

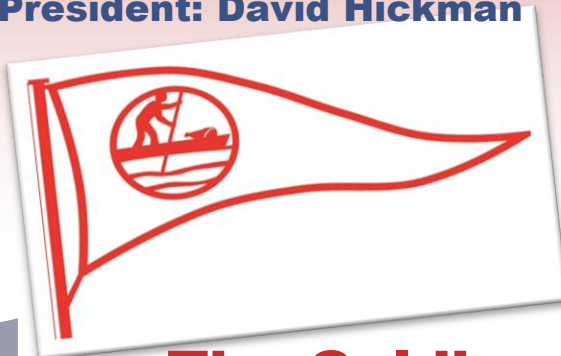
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'The Heart of Sailing in the Yare Valley'

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The Coldham Chronicle

I take it all back, if you thought August was a busy month then Septembers sailing and paddling left August standing, we hope to cover pretty much all of it so walk the dog, get the coffee on and settle down for a bumper read!

With the evenings drawing in the paddlers started off with a brighten up the evening paddle wearing colourful attire, this they did in style with a bottle of wine to the best turned out. The final Tuesday social paddle brought together 19 paddlers who lit up the broad with colourful LED's, staying on the water until dusk, a sight to see, the group continues to grow and support each other on the water.

Mid-September saw the annual Yare Navigation Race held; closely followed a week later with the clubs now annual visit by the Waveney's from Oulton Broad and of course a couple of weekly Sunday racing chucked in, we have a load of photos from the events some you can access online via the links, some we will share with you.

A main topic at this month's committee meeting was next year's committee, our club is flourishing but we need your support not only on the water but also on the committee, we are in need of both a Vice and Rear Commodores and support with other task's including helping Ben, Race Officer. In addition, we will seek general help over the winter with club maintenance tasks and projects to keep our costs down, if you would like to join the committee and/ or would like to assist in any way no matter how big or small, please get in touch.

In October we look forward to the Triple B, or as it is now Coldham Breydon & Back, hopefully the cut off time will be adjusted. And look out for our annual fun sail at Commodores Day on Sunday 20th October, more later.



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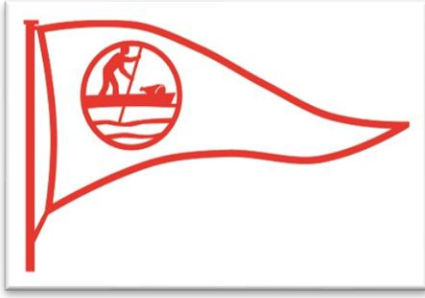
Coldham Hall Sailing Club



Yare Navigation Race



CHSC Triple B Dinghy & Keel Boat Race



Committee meeting of Monday 9th September 2024

Secretary. Advert shared for a Dory from Oulton Broad Watersports Centre. Broads Society visits to International Boatbuilding Training college. NSBA asking for nominations for both the Tim Whelpton Trophy and the Martin Broom Trophy. Details of Ramuz Trophy on 21.09.24 at Wroxham in Fireflies hosted by UEA Sailing Club. Nominations required for the 2024 East Anglian Maritime Awards -young people in Norfolk. Safeguarding development information was forwarded to committee. Weir Wood Sailing Club is seeking further funding of £100k for legal costs against land owner repossession of site.

Treasurer. Applications from 3 new sailing members with one request for dinghy storage. All approved. Quarterly rent has been paid. Deposit for quay heading paid. Mistake with published price of renting Wayfarer, clarified and club message sent. DW will ask club members who were Directors of CHSC 2009 LTD if they wish to continue.

Bosun.

Klargester The non-return valve has been refitted, toilet working at high tide. Monitoring

Quay heading. Deposit paid, work to be carried out Jan-March 2025 (August Chronicle).

