



# 'KNOT a CLEW'

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Dear Member,

You have one very happy Editor, thanks to all who have sent me material to publish, plus the new column for the Junior Sailors, by Sharon Rushin.

Because we have a very full newsletter, please forgive me if I only briefly cover the past events, and please let me have more comments, views, and photographs that can be reproduced in the newsletter. It is refreshing to have material from the members. The next Knot a Clew will be published in October, so can I have all copy by 30th September.

## News & Views on Past Events.

28th April Skittles at Gate Hangs Well.

The evening was well attended by about 40 members, and some were still playing at 11.00pm after an excellent supper., but ladies what happened !! the men beat us - we shall have to have a return match to show them it was only a fluke.

2/3rd May. Bank Holiday Camping.

Many members took the opportunity to camp at Fosseyway Pool over the holiday and although the weather was not as good as last year the few days spent there were most enjoyable. There is something fascinating sitting by a huge bonfire under the stars.

8/9th May. Work Party.

Both Ken Palmer and Ken Sewell would like to thank the committee and all members who worked so hard during the weekend. The old adage of "Many hands make light work" really does prove how much can be achieved in a short time. Many thanks also to the ladies who kept the work force happy with a constant supply of hot drinks and food.

We shall need many helping hands in the coming months to complete the work, and you are asked to let Carol Solomon have your name and telephone number if you can assist in any way. So that should we need a work party at short notice you will not miss the opportunity to contribute to the improvement of Fosseyway Pool. Ken Sewell who has been elected Clerk of the Works will be pleased to hear from anyone with ideas and expertise on the work to be done.

More from Ken Sewell later in the letter.

14th May. Sailing in Norfolk.  
See Geoff's Account.

29 - 30th May. Bank Holiday Camping.

Again some members camped at Fosseyway and many came for two days sailing. Some members of the Wanlip Sailing Club accepted our invitation for a sail on the Sunday, and it was very pleasant to swap yarns with them whilst enjoying the B.B.Q. and the appetizing eats provided by the ladies

It was not one of our better days weather wise, and many thanks must go to the members



who moved vehicles and wind breaks to make a comfortable area for the B.B.Q. and the sun did come out when we needed it. Sunday was of course a lovely day, and some members helped with the rescue service and refreshments for the National Childrens Sailing Day held at Wanlip Education Sailing Base.

The following is a transcript of the letter received from Norman Dexter the Commodore of Wanlip Sailing Club.

To K. Palmer Commodore. 31 May 93  
Roundhill Sailing Association.

It is with pleasure I write to say thank you to all your members for their hospitality yesterday. Although it was wild, wet and windy your enthusiasm and friendliness helped to turn it into a very pleasant day. A special thank you to Kez Brown for liaising with us, Doris, Irene and the team for keeping everyone fed and watered throughout the day, and all the sailors for sharing their boats.

We wish you every success with your future plans.

Yours sincerely,

N.W. Dexter.

On behalf  
of the  
Wanlip  
Sailing  
Club



#### 11 - 13th June. Ferry Meadows.

Well what can one say about Friday the 11th in Leicester, but rain, rain and more rain. Who would have thought that 40 miles up the road at Peterborough it was warm and sunshiny. The intrepid stalwarts who braved the elements enjoyed a pleasant weekend, and even had a 'dry' B.B.Q. on the Saturday night. There was plenty of wind on the Saturday and per usual it was quieter on the Sunday and we all decamped with dry canvas. Yes - very pleasant.

#### Conservation of Fosseyway Pool Environs



Our resident swans have produced 8 cygnets which have all, so far, survived. They certainly have been well fed and protected by Phyl Bates, Norman Lewin and Ray Parnell, our volunteer "Game Wardens". Many thanks also to Phyl for her kind donation of the very splendid picnic table and bench, which is always well used. The only two strangers I have seen on the water so far this summer have been tufted duck and a male mallard. The water irises and lillies that Glyn planted a few years ago have looked really super this year. They give a hint of what the banks really could look like in a few years. I have been asked to remind members that under the terms of the lease we are not allowed to fish in the lake. The RSA can only use the lake for sailing. And once again may I remind members that the dreaded blue green algea is about, and if you sail on other water would you please be sure to wash down your boat and all sailing equipment with a disinfectant before sailing again at Fosseyway. We have clean water - let us keep it that way.

