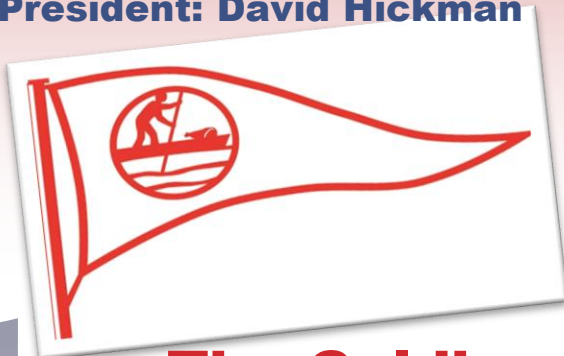


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'The Heart of Sailing in the Yare Valley'
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Yare Navigation Race



CHSC Triple B Dinghy & Keel Boat Race

The Coldham Chronicle

Welcome to the October 2024, Chronicle, this month we start with some essential training and awareness courtesy of the British Heart Foundation. The sport, pastime and wellbeing we undertake and enjoy is usually remote, and often with no access to mobile phone signal to seek help and advice. By watching and taking part in this 15-minute presentation you could help someone in need. So, let's get comfortable and open the link for a 15 minute on-line session of learning CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) at home.

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/how-to-do-cpr/learn-cpr-in-15-minutes>

As we move well into autumn the clocks have changed, the days become shorter and nights longer giving us time to reflect on the activities we have enjoyed together not just this year but over many years, be it sailing, paddling or socially. On a personal note, from Gary, it's been a cracking year, thank you all. If we documented all of our years activities it would certainly be an interesting journal, which is the main reason we produce the Chronicle, not just for here and now but as an archive of information for Coldham Hall Sailing Club and its members.

The main race/paddle season is now over and Commodores Day has been and gone. The downriver winter series has begun to be followed by the annual Xmas Pudding Race and with the club AGM on the 4th December to which you will have received an invite to attend...

Also, a reminder 'Movember' is now starting, it is something I remind you about yearly whilst writing the Chronicle, more about that later, it is a point we need to get home and talk about, whilst growing a 'tach'.

This year Ben has again organised the Triple B Coldham race, renamed by some as Brundall, Breydon and Back, and with an increase in entries the proceeds will be donated to Waveney Stardust Trust, a successful if not damp day.



Committee meeting of Tuesday 8th October 2024

Secretary: Awareness of AGM on 4th December 2024 at Bramerton Village Hall, which is booked, general email to membership advising of AGM, Matters for inclusion on the Agenda should be with Club Secretary (30 days prior to the meeting). Notice of the meeting and of the Business to be conducted will be sent to all members (10 days before the meeting in line with Rules 10.2 & 10.3).

Treasurer: Advised income from YNR 2024 was £1046, a substantial increase on 2023 and previous years. David is seeking any member who is willing to become a director of the club (CHSC Ltd. 2009). Three members are authorised to make any payments by the club which is sufficient. Wayfarers income is on a par with previous years.

Bosun. No report although work is being carried out in regard to two main club projects Quay heading and Clubhouse roof. Will monitor Klargester, and any work necessary. Gary stated there is difficulties contacting the original installer to assist.

Race Officer. Details provided regarding forthcoming Triple B, at least 13 entries maybe two additional from Brancaster. Committee discussion on visit by Waveney One Design for a sailing weekend which was a great success for both clubs, good sailing and social on both days, special thanks to Jude Harris for delicious buffet she provided, vote of thanks from all. 10 Waveney’s with six support boats attended. It is hoped six Waveney’s will attend Club Open Regatta in May 2025, along with further visits by both clubs. Commodore thanked Ben for arranging the weekend with WOD Fleet Captain Geoff Little.

Social Secretary’s, Judith & Mandy discussed the option for a similar buffet for any future event provided by club. Judith is planning a Midweekers lunch at Surlingham Ferry either 19/20th December, information being sent out. Mandy is preparing information on Annual Dinner and Presentation, Saturday 18th January 2025 at The Feathers, Framingham Pigot. Discussion on combining Rigging Out Supper to be inclusive for Paddlers.

