

HUNTER'S YARD



Newsletter of the Friends of the Hunter Fleet



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Editorial

Welcome to Issue 60 of the newsletter.

I am amazed to discover that this is the 19th issue that I have edited since I became Editor in August 2011.

The time has gone so quickly and I have so enjoyed the job and being in correspondence with so many Friends and welcoming their contributions to the newsletter, which continue to flow in, which means that I always have contributions for succeeding issues and never have to scratch my head to think what I should be including in any particular issue.

In this issue, apart from the regular contributors, there are excerpts from the junior 2016 log books in the Junior Hunters column (p.15) with promise of further excerpts next time and junior sailing stories in subsequent issues.

There is some important news from the Trustees on p. 10 and Vikki reports that the Yard had a presence at both Ludham Open Gardens Day and the Norfolk Show (p. 8). There is Friends correspondence and details of future events and if any Friend feels that they would like to be further involved with the Friends organisation in any way, do get in touch. I hope the remainder of the summer provides good weather for sailing and look forward to seeing many of you at the Autumn event on Saturday 30 September. *Christine*

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The Chair Rambles....

I started sailing on the Broads in the early 1960s when I was a member of a local church where broads sailing holidays/bible study at Easter had been a feature since the mid fifties. From stories told by other people it seems that the skippers were chosen on the basis of their standing in the church rather than their sailing skills which probably explains how, whilst setting sail on the first day, our vicar managed to ram a boat under the charge of the Bishop of Norwich, who was setting forth to visit his riverside parishes, thus forcing the Bishop to return for repairs. In those days Woods had the largest hire fleet of sailing boats on the Broads and leaving Potter on Saturdays was at best a challenge, and at worse an absolute nightmare! I suspect Vikki could tell similar stories about organised cruises booking Hunter boats in the recent past.

Later on, a second annual cruise at the beginning of September was started, run by younger people who had, against the odds, learned to sail on the Easter cruises and it was on one of these holidays that I had my first experience of sailing on the Broads or anywhere else for that matter.

In 1965 I joined the sailing club at Gravesend on the Thames in Kent. In those days the London upper docks and wharves were still operational and the Thames was a busy commercial tidal river. It was still heavily polluted and even at Gravesend if you fell in and drank the water you were carted off to the hospital for a check up!

The sailing club had started a training section for beginners which amongst other

things placed great emphasis on safety. The tide ran very strongly, even the smallest commercial craft felt they had right of way over weekend sailors, and heaven help you if you caused problems crossing the deep water channel by getting in the way of deep sea cargo vessels which were restricted to this channel and could not go anywhere else!! The PLA and the river police would come down on you like a ton of bricks.

The greatest hazard however, were the moorings of swim headed dumb lighters. Towed by tugs, they used to transport anything from rubbish to chests of tea, but when idle they were moored 3 abreast to large permanent mooring buoys and, when the tide was running hard, water was squashed between their slanted sides and under the flat angled bows. The only fatality the club had ever had up that time was in very calm conditions when visiting sailors ignored local advice and sailed up tide across a trot of moored barges and their boat was swept underneath!

The Broads may not, at first glance, appear to have anything so dramatic to offer the holiday sailors but navigating through Yarmouth on the ebb tide without a motor, when the moorings are three deep with motor cruisers, needs the same sort of care and understanding of the situation and the necessary precautions to be taken.

The same caution needs to be taken wherever water is squeezed through a narrowing space e.g. bridges, and the Reedham railway swing bridge.

Elsewhere the tides may not seem so significant but leaving a crowded mooring under full sail without first assessing wind

direction and force and the seemingly insignificant current, whilst not life threatening, can, at the very least be profoundly ego denting or ,worse, involve phone calls to the yard plus paperwork!

I have never had to fill in paperwork, but, over the years, my ego has, from time to time, received a severe hammering! It seems you can never be too old to have to re-learn lessons you first learned many years ago.