#### Education Boats.

Because of the cuts in funding by Leic: Education Authy: of outdoor pursuits facilities, Eric Tindall who is responsible for the East Goscote Sailing Base, now has to be completely self supporting in the maintenance and insurance of the boats. So it is with regret that we have to ask member who use the boats to make a donation of £5.00 on a Sunday and £3.00 on Wednesday evening. This donation would cover the whole session and members could share the cost if the boat was not required for the whole time. At Ferry Meadows the charge for the hire of a wayfarer is £10.00 per hour, and our rescue service is much better.

Racing update by Kez Brown.

The Summer Series continues up to October, which allows any newcomers to join in the Sunday morning racing sessions. Please do not be apprehensive or anxious in coming along, there is always plenty of help and tuition at hand. If any of the new members, or indeed any of the 'old' members would like to know more about the racing, do not hesitate to phone either Gary Phillips on [REDACTED], or myself on [REDACTED]. Why not just come along anyway and see what goes on. Quite often a crew is needed, so there would be your chance. Look forward to seeing you.

Kez Brown.

Future Programme.Thursday 29th July. Sailing & Social

We have not been in touch with the Birstall Bowmen this year so will only be entertaining the Roundhill Sub Aqua Club. Because the wather is so unreliable it has been decided not to have a B.B.Q. but to have just light refreshments. However it is an opportunity have a sail, and perhaps take a members of the diving club out for a sail. The meeting will start about 7.00pm. rig boats before then, and refreshments later in the evening. Enquiries to Doris Doswell.

Sunday 8th August. Fosseyway Pool

10.30am - 5.30pm.

Getting to know you - fun-d day.

The RSA membership is growing and there are a lot of new members, and I think established members, who miss out on some of the social events because they do not camp at Ferry Meadows, and are unable to stay at Fosseyway over the Bank Holidays, when there is time to chat over a coffee. Instead of the quick rig the boat on a Sunday afternoon, and dash onto the water, time to take your time, and get to know other members.

With that view in mind I, as Social Secretary have designated 8th August, Getting to Know You Day.

We also need to keep the funds topped up to carry on the improvements to the West bank of the lake. We also need a new rescue boat and engine - the "Don Wilkin" has done sterling service, but the old chap is getting on a bit. So we need to dig deep into our pockets, but we might

as well have a bit of fun whilst doing it.

Racing will be in progress, but a coffee morning will be ongoing from about 11.15am, followed by a Bring and Buy Sale. A Bring & Buy Sale cover anything. "One persons rubbish is another persons treasure"

The idea is that you donate goods for sale, marked with the buying price, and then you buy any article that takes your fancy. All sale proceeds to the RSA.

Suggested goods:- Toys Household items glass ceramics jewelery pictures books old lagers etc etc. There will be separate plant and cake stalls. There will a raffle, so prizes would be most welcome.

After the hopefully colossal sale we shall break for lunch, either your own picnic or B.B.Q, or cook your own food on the RSA B.B.Q.

After lunch there will be normal sailing, but I should like to have some fund raising stalls in progress, so if anyone has any ideas would they please contact me. Also I shall collect goods for sale on Sunday 1st from about 2.00pm.

This is a new venture and to be a success needs your support - please do come - all day or part of the day. Doris Doswell Tel [REDACTED].

Friday - Tuesday Incl: 27 / 31st August  
Ferry Meadows.

All members are invited to camp, caravan and sail at Nene Park, Peterborough. Come for any length of time, there are 25 pitches and the charges are £2.20 per adult and £1.40 per child at school, per night. The cost has increased, no doubt to cover the expence of the super new play areas for children.

Fee for camping to be paid at time of booking with Doris Doswell. Camp is open from noon Fiday to Wed: morning.

This is a very much do your own thing meeting, but there will be a coffee morning, a small treasure hunt, a disco one evening, and of course B.B.Qs. If you have not been to Nene Park and would like more information, ask Doris, or any other committee member.

Don Rushin has a word to say about boats -

The RSA weekend trip to Ferry Meadows is usually one of sailing and general good fun. This is brought about by the hard work of the "Back room boys", or should I say ladies of our committee. To assist in this smoothly run weekend, and to enable everyone of you keen sailors to concentrate on getting the most out of the time there, it has been decided to charge a set fee for sailing, and camping.

The sailing fee would cover a weekend launch for each boat taken.

Anybody arriving at Ferry Meadows for a days sailing using RSA boats will be asked to contribute towards expenses.

