



Water way	River Cam	Date	1 Aug 05
Weather	Hazy sunshine, warm & no wind	Engine hrs	2.5
Final mooring	Midsummer Common, Cambridge	Miles	11
Cruise notes		Locks	1 x 2

Neuro Lab Works Outing.

Captain: Brian

Crew: 10 members of the Faculty of Education

Set off at 11:45 from Midsummer Common heading downstream towards Bait's Bite lock. (It's now manned from 10am 'til 1pm, 3pm 'til 8pm, but the chap is flexible – he lives in the blue/white boat opposite. Slipped him £1.) Nimue handled well, even with large groups of people moving about the boat.

As we approached The Bridge Inn, we passed a fearsome weed-cutter in action. A welcome sight as the banks are getting quite weedy these days. At The Bridge, even though we'd pre-booked seats, we found the meal less than satisfactory – slow, wrong orders, etc. The chef probably has Monday off!

On our way back, we saw herons, electric-blue dragonflies and 3 kingfishers. Returned to 'our' berth at Cambridge at 4:00pm, with a several of the crew determined to go on and investigate boating further!



Water way	River Cam	Date	2 Aug 05
Weather	Sunny & warm	Engine hrs	1.5
Final mooring	Midsummer Common, Cambridge	Miles	6
Cruise notes		Locks	0

Evening cruise, moored at Baits Bite lock to eat.

Crew: Brian & Tess, Brian & Carol with guests Mike & Sheila Levy.

Lovely evening cruise down the Cam, many rowers out. Returned as night fell.



Water way	River Cam - River Great Ouse	Date	5 Aug 05
Weather	Warm, but increasing wind	Engine hrs	4
Final mooring	Lovey's	Miles	15
Cruise notes		Locks	2

Brian & Carol. Set off at 2:20pm from a calm Midsummer Common timing our departure so as to catch Baits Bite lock when it opened at 3pm. The lockkeeper told us of a boat that morning who cast off without starting their engine. The tale was well worth a £1 coin!

As we left the lock and Carol took over as Captain, it remained sunny but the NE wind started to freshen. As we arrived at Bottisham, the lock gates were with us but the increasing wind made lining up on them a little tricky.

We picnicked at the nettle-free GOBA mooring at Dimmock's Cote on the east bank of the river. The edge is undercut in places and may give way underfoot but otherwise a fine mooring. With the strong wind on our forward port quarter and the current behind us, leaving the mooring proved very difficult and we needed the assistance of a fellow boater on the bank to haul us astern using the bow rope.

That safely accomplished, we motored on up to Ely where the wind abated somewhat and we moored with the minimum of fuss at 7:15pm.



Water way	Lovey's - just beyond Prickwillow	Date	21 Aug 05
Weather	Cloudy & warm, then very hot & sunny	Engine hrs	3
Final mooring	Lovey's	Miles	12
Cruise notes		Locks	0

Laurence, Sophie, Janet, Steve, Jason, Jo, James & Nat.

Saw nesting grebes, 2 kingfishers, woodpecker.

All moorings at Prickwillow taken so had to wild-moor beyond Prickwillow. Sophie responsible for loss of mooring pin.

Jason got told off for speeding. Had a lovely picnic and some lemon drizzle cake baked by Sophie - yum. Had a great time at the helm, didn't speed, they're making it up!! Jason and James had successful turns as captain. James' experience as a Sea Cadet came in handy when tying knots.

Fan exploding incident! Propellor flew off when turned on, showering Captain Jason with small shards of plastic - safety goggles suggested for future use.



Water way River Great Ouse - River Cam

Date 27 Aug 05

Weather Cloudy

Engine hrs 3.5

Final mooring Lovey's

Miles 15.3

Cruise notes

Locks 0

Summer outing with Aunt Betts and Mary.
Crew: B & T, B & C, I & C, Beth & Joni

Enjoyed a cool but calm journey to the 'Five Miles From Anywhere' pub for lunch. River not too busy with Bank Holiday traffic. Noticed new sculpture on the East bank.

Interesting wildlife, notably squadrons of geese landing on the river for a large gathering in front of us.

Investigated marinas at Upware and Tiptree. Upware is rather weedy and scruffy, Tiptree is neat but no facilities. There's a nice (disused?) boathouse on the East bank near Fodder Fen, just upstream from the A1123 road bridge.

Also, note the new table, made by Brian, in the Aft sitting area!