On a lighter note, I subscribe to a bimonthly magazine called Watercraft (other boating magazines are available) and in the latest edition, July/August, is an article “Restoring Peggotty” about restoring a clinker built motor cruiser in which I was introduced to the wooden boatbuilding term “Gerald”. The name rang some sort of vague bell with me but until I read this article I had no idea what it was, where it was, or what it did. I decided to go “on line “ to find out more and on You Tube came across a whole series of short films showing various stages in the construction of different types of wooden boats under the general heading of “Traditional Maritime Skills” which answered all of the above questions and showed me how to make one. I discovered that, as the former owner of a clinker built YW Dayboat I had also owned a number of “Geralds”.

Many of you may well be aware of this site already but to me it was something of a revelation. I don't know how many films there are on this site but I am working my way through them.

Happy Days.

Rodney Longhurst.

ITEMS FUNDED BY THE FRIENDS

*Awnings for *Hustler2, Hustler3, Wood Sorrel, Luna & Valliant Rebel*

(Also for *Hustler 1* and *Lustre* from a donation from Angela Macadam)

*Awnings for a Wood and a “L” class

*Sails for *Buff Tip* and *Sundew*

*Dinghy sails,3 sets

*Bedding for all boats

*Burgees for cabin boats and day boats

*6 hook blocks

*Oak Log(2015)

*New vacuum cleaners

*Prizes for log entries for 2015 & 2016

*Prize for 2016 photo competition

Items agreed for funding but not yet paid for:

*Subsidise Youth Sailing discounts

*Possible scheme to offer local schools RYA courses

*Awnings for 2 Wood class

*Sails, a set for each class

*Roll of linoleum

*New First Aid boxes

*Prizes for log entries for 2017

*Prizes for 2017 photo competition



Ludham Open Gardens Day

Membership News

It is 04:40 and I am at presently sitting on *Wood Violet* listening to heavy drumming of the rain on canvas, with birdsong breaking through the dawn. It is the first day of the Norfolk Show, waterproofs will be needed for those who are manning the stand! I fear we may be in competition for Glastonbury mud this year.

In the March edition of the Newsletter I reported that we had 850 members, yesterday I welcomed our 895th member into the Friends. I am delighted to say that we have an increase in new families joining. Watching the teamwork between siblings, as they make ready to sail, is always great fun and brings back many memories for us all.

I believe Philip Bray kindly donated the photograph that is on our new Membership Gift Voucher.

This would make a wonderful birthday or Christmas present. The vouchers are on display at the Yard or I can pop one in the post to you.



AGM

I would like to personally thank Jennifer who very kindly volunteered to step into

my shoes this AGM. As you know, there could not have been anyone more suited and I felt happy knowing you were in such safe and caring hands. I understand that you all had a jolly good time, the weather was kind and the sailing good. Pam thoroughly enjoyed taking some of you around Horse Fen and cannot wait until next year. Neil and I were having a marvellous time sitting in an overcrowded, totally disorganised departure lounge in Addis Ababa after spending a sleepless night in a horrendously noisy hotel!

Photo Competition

We have already received some wonderful entries but there is still plenty of time for you to enter your favourite photo!

To enter just send your picture of 'a moment in time' whilst sailing one of Percy's boats to:- Email: louise.hopkinson@huntersyard.co.uk

Post: Louise Hopkinson, 8 Spencer Road, Lutterworth, Leics LE17 4PG

Last entry date 8th September 2017. The winners will be announced at the Autumn Picnic on 30th September 2017.

As many of you are aware, I have been looking at ways to simplify the renewal process of the Friends of the Hunter Fleet Membership. So far I have had a great response, thank you. I would be extremely grateful if everyone would kindly consider changing their renewal date to 1st January 2018.

Louise Hopkinson

Two Day Skippered Sails, 2017

Philip, Poppy and I always look forward to this yearly event. It gives us an enormous amount of pleasure to take members out on the water. We often have the same Friends join us each year. Even before this year's sails start, we are half-booked for 2018, such is the pull of these beautiful boats.

This Friends' event is a very social affair with plenty of sailing followed by a meal at a nearby pub or restaurant. We often have members of the Yard team joining us for the evening. This year we sailed down to Horning. The Bure flows through fen, where the wind blows true across the landscape. Near Horning Hall the Carr Woodland starts and the trees block the wind, making sailing difficult as the skippers search for the gaps in the trees. At one time on Horning Church Reach we were stationary with only occasional gusts keeping us from drifting backwards. The two Hustlers were yards apart and as is often the case one got a little wind before the other and reaches away. Such is the way in Norfolk in amongst the trees.