Similarly if anyone decides to bring their boat for the day, it is requested that they book in at the centre for a day launch.

N.B. Please note it would make things simpler for all concerned if the fee was paid in advance, save rattling a tin at you while struggling with this years body and last years wet suit !.

The camping fee is shown above, but the sailing fee is not yet known because of the extended time. Don Rushin will advise you of the amount due when you book your boat in with him

#### Sunday 12th September. RSA Regatta.

What a year of change we have experienced, almost as unpredictable as the weather we enjoyed! for the last two attempts at the 1992 regatta.

Over the last couple of years there has been a thriving interest in dinghy racing, with races held on a Sunday morning throughout the season. (I would like to emphasise that this is done in a good natured manner, with emphasis on enjoyment. Anybody interested in joining this motley crew, please come down, you would be most welcome, old and new members alike- see you there)

As you can see racing is now an integral part of the club. The regatta used to be the one and only opportunity we had to race. In being so, it was something different, with the majority of members at the same level.

I think it is now time to change the format, to recognize the difference, and to make the day more of a "Nautical" fun day.

To this respect I am calling on all members, young and older! to have a think about this, and if anybody has any suggestions for new events, new

style races etc: please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED])

The 1992/3 Regatta will include a Regatta Cup Race that some members have already paid an entrance fee for.

Don Rushin. Sailing Master.

#### Saturday 2nd October. Roundhill College A Bavarian Evening.

Please note the date, not 6th as shown in the last newsletter. My typing error - I am sorry!.

Bring your family and friends to a Bavarian Evening of dance and singalong Del & De Paul who will be entertaining us, have worked extensively throughout the country as well as abroad. They present a fun packed German style act filled with well known drinking songs and lively instrumentals, together with audience participation.

There will be a bar - to keep the voice in good form, the refreshments are free there is live music - all for £6.00 per head. Members children at school £2.50 each.

Entrance is by tickets only, available from Doris.

Proceeds from this event will go toward the purchase of a new engine for the rescue boat, so please sell as many tickets as possible.



#### A note for for diary

Saturday 6th November. Laying up Supper at Barkby Village Hall.

Details in the October newsletter.

#### R.S.A. SWEATERS Ken Palmer [REDACTED]

28".....	£ 7.50
32".....	£ 7.50
36".....	£ 8.00
40".....	£ 8.50 *
44".....	£ 9.00 *
48".....	£ 9.50 *
50'.....	£10.00 *

Broads Weekend 14.5.93

Broken Gaff, broken Boom, two broken Masts and a full set of crockery I dont think I have forgotten anything. What a great weekend sailing.

Friday at 1 o'clock saw the first boat with Ron and crew leave its moorings at Martham excited at the prospect of three great days sailing in the fresh winds. One twenty five we are tying up back at the boat yard with a broken Gaff. That will teach them to be first out hey! All the boats have now left except Arnie who is carefully threading beads around the mast to help the sail run smoothly, what a waste of time that turned out to be, by Sunday they only had two and a half feet to run up. We are now feeling quite dejected thinking of all our friends having such a great sail whilst our boat is being repaired; only later did we learn that two boats were stuck in the mud for one and a half hours after coming about to see if they could offer us any assistance so thanks a lot Mick, Phil and both crews, although no assistance was needed it did make us feel much better when we heard about it later.

Sailing at last on the Broad at Horsey mere everybody had a fabulous time then a crack in the distance, how the devil had Alan managed to snap a Mast eight inches in diameter "come on lads" he said "lets get that sail down I mean in, there is just enough time to get back for a replacement boat" a Javlin infact a bit small but what the heck we'll manage.

Most of the fleet made Thurn Dyke for that evening and a quiet drink in the pub, Doreen phoned Arnie they had got the rondevue wrong but would join us early Saturday morning.

Five thirty Saturday morning Kes and crew had an early morning call in what they must have thought were very heavy seas lets surifice to say they were not happy to find their boat had been enthusiastically rocked, the prime suspect was James but Chris and Stuart were unnaturally quiet.