Upcoming Events

2024

November

Monday 4th Deadline for AGM Matters

December

Wednesday 4th Annual General Meeting
 Sunday 15th Christmas Pudding Race

2025

January

Saturday 18th Prizegiving Dinner

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.

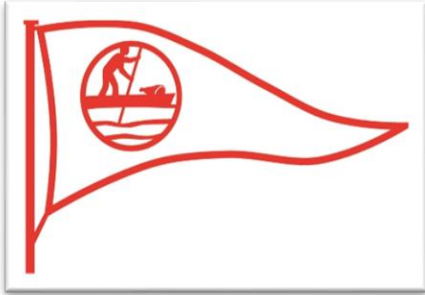
Partnerships. Gary will be in discussion with Harry at the Tavern regarding Waveney and Triple B events. We are informed Surlingham Ferry is celebrating 300yrs in 2025, this will be included in committee discussion next year.

AOB

- a. **Committee 2025** was discussed including appointment of new President for club, further discussions will take place. We are aware of other positions to fill
- b. **YNR 2024**, discussed and agreed positive event for club and River Cruisers involved, income to CHSC for the event £1,046. Which is a large increase on previous year. Committee thanked the YNR Committee, and all club members involved.
- c. **Workshop on Protecting the Wind in our sails. & Broads Society campaign on protecting future sailing on the Broads**, initial meeting held at Wroxham SC on 3.10.24 attended by Ben & Gary from CHSC. Further details to follow in this edition.

CHSC 74th Annual General Meeting Wednesday 4th December 2023 Bramerton Village Hall

Coldham Hall Sailing Club



18th October 2024

Dear Club Members,

Advice is given that the 74th Annual General Meeting of Coldham Hall Sailing Club will be held at Bramerton Village Hall on Wednesday 4th December 2024 at 7.30pm.

Matters for inclusion on the agenda should be with me by Monday 4h November 2024

Notice of the meeting and of the business to be conducted will be sent to all members by Sunday 24th November, 10 days before the meeting in line with Rules 10.2 and 10.3).

Members are reminded that no business can be raised at the meeting other than that covered by the agenda, or by questions on any of the Reports given.

Emma Crowfoot
Honorary Secretary
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The AGM is when the Commodore, Race Officer and Treasurer give their reports for the year and your new committee is elected, by you, including a new Club President.

There are still a number of Officer Positions to be filled, nominations for these to be sent to Emma Crowfoot by Monday 4th November.

Matters for inclusion on the agenda should be with Club Secretary Emma by Monday 4th November (30 days prior to the meeting).

Annual
General
Meeting



Have Your Say

Broads Society, including Protecting the wind in our sails.



The Broads Society have recently launched a new website and since February they have been publishing regular features that may be of interest to members and their wider networks. Each month the Broads Society will send out [highlights like these](#) to everyone who has signed up. It's easy to do, just visit the Broads Society website and pop in your email address at the bottom of the page. Please feel free to share the details. <https://www.broads-society.org/magazine>

March included a comparative study of tolls across several waterways, with results that might surprise you, and a look at what the Broads "navigation" really means.

This leads us on to a new project covering a problem we have been suffering for years on our rivers, that is keeping navigation open and available to all, referenced as Protecting the wind in our sails.

On Thursday 3rd October Ben & Gary attended the first meeting titled 'Protecting the Wind in our Sails, at Wroxham Sailing Club. An informative evening which included the short film produced by CHSC member Bill Clark <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bMZVzq2QRk> Broadland under threat, Protect our Reedbeds. The meeting also introduced the new 'Broads Guardians', (previously Broadsword Volunteers). Attendees were provided with Ordinance Survey Maps where they were asked to highlight the areas of concern where navigation is restricted by dense tree lines or other windbreaks on the bank, you guessed it we highlighted amongst other area's Train Reach.

