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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

It's been an even busier year for the Broads and indeed, for our committee whom have been working on and progressing with a myriad of issues. Let's look at one or two of them and let's start with the effects of weather events and flooding on and around the Broads. I recently read an article in Country Life about what's been dubbed as the climate crisis. Although it doesn't seem like it, and I quote, "the past three years have been the hottest since detailed records began in the early 19th century and Britain can expect temperatures to reach 40c in our ever hotter summers. In addition, warmer air in the winter will mean increasingly heavy and concentrated rain and flooding"

It is evident from regular monitoring and from the increased flood alerts on the Broads that water levels remain high, certainly in the winter season with extended weather events resulting in flooding, the effects of which, with often locked tides mean many foreshore properties and businesses are affected for longer periods. The Society is engaging with the newly formed flood initiatives and commenting on future responses.

Moving on to the post pandemic Broads. A marked increase in "staycations" which must be welcomed for bringing much needed income to the area, has highlighted the loss of and lack of mooring space on most of the Broads. This must be a cause for concern when there are so many more boats out there literally vying for space. Recently, free moorings have been lost downstream of Ludham Bridge (so now there are none) and there is no de-masting area either. With the increased boating activities and more boats stationed upstream in the last couple of years, the Ludham Bridge area has become extremely busy with boat jams becoming regular occurrences. These jams often result in boats colliding with other boats causing damage, especially moored boats due to, for example, to the cross winds and tides. Visitors and local boat owners have suggested such solutions as traffic lights and ranger presence! There are quay rangers at Norwich, Reedham and Yarmouth (understandably) so should consideration perhaps be given to quay ranger presence at Ludham during the main season? It's a question our water safety sub-committee have asked.

Other issues and items we are monitoring and investigating are the ongoing discussions re a proposed National Landscape Service which will certainly have some impact on the Broads, end of life boat disposal (think fibreglass!), fishing and wildlife plus water management including Dilham Broads restorations plan. Some more detail of these subjects may be found in this and future Harnsers.

We, of course, welcome your input, views and contributions so please do contact the editorial team and please do have a look at our Society merchandise including the 2022 Calendar and new Christmas cards.

Paul Rice, Chairman

BROADS SOCIETY AGM 2021

The Annual General Meeting of the Broads Society will take place at 2.00pm on Saturday 20th November 2021. **Please note the change in venue as the meeting will now be held at the Wayford Bridge Hotel, Stalham, Norwich, NR12 9LL.** A hot lunch will also be available with a choice of menu prior to the meeting at 12.30pm. A separate booking form leaflet is enclosed within this edition of Harnser, which provides further details and should be completed and returned to the Administrator with your payment, to confirm a booking by 13th November 2021.

Following the formal proceedings, our guest speaker will be Debra Nicholson, Director of the Wind Energy Museum and Thurne Mill, who will be giving a presentation on the History of Thurne Mill.

Details of the Audited Accounts are published on page 6, but further information including the Agenda, AGM papers and lunch booking form are available on the Broads Society website at www.broads-society.org.uk Please contact the Administrator if you require paper copies.



NOMINATIONS TO THE MAIN COMMITTEE

Nominations are invited for Officers and Ordinary members of the Main Committee. Nominations in writing should give the name of the proposer and seconder and, for individuals not currently serving on the Committee, should be accompanied by a short curriculum vitae. Each nomination, together with the written agreement of the nominee, should be sent to the Administrator, Sarah Vergette, 3 Rosebery Road, Great Plumstead, Norwich, NR13 5EA or by email to broads.society@sky.com in writing no later than Friday 12th November 2021.

AUDITED ACCOUNTS

The Broads Society

Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income:			
Donations and subscriptions	2	13,728	13,539
Activity generated income			
Christmas card/calendar sales	3	1,477	1,606
Bank interest		30	134
Advertising		754	812
Incoming resources from charitable activities			
Social and other events	4	0	600
Total incoming resources		<u>15,989</u>	<u>16,544</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Costs of generating funds	5	829	1,332
Charitable activities	5	14,299	17,063
Governance costs	5	150	200
Total resources expended		<u>15,278</u>	<u>18,595</u>
NET (OUTGOING)/INCOMING RESOURCES		711	7,982
Fund balances brought forward		<u>31,401</u>	<u>33,452</u>
Fund balances carried forward		<u>32,112</u>	<u>31,401</u>

The Broads Society

Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets		
Cash at bank		
Current accounts	6,119	25,957
Business premium account	6	6
COIF charities deposit fund	25,987	5,438
General fund	<u>32,112</u>	<u>31,401</u>

The general fund represents those funds which are unrestricted and not designated for other purposes

VICE PRESIDENTS

When I took over as Chairman of the Society some nine years ago, we had 6 Vice Presidents. I started the practice of holding an annual meeting with them to run through what the Main Committee were concerned about at that time. I found this very useful and was grateful to receive their advice on these matters and I am sure that they were pleased to be involved.

Another important aspect was that they were very pleased to see each other, as living all over the County they did not come into contact very often.

Sadly, the number of Vice Presidents has steadily declined over the past few years and we now only have one, Sheila Ashford. Having discussed this with her I know she would appreciate some fellow VP's to join her in this capacity. We discussed this situation at the last meeting of the Main Committee and it was agreed that I, in my capacity as President of the Society, should invite several Members who have served the Society in various capacities such as Chair, Editor or some other significant capacity to allow their name to go forward for election as a Vice President at the forthcoming AGM to be held on Saturday 20th November at the Wayford Bridge Hotel, Stalham.

I am pleased to report that having approached the three members listed below (who were all pleased to be asked) are all willing to let their names go forward at the AGM for election as Vice President: Jill Wickens, Robert Paul and Ian Masters.

Robin Godber, President of the Broads Society

MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2021

I begin my Membership Report with an analysis of membership numbers. Total number of members at 1st September 2021 was 863 compared with 882 last year. The total is made up as follows (2019 figures in brackets):- Life 198 (202), individual 341 (343), joint 300 (318), parish councils 16 (13) and corporate 8 (6). 37 new members joined since November 2019.

Sadly, due to the pandemic the Publicity Team have been unable to attend many events to try to generate interest in the Broads Society. They have, however, been working hard to produce Harnser which goes from strength to strength and have developed a new website.

Christmas card and calendar sales last year generated a profit of £648, which was a welcome addition to funds and also helped with publicity. I hope members will continue to support for this initiative. This year a calendar has been produced with photographs very kindly supplied by David Edleston, this proved very popular and again raise awareness of the Society and bring in additional funds.

Finally, a report on the 500 Club. We currently have 166 members which sadly means we have to reduce the prize money to £50, £20 and £10 each month for eleven months and an annual prize of £500 in November.

Sarah Vergette, Administrator

PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION

Because of the Pandemic, three Trustees – one of whom is the Chairman – have found that they have been unable to complete their ambitions for the Society within the time allowed by the Constitution for them to serve. We also face the situation that the future administration of “Protected Landscapes” is mid-way through a review by the government. This is not a good time to change the leadership of the Society. The Chairman had his term extended last AGM due to “exceptional circumstances”, as provided by the constitution. Members will be asked to do the same again this year.

One member of the Committee has personal reservations about the obligation, under the constitution, to be a Trustee. Whilst this is highly desirable, we propose that this should be changed so as to allow exceptions to be made. The legal minimum is three and best practice is to have between five and twelve “unconnected” Trustees with a good range of skills.

The legal rules regarding Data Protection have changed since the Constitution was last reviewed. Consent to use and storage of “Personal Data” can no longer be “deemed”, but must be freely given by affirmative action. In future, Members will be requested to signify consent when applying for Membership.

Rule 4 Amend “Each committee Member shall be a Trustee of the Society” to read, “Each committee Member may be a Trustee of the Society,”

Rule 9(b) Amend the maximum term from six to seven years.

Rule 22 New Rule as follows:

“For the purposes of the Data Protection, prospective members shall be requested to consent to the holding of relevant personal data and to its use in the form of addressed envelopes or address labels and for confidential reports to the Officers and Committee.”