Club House Roof. Discuss options as water is coming it at the join to the boathouse extension. Onduline roofing sheets have sagged in the sun, fixing have raised. Options available for consideration are:-

1. Ongoing repair and maintenance £50 a sheet.
2. Replace entire roof in steel with coating in black:£2500 to £3000 for material exc vat then labour about £8k
- 3 A club member has access to used metal roofing sheets. (Sufficient sheets have been obtained and stored at club.

Upcoming Events

2024

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

2025

January

Saturday 18th	Prizegiving Dinner
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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.

Race Officer- Club email sent asking for 2 people to enter this year's Ramuz; at Wroxham in Firefly's managed by the UEA Sailing Club. WOBYC Campervan will be in the car park on Wednesday before WOD weekend and permission for a tent over the weekend, all approved. Saturday, we shall invite our members to join in the downriver sailing in the afternoon and organise into team racing. Tea and cake on Saturday and Sunday. (with a lot more, read on).

Social Secretary – No Report

Partnerships – no report

Commodore, thanked Dave Taitt, Mike Roll and importantly all involved in Try Sailing 24. Nine members have been accredited to use our club wayfarers which are now being booked.

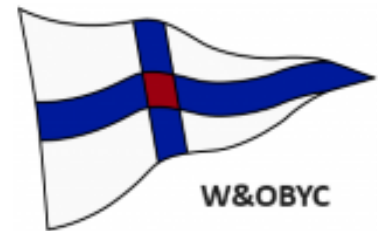
Next meeting will be Tuesday 8th October 2024

Waveney And Oulton Broad Yacht Club and their One Design boats.

As we welcome WOBYC to CHSC we thought it fitting that readers be given a bit of background information about the club and its Waveney One Design boats. *A full history of Waveney One Design, kindly given to the club is available at the club house for members to borrow.*

The First 100 Years Of The Waveney One Design (1922 – 2022)

The Waveney Sailing Club had been established in 1895, primarily for the ordinary man who worked in the boating industry, as opposed to the bigger yacht clubs (e.g. the Lowestoft & Oulton Broad Yacht Club) which were for the rich men with their big yachts. It was originally based in the Commodore pub, owned by the Darby family, and was surrounded by small boat yards.



In 1922, the Waveney Sailing Club decided to commission a new one design yacht that was suitable for sailing on Oulton Broad and on the River Waveney. William Parker, a local yacht designer, who also had a boat yard in the north-east corner of Oulton Broad, produced a design and local building firm, Evans Builders, set about building the first boats. By 1923, after experimenting with different rigs, mast positions, keel designs, etc., the first 2 boats were ready to join in formal racing. They were assigned letters "A" and "B".

The Lowestoft Journal reported on Saturday July 7th 1923:-

Although the Waveney Sailing Club's fixtures at Oulton Broad have not been so successful as might have wished, they have been the means of furnishing opportunity of contests for the new Waveney One-Designs, which promise to be a smart fleet. At present the Tansy and Meadowsweet are the only two under canvas, but there are more in course of preparation.

The Waveney's had taken part in an Allcomers race with 2 cruisers and 2 BODs. Tansy was timed in at 4 hours 13 minutes and Meadowsweet 4 hours 15 minutes.

Over the next couple of years, 5 more boats ("C" to "G") were built. This was the fleet until the start of the second world war, when pleasure boating was suspended.

After the war, sailing gradually resumed. In 1946 the Waveney Sailing Club and the Lowestoft & Oulton Broad Yacht Club decided to merge. They established their headquarters in the corner of Nicholas Everitt Park, adopted the WSC burgee and became the Waveney & Oulton Broad Yacht Club.

In 1948, Bob Waller ordered 10 more boats to be built by the Fowler family. These took a couple of years to build and were launched together, then sold off to their new owners. At the same time, it was decided that they should have numbers rather than letters, so "A" became W1 etc. With the fleet boosted, several more were built and by 1960 there were 26 boats.

