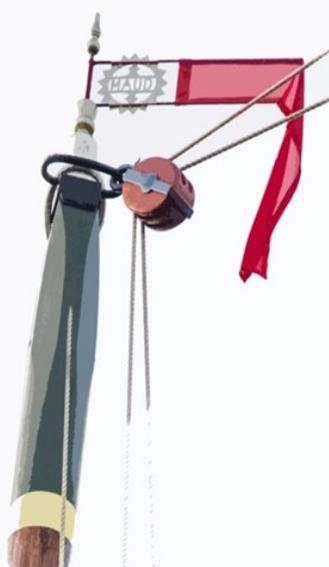


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Maud Matters

Greetings to all our members from the Trustees of Wherry Maud. We do hope that you will find this newsletter an interesting read.

All groups such as ours depend on enthusiastic members and we have those in plenty.

There are many opportunities to take part in our work so please read on and consider if you can donate some of your valuable time to any of our projects. We appreciate your help.

Our patron, Sir Richard Jewson KCVO JP writes:

2019 has been a hectic year for me as my retirement from the post of Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk took place in August.

Nevertheless, I have followed your events with interest. It seems there is no quiet season for trustees and volunteers. Maintenance of both Maud and her wooden tender The Gem is a regular feature of the winter months and a team of volunteers spent many hours on that this February and March. Trustees give an increasing number of talks over the winter. Then in late March the sailing season begins in earnest interspersed with events such as the art show at Ranworth.

This year there have been other newsworthy items. Your participation in the Broads Landscape Partnership Scheme Water, Mills & Marshes project, provided the opportunity to take part in a Waterways Heritage day course at the Museum of the Broads. The course was fully subscribed and of great interest to local historians. An application for a community grant under the above scheme was successful. The grant was for two stages of spending in 2019 and 2020 respectively. The 2019 amount has been spent on the construction of a photo cut out board to attract families to Wherry Maud Trust viewings and is already in use. The money obtained for 2020 will fund a pop-up museum that

can be taken to major events to showcase Maud and her history.



Maud usually crosses Breydon to go to the southern rivers in June and this year was no exception. An exciting development was that Maud and Albion crossed at the same time and Mike Page took a remarkable series of aerial photographs— see later in this newsletter. It must have been more than 70 years since two trading wherries were seen crossing Breydon together.

At Beccles in July Hippersons Boatyard hosted a River Festival to replace the Charter Weekend that Maud has attended in recent years. The re-branding of the event and enhanced publicity resulted in many more visitors than in previous years. Maud was one of the major attractions and a team of volunteers welcomed visitors and gave them information about the Trust.

In conclusion I am looking forward to a trip on Maud in the autumn and wish you all well for the remainder of 2019.



Quanting and Albion, 15/6/19.
Photo: Linda Pargeter

IT'S PARTY TIME



On Friday 20 September we will be having a party to celebrate Maud's 120th birthday and the 20th anniversary of her recommissioning on Wroxham Broad in 1999 after restoration

It will be at Frostbites Sailing Club in Thorpe St Andrew early in the evening and we will send details out soon.



Maud at her recommissioning party on Wroxham Broad, 20 September 1999

Maud's trips and other events January to early August 2019

All credit to those volunteers who worked so hard with maintenance on Maud and her tender, The Gem, in February and March this year. It was a superb effort. Results included all the usual cleaning and painting plus a smart new table and toilet compartment in Maud's hold for which we give grateful thanks to Kim Dowe and his helpers.

Maud has had an action-packed year this year. She has made 15 trips up to and including 4 August and those trips have covered a wide area. From Womack there were regular trips to Ranworth, Potter Heigham, Acle, Stokesby, St Benet's and Stalham. The shortest trip (not included in the 15 above) was the half mile or so up to Womack House for Ludham Open Gardens where there were two trading wherries (Albion and Maud) and one wherry yacht on display.

On 27 June Jeff Stamps took the helm for the first leg of Maud's journey to the southern rivers. It was a beautiful evening trip to Acle Bridge with 2 people, David and Heather who joined this year, celebrating their wedding anniversary with us.



Maud and Albion on Breydon, 28th June 2019. Photo: Mike Page

On the following day, 28 June, Maud and Albion made history by crossing Breydon together. It must have been the first time for around 70 years that two trading wherries could be seen together sailing across that stretch of water and up the Waveney. The Norfolk Wherry Trust and Wherry Maud Trust had liaised beforehand and arranged for Mike Page and Steve Hiscox to fly over and take pictures. The photos were submitted to the EDP but, unfortunately, they did not use them.