The current Broads Society Constitution follows with the rules which are proposed for amendment, highlighted in red.

THE BROADS SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The Society is called “The Broads Society” (the Society).

2. Objectives

a To stimulate public appreciation and knowledge of the Broads area by promoting educated and informed discussion about all matters related to the Region, thus encouraging maximum enjoyment of its special features.

b To maintain, restore, conserve, improve and develop objects, features, buildings and sites of historical, social, artistic, ecological and scientific interest relating to the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads for the public benefit.

c To take all available steps to safeguard the Region’s environment, including its landscape and ecology, and to support, as and when appropriate, the measures being taken by the Broads Authority, Environment Agency and other bodies to achieve this objective.

d To consider and take such steps as are appropriate to comment upon and make representations (including appearing at public enquiries) concerning planning, management and operational proposals likely to affect the region.

e To preserve and, where appropriate, improve facilities for navigation.

f To encourage activities beneficial to the Broads and in particular to enable young people to appreciate the regional opportunities.

3 Officers

The Officers shall consist of the following:

Chairman Immediate Past Chairman

Vice- Chairman Treasurer

4 Constitution of the Committee

Chairman Editor of “Harnser”

Vice-Chairman Eight elected members

Immediate Past-Chairman Ex officio but with full voting rights:

Treasurer Chairmen of Sub-Committees

A quorum shall be seven, with the Chairman of the meeting having the right to a casting vote. **Each Committee member shall be a Trustee of the Society.**

5 Election of President

The President shall be nominated by the Committee and elected for a 5-year period by a show of hands at an Annual General Meeting and will serve in an advisory capacity and may be invited to Committee meetings.

6 Election of Vice-Presidents

Each of the Vice-Presidents, who shall be chosen in recognition of his or her outstanding contribution to the Society, shall be nominated by the Committee and elected by a show of hands at the Annual General Meeting. They are elected for life or until their resignation or until the Committee shall resolve otherwise.

7 Election of Chairman

The Chairman shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting from nominations in accordance with Rule 10 and shall serve until the next Annual General Meeting when he or she shall be eligible for re-election so long as his or her period of office does not exceed four consecutive years unless there are exceptional circumstances.

8 Election of Remaining Officers

The remaining Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting from nominations in accordance with Rule 10. They shall serve until the next Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election. Should a member attain more than one Office, this person shall have only one vote on the Committee.

9 Election of Committee

a) The eight elected members of the Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting from nominations in accordance with Rule 10 and they shall serve until the next Annual General Meeting. Subject to the second part of this rule they shall be eligible for re-election.

b) Elected Committee members may serve for six continuous years and then will not be eligible for re-election for one year, except that, in any year, only two members should stand because they have served six years. If more than two have served for six years, then the two who have served on the Committee longest will stand down and the others will be eligible for re-election for that year.

10 Nomination of Officers and Committee

Each of the nominations earlier referred to shall be in writing giving the names of the proposer and seconder and, in respect of individuals not currently serving on the Committee, shall be accompanied by a curriculum vitae. Each nomination, together with the written agreement of the nominee, must be received by the Secretary seven clear days before the relevant meeting. Email is an acceptable format for nominations.

11 Duties of the Committee

The Committee shall manage the affairs of the Society to further the Objectives and inter alia has the following powers to:

- a) engage paid staff, which shall include an Administrator to assist, in conformity with the Constitution
- b) raise funds
- c) borrow money
- d) establish or support charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for the charitable purposes included in the Objective 18

If a majority of the Committee shall so resolve, any controversial matter must be submitted for decision at a General Meeting.

12 Committee Meetings

The Committee shall meet, subject to at least seven days' notice, as summoned on behalf of the Chairman, or at the written request of at least three members of the Committee. The Committee shall meet at least four times a year.

In this constitution the expression "Committee meeting" includes, except where inconsistent with any legal obligation:

- (a) a physical meeting;
- (b) telephone conferencing or similar telephone linking allowing simultaneous audio participation;
- (c) internet debate and voting via the Committee forum subject to agreement by all Committee members.

13 Committee Attendance

Members of the Committee and its Sub-Committees who fail to attend 50% of its relevant meetings in any one year without reasons that are deemed satisfactory, shall be ineligible for election for the succeeding year.

14 Vacancies

The Committee shall have power to appoint until the next Annual General Meeting a member of the Society to fill any vacancy amongst the Officers or the elected members of the Committee that arises during the year. Such appointed members shall each have a vote.

15 Co-Option

The Committee shall also have the power to co-opt to the Committee up to three members of the Society for a particular meeting or for the period up to the next Annual General Meeting. Such co-opted members shall not be entitled to vote

16 Sub-Committees

The Committee may at any time delegate any of its powers to Sub-Committees, the Chairmen of which shall be full Committee members. The Committee may disband such Sub-Committees at any time. The Chairman of such Sub-Committees and up to six members of such Sub-Committees shall be appointed by the main Committee at any time. Sub-Committees shall have power to:

- a) appoint their own Vice-Chairman and Secretary
- b) co-opt members of the Society for a period expiring at the next AGM.

Such co-option can be renewed at the first meeting after the AGM. The number of co-opted members shall not constitute a majority on any Sub-Committee.

In the exercise of the powers granted to it, any sub-committee shall conform to any regulations and terms of reference accorded by the main Committee. Their minutes and any reports shall be circulated with the Agenda for the Main Committee meetings.

The Chairman of the Society shall be an ex officio member of all such Sub-Committees.

17 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than nine months after the end of each financial year. Notice of the Annual General Meeting or of any Extraordinary General Meeting shall be sent to all members not less than twenty-one days beforehand.

18 Subscriptions

The financial year shall close on 31 March and annual subscriptions shall be such sum as determined by the Committee from time to time, such subscriptions next becoming payable with effect from the following April or, if later, the date on which a member's annual subscription is due for renewal. The Committee may arrange for the issue of a reminder to any member who has not paid within six months of such subscription being due. If that subscription has not been paid within one calendar month of the date of posting of the reminder the Committee may revoke that membership and remove the name from the list of members.

19 Corporate Membership

In the event of membership being given to any group of individuals under one designation, whether a school, company, partnership or any other organisation, such body, paying a single subscription, shall be entitled to one vote only at any meeting of the Society.

20 Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer shall submit to the Committee a statement of the financial position as often as may be required and shall present summarised accounts at the Annual General Meeting.

21 Extraordinary General Meeting

Any twenty members, on giving at least one calendar month notice to the Administrator or Chairman in writing or by email, stating the reason, shall be empowered to call an Extraordinary General Meeting.

22 Data Protection

For the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998, membership shall be deemed to constitute consent to the holding of relevant personal data and to its use in the form of addressed envelopes or address labels and for confidential reports to the Officers and Committee.

23 Change of Rules

Any members wishing to propose any alteration or addition to the Rules shall give three calendar months' notice thereof in writing to the Administrator, stating the nature of the proposed alteration or addition, which must be supported in writing and signed by no fewer than ten members provided that no change shall be made to Rule 2 (Objectives) without the prior approval of the Charity Commission. The Administrator shall then cause the proposed alteration or addition to be circulated at least 21 days in advance of a General Meeting, when a vote on the proposal shall be taken.

24 Dissolution

If at any time it appears that the objects of the Society have been fulfilled or can no longer be achieved, the Society may be dissolved with the concurrence of a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose at 28 days' notice. The Special General Meeting shall instruct

the committee as to the disposition of any assets outstanding after the satisfaction of all proper debts and liabilities. Such assets shall only be given or transferred to such other charitable institutions or institutions having similar objectives to the Objectives of the Society as the Special General Meeting shall determine. The Committee must notify the Charity Commission that the Society has been dissolved.