The week was to be a very blustery one, the winds picking up on Sunday morning developing into 40kt gusts by Wednesday, so for only the second time we had to cancel one of the two day sails. We will be taking these Friends out in September.

Our first crews arrived from far afield, Chris from Alcester, Pete braved the M25 coming up from Guildford. We also had two new members, Roger and Val, who ventured forth from Dorset, joining us for the first time. The Hustlers left the Yard on Sunday under full sail and in brilliant

sunshine (*see picture*).

The following morning after a fabulous breakfast at the Moorhen, cooked by Neil & Josie Grant, we started our sail back to the Yard. We left Horning in gusty conditions with one reef, as it freshened the second went in near Horning Hall. Lunch was had in the lee of some tallish trees near South Walsham, during which the wind began to gust to 30kts or so. Philip and I made the decision to go for three reefs for the sail back to the Yard and it proved the right one. The sail was exhilarating as the wind picked up, blowing a strong gale as we roared down Womack to end with a very successful coming to at the Yard.

By Tuesday lunchtime a proper gale was down upon us and the rain started. We waited it out from the safety of the yard, enjoying quite a few cups of tea, watching bits of greenery whistle by and the boats safely at their moorings being buffeted by enormous gusts.

Luckily for us the weather calmed enough for us to have an exciting sail with three reefs with the last crews on Thursday: Fran and Derrick (who have been with us since the beginning) on *Hustler 2* and new members, Arthur and Jane, with Philip on *Hustler 4*. Thurne Mouth was where we had the strongest gusts. By the time we entered the trees the wind had dropped a good bit, although it was more of an apparent drop due to the trees shielding the gusts. After arriving at our mooring in sunshine and pleasant winds, we strolled to the New Inn where we enjoyed a very good meal before turning in, very satisfied that we got a sail in.



Sunday 4th June

The last day we enjoyed a very pleasant sail without a reef all day. The skies were at their Norfolk best, our only concern was being hit by one of the dark wandering storms. It was not until we were running down Womack that the rain came, warm and gentle, so in the end very pleasant to sail in. We arrived back at the Yard in good spirits, got the boats put away and relaxed in warm sunshine with a cup of tea.

Every year the wildlife sightings increase which is a good reflection on the health of The Broads. We saw more cuckoos than last year, lots of marsh harriers and a few kingfishers. The reeds were bursting with

reed buntings, sedge, reed warblers while in the skies above us terns, and gulls quartered the river for fish. Damsel flies and butterflies were about before the gale and we even spotted a norfolk hawker dragonfly near Horning Church.

In 2018, we are sailing on The Ant and, as previously mention, this is already half booked. So if you would like to join us then give me a ring on 07930 910870 or send me an email:

neil.hopkinson@huntersyard.co.uk to secure a place.

Neil Hopkinson



From the Yard

Vikki Walker Yard Manager

Pictures by Vikki Walker & Philip Bray

Woohoo, exciting times are here again with the season now in full swing. Not to mention the varied but mainly nice weather we've been having here too, lucky us!

As I write this I can hear the bird song just outside the office and gazing out of the window I can see a blue sky full of fluffy clouds, the burgees gently flapping in the wind at the top of the masts, full of their ropes and pulleys. The girls are sitting in the dyke, their lovely cream covers shining in the sunlight, all ready to get to work again with our new arrivals for this next week. (*See Vikki's lovely picture on front cover*).

It's moments like these that remind me just how lucky we are to be able to work in such a wonderful spot with such historic craft, doing the important job of keeping these girls 'going' for everyone to enjoy. It also reminds me just how much the Friends of the Fleet do to help us do our jobs and that actually, it isn't just us, the team here taking care of the 'ole gals' because without all of you in 'our team', we just couldn't take care of the girls so well. You are all part of our team helping us to look after them and we are very appreciative of all that you do too, we really just couldn't do it without you. So, a big heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you.....thank you.