By the 1990s, the building of wooden boats was in decline, most of the boatyards around Oulton Broad had disappeared and several of the Waveney's were no longer in good condition. In 1994, Jimmy Toplis who owned Topcraft Cruisers (now called Maffett Marine) made a mould from W12 and then W27 was made from GRP. It took a few years to establish the concept of GRP Waveney's, but by 2004 eight of them had been built and again the fleet was boosted. Although slightly more expensive, they are much easier and cheaper to maintain and have kept the fleet going



into the modern world. The mould has now been disposed of and new digital plans have been developed for future builds.

Of the 34 boats built, one has been scrapped, one is probably beyond repair, a few are laid up, some have moved to other parts of the Broads and a couple are up for sale, but there are still 16 Waveney One Designs regularly in use on Oulton Broad. Several have been passed onto younger generations and others have been bought by younger sailors.

The Waveney One Design has been around for 100 years and is here to stay.

Commodores Day, Sunday 20th October

My tenure in the chair is coming to its twilight and I have the opportunity to decide the events on 20th October. I'm still pondering ideas but it would be good to see our club sailors and club paddlers having some time on the water and together, watch this space! What will be on offer is Bacon Butties all round, hope you can join me.

Gary.



Sailing Section

Date	Allcomer Race Series	Cruiser Race	1 st Officer	2 nd Officer	3 rd Officer
October 6	Local (14)		D Durrant	M Mace	S Lock
October 12	Triple B		BBB Committee		
October 13	Downriver (10)				
October 20	Commodore's Day		Commodore	V Commodore	
October 27	Winter (1)		C Catchpole		

The 2024 Yare Navigation Race Saturday 14th September.

Just as the sun is rising with most competitors still sleeping a few perhaps lying awake contemplating tactics for the days sailing, winds, tide and distance, many will be unaware that CHSC club members are gathering at the club and beyond to prepare for the Yare Navigation Race, our prestigious yearly event for River Cruisers, now in its 48th year; and a lovely day is beckoning.



Whoa!!, let's just turn the clock back. Event's like this do not just happen overnight, Let's go back a year or 47, yes this year 2024 was the 48th Year Navigation Race for traditional broads cruisers, of all sizes. Coldham Hall has throughout arranged and managed the YNR with your help.

Although we have only been '*practicing*' for 47 years there are still many tweaks and adjustments needed annually to ensure the day operates as smoothly as possible and importantly continues. First question is 'how do the committee set the date'? The YNR is towards the end of the summer/autumn cruiser calendar, tides have to be verified to allow the boats to navigate a course from Coldham Hall Sailing Club to Breydon and back, no good setting a course and the tide is fighting you both ways. Easy I hear you say, you have 30 days in September, yes but only four on Saturdays, so not always easy and of course we don't know if the wind is going to play ball. (Next year the tides are not playing, the event is set for the 4th October). Yes, we publish the event more than a year ahead.

Next thing is to advise all interested parties well in advance to arrange sailing programme's; this includes CHSC, the Green Book (NSBA), Yare Sailing Club, Green Wyvern SC and importantly all traditional cruiser owners to encourage them to take part, those from the Northern Rivers making their annual trip along the Bure over Breydon and up the Yare, not something you do by road. To assist with this and a yearly lead up, the Green Wyvern holds a Cantley to Coldham passage the week before the big race. Coldham OOD times the boats in. Arrangements are made with the Tavern for Cruiser moorings for the duration.



You mention committee, who's on that? Sam Brown is the Officer of the Day (OOD), along with Kelvin Halifax, Mark Wells, Colin Brown and yours truly Gary Corbett. A small team who soon after the previous race hold a debrief to discuss any point(s) raised by the cruisers and importantly the Marshal's, there will always be something we can tweak, which all helps with the smooth running. Then we set some dates for meeting early in the year meanwhile each of us set tasks to get on with. The task list being broken down into 35 items ranging from preparing programme's and entry forms, speaking with the Broads Authority, Network Rail at Reedham Bridge importantly seeking help from Andy Bale who provides the Breydon Boat which deploys and monitors the turning mark. Top of the list is recruiting volunteers from the club to act as Marshall's so there's a lot to monitor and keep on top of, the old saying is right, 'Plan to prepare or prepare to fail'