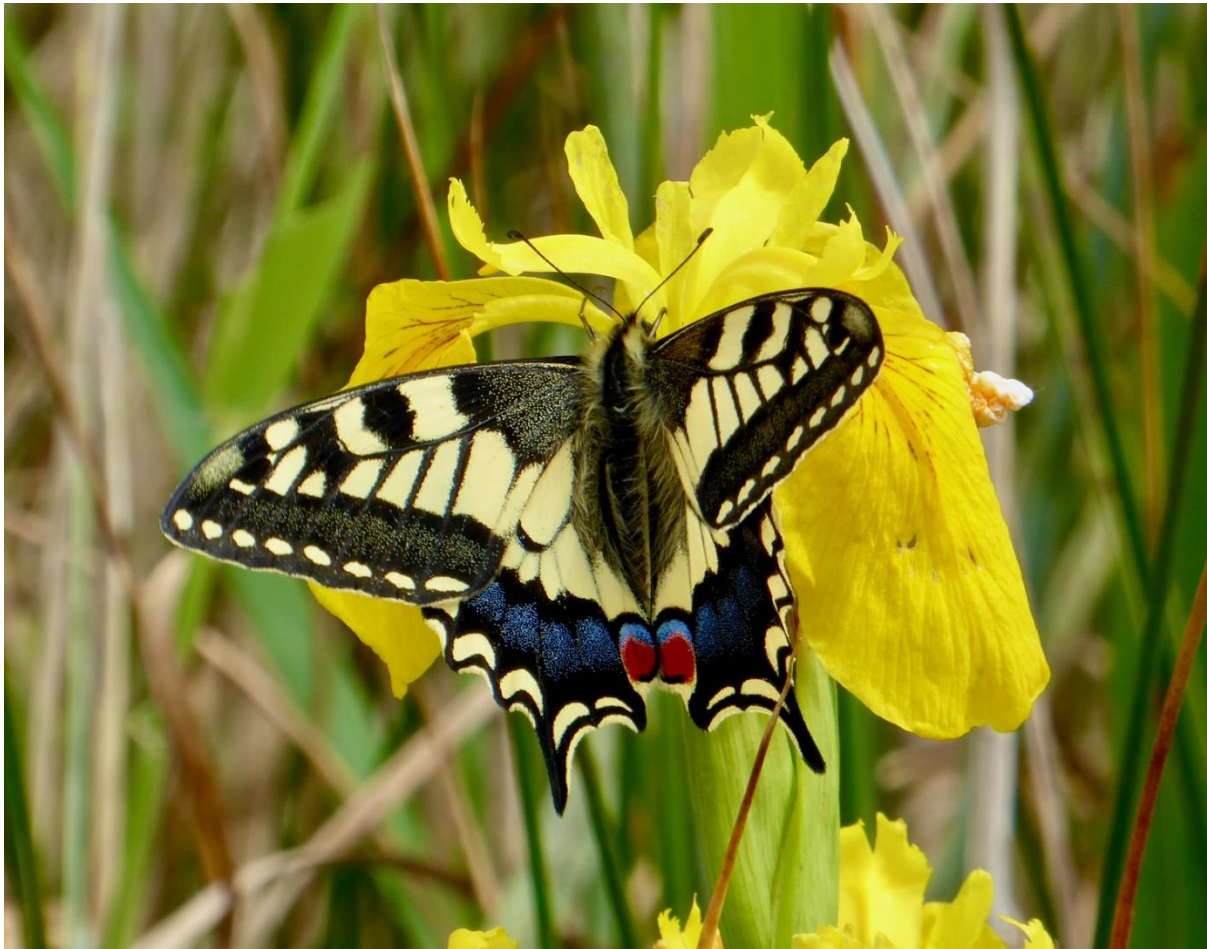
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NORFOLK BROADS SPECIAL SUMMER WILDLIFE

A visitors' view

In mid-June we visited the Norfolk Broads hoping to see some of its special wildlife, including butterflies, dragonflies, birds and plants. We were not disappointed!

We arrived at our accommodation in the quiet village of Catfield on Monday afternoon. After a warm welcome from our hosts Anne and Mike, we set off for the Butterfly Conservation Society Catfield Fen Reserve. This proved to be an excellent start to our wildlife watching. We followed a path along a drainage ditch through the reedbeds, encountering flying Norfolk Hawker Dragonflies every twenty metres or so. We'd never seen these before -they are only found in the Broads area of Norfolk and Suffolk – but they were unmistakable large brown dragonflies with big green eyes and two light green stripes on the middle of their body. Often, they hovered at eye-level, immediately in front of us, so we had good close-up views. The ditch had Water Soldier growing in it, a rare floating plant resembling a spikey crown which needs very clean water, and in which the Norfolk Hawker lurks in its aquatic, predatory larval stage.



Swallowtail butterfly at Hickling Broad, 15 June 2021

The next morning, we set off for Hickling Broad, a Norfolk Wildlife Trust Reserve. We soon found our target species – the Swallowtail butterfly. We saw it both in flight and settling on Flag Iris flowers to feed on nectar. This is Britain's most spectacular butterfly and one of its rarest, being only found in the Norfolk Broads. But we were able to see over a dozen adults. We even found a couple of the butterfly's orange eggs laid on its caterpillar's food plant, the rare Milk Parsley, which is another Broadlands speciality.

We also experienced a wealth of birds. As we walked around the reserve we had a constant accompaniment of birdsong from Willow, Marsh and Reed Warblers, with the occasional sighting of Bearded Tits with their short single "ping cry" as they flew past. And we saw a Grass Hopper Warbler, with its insect-like whirring song. But the most special moment of the day was hearing the loud, deep "boom" of a Bittern, a rare and secretive small brown Heron that lives only in reedbeds. We also had a brief view of a Bittern in flight. Another special bird of Norfolk, the magnificent, large Marsh Harrier, was easy to see soaring over the reserve. Graceful Avocets and Great-Crested Grebes were visible on the Broad. And we had a distant view of a Crane, a huge bird formerly extinct in Britain but now successfully re-introduced into the Norfolk Broads.

In the afternoon we headed off to Strumpshaw Fen. We were looking for more Swallowtails. We only saw one there (although it was a very fine one) but we saw hundreds more dragonflies of several species, including large blue Emperors.



Norfolk Hawker Dragonfly at Catfield Fen, 14 June 2021 and Little Tern on the shoreline at Winterton Beach, 16 June 2021

For our final day we visited Winterton Beach to see the Little Tern breeding colony. These are handsome, grey, black and white birds, a bit like small, streamlined seagulls. There are thought to be only a thousand or so pairs of these birds left in the UK. They nest on shingle ridges next to the sea, a very vulnerable habitat, with many of their former breeding sites in England having being lost due to human disturbance. But fortunately, they are thriving at Winterton – which has a third of the UK population. They are watched over by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, with their nesting area protected behind an electric fence. It was however possible to have a good view of the adult birds, from a respectful distance, as they gathered on the sand at the water's edge, in between their brief flights over the sea to catch small fish. And

on the way to see the Terns we had a good view of several Grey Seals swimming in the sea, some just three metres from the shore.

After that we went to Horsey Mill for a cream tea while we watched Swallows flying around the top of the Mill tower. A relaxing end to a packed three days of experiencing the iconic wildlife of the Norfolk Broads. We will be back!

Drs Peter & Jane Vaughan

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members who have recently joined the Society

- Mr C Balls, Ludham
- Mr A D M Marshall, Sutton
- Mr I Wakefield, Chedgrave



SUCCESS FOR WHERRY MAUD TRUST CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGN

With her distinctive black sail, Wherry Maud is one of Norfolk's best loved sights on the Norfolk Broads. The only remaining trading wherry of typical construction, she is maintained by Wherry Maud Trust's team of dedicated volunteers who run trips throughout the year, keeping alive a significant part of the history and culture of the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads.

The Wherry Maud Trust campaign to raise money for a new support boat for Maud began in May 2021 and ran until July. The full £10,500 needed was raised. The final £2,000 came from two grants of £1,000 each from Love the Broads and The Lady Hind Trust. Wherry Maud Trust extends grateful thanks for the grants and to all those individuals who donated during the campaign. A suitable boat has now been purchased.

