

Our last newsletter covered the period to 31 July 2018. The following four months were busy months for Maud and the highlights of that period are included below. Currently your trustees are busy planning events for 2019.

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**Data Protection
"GDPR"**

We have updated our Privacy Statement and it is now available on our website.

When you renew your membership this year we will take your renewal as acceptance for holding your personal details.

If you have any queries please contact Linda.

Maud Matters

Congratulations

In this issue we have to tell you that some good news came in the New Year Honours List. Our Patron, Sir Richard Jewson, has been appointed Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order. We send him our congratulations.



Sir Richard Jewson KCVO JP has written as follows:

In my message to you all last summer I spoke of the need for volunteers to come forward and help the trustees with a challenging events programme for the second half of 2018. I am pleased to report that more volunteers than ever came forward.

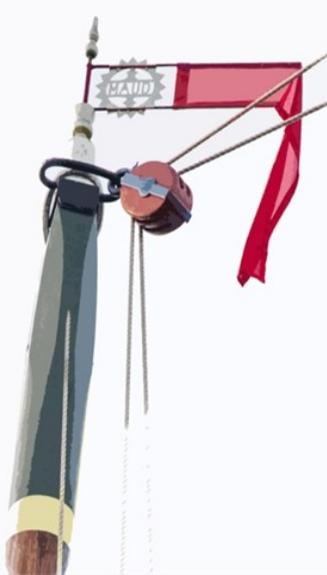
In September Maud was open to the public on two of the Heritage Open days at Pulls Ferry in Norwich. A team of some new and some long-standing volunteers staffed the table on the bank, sold merchandise, handed out leaflets and showed visitors over Maud. Throughout the two days talks and slide shows took place in Maud's hold. The result was a significant contribution to funds and an opportunity for the public to learn more about wherries in general and Maud in particular. The trips into Norwich and then in stages back to Ludham were very popular with members, some of whom had travelled from out of the county to take part.

You may already have read on

wherrymaudtrust.org about the journey back across Breydon, a memorable one made under engine during Storm Helen. All credit to the volunteer skipper Jimmy James who accomplished the trip successfully.

There was more to come since the Trust's season did not come to an end until November. The month of October was marked by two trips and the first Wherry Maud Trust Film Show at Hoveton Village Hall. The latter was a very successful event that included the first showing in Norfolk of the documentary film "Vanishing Sail". The success of the evening was due largely to the hard work of a family of new members. The final event was an archive afternoon in Acle at the end of November. This was attended by descendants from three branches of the Hall family of Reedham, the builders of Maud.

I look forward to seeing the programme of events for 2019 and my best wishes to you all.



Maud's trips and other events August to November 2018

At the beginning of August we were moored at Hardley and it was the middle of the heatwave. Our first and only day trip from there was on 5th August when Kim was our skipper. We took the opportunity to have a trip to Rockland Broad and back.



Trip to Rockland Broad. Photo: Linda Pargeter

After that there were no more trips in August, mainly because those who crew and organise needed a holiday. We knew that September would be very hectic indeed.

During August Maud was again exposed to the unrelenting heat of the sun and consequently her planking and decks dried out. Trustees and other volunteers had to make frequent visits to pump the bilges, check

her out and throw buckets of water over the decks. As a consequence of those weather conditions last year, this winter and early spring we will be re-tarring the decks and hoping that the summer of 2019 is a little more gentle to Maud.

The fine weather did have some advantages. The Friends of Hardley Mill once again had their Music at the Mill event on Saturday 18th August and it was a perfect evening. Our members should definitely consider coming along in 2019. All are welcome, you simply buy your food from the BBQ and drinks from the bar. It is a pleasant walk from Hardley Staithe with the alternative of a small charge to take the minibus from Langley Street.

September was extremely busy for Maud. The first trip was to our next mooring at Coldham Hall Tavern on 2 September, again in glorious sunny weather. We arrived early at Surlingham and so were able to motor onto Surlingham Broad to have a picnic lunch before mooring up at Coldham Hall.

