

Wherry Maud Trust Newsletter No. 2 Jan 2016

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We are now looking forward to the second season of **Wherry Maud Trust**. A very successful start was made in 2015, as evidenced by many kind comments made both from those who sailed with us and from those who came to our first Archive Afternoon in November.

WE DEPEND ON OUR MEMBERS TO SPREAD THE WORD. It is very important for us to have a good season this year so we have a strong member base and healthy finances for 2017 when Maud will be lifted out for her next 3-yearly major maintenance. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** - See opportunities below under "Maintenance", "Meet the Trustees" and "Social Media and Internet".

Please do tell your friends about **Wherry Maud Trust**. A trip appeals not only to boating enthusiasts but also to others who enjoy being out on the rivers and seeing the wildlife. We have been surprised to find that many local people have never seen the Broads from the water.

If you, your friends or family members want to celebrate a birthday or anniversary then why not celebrate on board Maud? Let us have the date you require as far in advance as possible and we will try to fit in a special trip for you. Contact Linda and she will send you gift membership certificates for those you wish to invite. In 2015 we had a couple of birthdays on board with special cakes to celebrate and that made for an unusual and very memorable occasion.

A new Patron

Your trustees are delighted to announce that
Richard Jewson JP – Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk
has agreed to be our patron. Richard writes as follows:



"I am delighted to accept the Invitation to be Patron of the Wherry 'Maud' – there being strong ties between her & my family firm, Jewson. I am a keen sailor myself, although more typically in something less herculean than 'Maud'!

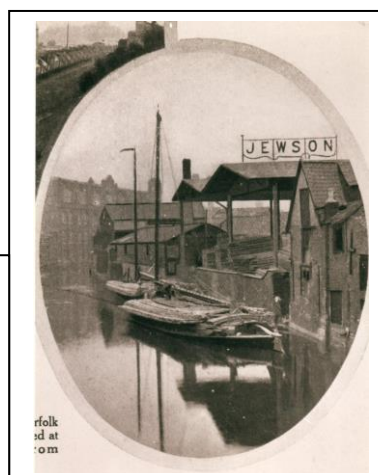
Looking ahead, as this newly formed charity establishes itself, I am certain the efforts of preserving such a key-piece of Norfolk's maritime heritage will be to the benefit of many.

I am hoping all the members, and friends of 'Maud' enjoy a perfect season's sailing and that we see many new people aboard this year"



On the left is Walter Christmas Bunn, first owner of Maud and a Director of Jewson

On the right is the Jewson yard at Norwich, destination of some of Maud's first cargoes.



Winter/Spring Maintenance

Your trustees met early in January to draw up a list of jobs to be done to make Maud look smart for the new season. None of the tasks will be too difficult for an enthusiastic amateur as most involve cleaning and painting. Even if you can only come along once do please volunteer. Probable dates for maintenance are: 13 Feb, 21 Feb, 13 March and 3 April. Please email Linda if you can come along.

Meet the Trustees

At present there are still only four trustees but we are beginning to focus on different areas of running the Trust. Linda is doing admin and accounts, Joe is concentrating on maintenance and Neil is busy thinking of fund-raising ideas. Nigel and Linda are sharing the task of organising events for 2016. Linda is keeping membership records as part of the admin work, although she looks forward to having some help when a willing volunteer is found.

The second of our trustees to feature in the newsletter is **Joe Farrow**, the only trustee who is also an approved Maud skipper. He is known for his sense of humour - see below.



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Typical Environment:	Nestled in the stern-sheets – occasionally heard to be muttering ‘just one more gust, that should do it’, etc.
Nesting Habitat:	Overwinters in several locations. Recent spottings for 2015 have included the King’s Head, The Dog & Duck, and the Swan...
Common Call:	Variety of calls observed, most commonly heard are; “Gaffondeeeek!” “Goinabout”
Diet:	Approach with caution – specialist athletes diet consisting of Ready Salted crisps, chocolate digestives completed with lashings of Mild & Bitter.
General Observations:	Very fussy about flaking sail. Occasionally can be found brandishing kettle (most rare!).

One of our Favourite Pictures of Maud in 2015



Taken by Trustee Neil Thomas in October

Wherry Family News

We know that many of you are also members of the Friends of Wherry Yacht Charter and/or the Norfolk Wherry Trust. For those who are not we will occasionally bring your attention to news that may interest you.

Have you voted for Pleasure Wherry Hather in the Classic Boat Restoration of the Year awards? If not please do consider doing so. Here's the link: <http://www.classicboat.co.uk/awards2016>. We're not sure when voting closes so do please **vote now**.

Social Media and Internet

In 2015 we set up a new FACEBOOK page, www.facebook.com/wherryMaudTrust. It was very popular and photos of trips such as those below were put up regularly.

Don't worry that you need a FACEBOOK account before you can view. Anyone can use Google or a similar 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.



We are planning to set up a website shortly. Is there a member out there who would like to help us with that task? If you have had recent experience of setting up websites for social groups or charities please contact Linda by email and include links to a couple of sites you have built.

Membership

We now have 100 members and so have exceeded our target for 2015. With your help, we plan to double our membership by January 2017. You will be invited to renew in April, as our membership year starts in May. Our aim is to be affordable to all those with an interest in wherries and consequently we will be keeping the subscription at £10 per annum. This is a very modest sum and we do hope that those who can will contribute more in the form of donations at renewal and/or when attending events.

Forms for annual membership are available on the boat and by email request to Linda - address at the end of this newsletter.

Forthcoming WMT Events will include

Feb/March sailing - we will let you know if the weather looks suitable for a trip or two. We are dependent on having a dinghy/support boat available for winter sailing. We will send an email when we have made arrangements.

30 April - a return to Acle Village Hall where we will have a short slide show about an aspect of Maud's life and the first of our annual meetings for associate members to get together and discuss the Trust and its activities. This will be followed by a fish and chips or sausage and chips meal. Booking forms for the event will be sent out in March.

April/May/June trips - a calendar will be drawn up shortly and sent round to you all.

June/July - we are planning to spend the month of July on the southern rivers with visits to Beccles and Hardley Windmill and a return to The Ferry House at Surlingham.

September - For the Heritage Open Days we will be at Thurne Windmill and are planning wherry-based demonstrations and possibly short trips.

Other Events that may be of interest

On Friday 12th Feb there will be a Thorpe Historical Society talk by Malcolm Martins about the River Yare from Carrow Bridge to Postwick and the various buildings, bridges and boatyards etc. The talk will also cover some of the people living and working there. It will be at 7.30 at the St Andrews Centre, Thunder Lane, Thorpe St Andrew. The cost is £3 each on the door.

Maud's history is very much linked to this stretch of the river as she was repaired in the May Gurney shed in the 1940's and 1950's.

On 27April Nigel Gutteridge, one of the four trustees, will be giving a talk to ROSPA Advanced Drivers at 7.30 at The Pavilion, Mark Lemmon Field, Oakfields Road, Cringleford, Norwich, NR4 6XF. Non-members may attend and there is no charge.

Contact us

To book places, volunteer, give feedback or give suggestions for events, 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 always endeavour to keep to timetables of events but sailing is dependent on availability of skippers, weather conditions etc. However last minute cancellations will be kept to a minimum.