Even though we have achieved our objective of raising the £10,500 for the tender, our fundraising efforts will remain active and people can continue to make donations to help secure the future of Maud by clicking the Donate button on the home page of www.wherrymaudtrust.org The next two challenges for the Trust will be Maud's major maintenance in September and a drive for new members. To receive regular updates about Maud, why not join Wherry Maud Trust (£15 per annum) and look forward to a sociable sail in her? The membership form is on www.wherrymaudtrust.org



New tender for Maud © Wherry Maud Trust, August 2021

THEN AND NOW Neatishead Village



Little has changed since this black and white postcard image of Neatishead (© J Salmon Ltd) probably dating from the late 1950s or early 60s showing The White Horse Pub and The Olde Saddlery. The main difference is the village butcher's shop run for many years by E J Duffield, which is now in residential use and known as Stile Cottage.

David Edleston

WALKS AROUND THE BROADS

Horstead and Mayton Bridge



This 5 mile walk from Sue Walker of the Ramblers' Wensum Group starts from Horstead Mill car park, Mill Road (Explorer Map: OL40 G/R TG267193). Horstead is on a regular bus route. The walk wanders through fields to Mayton Bridge and returns alongside the River Bure. Horstead Mill, erected in 1789, was sadly destroyed by fire in 1963. The ruins and wheel channels still remain.

Navigation above Horstead ended in August 1912 when floods destroyed the locks and silted up the river. All Saints Church, Horstead, has three red roofs of different heights beneath the chimney-like 14th century tower. Mayton Bridge, which dates back to c.1630, has two arches and small shelters facing the road on each side where toll collectors would have sat.

Refreshments: The Recruiting Sergeant Public House, Horstead, is near the start of the walk. The Piece of Cake Tearoom, Coltishall, is near the route of the walk.



From the car park turn right along Mill Road. Then, just before reaching the green with the village sign and war memorial, follow the pavement round to the right. Carefully cross the main road to The Recruiting Sergeant public house opposite. Then continue ahead beside the public house along Rectory Road (B1354). Cross St Margaret's Close, then bear right along the service road. At The Tithe Barn, turn right into Church Close. Then turn left through the gates into Horstead Church churchyard.

Immediately turn right along the grass path through the churchyard keeping the church on the left. Keep left along the path ignoring paths on the right. Go past a red bin and turn left between wooden barriers. Follow the path along the right-hand side of a meadow. Continue along the path with a fence on the left. Cross a bridge and continue along the fenced path ahead passing a house and barns on the left. At a crossing track, turn right for about 150 metres to the gate of Larget Cottage.

Here, turn right at a footpath sign into another fenced path. Cross a stile and keep ahead along the bottom of a field. Then cross a second stile and keep ahead along the bottom of the next field. Continue ahead along an enclosed path past disused stiles and keep ahead along more field edges. Halfway along turn right with trees on

the right into a field corner. Here, turn left across a plank bridge and continue on along the edges of a small and then a large field. Continue on again along the next wide field-edge path to reach a lane opposite Mayton Hall Farm drive. Turn right and go over Mayton Bridge.



Church of All Saints, Horstead



Toll collectors' shelter at Mayton Bridge; wooden footbridge and the River Bure

Follow the lane for 150 metres, ignoring a path on the left, and cross a modern bridge over the River Bure. Then turn right through a small parking area and go along a path beside a noticeboard with the river on the right. Follow the meadow path for half a mile, crossing a wooden bridge halfway along. Then cross another wooden bridge and follow the path into the trees keeping the river on the right. Follow the winding

riverside path for about a mile and a half ignoring paths on the left. The path crosses a wooden bridge over an inlet with an activity centre on the left. The path finally goes up to the road beside Coltishall Bridge.

Turn left along the pavement to Bridge House and carefully cross the road at the bollards. Turn right with a copse on the left. Then go leftwards across the grass and over a bridge. Soon cross a second bridge and follow the path with the river on the right for a quarter of a mile. Turn right across a lock and turn left to a junction of paths. Keep left along the path past a picnic table with the river on the left. Then, after 150 metres, by a seat, ignore the grass path ahead and turn right with the main path going away from the river bank. At a junction of paths, keep ahead to go over the weir and back to Horstead Mill car park.

For more information about THE RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION, call 07505 426750 or click www.ramblers.org.uk

Sue Walker

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BROADS SOCIETY 500 CLUB

The 500 Club was set up many years ago with the intention of raising additional, much needed, income for The Broads Society. Membership is £12 per annum, payable on 1st March each year. A draw takes place every month and members have the chance to win either £50, £20 or £10. In November at the Broads Society AGM there is a draw for £500.

Broads Society members may join the 500 Club or buy a membership for family or friends, there is no limit to how many subscriptions any one person may have.

If the number of members increases, we may be able to increase the prize money!

If you would like to join the 500 Club please get in touch with our Administrator, Sarah Vergette. Contact details are on page 3.



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MEMBERS' PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE BROADS

If you would like to see your photo of the Broads featured in a future edition of Harnser, please send it to Harnser.Editor@gmail.com along with details of where and when it was taken. Images can be either portrait or landscape format and should be high resolution, at least one megabyte in size.



This photograph taken on the River Waveney near Bungay Maltings was submitted by member, Martin Thirkettle.

REPORT ON THE BROADS SOCIETY MAIN COMMITTEE MEETING

August 2021

The Main Committee of the Broads Society met on Monday 23rd August at the New Victory Hall, Neatishead.

Although Peter Howe was unable to attend he sent a report for the Broads Charitable Trust and although their income has been affected by Covid they have been able to provide three grants so far this year. One went to the Wherry Maud Trust to help with the purchase of a new inboard. Another grant went to the Broads Authority to help with the provision of a canoe pontoon at Geldeston Lock and lastly a grant to the new community operated pub at Geldeston Lock. Peter Howe also reported on CNP matters, the CNP AGM will be held in the North Yorks Moors in October. There was discussion regarding the Broads Society Constitution, more details are in this issue of Harnser.

A discussion took place prompted by George Elliot, regarding future plans for the restoration of Dilham Broad. The nearby Dilham canal, with private finance, had been successfully restored and the Dilham Broad owner is planning to restore the Broad to encompass water storage for future farming needs and to introduce water-based leisure activities such as paddle boarding and canoeing. Paul Savage noted that this would contribute to a sustainable future for the Broads as with water shortages he visualises that drainage pumps may need to be reversed. Keith Bacon added that with future water shortages, and no abstractions to be allowed, there is a need to store water and the marshes could be used for that. There is evidence that the water tables may now rise by two or three feet. There are concerns re what other development may follow should the restoration proceed. The Chairman will investigate the proposals further and report back.

Paul Savage and Peter Howe have been involved in discussions with the CNP and apparently Natural England are unhappy about the proposed new National Landscape Service which would take away some of the NE remit. It would be the seventh time that the National Parks Commission has been reinvented and it is likely that the Local Authorities would be reluctant to be removed from the National Park Authorities. All National Park Authorities must legally have a majority of Local Authority members yet the BA has evolved to have a minority. The Glover review proposes a small board with no Local Authority membership. The BA is unique in that it has the power to tax and can levy on participating Local Authorities and it does tax users of the navigation. In the last review of English National Parks in 2002, it was recommended to have a separate study for the Broads. Paul Savage mentions that there are two specifics about the Broads in the Glover report; imposing the Sandford Principle on the navigation and mixing navigation revenue with general revenue. This would breach Lord de Morleys promise when he gave the Broads permission to be called a National

Park. It was agreed that further investigation need to be undertaken with the Local Authorities.

David Edleston showed an impressive proof for the new calendar and the new Christmas cards have been ordered. There was some discussion regarding the AGM venue and menu which have yet to be finalised. Peter Smith will bring Broads Society merchandise to the AGM. The annual accounts were presented and accepted by the Main Committee and will be subject to approval by members at the AGM.

Several items were put forward for future discussion; these include the loss of moorings, approaching the Environment Agency regarding fishing, injured birds and wildlife, Johnny Crowe's Staithe and the issues now arising with end of life boat disposal.