On 8th September we were on the move again as we had to make our way up river towards Norwich for the Heritage Open Days. On that occasion our trustee Mike Barnes kindly acted as skipper to take Maud to her next mooring at Frostbites in Thorpe. By then, as you can see from people's clothing in the photo (next page), the weather was not quite so warm.



Maud leaving Surlingham Broad. Photo: Linda Pargeter



A gentle breeze on the way to Thorpe. Photo: Linda Pargeter

On 14th Sept we set out to Pull's Ferry with Jimmy James as skipper. Jimmy was keen to take Maud through Bishop's Bridge and further into the city if we could do that before dusk. Fortunately for those on board he was able to do that, providing a memorable experience for members, most of whom had never had the opportunity to arrive in the city by wherry. And we just had time to moor at Pull's Ferry before darkness fell.

Throughout the Saturday and Sunday we had visitors looking over Maud. Pre-booked slideshows about her history took place in the hold and we gained several new members.

On the Sunday evening we had to leave Pull's Ferry for the first stage of the journey back to the Bure, arriving back at the Frostbites mooring at Thorpe before dark.



Photo: Ian Bloomfield

The next day was Monday 17th September and the date for the next leg of our journey, from Thorpe to Reedham Ferry where Mike Barnes had arranged a mooring for us at the Reedham Ferry Inn. Jeff Stamps was our skipper and Maud proved quite a handful in gusty winds. It was the prelude to Tropical Storm Helene.

Wednesday 19th September had been set for the return trip across Breydon but the forecast was for up to 50mph gusts of wind due to Storm Helene. Skipper Jimmy James and the trustees discussed the weather conditions and Jimmy was confident that the journey could be accomplished safely if the two tenders' engine were in good order. Accordingly on the morning of the 19th Paul Reynolds arrived with his toolkit and took The Gem's engine apart and checked it over. It was deemed good to go and so we set out. There was no question of raising sail but members on board understood the situation and were happy to experience a rather unusual trip. There were some interesting conversations in the hold about boats people had known and sailed long ago.

After a fairly uneventful trip up the Bure Maud arrived at Acle Bridge around 5pm and moored up. The decision was made to continue on to Womack, hopefully arriving before nightfall. Some members left Maud then and others continued. Jimmy had thought carefully and devised a storm rig that he would use so that at least the part of the journey above Acle Bridge would be under sail. His rig looked rather strange but worked well.



View from Maud's stern with trainee skipper Malcolm Duffield on the helm. Photo: Jimmy James



View from the side. Photo: Adrian Wincup

The final trip of 2018 was from Womack to Horning and back on a glorious November day. Plenty of people were enjoying a walk in the sunshine and were very pleased to see a wherry in winter.

Neil Thomas is looking forward to an opportunity to photograph Maud sailing when there's snow on the ground. Sounds chilly for less hardy mortals but we expect to have a few volunteers.



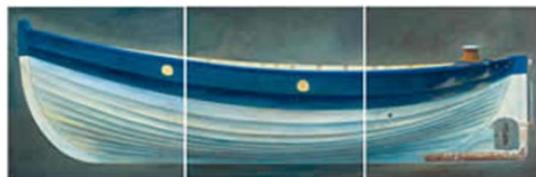
Sailing up towards the Swan, Horning. Photo: Neil Thomas



Sunrise at Pulls Ferry, 15th September, Photo: Ian Bloomfield

Rescue Wooden Boats

If you haven't yet discovered the website for this organisation, we recommend it to you now. It is www.rescuewoodenboats.com.



The following, a direct quote from their website, tells you what they do:

*“We restore examples of working **wooden boats**, tell their stories - and those of the last generation of seafaring communities to use them - through film and photos, show the crafts and skills used, and actively involve people - especially young people - in learning about all this.”*

It sounds as though we have a lot of interests in common.

They are based at Stiffkey where they have a visitor centre, small museum and workshops. They are not open all the time as they are staffed by volunteers.

We've contacted them and they would be willing to give us a guided tour. We hope sufficient numbers of members will be interested and we will send out an email to ask how many of you would like to do this.



Obituary — Martin Carruthers

We were deeply saddened to hear that Martin Carruthers passed away quietly on Wednesday 30 January after suffering a sudden cardiac arrest on the previous day.