How many marshals are needed? Always two to start, in the clubhouse taking entries and start time forms from the competitors, basically the helm selects a time they would like to start, there are 4 available start times every hour, the cruiser helm after careful consideration of the course length, the conditions, including tides, wind strength and direction. This information is confidential and passed to the start box; someone is needed to get it there. The start/finish box operates for the full duration of the race and more, this will be at least 12hours, we need to operate in about 4 hour shifts to make it workable, at least a team of two need to be available throughout, more like 3 for the finish, if we have to shorten the course.



Once the Cruisers are away, three marshals, this year being on station by 10am need to be based by the Broads Authority Hut in Reedham Village, likewise a further 3 based at ADB Marine seaward side of the bridge. Why 3, simply at times you will have cruisers heading downriver to Breydon, likewise cruisers will also be passing upriver back to Coldham. Marshals are required to accurately record their times of passage. Over the past two years we have made use of WhatsApp, allowing all information and importantly the times to be sent to the results team. Previously these records would have to have been taken by road.

To clarify; owing to the Network Rail Bridge at Reedham, cruisers are timed out at the Broads Authority hut and then timed back in at ADB Marine and visa/versa. Boats are not permitted to stop/loiter in the timeout zone longer than necessary. (Marshals observe this area) so again two shifts at least 12 marshals. This year we have reintroduced a towing boat to assist, if asked, cruisers through this section. That's at least another two people.

The Breydon boat is deployed from ADB with a driver and crew, previous years the club used a Brundall boat to travel to Breydon and back in the day, this is an example of committee discussions and support we get.



As soon as the race date is published contact is made with all interested groups, cruiser owner, the Broads Authority, ADB, Network Rail etc. This networking is essential to have a smooth operation. It clearly worked this year with Network Rail, the line was closed for maintenance on the day, the lead engineer ensured Reedham Bridge remained open all day for river traffic. (We'd like to ask for maintenance every year).

The results team work hard to ensure the spreadsheets are working correctly for each class, this year the committee changed the system to cruiser percentage from boat length, all needs processing and rigorously testing. Answer to the question. How many marshals? at least 30, plus a little bit of resilience and a lot of goodwill from you all.

The week leading up to the race the committee are monitoring conditions, particularly the wind conditions, we want to give the competitors what they have come for a navigation trip to Breydon and back. By Thursday the winds were looking light, (the previous few days the boats would have had to reef). A course was declared to Polkeys Mill just on to Breydon, I don't mind admitting I plumed for Sanderson's crane, the wind improved on the day and I got it wrong. Not always best to err on the side of caution. On the day the winds were just about sufficient but the committee, which now reduces to Sam, Kelvin and Gary (Colin & Mark are taking part), have to monitor changing conditions, if and when a shortened course should be considered and declared, and where too. Not easy when you are on a winding river, importantly you have to be aware of where the lead boat is and their chances of finishing the whole course, they must not be disadvantaged. We have previously placed the finishing team in a boat on the river, not easy logistically, the better solution is on land at either, Buckenham, Langley Dyke, Hardley Dyke, locations we can get to in a hurry. We also need to know of any retirements or incidents where help is required. So quite a plate full whilst still running the race and not interfering.

Fortunately with your assistance, the skill and endurance of boat owners this is all achieved as in past years. To recap, at least 35 set tasks, plus the 'what-ifs' ranging from communication, sponsorship, trophies/ prizes, introductions & amending, printing, management folders for marshals, food arrangements at the Tavern, to name a few. This year Emma Pinder at the twelfth hour joined our results team, with her previous years following and assisting Dad-'Geoff' was a great help processing the data with David Warner, please look at the link to the results on the club's web page and you'll see the depth of their work. Emma also had the opportunity to reminisce in the start box.

<http://www.coldhamhallsailingclub.co.uk> Yare Navigation Race 2024 results.