Paul Rice, Chairman

NORFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST'S BROADS RESERVES

A Bumper Summer



The Norfolk Broads has seen one of the busiest summers for many years, and at Norfolk Wildlife Trust we have welcomed more visitors to our reserves and visitors' centres than ever before. It is not just human activity that has been noticeably busier, our wildlife has had a hectic time too. NWT Hickling Broad and Marshes enjoyed significantly increased breeding bird success.

The reedbed creation site at Potter Heigham, on the south-side of the reserve, and the now much wetter Brendan's Marsh to the north, near the Visitor Centre, has proved popular with both birds and birdwatchers.



Bittern © Elizabeth Dack



Brendan's Marsh at Hickling Broad

Breeding numbers of nationally declining birds such as redshank and lapwing have experienced a bumper year, and with at least four booming bittern, along with the possibility of five crane chicks fledging, is encouraging news. Both these sites, along with the scrapes at Swim Coots and Rush Hills have attracted large numbers of passage migrant birds, using the reserve as an important re-fuelling stop before moving on to Southern Europe.

A great deal of excitement has been generated by a constant flow of rare birds to the site this summer, with collared pratincole, pectoral sandpiper, red-footed falcon and long-billed dowitcher.



Terns on the raft at NWT Ranworth Broad, captured by the nest cam

At NWT Ranworth Broad the new tern raft that floats in front of the Trust's Broads Wildlife Centre has also proved popular. The raft, made possible by Essex & Suffolk Water Branch Out fund, Biffa Award, Love the Broads and the Leslie Mary Carter Charitable Trust, is in full view of the centre and we had more than 20 pairs of common tern settle to breed this summer, providing a frantic and noisy spectacular for sightseers. The addition of a camera link allowed incredible scenes of the growing tern chicks being fed by their parents, and with frequent sightings of swallowtail butterfly, marsh harrier, kingfisher and otter, allowed visitors the opportunity to experience the wonderful wildlife of the Broads, many for the first time.

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NEWS FROM THE MUSEUM OF THE BROADS



We are already nearing the end of the 2021 season and I am happy to report that the results of opening have been very positive.

While we have only been able to open up to four days a week with reduced hours, our visitors have returned! The Broads, like many other holiday destinations in this Country, have been enjoying a bumper season due to the need in many cases for 'staycations'.

As reported in the last issue, we undertook major alterations including moving the entrance/exit, reception, shop and café to our newly acquired neighbouring property and so reconfiguring the whole site with an easily followed 'route' through our various buildings and displays. It has worked really well and represents a great improvement on the former arrangements. Also, the extra space allows for more displays with items we have not before been able to include.



At the time of going to print, it is Barton Broad Open Regatta weekend. And the steamboat 'Falcon' is busy ferrying visitors to and from the Punt Club pontoon where they can view the sailing. The electric launch 'Marsh Harrier' too has been very busy these past few months with many happy customers. We are still hoping to be able to offer both boats for private charter, in fact have already taken a few bookings. So if you are interested in a day out for the family or for a corporate 'away-day' - do get in touch.



We held our annual 'Steam and Sail Days' in August in conjunction with Wherry Yacht Charter of Wroxham, meeting up with wherry yacht 'Norada' on Barton Broad – both days very well received. Coming up in September are the national 'Heritage Open Days' – we will be taking part offering free-entry and boat trips (chargeable) on September 12th and 19th. Followed by our 'Halloween Trail' in October. So lots going on! Of course, all the museum exhibitions and displays are available to see – Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am – 3pm so if you haven't already, do come and see us. The Broadland Futures Initiative exhibition also available to view, together with videos and a QR

Code or comments book where you can have your say on the proposals of The Broads Authority and the Environment Agency to tackle the threats posed by climate change.

As always, check out our website www.museumofthebroads.org.uk where you can also book tickets for entry and the boats. You will also find details of the museum's Annual General Meeting on September 23rd and which will be held on zoom as last year.

And finally, we are always happy to hear from those who may be interested in volunteering at the museum in one of the many roles available – interesting work in pleasant surroundings (see website for details)






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CHURCHES AROUND THE BROADS

8. Buckenham : Church of St Nicholas

Hidden away in a remote location, the tower of the Church of St Nicholas, Buckenham, can just be glimpsed through the surrounding trees as you approach from the west. This impressive Grade I listed church lies just to the north of the River Yare, where a ferry once crossed, giving the village the name of Buckenham Ferry.

The church ceased to be regularly used from around the 1970s and was vested in the Redundant Churches Fund in 1979 and has since been carefully rescued from its former derelict condition.

Built mainly of flint rubble with some dark brown ironstone and limestone dressings, it consists of a long nave and chancel of equal height, a north porch and a slender octagonal west tower, the most striking feature of the building. Dating from the 13th century, although its battlements have been restored with later brick, it is octagonal for its full height and is one of the finest of Norfolk's five octagonal church towers.



View of the church from the south-west, with its impressive octagonal tower.

The interior was restored in the early 19th century and has a fine 15th century font carved with figures of saints and colourful Victorian stained glass which is the work of S C Yarrington. The nave and chancel roofs also have 19th century panelled plaster ceilings painted with coloured stencil decoration.



View from the south-east and coloured stained glass to the chancel window..

An interesting discovery was unearthed at the church during restoration work in 1840. Buried beneath the chancel floor were two ancient treasures wrapped in sedge reed; an alabaster tablet carved to depict the martyrdom of St Erasmus and a Greek cross depicting a crowned Christ, now at the St Peter Hungate Museum in Norwich.



19th century panelled and stencilled ceilings to the nave and chancel.

Standing in isolation amid farm fields, the setting of the church is a truly wonderful, rural idyll and it is well worth visiting. No longer used for regular worship, the church is now in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust and is normally open in daylight



hours. Unfortunately, there are no nearby moorings on the river but the church is only a short walk from Buckenham railway station and it is possible to park nearby if visiting by car. The RSPB Buckenham Marshes reserve is just to the south and also worth visiting where there is a path down to the hide by the river and parking is available next to the station.

David Edleston

NEWS FROM WHITLINGHAM COUNTRY PARK



Whitlingham
Country Park

The Park has been a hive of activity this Summer, the warm wet weather has seen an exceptional year of growth and there has been no end to the grass-cutting, vegetation clearance and invasive species control.

Summer works have included the installation of two new memorial benches with another three to be installed later this year. We have completed installation of our new play area which consists of a large log jumble. August was dominated by our effort to remove Ragwort from the Picnic Meadow, a total area of 8 acres. We have pulled ragwort for the last two years and our goal is to be able to cut and bale the meadow, this will improve the wildflower biodiversity by removing nutrients from the system. Our smaller meadows will be cut and raked in September for the same reason, our efforts will be aided by corporate volunteers from Aviva with five groups booked in throughout September. Two groups have already been out to help with Ragwort pulling and vegetation management. This is a huge help to the park, and we are very grateful that we can provide this opportunity.



Volunteer in Himalayan Balsam

All this has been helped along by our three new Kickstarter staff. Here for only 6 months, we are hoping to provide them with a range of experiences that they can take with them and apply to their careers in the future. They have been trained in first aid and completed their Lantra brush-cutter course as well as training on pedestrian mowers and our tractor. They are involved in all aspects of the park and help us three days a week with grass cutting, events, vegetation management, furniture maintenance and anything the park throws at us. Looking forward to the winter they will be involved in coppicing, hedge laying and path repairs.



Play Area



Open Farm Sunday

Our summer of events was kicked off by Open Farm Sunday, a huge day of food and farming held in conjunction with the Crown Point Estate. We estimate nearly 2000 visitors popped down to the park, enjoying tractor rides, local food and displays from British Sugar, Frontier Grain and Ben Burgess to mention a few. Other events this season have included the Norwich Triathlon, Paint Out, Quill and Inking theatre, Teddy Bears Picnic, and the Tour de Broads, which saw 1700 riders depart the park and cycle throughout Norfolk.