Strong winds made for a good sail to Ludham Bridge and the Barton Broad the faint hearted or should it be sensible with a reef in the Sail. Derek pushed a cruiser about eight feet out of the water something I suspect he has wanted to do for many years and a few of our boats had to tack past a rather irate chap whom apparently was unable to straighten more than two fingers at once. It can't be true Arnie at the bank also with a broken Mast "it just went" he said as we sailed past enquiring if anyone was hurt. Only later over a few pints in the Bridge at Acle did we learn that they were Jibing up the channel like an over active windscreen wiper. "I wonder if we will lose our deposit" Don Wilkin asks, ever the comedian. Just before the Barton Broad a nice mooring and the prospect of a pint overcame Alans desire to sail so his and a number of other boats took this oppertunity for a break. Alas Ron's boat had a jammed pulley, but **no** matter, Steve was attached to the Jib uphall as a safety line and proceeded to climb to the top of the mast, Alan on his way to the pub said "why don't you drop the mast", feeling a little silly now our skipper suggested he should "go away" or something like that any way. Then it was lunch liquid or solid and on to the Barton Broad for another great sail, worn out we now head for Acle Bridge for the night. A rather poor departure from Ludham Bridge by Ron and crew left steadies, Quant Poles, and anything else not firmly bolted down on Phil and Micks boat floating in the water but after a quick discussion it was decided not to go back to assist in their recovery but to make

good our escape. The tack to Acle Bridge for the night stop proved uneventful until the bridge was in sight and the last bend being approached when three of the boats were hit by a rather nasty squall. Phil snapped his boom almost immediately and Derek sailed the bend with Doreen standing on the cooker door water pouring through the windows and most of the keel out of the water, this witnessed by Mick and Ken in their favoured position in such conditions some distance up the bank. Derek although I'm told quite calm at the time admitted later to being 'a little worried!!' a hot meal and James repaid in full for the early morning call with a through ducking, then to the Bridge Inn for a few drinks, by the way has anyone seen Alan since Ludham.

Sunday morning and Phil's boom has been replaced by ten o'clock once again the winds are strong as we set off for South Walsham Broad, a good mornings sailing with the occasional keel stuck in the mud but nothing that caused too much delay, then lunch, and a few group photos before entering the Broad for a final sail, although we still haven't found Alan. Arnie and crew unfortunately had to leave on Sunday morning due to a lack of spare boats and equipment, apparently, what we weren't still using we had already broken. A sail on the Broad and then strong winds blew us back towards Potter Heigham Bridge nobody in complete control. With Ron at the Helm a rather heavy Jibe on the bend and the Main Sheet pulled through our hands and disappeared up the Boom "Oh blow" he said. Having retrieved the Main Sheet we looked astern to watch Phil and Mick perform the same manoeuvre. A lovely controlled Jibe from Phil for a couple of seconds any way before hurtling out of control and attempting to ram Mick amidships, evasive action and a rather more forced Jibe sends Mick and crew careering up the bank all superbly caught on video by Stuart which I am sure we will all see one Club Evening, after the nine o'clock watershed of course. Down came the sails with some relief as we headed back to offer assistance along with Phil already in attendance. Gary and crew tacked around still fully rigged treating us all to a display of their sailing skills before they too ran aground on the opposite bank, after several attempts they broke away from the Lee Shore and sailed off towards Potter Heigham, we all followed, each boat making its own excuse as to why it was not worth hoisting the sails again to travel such a short distance.

Well, the end of another quiet weekend sail and we finally catch up with Alan who had suffered engine trouble on his replacement boat and spent some of the Sunday being towed out of the mud by two rescue boats and at one time a very strong chap in a rowing boat.

On second reading of this account of our Broads Weekend I could understand any one getting the impression it was something of a disaster but nothing could be further from the truth everyone had the time of their lives and from us all, thanks Arnie, for organising yet another unforgettable weekend.

GEOFF ELLIS .



JUNIOR SAILING DAY - MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

This was the first event organised for the junior sailors in the RSA and was a great success. Well done and thank you to all who took part and made it a success.

We raced on Saturday with quite a lot of wind and everybody managed to stay upright but on Sunday the wind dropped, so light wind tactics were needed.

There were quite a few battles going on, out there on the lake, with all the boats jockeying for the best starting positions, helms shouting orders to their crews and everybody trying to get the best from their boats and the wind.

In the end the final positions were;

- 1 Kevin Taylor - 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> points
- 2 Adam Phillips - 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> points
- 3 Andrew Gordon - 12 points

Top Crew - Jonathon Bunney - 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> points

There was also a quick man - overboard session with some very good results. Would any of our 'senior' sailors have done so well?