Well now, I'm sure you're wondering how

it's going booking wise this year? Well, so far, we've had even more short break bookings than ever before for some reason. Having shorter breaks does make more work for everyone but at the same time also means we get to welcoming more people here each season so with the minus we get the plus too.

Speaking of meeting more new people; the AirBnB has been going very well indeed. We get to meet people who would've otherwise never thought to come to see us and when they get here everyone is always so pleased to stay here and that they have found us, which really is heartening. Some have returned more than once, some have gone out on skippered sails and some have become Friends too. So far we have welcomed 28 new couples to the Yard and it means the 'ole gals' are still earning their keep.

As you may all know by now, we have joined forces with the other sailing yacht hire companies on the Broads, (sadly there are only 5 of us left now) working together as one voice with all matters sailing and encouraging 'sailing on the Norfolk Broads'. We have so far been to the Norfolk Show and the Ludham Open Gardens together. Martham Boats and Eastwood Whelpton came to the yard for the Open Gardens and we each had a boat on view along with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust and

An artist called Elizabeth too. The new owner Andrew Mackney let us borrow *Zin Zin* to take to the Norfolk Show which once again was well received and enjoyed by all who visited.

Boat Lighting

Philip Peake aka 'Mr P' has now put some battery lighting on *Hustler 4* and we'll report back later in the year to let you know the results but so far so good.

Engine on Lucent

Just thought you would like to know that we

are no further forward on the engine front as we are still looking for funding for the trial but as soon as we get the funding we will let you know when the trial will take place.

OK, I've bored you now long enough but wish you all a great remaining season and if you've not been down to visit us yet this year, we hope to perhaps have the honour before October or at your next event on 30th September.

Vikki



Ludham Open Gardens(above) and Royal Norfolk Show, with Zin Zin (below)



TRUSTEES AND FRIENDS NEWS

TRUSTEES NEWS

. Lucent and the Electric Motor

Many friends of the Fleet feel very strongly on the matter of motorising one of the yachts in the fleet. Some have been good enough to take the time to point in the direction of various different ways in which it could be done, thank you for that.

At the Friends AGM John Arnold of Torqueedo very kindly brought along our preferred option, a motor and propeller pod which mounts beneath the hull, the lithium batteries and their charging unit and the controls. He stayed to answer all the questions which Friends asked. We are now able to report that not only did a number of Friends make generous donations towards the project but that the Norman Foundation, a local Norfolk charity, has given us a grant of £4,000 which together with your donations makes a total of £5,500 towards the cost of around £9,000. There are one or two other grant applications in the pipeline which may or may not be successful and if any more Friends would like to make a contribution then that would also be wonderful.

We can now say that we expect to have *Lucent* powered by the Torqueedo inboard auxiliary electric engine for the 2018 season. Unless you get close enough to *Lucent* to look into the cockpit you will not be able to tell that she has an engine. There will be no disfiguring outboard mounted on the transom nor will there be the exhaust and noise of a Diesel engine

Neville Khambatta, Vice-Chairman, NHFT

TRUSTEE VACANCY

The Norfolk Heritage Fleet Trust has a vacancy for a trustee and is seeking someone with experience in fund-raising. The Trustees meet for formal meetings every other month but other involvement throughout the year is expected. If anyone is interested or would like further details they should contact the Chairman (Bruce Elson) or the Secretary (Philip Bray) via the Yard.

FRIENDS NEWS

Autumn Sailing Picnic: Saturday 30th September

Our Autumn Picnic has evolved over the years to become a celebration of the Hunters Boats. You may have the chance to take the helm under the direction of one of our superb skippers in one of 'Percy's Ladies'. Neil will endeavour to arrange a sail on your favourite boat but this cannot be guaranteed.

Jeremy Halls, from English Nature, will be running guided wildlife walks in and around Horsefen, which will include a spot of pond dipping.

For those of you not wishing to sail, we will have one of the **Nancy Oldfield** boats at the Yard for morning and afternoon cruises. There is a special pleasure watching the yachts tacking back and forth out on the river.

New for 2017: One of my childhood pleasures was rowing down the river. During lunch, you will now be able to use one of the yard's dinghies to teach your child or grandchild this ancient art. Perhaps you would just prefer to spend 20 minutes absorbing the delights of Womack Water. Please book on the day.