Broadland Under Threat by Bill Clark – November 3rd

As a follow-up to this Bill is giving a presentation to club members after sailing on Sunday November 3rd, consisting of a brief video presentation (it is about 12 minutes long) and followed by the opportunity to enjoy a delicious sausage bap too.



Dave Durrant

As many of you will know, Bill Clark is passionate about preserving the iconic Broadland Landscape not only for its own sake and wildlife, but also for traditional sailing. Bill made the video 'Broadland Under Threat' because he believes that without a Broads-wide concerted effort the activities of sailing clubs like ours will become increasingly restricted like other clubs who have become hemmed in by encroaching woodland.

The event is timed for 1pm, sufficient time for sailors to stow their boats after the downriver. After the video, Bill will be available for questions and a discussion. Still time for a quick drink in the pub afterwards.

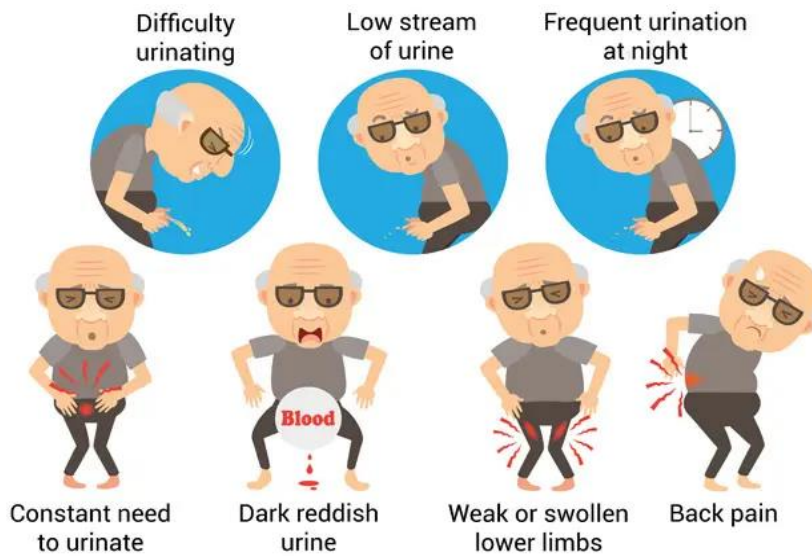
The invitation is open to all members and other interested people.

For MEN ONLY AND WITH A LOT OF SUPPORT FROM THE LADIES.

Every year as part of our Octobers Chronicle Dave and I pass you this message. It is a mission for which we give no apologies and which we both have supported over many years. The message is simply to make all men aware of Prostrate and Testicular Cancers. So many men still need to at least book an appointment with their doctors and get a PSA check, hopefully a digital examination as well, it may not sound nice but getting tested is essential, don't let the receptionist put you off.

We need to get the message out there and talk to each other, so no apology the facts are there if you're male, over 40 read on, if you know someone who you can pass this message on to, please do.

Prostate Cancer is the most common form of cancer in men with over 55,100 new cases each year. (2023 = 52,000) we are all very well aware of the outcome if not detected and treated early. Don't think 'it won't affect me I'm not old enough'! Wrong prostate cancer is increasingly affecting more and more younger and fitter men as evidenced by the recent health disclosure from Olympic Gold Medalist, Sir Chris Hoy.



Your awareness is all we ask and if you have any symptoms, no matter how minor, or any family history then to make sure you get your prostate checked and also to check your testicles regularly, yes for you to act and talk about it. We detailed the reason we continue to highlight this in October 2023 edition the link is [CHSC Chronicle Oct 2023.pdf](#) please take time to have a look.

Treatments for prostate cancer are improving all the time and becoming simpler and more effective. So don't wait, get a check!

Advice and a simple online Questionnaire is freely available at <https://www.prostatecanceruk.org/risk-checker>.

Movember, the month formerly known as November, is when brave and selfless men around the world grow a moustache, and the ladies step up to support them. All done to raise awareness for men's health – most specifically Prostate and Testicular Cancer. Don't forget Cancer research motto '**We can beat cancer together**' (PSA = Prostate Specific Antigen).