Let's not forget what we do this for, on the day 36 Traditional Broads set off from Coldham Hall at various selected times, 36 finished the course, although one was disqualified as had no navigation lights after sunset. 35 rounded the mark correctly which was carefully set to 'Port' at Polkey's Mill, one rounded it but the tide and lack of wind failed on numerous attempts to round it correctly and headed back upstream the wrong side. Some had the adventure of punching against the tide on the stretch from Haddiscoe Cut to Reedham, more progress was made backwards then forwards for a long time.

From both the Club and YNR committees, thank you to all the competitors, and importantly thank you all volunteers and helpers, without you it would not have happened. We all hope you had a 'cracking day' and enjoyed the event.

Now safely moored up at Coldham, all ashore for an inter-boat debrief in the warm twilight applauding the late boats home, with pleasant food and refreshments outside of Coldham Hall Tavern, The Rogue Shanty Buoys providing entertained before the presentation of trophies. Thank you to Harry and the team.

YNR Photographs taken by Stewart Dickens at Hardley Mill, kind permission to view and print. Click on link

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Testimonials.

To all involved. What a great weekend, a huge Thank you. What a super event. Looking forward to next year, all the best - RCC303 Nutcracker.

Thanks for all your effort to make it happen. We had the best sail of the year. Well, tacking back to Reedham probably wasn't but the rest was wonderful Forester will be 100 next year to add to your list. Thanks again – RCC7 Forester

Just to say thank you for a great event. We always enjoy it and this was no exception. I do realise how much work it take to put on an event like this, and also how many of the club members it takes to run it, so thank you all very much. Kind regards – RCC179 Waxwing.

Coldham Hall Sailing Club and Waveney One Design, Oulton Broad 21st & 22nd September

(Photos courtesy of Karen Langston class information Neil Bowles & Geoff Little)



On Friday 20th September we welcomed our guests, the Waveney One Designs from Oulton Broad (WOBYC), our annual team event, this year attracting 10 Waveney's with six support cruisers making their journey along the Waveney & Yare for the weekend.

On the Saturday morning, CHSC club managed two local races for the ten Waveney's the breeze was a fresh 9mph easterly veering ESE increasing with 19 predicted gusts and a warm 19 degrees for the whole weekend. Officers of the Day Gary, Mike & Chris carried out the briefing setting out a two buoy course over 3 laps with a down river start mainly close haul tacking with a port turn at buoy 1, some finding the lack of breeze at the mark making it difficult to turn hence a few 180deg turns, followed by a run back to the start box then tacking up to a Starboard turn at buoy two over three laps back to back. Two Waveney's W8 and W10 settled in quick with the ideal conditions taking the 1st & 2nd honours in both races. The second race was reduced to two laps ensuring getting moored up for lunch prior to the afternoon joint clubs downriver.



Back to the clubhouse, to be joined by Coldham members we were all provided with a delicious buffet feast provided by Jude Harris along with both club's members bringing an abundance of cakes to share over both days. Fully refreshed its back on the water for a joint club downriver, the OOD set the middle course to the Buckenham Speed limit signs beyond the pub; little did he know the easterly and strong rising tide would be the challenge on Train Reach. (A treat Coldham members are familiar with).



The Waveney's all got away well at the start and out of sight, six club Yeoman's starting 15minutes later soon caught eight Waveney's stalled by the wind and tide along Train Reach, shortly joined by the Yeoman's, getting in each other's way trying to make progress sometimes drifting further backwards than forwards.



Waveney's W8 and W15 managed to get clean wind clearing the tress and making a good distance from the main fleet, the OOD quickly decided to shorten the course not for the front pair realising the problems the rest were encountering and wanted to get home before dark, the course was reduced to the Buckenham Sailing club (now no longer) start box. The first two Waveney's crossing the line some 30minutes prior to 3rd place and the

fleet. All boats making ground back to the club.