That day our journey finished at the Waveney River Centre where we moored for the night.

On 29 June we sailed again, this time further up the Waveney to Beccles. For the second time in a week we had a celebration on board. It was the wedding anniversary of Eamon (trainee skipper) and his wife Barley. Their daughter Daisy was also on the trip.

In 2019 the Beccles Charter Weekend was re-branded as the Beccles River Festival. The event took place on 6 and 7 July and had greater publicity and consequently higher attendance than previous years. Maud was one of the historic vessels present and 16 of our members formed a rota to help our trustee Neil Thomas to show visitors over the boat. The weather

was mostly kind

although there was some rain on the Saturday afternoon. There are several of Neil Thomas's photos on Facebook.

Our next trip on 28 July was a first for Maud. On the 27th Kim, Nigel, James Hartley and Linda took Maud under Beccles old road bridge and moored her at the bottom of The Score. We chose to do that at low water for obvious reasons. Maud was therefore in place for a trip to Geldeston. Back in October 2000 an attempt was made to take Maud to Geldeston but lack of time and favourable wind had meant that we stopped well short of our destination and returned to Beccles.

This time we left the mooring in Beccles at around 10am and motored up the Waveney, using our tender, The Gem, to push Maud. It was a rather dull morning but everyone on board was keen to explore the river up to Geldeston from the decks of a wherry. Geoff Doggett, a founder of the River Waveney Trust, was aboard. He was looking forward to showing us the work that volunteers from the Waterways Recovery Group had done to restore the lock at Geldeston. He and our skipper, Kim Dowe, discussed seeing if we could get Maud into the lock chamber. We decided to go ahead with that idea.



Neil demonstrates hoisting. Photo: Sue Grief



*Maud approaches Geldeston lock.
Photo: Haydn Claridge*

By the time we made the attempt to enter the chamber the tide was falling and undergrowth either side of Maud caused the boat to come to a halt. Kim then made the sensible decision to stop the experiment and reverse out before the tide dropped any further. However, it was a partial success because we had entered the chamber with the bows section of Maud, the first time a trading wherry had been there since approximately 1934.



Maud's bows in the lock. Photo: Haydn Claridge



WMT members at Geldeston Lock. Photo: Linda Pargeter

It was pleasant at The Locks Inn. Our crew and members had a walk round and some went into the pub for a refreshing drink. Some of us noticed an old wherry rudder leaning against the pub wall.

Kim told us that it was a previous rudder from the wherry Albion. He and his father-in-law, Mike Fuller, had actually constructed it in the 1980s faithfully following the original design of Albion's working rudder. Kim explained how the vertical boards were bolted together in such a way as to ensure that they could not move apart and cause gaps to open up. It is always important when restoring or making new parts for historic vessels to copy the original design and use the same materials. National Historic Ships now try to enforce that principle for all repairs to vessels on their register. Kim and Mike were ahead of their time when they built that rudder.



Kim Dowe with former Albion rudder. Photo: Linda Pargeter

Meet the Skipper

In this issue we tell you about Peter Johnson, how he started sailing and came to love wherries.

In common with many dedicated wherry enthusiasts Peter was not born into a Norfolk family but his parents were keen on boats. His father was in the RAF and they moved with his work until, in 1968, he took a civilian job with Lotus cars and the family moved to Attleborough. Peter now lives a short distance from there in Little Ellingham with his partner Sue.

Peter has a brother and the two of them first sailed in their parents' Mirror dinghy at Snetterton fishing pits. When Peter was 18 the two boys bought their first boat, a 12' dinghy called a Puffin Pacer. In the following year they joined Hickling Broad Sailing Club and are still members.

The passion for wherries came via the Norwich Youth Hostel Association. Two of its members were involved with the Norfolk Wherry Trust, one being Terry Walls, an Albion skipper and treasurer of NWT. Peter went on two Albion charters with the YHA. Later an Albion skipper asked Peter's brother if he would go out with him as mate. Peter's brother had a prior engagement so Peter went instead. That was in approximately 1985 when there was no formal training programme for NWT crew.

Over the years Peter frequently sailed with Kim Dowe who taught him a great deal. Having proved his worth as a mate, Peter graduated to become an Albion skipper in 2005 and still volunteers in that capacity.