Sailing Section

Date	Allcomer Race Series	1 st Officer	2 nd Officer	3 rd Officer
Sunday 3 rd November	Winter Series (2)	Phil Parker	S Lock	S Lee
Sunday 10 th	Winter Series (3)	C Brown	J Robertson	T Hyder
Sunday 17 th	Winter Series (4)	B Adams	A Blezard	M Dunne
Sunday 24 th	Winter Series (5)	C Catchpole	E Crowfoot	J Yeates

Triple 'B' Coldham Hall (Brundall) Breydon and Back Race

Another early start for those taking part in Coldham's second year of hosting the Triple 'B' organised and managed by race officer Ben. The Triple B originated at Buckenham Sailing Club in 1990 and ran for many years until covid and then the club closed. The B's standing for Buckenham, Breydon & Back, as with the YNR it is a Navigation race this time for dinghies, day boats and production sailing boats, thus attract any sailing boat not eligible to enter the YNR; same principle for the skipper and crew to decide on best times to set off working out the conditions on the day along with the tide times at the start, importantly Reedham and Breydon, with the flood tide to bring you home ensuring you get back prior to the race cut off time and fastest in your class and overall on handicap, easier said than done; we all know you can't work out the perfect timing at Reedham and beyond, it's no good planning predicting the Met. Office or Willy Weather, it's all down to the day.



Now renamed Brundall, Breydon and Back, it raises funds for Waveney Stardust Trust which we detailed in October 2023 Chronicle. [CHSC Chronicle Oct 2023.pdf](#)

Thirteen boats entered consisting of 4 Norfolk Punts, 5 Yeoman's, a Merlin Rocket, a Wayfarer, a 470 and a Pegasus 800, what a mix. Weather on the day was a dry start winds at 9am of 5 gusting 19mph at noon 9/19mph, someone forgot to set the winds alarm clock, rain was expected about 2pm.

This year, earliest start was 07.30hrs then every 15minutes to 1030am, high tide at Coldham was about 8am, the course turning buoy was set for Polkeys Mill (as with the YNR) with low water about 1330hrs. Tom in his Wayfarer decided to set off first at 9am, followed by the Merlin and Pegasus at 9.30, hoping the ebbing tide would help them along Train Reach, unfortunately not so a long slow drift. The remaining boats deciding on a 10 to 1030 start, the faster Punts, the 470 and Magpie deciding on 1030, which did work to their advantage.

Once out of the trees and Train Reach the breeze picked up and with open river good progress was made although a lot of tacking was required with the occasional close haul, few runs. The punts soon overtook the slower boats making good ground to Reedham where they tied up waiting to catch the tide to Breydon correctly, with the conditions the turning buoy was moved upriver between Reedham and Polkeys. (Thanks to Andy at ADB Marine and Colin Brown).

Boats are allowed to be timed out at Reedham allowing crews a natural break; it's at this point that race goes and the club thank all who marshalled the race, with a strong River cruiser contingent along with other club members.



On turning the starboard laid mark it was lots of tacking, even back tacking to make progress back to Reedham where most decided to continue to get back for the cut off time and predicted shower. Only thing was the shower turned out to be a downpour and not a dry person on the river. The finish line was set at the Pump Station near to Rockland Long Dyke with the safety boat timing all boats back within the 6pm cut off time.

All our visiting sailors were very impressed with the race and the management and are looking forward to returning next year and will be encouraging their fellow sailors to join in as well.

Calculations complete, down to the Tavern for prize giving congratulations to the overall first boat Punt 98 Redwing crewed by Rupert Redington and Steve McKay overall elapsed time of 4hrs 1min. First Yeoman Y80 Magpie 5hrs 8mins Will & Dave Taitt. Hippo Pegasus 800 completing in 7hrs 28mins giving Mike Roll the Production Cruiser award.

A good day was had by all and thank you all for entering, taking part and importantly marshalling.



Commodores Race Day 2024

Commodore's day traditionally heralds the end of the spring and summer sailing at the club. The seasons results are in, and David & Ben will be working on full year results for all the classes in preparation for the presentation dinner in January.