Martin joined Wherry Maud Trust in October 2016 with his wife Gale. He worked as a volunteer with WMT and gave his time generously. He spent a huge amount of time on creating an archive for us, gave us our lighting system over the galley, helped with transport between moorings and took photographs of our events. He will be greatly missed.

Archive Afternoon in November 2018

We do support and encourage members to research into their family connections with wherries. As mentioned by our patron the November meeting brought together descendants of the Hall family of Reedham, some of whom had never met each other before.

The Pargeters started research into Hall's yard when they began Maud's restoration and Linda has taken up this work again. She presented some of her findings at the meeting.

More original research into wherries of the Stalham area was done by Ray Woolston at our request. He proved to have access to photos that many of us had not previously seen and gave us an entertaining and informative talk. Ray has written several books about local history including his latest which explores the subject of rail links between Stalham and Great Yarmouth.

Those who worked on wherries are a good subject for further research. Of special interest to us are the families of the Powleys and the Farrowes who provided skippers for Maud in her early years. Any small scraps of information would be most welcome.

Meet the Skipper

In the last newsletter, and not in any particular order, we began putting in a profile of one of our volunteer skippers. In this newsletter it will be Jimmy James who talks below about his enthusiasm for sailing.

"Hi I am Jimmy James, I learned to sail as a youngster on the Norfolk Broads, and the waters around the North Norfolk coast. My parents had a GP14 (sail number 858), on which together with my mate, Tim, we taught ourselves to sail (at least we thought we had taught ourselves to sail!).

I soon found the then County Sailing Base (Hunter Fleet) at Ludham, and started hiring boats from the base, together with taking any opportunity to get out sailing on any other boat.

Later in life Tim and I owned River Cruiser 142 Bishy Barnybee for over 20 years. As we started to sail her we realised that we had not properly learned how to sail, so a back to basics learning managed to fill the voids of understanding from our childhood experience of sailing.



Back in 2000, I started to instruct sailing, initially to assist with school groups on the Hunter Fleet, but this soon grew to sailing with those no longer at school. I am qualified to instruct on both Keelboats and Dinghies.

My instructing with the Hunter Fleet introduced me to Linda one day. I think from memory she came out for a sail with us, but I do remember Linda asking if I would be interested in a trip on a wherry. I jump at the chance to sail any type of boat, anywhere! So the answer was a most definite yes. Sailing trips on Maud were repeated, and I desperately sought to learn how a wherry sails, there are not many instruction books, and they do not appear in any RYA instructor's guide!

Over time my experience increased, and by the time that the Maud Wherry Trust was formed I was considered competent enough to be listed as a skipper, something which I am immensely proud to be. I am also a qualified skipper for the Wherry Yacht Charter Trust. I am fortunate that I have to date helmed seven of the remaining eight wherries and wherry yachts – just Solace to do!

I am also a Powerboat instructor for the RYA, and hold a Coastal Yachtmaster certificate. I regularly make sure I get a 'fix' of sea sailing! I maintain that the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads is the best place to sail, although the Caribbean in our winter is a close second! I still get a wonderful kick out of sharing my passion of sailing with others whether they be youngsters or adults."

Wherry Cargoes

The Norfolk Wherry Trust archive on the internet is a source of interesting and useful information.

Recently I found their Collection number NWT002411 "Wherry Old Memories - The memories of Henry Fairhead who worked on the wherry Ella in the 1950s". If you wish to download it, the file size is approximately 9MB. It is a first-hand account of carting sugar beet by wherry to Cantley and describes in detail the hard work done by the wherrymen when unloading the beet.

Maud carried beet to Cantley in the 1940s and so this is of great interest to us.

Wherry models

You may not have realised that wherry builders and wherry skippers sometimes made model wherries in their spare time. Several of those have come to light while doing wherry research. Some of you will remember Thelma Waller's talk in November 2015 about the models of wherries and other traditional vessels built by her grandfather, William Henry Hall.

How many of you have seen the model of Albion in The Crown in Catfield? Here's a photo of it:

It was fortunate that the widow of the person who had purchased the model in 1987 was in the pub when Linda visited and she was able to give some background.