As we approach the winter, we will be focusing on coppicing areas of the Great Broad to prepare for extensive path works that will take place in late winter to spring. We are hoping to secure £20,000 in funding to repair over one mile of path around the Great Broad which has seen extensive damage due to the high use throughout the pandemic. Finally, from September 1st the Whitlingham Country Park 24hr moorings will be managed by the Charitable Trust. The moorings will be closed throughout the winter for works with plans to reopen the moorings from Easter onwards, we look forward to welcoming our river-based visitors from then.



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NEWS AND VIEWS

After the publication of the Glover Final Report in September 2019 there was a consultation by DEFRA civil servants, which I took part in. The intention was to publish a White Paper containing the government's proposals in detail. Natural England have already gone ahead with the process of creating some new Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, but we have no White Paper. Instead, a Written Statement was given to Parliament this June, notifying a further consultation, especially with Local Authorities. Who cares? I doubt many people have choked on their breakfast cereal. Does it really matter?

There are two flagship proposals in Glover. One is to create a new body, the National Landscape Service, to co-ordinate the efforts of the National Park Authorities. We understand from the Campaign for National Parks, who were part of the "focus group" discussing the proposals, that NE is not keen on this idea. When National Parks were created in 1949, there was a body called the National Parks Commission, which did very much the same task. NE is the sixth reincarnation of the Commission. So, it seems likely that the task of the NLS may remain in their hands.

Another flagship proposal was to scrap the local government style of running NPAs, in favour of small boards run in accordance with best practice in companies and charities.

National Park Authorities are very much a creature of Local Government. They must have more LA Members than Secretary of State appointees and usually the balance is about 65/35 in their favour. They also use the framework of the Local Government Act 1972 to regulate their meetings. Crucially, they must take their decisions in public, which charities and companies do not.

So what? Does this have any implications for the Broads?

The last time DEFRA considered the English NPAs and the Broads Authority was in 2002. It was recommended that a separate study should be carried out, because both the issues facing the BA and the nature of the body itself were seen as "distinctly different". That study was carried on the following year by Sarah Wooller. It was the Wooller Report which gave rise two years later to the revision of the BA's constitution. Membership was reduced from 35 to only 21. More importantly, the balance of power was turned in the opposite direction to an NPA. The number of DEFRA appointees was actually *increased* to 10 while local authority ones were halved to 9. Since the BA also directly appoints the Members of the Navigation Committee and the selection process for DEFRA members is chaired by the BA, the number of Members owing a – perhaps unconscious – allegiance to the Authority itself, rather than the public, is in the majority. This can be seen in the BA's Code of Conduct for Members, which they themselves voted for. The usual way of understanding the Principle of "Leadership" is that one must exemplify the other 6 Nolan Principles of Public Life *and* be willing to speak out if you consider something is being done wrong. In the BA version, Members

are to publicly defend the Authority's decisions. This sounds worryingly like, "my country right or wrong".

Ms Wooller noted that the BA is unusual – actually unique – in being a Member of the National Park Family which taxes its users. The tolls navigators pay are not an entrance fee to private property, because the Broads are a tidal navigation. We have a "right to roam"; but, the money has to be found to maintain the waterway. It is the price of maintaining and improving what we have, and nothing more. For the last 20 years the cost of tolls have risen steadily in excess of inflation. The tolls for 2001/2 @ £1,325,077 were 27% of total revenue and would amount to £2,204,458 in 2020, according to the Bank of England, if they had kept pace with inflation. The actual bill last year came to £3,505,100, which is 59% more. The intention currently is to increase tolls 4% next year. Now, this historical increase may well be perfectly OK and even laudable. It is certainly what economists call an "inflexible demand". When I buy a pot of pepper corns the price is so small, that I simply don't notice if it has gone up a lot. The point is, I don't know if it is reasonable or not.

Attempts have been made in the past to rectify this kind of problem. When the Broads National Park Bill – as it was originally called – was being debated in Parliament, the national bodies representing commercial and private owners of leisure craft formally objected to the Bill. In return for withdrawing their objections, a "side agreement" was negotiated by which, among other agreements, a "transparent" form of annual report, would allow navigators to see where their money was being spent. The format was 13½ pages long, but has never been used.

If I choose to ask a public question when the BA agenda is published, when the Members are being asked to take a decision, I may not do so unless I deliver it in writing the same day the Agenda is published.

I used to be a Member of the Broads Forum, which had the potential to ask some challenging questions. It was a standing committee which met 4 times a year and presented a report to subsequent BA meetings. The Glover Report has recommended just such a body. When it became obvious the Forum was about to be abolished, several Members tried to persuade the then Chair of the BA to allow us to meet. We wanted to discuss the Peer Review into the Leadership and Governance of the BA, which had just been published. We were told there was "no pressing business", so our meeting was cancelled. When a meeting did finally take place, we were not allowed to elect our own Chair and the first announcement was that the meeting would not be recorded. Subsequently, BA Members were told there was "general agreement" among the Forum that the body had run its course. [No comment]. I can tell you several of us weren't exactly happy, so we complained to two local MPs. Their advice was that a complaint to the Minister was not worthwhile, so they sponsored an investigation by the National Audit Office.

The NAO is a body responsible to MPs alone. Its job is to scrutinise public spending. Sadly, none of their recommendations were adopted by the Minister, but the BA did respond. They changed their formal complaints procedure; now complaints are

disallowed if one complains “at the same time”, to a list of persons/bodies, including one’s MP or the National Audit Office. [No comment, again.]

I could go on...

The BA receives an annual grant from DEFRA. In return, Members must abide by a Code of Conduct. The BA is a hybrid kind of public body, but it is subject to this Code. I have taken a straw poll, which suggests to me that not many Members of the BA are aware of the Code. If a body believes it is not complying, it is obliged to report itself to the Ministry. A rather optimistic scenario.


Members of the public are told they have a right to complain to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman. But one can only complain where one has personally suffered a loss. Being a Member of a class of persons, such as Toll Payers, is not enough. The Ombudsman Service have told me themselves that they feel they are not able to satisfy what the public expect of them. When I pointed out that the Broads Authority, not actually being a true National Park Authority, has been – accidentally no doubt – left off the statutory list of “their” bodies, they went rather quiet.

The picture I am attempting to paint shows – I hope – that the democratic ways of Local Government, bureaucratic though they perhaps are, are the best solution. The checks and balances we currently have are really not up to the task. Government *knows* Quangos are remote and unaccountable. Democracy is especially the best solution for *us*, the “National Park” which taxes its users.

I think we need “Wooller 2021” to have another detailed look at our governance.

PS – Some good news, I think. Somebody managed to get Glover to propose the navigation should be subject to a “strengthened” Sandford Principle and also that, “the requirement for the Broads Authority to account for income and expenditure from National Park Grant and Navigation separately”, is an, “unnecessary complexity”. I managed to persuade Duncan Baker and Jerome Mayhew MPs to visit the Secretary of State George Eustice. He has agreed to “park” these proposals. See, I told you democracy works.

Paul Savage



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Love the Broads provides a grant to the Wherry Maud

A grant of £1,000 has been awarded to the iconic Wherry Maud to be used towards the purchase of a more powerful support vessel. The previous tender was found to lack power and the 6hp well-worn outboard was not sufficient resulting, on occasions when crossing Breydon Water, having to use two dinghies.



It was considered that a tender with an inboard engine should be purchased to enable more sailings and to cope with the inconsistency of weather conditions. A suitable boat has been built and is of the same era as “Maud” and looks much more traditional. The engine is a Nanni 20hp diesel, capable of pushing “Maud” against wind and tide. We wish Wherry Maud well with her new tender.