This year Sunday 20th October, as usual allowed outgoing commodore Gary to decide on the day's activity. All boat owners/helms were invited to meet at the club along with our club canoeists and paddlers to enjoy the day together on the water followed by a social gathering in the clubhouse for a topical quiz set by David & Margaret and the tempting offer of Bacon Butties. This is really what people came along for.

The weather was grey, cold and with increasing strong winds and rain forecast so in an effort to beat the worst weather Gary decided on a short course around a single downriver buoy and onto Surlingham Broad and out of the opposite entrance and back to the finish line.

Competitors having the option to decide to enter the broad through either channel. Six Yeomans and one Wayfarer took part with Paul Parker in the Wayfarer along with a couple of

the Yeomans opting to head upriver towards Brooms and enter the broad through the top entrance whilst the rest entered through the channel next to Sams yard. First to reappear being John and Sandy in Yeoman 'Diamond Lil' returning to the line from Brooms corner with what looked like a clear river ahead of them.



Dave Durrant



Dave Durrant

As they reached the entrance to the Broad Paul and Gill suddenly appeared in the Wayfarer and the race was on to be first across the line. Winner on the day being John and Sandy with Paul and Gill less than 30 seconds behind. Following the race and with boats stowed away the social gathering in the clubhouse started. Hot bacon and egg rolls prepared by Debbie and Nicki along with teas and coffees being dished out by Amanda and Mike soon warmed everybody up. Rounding off the day with a quick quiz chaired by club question master extraordinaire, Dave Woolston, saw the catering team being the triumphant winners. Thank you to all competitors, race team and especially the catering crew.

Winter Downriver Allcomer Series of races

Sunday 27th October, a dry sunny and too cold Autumn morning, saw the start of the Winter Downriver Allcomer Series of races. 9 Yeomans come to the line, initially to race to the middle course turn round at the speed limit signs just past Buckenham. The fast-outgoing tide and very light North Westerly wind made for a slow downriver leg with the boats keeping mainly together but split into two distinct groups all the way through train reach. The hoped for increase in breeze once out of the trees did not really materialize and it quickly became apparent that maybe the course was a bit hopeful. OOD Steve Martin opted



Tina pye



Tina Pye

to shorten the course at the pumping station just before Buckenham and turn the boats there. At which point most of the fleet bunched up and struggled to get anywhere against the outgoing tide. A couple of boats were able to catch the odd light gust and eventually break away from the melee, the rest spent a fruitless half hour tacking back and forth going nowhere, getting in each other's way or drifting backwards downriver. Eventually a few opted to resort to paddles with Yeomans 'Contest' and 'Virago' fitting outboards to head for home. With a repositioned finish line at the tree next to Rockland Dyke only six boats managed to finish with honours going to John Wells and Sandy Watt in 'Diamond Lil' followed by Emma Crowfoot in 'Millchic' and David and

Margaret Woolston in 'Shibboleth' taking third place. Then came the long paddle home. Steve, Carolyn and Tina doing a grand job of collecting strays as they headed back. At one time there were five Yeomans on tow behind the rescue boat. **No Steve you cannot claim Salvage Rights!!!!**



Carolyn Wright



Tina Pye



Tina Pye

Winter Series Races are open to Dinghies and Half Decker's, commencing at 10.30am and will take place every Sunday until the final race on December 1st

It is hoped that sufficient members will volunteer for OOD duties. However, in the event no OOD is present the race can be self-regulating and is conducted under the Racing Rules and CHSC Sailing instructions. A Winter Downriver series trophy will be awarded at the end of the sailing season. Members are reminded that a safety boat cannot be guaranteed, and it is recommended that competitors should dress appropriately for the weather conditions, wear a buoyancy aid or lifejacket and keep an eye open for other competitors who may require assistance.

Midweekers

Judith has expressed interest in having our annual Midweekers Christmas Lunch at the Ferry House at midday on Thursday 19th December. Judith needs to confirm the date with Sonia and menus will be sent out in advance to all interested.