Before the late Nando Sappia purchased it, the model was in Barclays Bank in Great Yarmouth. Then from 1987 until 2002 it was in La Carrozza restaurant by Wroxham Station. The couple then moved to the Bristol Arms at Shotley Gate, taking the model with them. They stayed there until 2008. The current landlord of The Crown is the couple's son.

Does anyone know any more of the history of this model?

Our next newsletter will feature the pleasure wherry model "Rosa Maud" and we hope that someone will tell us her current whereabouts and maybe fill in some details of her history.

In future newsletters we will showcase other models and what we know of their history. It would be good if members could alert us to other examples that exist and/or give us further information.

Other local waterways news

North Walsham & Dilham Canal Trust have an interesting programme of talks and events for 2019. Details are on their website: <http://nwdct.org/events.html>

Opportunities to help Wherry Maud Trust

We are pleased to hear if you can help with any aspect of practical or admin work. A long commitment is not necessary, but if, for example, you can help for a few hours at any of our events it will be much appreciated.

A person is **urgently needed** to carry on the archiving work that was being done so well by the late Martin Carruthers.

As this newsletter demonstrates we are always keen to put on different events to give enjoyment to existing and new members and to raise funds for Maud. We need your help to make a success of those events. This year is proving that we have members with hidden skills and talents. Do contact Linda if you have a few hours to spare.

Other Events that may be of interest

Wherry Yacht Charter 2019 Quiz Evening

This popular Quiz Evening returns on Saturday 6th April 2019 at Wroxham Church Hall. Cost is £7.50 per person which includes supper.

If any of our members would like to join a Wherry Maud Trust table for this event please email events@wherrymaudtrust.org.

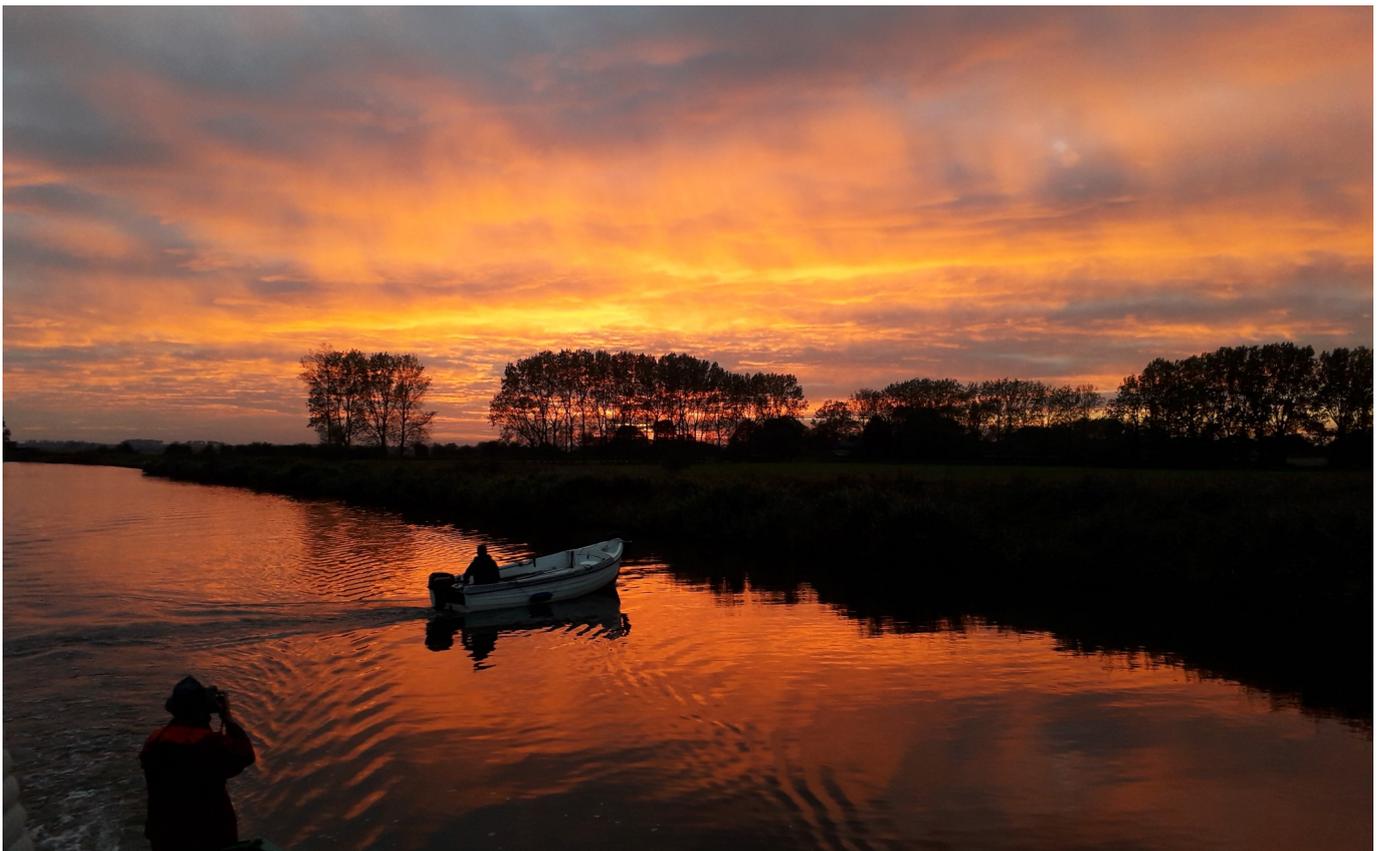
OR If you wish to book a whole table, make sure to book early with Marlene Corke (01603 781012 or email mpc@cassis.eclipse.co.uk) because they will be advertising to the Wroxham community as well.