Sunday Gary was joined by Mandy and Mike as OOD's, after a quick briefing the plan was for 3 local races for both fleets, with a slight increase in wind strength and pleasant conditions and similar wind as Saturday preparations were made, two buoys were set for a similar course with a downriver start, having 16 boats sailing, a third buoy not an option with converging fleets. Race one set over two laps had the Waveney's set off first with the Yeoman's about 12 minutes behind, safely timed by the OOD's, so as not to converge the fleets at the marks.

A short break for coffee and more cake and it's back on the water for race 2 over 3 laps, this time the Yeoman's starting first with Waveney's safely starting when the Yeoman's were clear. All finished timely. Race 3. Thinking on finishing time to prepare the Waveney's homeward journey along with a few unexpected dark clouds, the five minute gun for the Yeomans was sounded as soon as the last Waveney crossed the line on race 2, Race 3 saw the Yeomans completing the course, the rain started and wind dropped dramatically the OOD shortened the last Waveney race to 1 1/12 laps. A wise and fairly dry decision.

Following the presentation of prizes, CHSC Commodore Gary Corbett, thanked all who had competed over the two days along with their support team. It had truly been a wonderful weekend enjoying the racing, with 10 Waveney's taking part in all races along with CHSC's club Yeoman's for 3 races on Sunday. He thanked Coldham Race Officer Ben Adams and WOD Fleet Captain Geoff Little for all their hard work reforming this event which dates back to at least 1951, the year Coldham Hall Sailing Club was established. Special thanks to all who continue to support our two clubs events with hopefully many more years to come.

In reply Geoff Little thanked all at CHSC for hosting this now annual event and invited members to meet at Oulton Broad next year for a Waveney OD event evening. Geoff presented officials with gifts and a copy of The First 100 Years of Waveney One Design 1922 to 2022 to the club.

Thank you all.

CHSC/WOBYC individual Race Winners

Waveney OD

Race 1. (Local)

1. W8 Pete Matthews & Mark Langston
2. W10 Victoria Marfleet & Caroline Marfleet
3. W17. Graham Reeve & Jordan Levett

Race 2 (Local)

1. W8 Pete Matthews & Mark Langston
2. W10 Victoria Marfleet & Caroline Marfleet
3. W15. Trevor Balls & Garie

Downriver Race 3

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| 1 st | W8 Pete Matthews & Mark Langston. |
| 2 nd | W15. Trevor Balls & Garie |
| 3 rd | Y80, David Taitt, Debbi Jaffey & Judith Robertson. |

Race 4. (Local 2 laps)

1. W10 Victoria Caroline Marfleet
2. W15. Trevor Balls & Garie
3. W17 Graham Reeve & Jordan Levett

Race 5 (Local 3 laps)

1. W15. Trevor Balls & Garie
2. W25 David Yapp & Julia Deary
3. W10. V & C Marfleet

Race 6 (Local 2 laps reduced to 1 1/2)

1. W17. Graham Reeve & Jordan Levett
2. W8 Pete Matthews & Mark Langston
3. W10. V & C Marfleet.

Coldham Hall Sailing Club (Sunday Racing, series 12)

Race 1 (2 Laps)

- 1 Y80 Magpie D Taitt & J Robertson
- 2 Y118 Diamond Lil J Wells & S Watt
- 3 Y146 Felspar C Lambert & B Adams

Race 2 (3) Laps

- 1 Y146 Felspar C Lambert & B Adams
- 2 Y180 Shibboleth D & M Woolston
- 3 W9532 Club 1 P Parker & T Moorese

Race 3 (2 Laps)

1. Y180 Shibboleth D & M Woolston
- 2 Y146 Felspar C Lambert & B Adams
- 3 Y118 Diamond Lil J Wells & S Watt

Coldham Hall Waveney One Design Trophy Winners 2024

Lofty Marshal Memorial Trophy

W10 Iris,

Victoria Marfleet & Caroline Marfleet

Coldham Hall Regatta Trophy.