Adam Phillips - Helm 39 seconds  
Jonathon Bunney - Crew

Andrew Gordon - Helm 52 seconds  
Joseph - Crew

Thank you once again for supporting the first event for Junior Sailors, hopefully the first of many!

Sharon

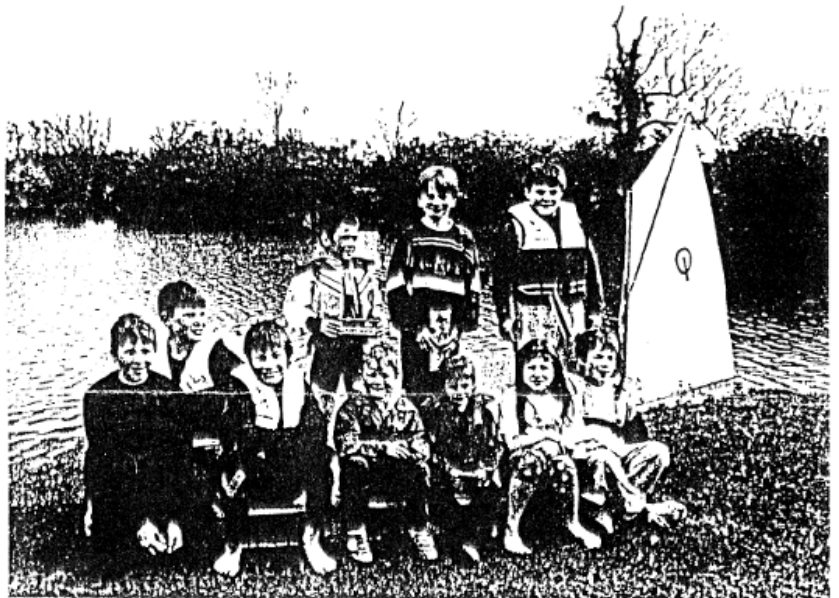
To The R.S.A. May 8<sup>th</sup> 93

I really enjoyed myself last weekend on the Junior Sailing Days.

I have learnt more about sailing, and I think all the other children have too.

Thank you for my watch, I will use it a lot in years to come, also

thank you to Sharon and Day for organising it. From  
Kevin Taylor



THE WINNERS OF THE JUNIOR SAILING DAY

Here's a quick brain teaser for all you brilliant sailors out there !!

This time its fairly easy but they can get harder and in case you seniors out there can't do it, I've got the answers.

R S D Z F R U Q H R U D D E R  
U H E N T E R P R I S E T H N  
N E H P G L S M C Y H Z D N H  
M E R W Y Y S M D E O V N N K  
F T E Z Y M L G U R L I R J Z  
C I T H I G W C E R E A C H X  
W S J A E Z I J B P V R Y G V  
S X R B J H N J B J M M R G V  
D A L S B Q D S J P S V P R U  
P I I A L M E Z C X D C D V T  
A S M L F C W K H U L L X L P  
T T R K B L G P L A S E R Y Y  
Z A C U S R E C H T J E T D V  
G C V Y S Z B F W T I L L E R  
K K F M J G Y B E Y W M B I E

These are the hidden words.

ENTERPRISE	RUDDER	TILLER
LASER	REACH	SHEET
HULL	GYBE	WIND
TACK	SAIL	RUN

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Now, what we really want is for you junior sailors to send the editor any thing you have written about the events, much more interesting than my accounts !

The Junior Sailing Day organised by Kez in conjunction with Wanlip was a great success once more. He must have friends in high places ( or Doris' prayer mat ) as the weather was glorious and the wind wasn't too bad either. Unfortunately Wanlip have suffered a recurrence of their algae problem so the venue was changed to Fosse Lake again. Well done to all who took part - another certificate for your walls !!

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> June we entertained the Thurnby Beaver troop for an evening of sailing and messing about on the water. The weather was kind to us and all the Beavers ( and a few mums and dads and brothers and sisters ) took to the water after a demonstration of capsizing drill by Adam. Well done it was too ! They all enjoyed themselves and want to come back again, one Beaver even asked if he could have his birthday party at the lake. Watch out McDonald's, you've got competition !

If any one else has any association with Beavers, Brownies, etc. and would be interested in the same kind of evening let me know and we'll see what can be arranged.

Well, I think that's all the news for now, so goodbye and happy sailing !!

Sharon

