

Wherry Maud Trust Newsletter No. 1 July 2015

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We are sending this, our first newsletter, to members and to those who we hope will very soon become members. You are/will be very welcome indeed.

The Trustees appeal to you all to help us make **Wherry Maud Trust** a success so that Maud is looked after and sailed for many years to come. She is part of a very small family of wherries, only 8 in total, and what a magnificent site they are individually or, better still, sailing together.

Lots of you will have discovered our FACEBOOK page, www.facebook.com/wherryMaud1899. Very swiftly, after each of Maud's trips or events, you will see great pictures taken of Maud and people on board. Don't worry that you need a FACEBOOK account before you can view. Anyone can use their search engine to find the page and have a look.

For those who are not very computer-minded we will keep you up to date with our newsletters and with photographs and slide shows on board.



Meet the Trustees

At present there are only four of us but we will be recruiting more people to help us run the Trust. We are sharing responsibility for all the associated tasks - admin, accounts, fund-raising, events etc, although Linda is currently first point of contact for membership and most events. First we will meet Neil Thomas, then other trustees will be in future editions of this newsletter.



Neil Thomas is our photographer and has produced some stunning photos of Maud. He is well-known on the Broads but has only become involved with wherries in the last two years.

Membership

We have set ourselves a target to get a minimum of 60 members in 2015. Please help us to achieve this! Introduce a friend or two and we will soon be there. So far 25 people have taken out annual membership for the year to 31 May 2016.

On short sailings we offer a taster membership for 1 week at £5 per head and hope this will encourage people to try wherry sailing at a very modest cost. Our annual membership is only £10 and members can then sail with us at no charge. A donation in our box is, of course, appreciated and helps with the running costs. **Forms for annual membership are available on the boat and by email request to Linda - address at the end of this newsletter.**

Events this year so far

Our first event was a talk to the Civil Service Sailing Club at Rutland Water by Linda and Joe. That was as a result of Joe's contact with their organiser. They were very enthusiastic about Maud and her history and will now be coming to visit Maud at Stalham in early September and come for a sail on her. After our talk a collection was made, making a useful first contribution to funds.

Then, in May, Maud paid a 3-day visit to TIMOR, the Thurne Mouth Open Regatta, and offered short sailings in the evenings. The Eastern Region of the Arthur Ransome Society also paid us a visit, having been unable to make a booking with either of the other wherry charities.

June saw Maud on the Yare with visits to Hardley Windmill and to the Ferry House at Surlingham on the occasion of the Yare Sailing Club's 30th Anniversary. We went for short sailings and gained some new friends and members. We plan to return to both Hardley and Surlingham in 2016.

Future Events

On Sunday 26 July we're hoping for either a morning or a full day sail, starting from and returning to Womack.

Please let Linda know if you wish to sail.

On Saturday 8 August we will be taking Maud to Stalham so she can be on show for the Museum's Family Day on Sunday 9 August.

Places currently available for the trip on the 8th. **Please let Linda know if you wish to sail and introduce new friends if you can.**

On Sunday 9 August Family Day at the Museum. **Volunteers needed to sit on board and talk to the public. Please let Linda know if you can help.**

On Saturday 15 August. Sail down river for the day and return to base in the evening. Some places available. **Please let Linda know if you wish to sail.**

On Sunday 30 August. Sail down to Barton Broad to see the regatta and return to Museum afterwards. A few places currently available. **Please let Linda know if you wish to sail.**

Saturday 12 Sept is a Heritage Open Day at the Museum.

Volunteers needed to sit on board and talk to the public. Please let Linda know if you can help.

Sunday 13 Sept. Sailing Maud from Stalham back to Womack, possibly via Thurne Mill's Heritage Open Day. **Please let Linda know if you wish to sail.**

Sat 17 or Sunday 18 October. Evening meal for members and partners and friends. Venue yet to be decided. We all have too many events in December so we thought a mid-season get together might be preferred. **Please send your Trustees some feedback via Linda - would you support an evening out in October?**

Events over the coming winter

We will sail when/if the weather is good and we will invite you to join us.

We'd like to have an archive evening. **Please could you let Linda know if you'd be willing to bring along any wherry connected photos from the past, or even paintings or postcards, and talk about them for 5 minutes.**

Suggestions for winter (and summer) events will be welcome and will be considered seriously by the team of trustees. As above please contact Linda.

To book places, volunteer or give feedback, Linda can be contacted by email: lindaljp2013@hotmail.co.uk, by mobile during the week (preferably text message) 07990 523131, or by landline at weekends 01379 677666.

Please note: the Trustees will endeavour to keep to the timetable of events but sailing is dependent on availability of skippers, weather conditions etc. However last minute cancellations will be kept to a minimum.