W8 Thalia

Pete Matthews & Mark Langston

Canoe and Paddle Board Section



Paddle News – September 2024

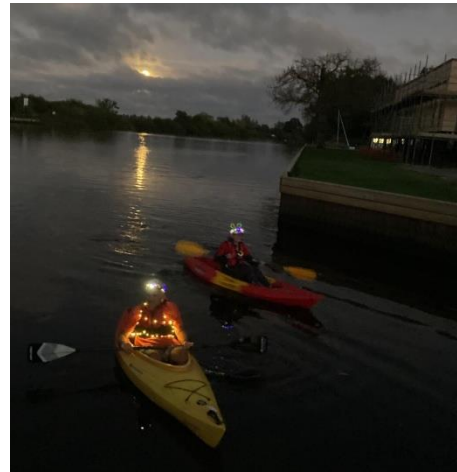
from Vickie & Clare Paddle Ambassadors.

September has been a busy month for Coldham Paddlers, ensuring they get as much water time as the days get shorter and chilly.

We planned a colour/brighten up the evening paddle for **3rd September** many of the group joining in, a bottle of wine going to best voted attire, it was narrowed down to three, with third going to Pete, second to Liz and first to Jane. This evening was a trip upriver, against the tide towards Brundall Gardens and back with the tide across Bargate. Followed by cheesy-chips, barman Martin joining in the fun.



Light up the Broad, on Tuesday 17th September, having missed an evening last week owing to a downpour, 'our first all summer' Paddlers enjoyed their official **Last Light** of the season, LED's head torches and Fairy lights in all shapes and sizes, including on your head, 19 paddlers set off upriver passing the properties at Brundall much to some amusement from residents, we paddled into Bargate continuing till dusk and a lovely moon lit night before heading back to the club together, all paddlers joined is a few of the photos of the night



Last Saturday 28th, 11 paddlers meet early at the club to set off together upstream heading towards Surlingham Ferry, with the recent downpours it was a delight to have a lovely sunny and warm day, sun glasses required for the water reflection, by chance the tides were with us with a 1030am high making the journey enjoyable. Yes. it was high water arriving at the club we drove through about 6inch deep water along the Carnser. We could have paddled to the club.

Paddling was a joy, most of us taking the main river chatting and enjoying the vista, mum and dad swans with their six kids, (signets) chilling on the slipway, which we are use too seeing. Our two SUP's Clare and Trish choosing to cut through the Broad, we all met up river, arriving at the Ferry together where there was no need to come alongside the quay heading, merely paddling straight on the grass, we were met by four more members and



Sonia, thanking the whole group for our visit's on Tuesday nights, along with the compliments we gave to chef John and our barman Martin.

Meals ordered, for some of us the LARGE breakfast set us up well for the day and a lovely get together.

Sonia told us it's the 300th anniversary of the Ferry next year and welcomed any suggestions from the group, thinking caps on please. 'We will be back'.

Fully laden for the day, it was time to depart, fortunately the water was still across the grass, stepping on board a pinch, for the journey back we were joined by Judith, her first canoe outing for about 5 years, you would never have known. 'Duck to water'.

Breeze and tide taking us home with little effort.



The evening paddles usually had at least 20 of us on the water, fantastic, if anyone's thinking of joining 'the Paddlers' next year you will be very welcome, contact either Clare or Vickie or just come along.

Let's not say this is the last paddle of the year, watch this space, importantly from all the paddlers to Vickie & Clare thank you for your organisation and keeping us motivated and informed, the good news Clare & Vickie have both agreed to continue as Coldham Paddle Ambassadors in 2025.

Couple of links for Paddling

Paddle UK <https://gopaddling.info/paddlepoints>

Link to Paddler Magazine.

https://viewer.joomag.com/the-paddler-magazine-issue-79-late-summer-2024/0092190001726087976?utm_campaign=%5BSENT+NEW+ISSUE%5D+The+Paddler+Magazine+Issue+79+Late+Summer+2024&ref=email

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