Linda Pargeter, a Trustee of the Wherry Maud Trust, receiving the grant cheque

Small grants still available

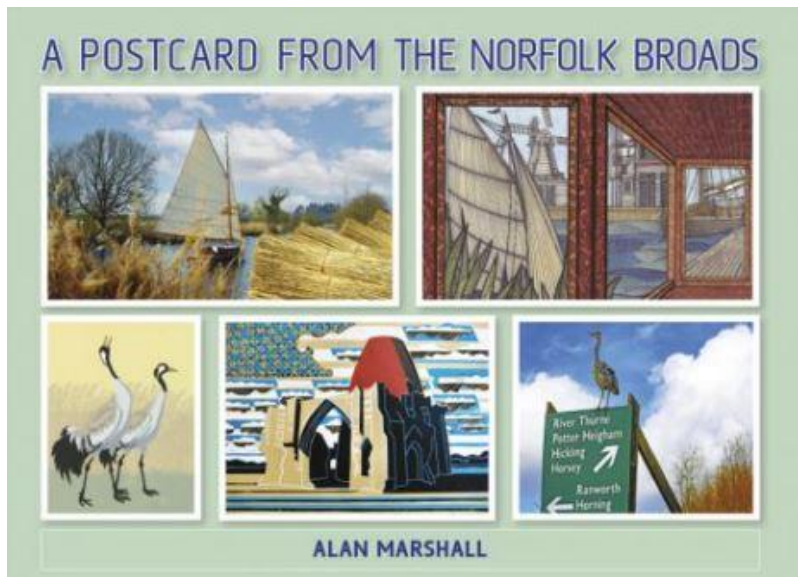
Small grants of around £1,000 are still available for exciting projects within the Broads National Park. See our website [APPLY FOR FUNDS | Love The Broads](#) for all the information needed. If you would like further information or for an informal chat please contact Peter Howe peterh@broadsrust.org.uk or 07887 480331.

Polite reminder - You can win £25,000 whilst helping to keep the Broads special.

We are delighted that we are receiving some donations from the Community at Heart weekly draw with a jackpot of £25,000 for a matching sequence of six numbers. Other prizes available are £2,000, £250, £25 or three free tickets. Our grateful thanks to those Broads Society Members that have purchased tickets already. It's simple to buy a ticket. Just use the link below and search for “The Broads Trust” and you will find us. Go on – someone's got to win and it could be you – and the Broads. [Community at Heart Lottery - Support a good cause & maybe even win big! - Community at Heart Lottery](#)

BOOK REVIEWS

A Postcard from the Norfolk Broads



Published in 2021 by Mascot Media Ltd of Granary Barn, Mill Road, Sutton, Norfolk, this book by Alan Marshall, provides a souvenir of the landscape, locations and wildlife of the Broads in the form of paintings, original prints, photographs and vintage postcards.

Readers are taken on an illustrated journey through the Broads starting at

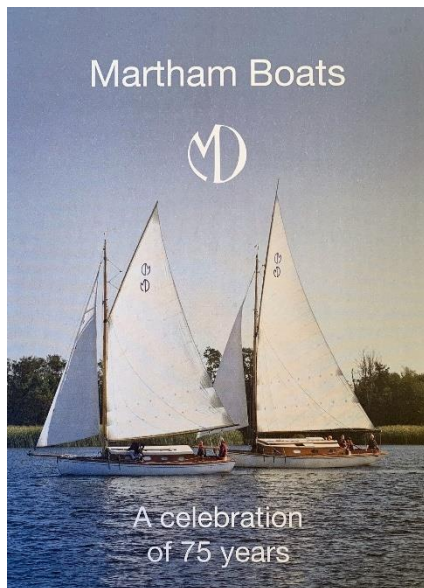
Hickling and Horsey along the River Thurne and the River Bure down to Acle and then on to Coltishall, before taking the River Ant from Wayford Bridge via Stalham, Sutton, Barton Broad and down to How Hill. The journey then continues with a snapshot of the southern Broads including Breydon Water, Berney Arms, Brundall, Oulton Broad and Beccles. Along with beauty spots, nature and landmarks along these rivers, the book also makes visits to South Walsham, Salhouse, Malthouse, Ranworth and Wroxham Broads.

The author has provided poster-format photography and reproduced selected postcards from his personal collection. There are also images from a number of Norfolk and Suffolk based artists ranging from linocuts, etchings and wood engravings to paintings and the distinctive ink/crayon work of the late Robert Chaplin, who lived in Ludham.

The artistic snapshots provide a taste of what the Broads have to offer, but the book doesn't attempt to be an exhaustive guide and encourages the reader to discover other areas and viewpoints for themselves. It aims to whet the appetite for those arriving and provide lasting memories for those returning home.

Priced at £12.95, the book is paperback with 128 pages and is very well laid out with numerous colour images from 10 contributors and photographs from Alan Marshall's portfolio. ISBN 978-1-8384773-0-1

Martham Boats A celebration of 75 years



Written by Diane Naylor, this book tells the story of five friends Maurice Davey, James (Jimmy) Brown, Frank Skoyles, Durwood Wright and Jack Pritchard who had been boatbuilding apprentices together and set up the business which became the Martham Boat Building and Development Company in 1946. They moved to a boatyard on the River Thurne at Martham, owned by Jack. It celebrates the 75th anniversary of a genuine family boatyard which is one of the last few remaining family run boatyards in the Broads. It was once the third largest boatyard in Broadland and was widely known as Brown's boatyard, but today is known as Martham Boats.

The boatyard is renowned for the beautiful, traditional wooden boats built by its craftsmen which are still hired out to holiday makers today. Martham Boats is now run by brothers Patrick and Ian, grandsons of one of the founders who operate their fleet of yachts, cruisers, dayboats and canoes from the same premises. The book describes the full history of the boatyard which is illustrated with many archive photographs of boating on the Broads over the past 75 years.

The book is paperback with 111 pages and is priced at £7.99. A fascinating read for anyone interested in the history of holiday boating on the Broads, it is available from Martham Boats, Cess Road, Martham, NR29 4RF and can be ordered on line at www.marthamboats.com

David Edleston

The advertisement for Jeckells features a light blue background with a white dashed border. At the top left, the Jeckells logo is displayed in a red, stylized font, with 'Est. 1852' above it and 'Upholsterers Covermakers & Chandlers' below it. The phone number '01603 784488' is prominently shown. A red banner with white text reads 'Established over 180 years'. To the right, a photograph shows a boat with a blue and white canopy. Below the banner, a list of services is provided: '* Canopies; Flybridge', '* Tonneaus/Biminis', '* Console/Seat Covers', '* Screen Covers', '* RIB Covers', '* Sprayhoods/Sailcovers', '* Cover Repairs/Valeting Service', '* Winter Covers', and '* Dodgers/Sun Awnings'. On the left, another list of services is shown: '* Interior/Exterior Upholstery', '* New, recover or repairs', and '* Curtains, carpets and soft linings'. Below this list is a photograph of a boat's interior. At the bottom right, contact information is listed: 'Head Office: 01603 784488', 'Chandlery: 01502 565007', 'www.jeckells.net', and 'jeckells@jeckells.net'.

RECENT NEWS FROM THE BROADS AUTHORITY



Apprentice-led mill restoration project through to National Construction Awards Final

An award-winning project to train young people in Broads' mill restoration skills has made it through to the prestigious Constructing Excellence National Final Awards, administered by the Building Research Establishment (BRE).

Two Broads Authority apprentices have spent a year of painstaking work restoring a 200-year-old drainage mill, '6 Mile House' for future generations to enjoy. After the quality of their workmanship was acknowledged at the Norfolk Constructing Excellence Awards in the Preservation and Rejuvenation category (May 2021), they subsequently won the Regional award in the category of Conservation and Regeneration (August 2021). The project is now through to the National Final Awards.

The vast majority of the work was completed thanks to the enthusiasm, perseverance and professionalism of Heritage Construction Skills Apprentices, Brandon Jarvis and Tom Allen, and their dedicated Supervisor, Sean Grimes. Brandon and Tom, whose training is supported by City College Norwich, carried out the restoration of Six Mile House drainage mill, on Halvergate marshes.

The project saw the apprentices restore the whole 4-storey mill. They replaced the mill's doors and windows, as well as repairing and re-coating the brickwork. In addition, they reinstated the stairs and floors inside the structure. They then built a unique cap to put on top of it. Careful consideration was given to ensuring that the restoration of the mill was sympathetic with both the heritage and ecological needs of the Broads. The mill now features new bat boxes, part of a wildlife enhancement scheme for bats and owls, and will hopefully will become a haven for many birds, mammals and reptiles. The grade II listed mill dates back to the 1800s and was originally used to drain land south of the River Bure. Its restoration is part of the Water, Mills and Marshes: Broads Landscape Partnership, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, to repair several of the iconic drainage mills on Halvergate marshes - an area which boasts one of the greatest concentrations of such mills in Europe.

