weed, but was probably just balance.

Club Notices

Swimming and diving from Club Premises.



It is at this time of the year that members are reminded that club by-laws prohibit swimming from any part of club premises. This is for your safety as the water is tidal, which can be strong at times and with underwater currents. Also, there are a number of surface and hidden underwater dangers and obstructions. Dangers include moving/maneuvering boats, underwater ropes, mooring chains and metal weights as well as broken concrete slabs below the water line at the end of the slipway.



Additionally, the water quality cannot be guaranteed due to unplanned discharges from the upstream Trowse/Whitlingham Sewage works into the River Yare which could lead to serious illness if ingested.

Club Pontoons and moored boats

Members are also requested not to allow children to run along the pontoons or to climb onto moored boats. These are free floating pontoons which can be both slippery when wet and unstable causing falls into the water between moored boats or other injuries. Running and jumping on the pontoons can also cause the pontoon fixings to be damaged and can cause damage to the boats moored to the pontoons. Non-members are reminded that the Pontoons and slipway areas are Private property.

Grass Cutting

The club arranges grass cutting in the central and front part of the dinghy park only. The areas close to and under craft is the responsibility of the craft owners. If we all do a little it will keep the dinghy park and canoe racks tidy.

'No mow May' is now over, the club owns lawn mowers and a strimmer which are available for members to use. Your help is very much appreciated, thankyou.

Commemorative Bells Whisky, looking for a good home

CHSC has received a donation of 7 x 75cl Bells Commemorative Porcelain Whisky Decanters. All are unopened and relate to the Royal family. If you are or know someone who may be interested in purchasing, please contact us

1. Queens 60th birthday (in tub)
2. Queen mothers 90th birthday (in tub)
3. Christmas 1988, tub is 1990.
4. Marriage of Andrew and Fergie. (in tub)
5. Birth of Princess Beatrice.
6. Birth of Princess Eugenie.
7. Year of the Monkey 1992 (12 Yrs old).



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