AGM Saturday 28th April 2018

This event is an indicator that spring has arrived with 'Percy's Ladies' lying resplendent in the dyke fresh from a winter of maintenance.

As last year we will have **Pam Taylor** from **The Dragonfly Society** taking a wildlife walk in and around Horsefen during the afternoon.

After the AGM the barbecue will be ready and waiting before an afternoon of skippered sails.

Two Day Skippered Sails 10th- 15th June 2018

This popular event is already booking up for our return in 2018 to The Ant.

The narrowness of the river enables you to test your skills at tacking and using every breath of wind to keep way on. Barton Broad is the prize for your endeavours, with the shallows of Irstead Shoals the last challenge. Philip and Neil often have the opportunity to hone their quanting skills on this particular river!

On the way up, we shall visit How Hill. Here you can walk up to the café for tea and cakes or enjoy an ice cream bought from Toad Cottage. You will see wildlife in abundance. One of the highlights of this sail is the vast expanse of Barton Broad where you can sail over almost all of its waters.

2017 Photo Competition "A moment in time" closes on Friday 8 September

.FRIENDS WRITE

Electric outboards are a brilliant idea!

From Jack Thwaites, Smallburgh

The problem of being an ageing sailor, and you have many on your books as Friends, is that I will not go out in any boat where I have to quant for more than five minutes. I'm too wobbly and feel too insecure ! I've sailed all my life in Norfolk punts, white boats and now I sail my international 12 .. but I do NOT want to quant in a broads cruiser--finding somewhere to moor, have supper and bed down when you have no wind and it five thirty pm and tired can be a nightmare ! The other point worth saying is that not all the rivers are " sail able",on account of high trees these days, blocking the wind ,as you know . 'Twas not like that fifty years ago when I was young. or when your boats were built.. I also tried last year. I almost fell in ! How would I get back in the boat ? Where would I dry my clothes ? I'm even a bit scared of breaking an arm or something . No , not for me. If you truly want to get old sailors like me who love what you do, to hire your boats, as I would, then, think about spending £2000 on an electric motor which is quiet, and which you can switch from boat to boat, at will. Please don't get an inboard motor ! The clients will go above 5mph which they shouldn't and they are hugely heavy and expensive AND YOU CAN'T SWITCH FROM BOAT TO BOAT. I will book a week straight off , if you do it !I would expect you to give me instruction plus a leaflet and charge me £10 a day over and above the normal rate ,for the pleasure of having that back up !I would

love to hire your boats . Only if ? Kind Regards,

Jack

Sepia or not

From Jacque Bunton

Hi Christine,

Just re reading the newsletter and saw you would like some opinions on the colour, I would change to colour photos with a dark grey text, 80% black, as you say it is a shame that you have to change the photos to sepia, you are loosing some of the beautiful colours of the broads. Look forward to seeing the end result.

Jacques

From Andy Cowburn

Hi Christine,

I'm in favour of modernising, at least with a wrap around of colour front and back.. More colour the better.-*Andy gives examples of publications from other local Norfolk organisations to make his point.*

From John Bowley

Thank you for offering an opportunity to comment, but please keep the newsletter in sepia and much as it is. The picture on the March issue front cover would not have looked so good in colour. I have found that I can get better modelling, shadowing and clarity when I change a colour image to monochrome. Colour in magazines etc has become common. I do not object to just a centre spread in colour, with the rest in sepia. But surely all sepia is the most cost-effective. Although I could take the newsletter through the computer, I prefer to get the printed version as it is easier and more convenient. Regards, *John*

From John Bowley

Norfolk Broads Sailing Adventure - July 2016-A piece written for distribution around families, rather than as a log. But may be considered of sufficient general interest. Our combined ages are 145 years.

Regards, John Bowley

Our holiday was lovely, with fine weather and usually sufficient wind throughout. The boat was a classic Broads yacht, a 7m wooden half-decker, almost as old as us, without an engine, hired from a 1930s-50s boat preservation yard, an ex-racer with an exciting performance. We had a new experience of tacking upwind along the river and the cuts to the broads, plus the enjoyment of well-over fast sailing in fair winds coming across the beam.