Talks about Maud

There are upcoming talks to various groups about Maud on the following dates. If you know anyone living near those venues who might be interested in attending please do encourage them to go along. Details of venues etc under Education/ Upcoming Talks on our website or by email from admin@wherrymaudtrust.org.

Mon 4 March 2019	Soroptimists, Norwich
Mon 11 March 2019	Billericay Archaeology & History Society
Tue 12 March 2019	Chelmsford Centre for the Blind
Wed 20 March 2019	Hertford County Yachting Club
Fri 5 April 2019	Clacton 7 District Fuchsia Society
Tue 21 May 2019	Halesworth U3A

If you can suggest other opportunities for trustees to talk to local groups about Maud we would appreciate hearing from you.



Autumn trips give opportunities for beautiful photos 2 Oct 2019. Photo: Gale Carruthers

Associate Membership

At the end of January we had 272 paid up members for 2018-19. That is just short of our target of 300. However recent experience proves that we have more active members than ever before.

We hope that you will choose to bring friends to some of our events and that this will prompt them to join WMT as members.

If you have ideas for other events that would interest members and/or assist with recruiting new members we would appreciate you sharing them with us.

Don't forget that we can supply gift membership certificates as presents for that special occasion such as a birthday or an anniversary. With the appropriate notice we can even supply birthday or anniversary cakes!

Forms for annual membership are available on the boat, on the website under Membership, and by email request to Linda - address below.



Moored On Surlingham Broad 2 Sept 2019. Photo Linda Pargeter

Social Media, Internet and published material



Our FACEBOOK page, www.facebook.com/wherryMaudTrust has some beautiful photos on it, don't forget to take a look regularly and post your own pictures on there.

Our website wherrymaudtrust.org will shortly have Upcoming Events for 2019 listed under Events. We will shortly be emailing a list to all members but the website will always be the most up to date version, so if you have some free time and want to make a trip on Maud do look at the Events tab.



The main events of our 2019 season will be in the Green Book as well as on the Visit the Broads and EDP websites.

Contact us

- To book places, volunteer, give feedback or give suggestions for events, trustees can be contacted by email: events@wherrymaudtrust.org
- For membership matters please email admin@wherrymaudtrust.org.
- Alternatively call, or preferably text, to Linda during the week (07990 523131) or call 01379 677666 at weekends.
- Postal address: Linda Pargeter, La Rose, Pristow Green Lane, Tibenham, Norfolk, NR16 1PU

Please note: 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.