After sailing Maud himself for a few years Vincent handed over skippering Maud to others. Peter was one of the experienced people who stepped forward to help. From Maud's trip log it appears he skippered for the first time when he sailed Maud to Ranworth and back, on 7 July 2013, for the wherry yacht Olive event. He has regularly sailed her since, whenever his shift pattern for the day job gives him time to volunteer with us.



Peter on Maud in August this year. Photo: Linda Pargeter

Maud's autumn and winter trips this year

Our last scheduled trip for this season will be on Saturday 12 October. Other trips from October to March will be organised at short notice when the weather is favourable. We will email you to let you know when/if such trips are planned.

Wherry Archive News

A descendant of Alfred (Ophir) Powley has very recently contacted us. According to our research Ophir was Maud's first skipper. It would be good to learn more about him and his family. Do any of our members have information about the Powleys?

Dates for your diary

Exhibition of Paintings by Adrian Wincup

Adrian is a well-known local artist and member of Maud's crew.

Between 1 and 28 September there will be an exhibition of his work at Ramblers Gallery, The Street, Thurne, NR29 3BU. Tel. 01692 670086.

Here is Adrian's most recent painting of Maud (right) sailing on Breydon with Albion



Wherry Maud Trust Film Night

Will take place on Sat 26 October at Hoveton or another local venue. Details will be sent to you all nearer the time.

Talk about Sugar Beet Wherries

As part of the Norfolk Wherry Trust Laying-up Supper on 16 November at The Old Rectory Hotel, Crostwick, there will be an after-dinner talk by Alex Mason on the **History of the Cantley Sugar Factory and Wherries**.

Maud carried beet to Cantley and so this talk should be of interest to our members. Tickets are £21 per head for a 2-course dinner and bookings are now invited.

If there is sufficient interest Linda will be organising a table of up to 10 of our members to attend. Please contact her if you wish to see the menu and make a booking. See "Contact Us" at the end of this newsletter for details of how to contact Linda.

Wherry Maud Trust Archive afternoon

Will take place on Sat 23 November, possibly at a new venue. Details will be sent to you all nearer the time.

Talks about Maud

The season for talks is almost upon us again. This autumn there will be talks to the following groups. If you know anyone living near those venues who might be interested in attending please do encourage them to go along.

Details of venues will be under Education/ Upcoming Talks on our website or by email from admin@wherrymaudtrust.org.

Thu 3 October 2019	Frinton Rotary Club
Tue 15 October 2019	Blackwater Probus Club
Wed 16 October 2019	Sprowston History Group
Tue 22 October 2019	Chet Valley Probus Club
Wed 6 Nov 2019	New Thundersley Ladies Guild
Thu 14 Nov 2019	Yare Valley Probus Club

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

From our Archive - Model wherries – Pleasure Wherry Rosa Maud

Linda Pargeter remembers:

In the course of our research in the 1980s Vincent and I were privileged to visit and talk to the then owner of this beautiful model pleasure wherry. I wonder if any of our members know where it is now?

I recently came across this newspaper article about the model:

A Model Wherry

MR. ERNEST BULLARD owns the only model known to exist of a pleasure wherry. It is a big model, 49 inches long, and is of a trading wherry that has been converted into a pleasure wherry. The wherry is the Rosa Maud, and was made by an old wherryman named "Prinny Mayes," of Coltishall, and carries the circular saw gate on her vane, as the flag is called.

