



Spot the kingfisher

Water way	River Great Ouse - River Little Ouse	Date	4 Sep 05
Weather	Very sunny and warm (up to 30C) & breezy	Engine hrs	5
Final mooring	Lovey's	Miles	23
Cruise notes		Locks	0

First BBQ Cruise!  
Crew: BrianJ, Carol & BrianM

Started at 10:50am for a beautiful day's cruising downstream on the Great Ouse and then up the Little Ouse to just beyond Little Ouse hamlet. Very quiet on the Little Ouse, first boat we passed proclaimed, "You're only the second boat we've seen all day!"

Wild moored at about 1:30pm, against the south bank, fortunately in the shade of a row of tall poplar trees. Disposable BBQ set up, wine and beer opened and a very good meal consumed. New table excellent!

Wild life seen included a kingfisher (!), herons, swans & cygnets grazing on the floating weed. Also 3 white horses on the bank.

Set off at 3:40pm and arrived back at 6:10pm



Water way	River Great Ouse - Old West River	Date	24 Sep 05
Weather	Sunny and warm	Engine hrs	3
Final mooring	Lovey's	Miles	12
Cruise notes		Locks	0

Lovely short cruise up the Old West to the Lazy Otter for lunch. (Excellent BLT baguettes, Carol's omelette 'a bit much'). Excellent late-summer weather, clear sky and millpond reflections on the river.

Carol moored at GOBA moorings at Lazy Otter successfully. A less than successful unmooring at Lovey's however!

Noted very pleasant moorings at Lazy Otter (mostly liveaboards) and small marina which looks interesting.

Wildlife included herons and an unknown bird of prey hovering with wings and tail fluttering but maintaining itself in precisely the same spot in the air.

Crew: Brian & Tessa, Carol & Brian