Andrew Farrell, Broads Authority, Water, Mills & Marshes Programme Manager, said of the achievement:

"We are so grateful to have won the Regional award and then make it through to the Final. It is a testament to their outstanding work, what our small team was able to accomplish over the past year, in spite of the many hurdles to overcome during the pandemic. We're continuing on our mission to help preserve and restore more of the

iconic drainage mills in the Broads, and integrate heritage skills and innovative solutions to ensure that they will continue to stand for generations to come.”

A spokesperson for Constructing Excellence said of the project:

“This winning submission, as part of the Conservation and Regeneration Award demonstrates just how much the construction industry is progressing. Nonetheless, it shows that you and your team are very much at the forefront of that.”

Carpentry Apprentice, Tom Allen, 27, said:

“The mill was pretty much hollow before, the only thing left in it was the main shaft. We put a new roof on it and made stairs from scratch, which I hadn’t done before. Because the mill was a bit wonky, as some of the building had sunk, it required a bit more playing around with things.”

Reflecting on the pair’s award-winning restoration work, bricklaying apprentice Brandon Jarvis, 25, said:

“Obviously I took pride in seeing the end result. It was pretty cool to see, knowing we’d done it all ourselves. I’d like to stay in this line of work, working on heritage buildings. It’s just something I’ve always been interested in. I’ve always preferred historic buildings over modern ones.”



Six Mile House before, during and after restoration

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Tom also plans to continue working in heritage construction after his apprenticeship. The Water, Mills and Marshes team head to the Constructing Excellence National Final Awards on 28 January 2022 at the London Marriott, Grosvenor Square

NEWS SNIPPETS

St Benet's Abbey Annual Service

The Bishop of Norwich in his role as the Abbot of St Benet's led the annual outdoor service at St Benet's Abbey on Sunday 1 August 2021. In accordance with tradition the Bishop arrived at St Benet's by water, this year on board the Wherry Yacht Norada owned by the Wherry Yacht Charter Charitable Trust.



Redevelopment of Bridge Hotel Site, Potter Heigham

The planning application for the proposed redevelopment of the former Bridge Hotel site adjacent to Potter Heigham bridge, was refused by the Broads Authority Planning Committee on 18 June 2021. The proposals included 12 flats for holiday let, a restaurant and associated car parking. The reasons given for refusal included 'more vulnerable' development in Flood Zone 3b (the functional floodplain) and therefore not in accordance with policy; insufficient information on the impact on the historic environment, particularly Potter Heigham Bridge as a Scheduled Monument and Grade II* listed building and the lack of an Arboricultural Impact Assessment and detailed Landscape Scheme.

Ludham Bridge Stores & Wayfarers Café

At the time of writing, the Broads Society has just been reconsulted on further revised proposals for the demolition of the existing stores and café and redevelopment of the site to include a replacement building to provide a new cafe and stores along with a

further building to provide 3 holiday lets to the rear. The North Rivers Sub-Committee will now be considering the revised scheme, with a view to submitting comments to the Broads Authority.

New Village Sign at Wroxham



A new village sign for Wroxham was unveiled in July by the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, the Lady Dannatt MBE. Standing some 7ft high, the sign is made from solid granite, sculpted with water symbols and reeds with the carving of a Norfolk Wherry on top and bears the name 'Wroxham Capital of the Norfolk Broads'. Located on the busy Norwich Road at the junction with The Avenue, it was sculpted by local master stonemason, Nick Hindle whose vision was to create something different to other village signs. The idea for a new village sign to give Wroxham its identity, not just for villagers, but for the many passing tourists on their way to the Broads, came from consultations with Wroxham residents during the formation of the Neighbourhood Plan. Three years ago.

Reedham Pubs and Eateries

Many of you will remember Crouchens Stores on the riverside in Reedham which closed around 2004 and later became Cupcakes tea room. After being vacant for some time the building reopened in 2021 as Cannell's by the River. Open 7 days a week from 8am, this farm shop, deli and patisserie sells an extensive range of local produce along with light lunches, snacks and drinks to eat in or takeaway.



Reedham is fortunate in still having three pubs, despite being somewhat off the beaten track with only the presence of the ferry bringing any passing trade by road. The Ship

has recently gained new tenants Maria and Rich who miraculously managed to reopen at the end of July. The Lord Nelson has been managed by Annie and Jamie since late 2020. The Ferry Inn has been in the same family for 70 years and has its own moorings plus a touring park. All three pubs provide a wide food offering.

The village benefits, particularly during the summer months, from the extensive quay which provides moorings for both private and hire craft. The main part of the village has around sixteen moorings mostly leased by the Broads Authority as part of their free, 24 hour provision, three owned by The Lord Nelson which can be booked for a small fee and The Ship has space for one or two craft tucked in close to the swing railway bridge.

Other places to note include the Post Office Café which has been a popular breakfast and snack venue for a couple of years now, a three day per week Fish & Chip shop and a General Store and Brewery next door to Pettitts Animal Adventure Park open seven days a week.

By the time you get to read this, it is likely that some establishments have gone into winter opening hours, so please contact them for the latest information. All have details available on line.

New Café at Broom Boats, Brundall



A new riverside café bar opened in July at Broom Boats, Brundall. The Food Vault offers a selection of hot food, snacks and drinks including teas, coffees, cakes, paninis and pizzas amongst other things and is operated by Ginger Lily Catering Ltd. Open from Fridays through to Tuesdays the café welcomes visitors and residents Check The Food Vault Facebook page for opening times and further details.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP WITH PUBLICITY & EVENTS?

The leaflet included with this edition of Harnser has a brief member survey printed on the back of the AGM booking form. We would encourage you to complete and return this simple questionnaire as we are seeking your views on the contents of Harnser along with suggestions for any other topics or items that you would like to see included in future editions. The survey form is also available for completion and submission on the Broads Society website. Harnser is the main means of communication with our members and a considerable amount of time and effort is involved in the preparation

of four issues per year. We are therefore also looking for other members who would like to assist with this work in any way. Members are also encouraged to prepare and submit items of interest for publication which are always welcome.

There have been very limited opportunities this year to attend events, promote the Society and to seek new members, with the Society stand only being used on a couple of occasions at the Museum of the Broads. We hope to have a full programme of



events for next year which will be published in Harnser as soon as available. We have a very small group of members who regularly contribute to this important work and we are therefore looking for other members who would like to join us on the Broads Society stand and help to raise awareness of the Society. Please get in touch if you can help in any way. Any assistance would be very much appreciated.

The Broads Society stand at the Museum of the Broads Heritage Open Day



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Here is your first activity: spot the five differences in the pirate picture (answers below)



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Can you find 6 rivers of The Broads in the wordsearch. And do you think any are missing?

Let us know at
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Spot the difference answers: sword, wooden leg, hat, buckle, ear ring

BROADS SOCIETY MERCHANDISE



We are happy to be able to announce that Society branded merchandise is available once again. We are offering as a start, five items, plus a safety sticker, as detailed below. More are planned. We have tried to select useful, attractive and sustainable products which by ordering you will be helping to promote the Society, contributing to funds and helping with *Harnser* production costs. For ordering, postage and payment details please call 07393 422006 or email : boathousenorfolk@btconnect.com



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2. Pens



3. Coffee Mug



4. Tote Bag



5. Note Book




6. Sticker

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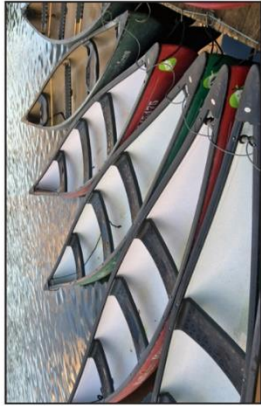
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