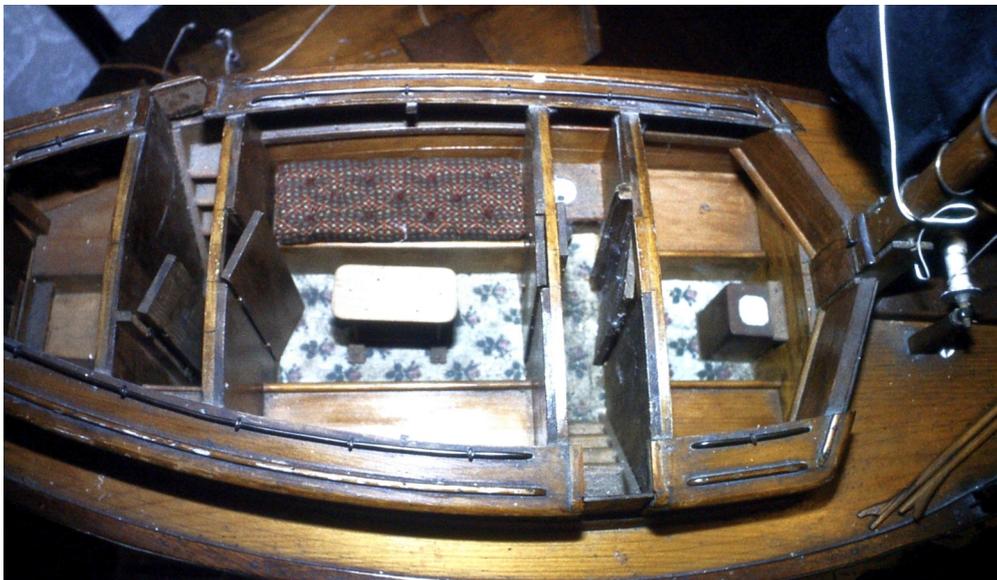
The roof lifts off, and all the cabins can be seen inside, fitted up in every detail, including the upholstery of the seats and the cooking apparatus in the galley. All the windows and hatches slide to open, and quants and landing deal are in position on the cabin top.

This model has taken two first prizes at exhibitions in London, and should be on view and sailed at Horning Regattas, for she is fully rigged with the traditional brown sail.

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Rosa Maud. Photo from the Pargeter collection



The interior of the model. Photo from the Pargeter collection

Who knows where this sign is to be found?



This sign is painted on the end gable of a building. In which town? Near which river?

No prizes for the correct answer, but we will print the information in our next newsletter.

Associate Membership

As at 3 August we had 234 paid up members for 2019-20. Some of our members have recruited friends and family to swell those numbers. We hope you will all help us to achieve our target of 300 members this year by recommending Wherry Maud Trust.

In accordance with our Privacy Statement we only keep the personal details of members who have not renewed for a period of 3 months after our year end. The deadline was 31 July. Lapsed members will not receive this newsletter.

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.

A reminder 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 at the end of this newsletter.

The main benefit of membership is being able to book on trips. Recently we have had several email messages from happy members and here are extracts from two of them:

- Re Geldeston trip on 4 August "..... a great day..... a memorable experience and we really enjoyed it."
- Re Waveney River Centre trip to Hardley Mill on 9 August "...a quick e-mail to say how much I enjoyed the tripit was so lovely and the weather was really quite kind to us in the end. Look forward to future trips"

It's good to be able to pass these messages on to skippers and crew, so thank you for sending them.

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.

September will be very busy for us and we are appealing for help as follows:

Heritage Open Days on Sat 14 and Sun 15 September

We have just sent out an appeal for volunteers to show people round Maud and sell merchandise.

Maud Party on Fri 20 September

By the time you read this newsletter we will have sent out a request for members to help both with preparations and on the day itself.

Archive Work

Last but not least, we still do not have a volunteer archivist to carry on the archiving work that was begun by the late Martin Carruthers. We are however discussing how to continue and it may be that the work can be broken down into manageable chunks. Do let Linda know if you are able to help, even if only with part of the project.

Suggestions for events and newsletter items

We are always keen to hear your ideas. Our aim is always to give enjoyment to members and the general public, while of course raising the necessary money to keep Maud sailing.

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.



Maud and Albion on Breydon Water, 28 June 2019. Photo: Mike Page

Emails—advice from Ian

Some members of WMT are not receiving all emails from us. Here is some advice from Ian on how to set your computer up to receive our emails:

Many of our emails are sent out as a mail merge—both to make it easier for us, and to ensure we comply with GDPR by not giving out email addresses. However, some email servers detect that multiple emails are being sent at the same time, and block them.

You should be able to access your email via a web login (usually from your service provider, e.g. btinternet.com, and you should then find a setting where you can set “safe senders”. If so, you would need to add both admin@ and events@ wherrymaudtrust.org email addresses to it.



Maud at Hardley Mill, 14th August 2019. Photo: Ian Bloomfield

Social Media, Internet and published material



Our FACEBOOK page, www.facebook.com/wherryMaudTrust has many more recent photos. Don't forget to take a look regularly and post your own pictures on there.

Our website wherrymaudtrust.org has a list of the remaining events for 2019 listed under Events—Upcoming Events. If you have some free time and want to make a trip on Maud do look at the website.



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.

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.