My struggles to get into and out of the 19th.c stylishly low cabin on the previous hired classic yacht suggested for this time a day boat, without on-board accommodation, and spending our nights ashore. So we stayed over-night in comfortable bed & breakfast accommodation in Ranworth.

The boatyard is in Ludham. We had never before actually seriously sailed a boat for any distance along rivers. We had simply dodged the effort and motored through the narrow parts. But, for this holiday, it was to be a genuine all sailing adventure experience on an engineless old boat which came with oars. I had assumed rowing along the rivers and cuts. I told the Yard that we would appreciate available advice.

On our first day we spent a while, of course, getting the boat-cover off and setting up the sails. Then a Yard boat-builder very nicely

offered to come with us on a try-out. It was quite stunning how the boat swiftly shot off along the narrow cut to the river, with the thrill of gurgling rushing water alongside.

The passed-on experience and tips on handling this boat on the river and cuts were invaluable. We then went off on our own, as far as the Thurne windmills, and came back to a perfect berthing, gliding in with sails dropped, as if as a team, in a way which was never quite subsequently repeated. But it showed us that this beautiful boat would sail up and down the river, even well into the wind. The boat which we hired, *Sundew*, is a Waveney class racer, built in 1951. It is altogether lovely. The boat is steady when stepped onto and cannot capsize. It could be swamped but for the narrow side decks which inhibit water coming in when the boat is pressed over in hard wind. It is quite safe.

On our second day of sailing, after making sure that everything was just so, we left the boatyard to sail to Malthouse Broad. Our boat sped away down the cut and all by itself overtook a nice lugsail boat, for we had no real means of speed control in narrow waters. When, thankfully, out on the river, we made fine progress tacking upwind. We had some moments and a spot on the river with hardly any wind.

Malthouse Broad is not very large but it is of sufficiently deep water all over and without obstructions, other than obvious ones. It is excellent for sailing around on. By now we were ready to moor the boat. With the staithe taken up with the wall of plastic boats, our only slot was a small dock for dinghies and, fortunately, day-boats. We

had a couple of tries at sailing in but gave it up as it was too difficult in the wind available and being scared of bumping against other boats. We dropped the sails and rowed in.

We had the following day off from sailing, instead looking around the Ranworth Broad Nature Reserve and next walking to South Walsham Broad, nearby but several miles away around the roads on foot.

On the next day we sailed out from the small dock at Ranworth in favourable wind, had a few nice sail rounds in Malthouse Broad and then went up the cut to the river, along it and then down the next cut, to South Walsham Broad where we moored.

We had an excellent fullish day of sailing around all parts of South Walsham Broad, with good winds getting our boat well over and going as fast as it can. We had a rare experience of meeting another Waveney class day-boat, which had been towed from far away Oulton Broad, also beating about.

On a next day we sailed our boat back to Malthouse Broad. We had a brilliant high speed long reach up the river, to cheers from the bank. Our boat attracted admiration and camera popping everywhere.

We enjoyed another full day of fine sailing around Malthouse Broad. We had the boat for a week. We sailed it back all the way, until dropping sails near to the boatyard and then awkwardly rowing in.

Our worst moments were when we lost wind or it went fluky on narrow bends in the river or cuts. The boat could then lose way and drift. We several times drifted into

the rushes at the banks or near trees.

We got it away each time by pushing with an oar, though sometimes after a rather prolonged struggle.

Trees which have grown up on the banks block the wind and also make it fluky. A classic moment was meeting a Norfolk Wherry. It is a fine sight but has to be avoided. We did well enough, it seemed, by sailing just clear of it in the narrow cut. But our sail was sucked against the wherry's half-dropped huge sail. We were pulled along the length and then let go at the stern, where we straightaway went into overhanging branches and had another fine time in pushing and rowing out against a wind which was pushing us back in.

It is fundamentally about gaining experience. There is nothing that sails and oars cannot manage.

In chatting to another hirer who had moored his larger classic sailing cruiser stern on to the staithe, which was far too difficult for us, he mentioned that he had the same boat every year for many years.

Hiring these old boats is altogether good; it is relatively inexpensive and it avoids them deteriorating.