Ad-hoc mid-week sailing is continuing up to Christmas with Judith sending a group message to those showing interest, general people choosing different days which are suitable and convenient, perhaps next year we may be able to reset to group midweekers as previously.

Horning Autumn Passage Race Saturday 19th October 2024

Ben Adams

This year for the first time three of our members Ben Adams, Dave Taitt & Crispin Lambert entered the Horning Passage Race, formally known as the Tri-Icicles, in their Yeoman "Panopeid". The race starts at Horning and travels down the river Bure towards Upton and Acle and turns before Acle Bridge, then back to Thurne Mouth to go up the Thurne turning before Potter Higham Bridge and back to Horning.

Forty six boats entered varying between Traditional Broads Sailing Cruisers to Punts, Yeomans, and various keel boats and dinghies. The boats were towed down river to Burside where there were 7 split starts with the River Cruisers having three split starts through their fleet. "Panope" was 3rd Yeoman over the start line with some tricky tacking in light winds, still being hampered by the trees. These conditions we know very well and it helped "Panope" pass the first two Yeomans and a number of cruisers. Opening up to clear strengthening wind they made steady progress towards Thurne and on towards Upton, tacking most of the way and against the tide, with a second Yeoman "Anoih" in close pursuit, watching their every move.

Having turned the mark and now running with the wind and tide they decided to raise the spinnaker which was effective all the way to Thurne mouth and up to Thurne Mill for the second turning buoy by which time they had pulled away from "Anoih". Some hard beating then pursued back to Thurne mouth.

Then back on the river Bure there was some exhilarating reaches heading back to Horning. Waiting pensively for the results they were amazed to hear that they were first keelboat and 6th overall and less than 1 minute behind the 2 fast, modern river cruisers, "Steller" and "Lyra".

From the archives.



Waveney One W26, CHSC Regatta 1966



Thames Barge 'NorthDown' Surlingham 1966

Canoe and Paddle Board Section



Paddle News – October 2024

We are pleased to be able to confirm that both Vicki & Clare will continue as Paddle Ambassadors in 2025, thank you both for your commitment this year. It won't be long before we reunite as a group, looking forward to see you all again in the spring.

With the shorter days any paddling is down to individuals or small groups to venture out for a short period, if you decide to do this especially alone make sure you follow the 'Golden Rules'

- Check your craft for damage every time before you put into the water, and keep an emergency repair kit with you if using an inflatable craft.
- Ensure you wear a buoyancy aid when near or on the water along with suitable warm clothing and a change back at base.
- Check you have all the equipment you might need for the activity you are planning.
- In a canoe or kayak, think about taking air bags or floatation devices.
- Consider any other items you might need, such as drinking water and energy snacks, and a travel first aid kit, and a map or navigation device if you are going somewhere new – a dry bag is a useful item of kit to keep these essentials in on the water.
- Taking your mobile phone in a waterproof pouch is recommended.
- Ensure that you are aware of self-rescue techniques, and that you have practised these in a safe environment with other people before going paddling alone.
- Top of your list; let others know what, where and times you're going paddling and return.

Autumn paddling can be a great time to get on the water for a short period – keep safe and enjoy.

Club Notices

RNLI - Royal National Lifeboat Institution

Donations from the YNR to the RNLI of £20 will be submitted, additionally the RNLI have issued small pots for 5 pence pieces to be donated, two are in the clubhouse, any money raised will be forwarded to the RNLI.



The idea for Betty's 5p Pots first came from Betty Frith, who was the Honorary Treasurer for over 20 years at the Hertford branch of the (RNLI). Sadly Mrs. Frith passed away, now Betty Bayliss is continuing her legacy and introduced the idea in Whitby.



Waveney Stardust

And whilst on the subject of donations, when all was finally counted CHSC were pleased to be able to donate a total of £200 to The Waveney Stardust Trust to help continue their work providing disabled access to the Broads.

Amendment

In the September Chronicle we published an article by Gary about the organisation of the Yare Navigation Race. We have been asked by club member Ian Barker, former Commodore and long serving member of both the club committee and the YNR organising committee to publish some additional information to further clarify the development of the YNR procedures.