We saw a good number of birds whilst sailing: large flocks of grazing geese and quite a lot of grebes, which had once been rare. Two crested grebes put on a fighting-cock style display near to us, in which they ritually postured with synchronised movements, then appeared to fight, then together dived below.

John Bowley

JUNIOR HUNTERS

LOG BOOK COMPETITION, 2016

I am delighted to report that there were quite a number of junior entries in the 2016 log books which is good. Some were writing and drawing in the log books for the first time while others were recording yet another sailing holiday. You all must be enjoying writing the logs and we the readers certainly enjoy reading about your thoughts and escapades.

This year there were several “firsts”. The joint winners were father and son, James and Dominic Buckley, viewing the same holiday through two different pairs of eyes- the first time we have had a joint father and son entry. As both are avid readers their prizes of book tokens will be put to good use. I shall include excerpt and illustrations from their log in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Twins Alice and Bethan Rugman, aged 11 both made a contribution to their log - another first- one, Bethan describing with illustrations setting sail and helmimg along with Alice and Elin, while Alice described the holiday in verse:

*The sails are going up once again
The throat and peak are being pulled
Off we go setting off from the bank
Just like the year before
But this time we go off in Lustre*

*Off we go we're on the Broad
We gain our speed on the river
As chugchugs struggle past
we hope for a spot to moor
No, no space must moor its 12:00am*

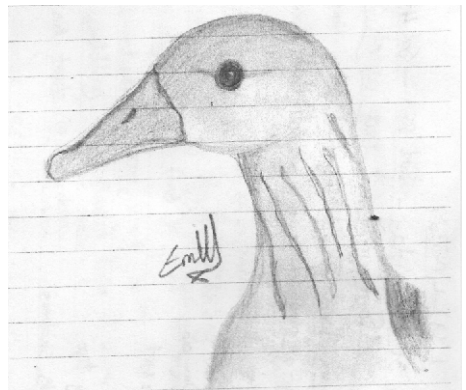
*The end of the day draws near
We moor up and scrub our teeth*

*“Go to bed “says my Dad as we pester for a cookie
And ready for tomorrow we close our eyes and start
again”*

I was delighted to read another account of her holiday by last year’s 2015 junior prize winner, Emily Bodenham sailing in *Lullaby* in May. But what a different holiday it was in 2016.

“I soo enjoyed writing a proper log last year...writes Emily. Her 2016 entry was a summary of a wet week of grey days and strong winds which were “a struggle to fight against”. Emily concludes”you might say this week has been a disaster but I enjoyed it as I’ve always have.(It’s hard not to enjoy sailing on Lullaby!) The crew member who fell overboard was OK, but feeling stupid for having done it twice As always, I will find it hard to leave and go back to school. But I can leave with some great memories like paddling up a flooded lane to reach a pub or finding slugs and toads in the dark. !

*Again a massive thanks to hunters yard.
And so I leave on a positive note: my greylag
goose drawing ha improved from last year!*



Other junior accounts include one

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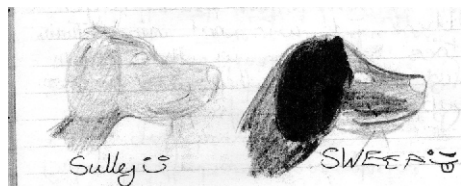
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by Amelie Davey sailing in *Luna* last August with two happy dogs.



Eight year old Henry Parker said his sailing in *Wood Anemome* was fun and for Olivia Jones,12 sailing with her family in *Lullaby* in August the favourite day was Wednesday which “*was really windy*”. The sail to Hickling and Horsey was quick but when

“*we headed back to Hickling the wind was against us and we couldn’t go anywhere .Dad was quanting but just kept going back. We got ourselves wedged across the river and we really couldn’t move. A motor boat came to see if we were OK. We had no choice but to be towed out. To show how grateful we were ,we gave them a bottle of wine”....quite a few of us have been in that situation, Olivia.*

I look forward to meeting some of you at the Autumn Event on Saturday 30 September, and new for this year there is to be an opportunity for the Juniors to row (or learn to row). Perhaps a race or two!!

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