For several years, rather than getting all the timing sheets to CHSC, the timing sheets for Reedham were passed to a computer input team at Reedham. That started in the bankside house in Reedham of a friend of Maurice Ward. That team accessed the spreadsheet on-line. The advantage, apart from obviating the road courier aspect and speeding the process, was that any question could be answered by the timing teams who were fairly close by. That was tested and worked well. Over the years, my friend John D replaced the spreadsheet that John Ellis had produced. John D improved his spreadsheet so that entries went onto one sheet and the results for the five trophies flowed through. At some point, the input place moved to ADB Marine as that was adjacent to the downriver timing place. Later, we introduced the What' App communication, again with testing. The input place moved from the club house as internet connection was needed and was unreliable or non-existent at the club house. Full marks to the timers and input team who adopted and used these changes..

A Tale for Halloween - The Ghostly Wherry

It is said that if you are on Oulton Broad on the night of June 24th and all is still, you may faintly hear the sound of ropes creaking and smell smoke. As you look across the broad to seek the source you might just see an eerie glow through the low-lying mist and hear a horrible scream echoing through the darkness. If so, then you may be witnessing the return of the Wherry *Mayfly* as she continues her eternal passage across Oulton Broad seeking but never reaching her home port.

The story goes that in the year of 1851 the skipper of the *Mayfly*, one Captain 'Blood' Stevenson a man of quick tongue and temper with huge fists, that liked a drink and a fight or two was trading between Beccles and Great Yarmouth. One night he was asked by the owner of the *Mayfly* to do a special job, namely transporting £400,000 by water to the bank in Great Yarmouth. The money was loaded at Beccles Quay along with the owner's daughter Millicent who was going to stay with an aunt in Yarmouth. Also, on board that night were mates Jack and George and a young cabin boy Bert.

Following a quiet and peaceful nights sail down the Waveney the *Mayfly* was approaching Burgh Castle and it was here that a drunk 'Blood' revealed his plans to steal both the cash and Millicent and make his way to Holland, to his first mate Jack. Jacks protest led to a violent struggle resulting in which 'Blood' managed to overcome Jack and throw him overboard.

Stevenson feeling quite pleased with his plans decided to celebrate and proceeded below to young Millicent's cabin. The remaining crew George and Bert, hearing a terrifying scream witnessed the young Millicent burst from her cabin covered in blood gushing from a wound in her neck and pursued by a drunken Cpt. *Blood*. George tried to intervene and wrestled Stevenson to the deck, but a mighty punch sent George overboard into the icy waters. Millicent, in a final dramatic attempt to escape lunged at Stevenson and plunged a knife through his heart before collapsing across his prostrate body. Both dead upon the deck.

The only remaining person still alive was now young Bert, who from his hiding place had witnessed the terrible fight. Alone and unable to sail the wherry Bert got into the ships dinghy and with trembling hands cast off the rope. The *Mayfly* sailing off into the distance with only the crumpled figures on the deck and nobody at her helm. Two days or more passed and Bert finally saw another ship in the distance. As it approached, he could see that there were two ghostly apparitions locked in a deadly struggle upon its deck and heard the piercing shriek of a young woman's scream. It was then, just as he passed out again, that he recognised the *Mayfly*.

Bert was eventually rescued and brought back home. Many years later Bert now an old man was with a friend fishing on Oulton Broad when suddenly a thick mist descended upon them and a deathly stillness fell around the Broad. A faint but eerie light could be seen approaching and the sound of creaking ropes heard. As Bert and his friend gazed in horror the ghostly outline of a wherry could be seen flying across the Broad with two figures struggling at her helm and a trail of smoke streaming out behind. As the apparition passed Bert again recognised the lines of the *Mayfly*. As the ghostly outline disappeared into the mist towards Oulton Dyke the blood curdling screams of a young woman could be heard.

Amended and Abridged from the Broadland Memories Blog <https://www.broadlandmemories.co.uk/blog/2014/06/the-ghostly-wherry/>

