



left: Susan on
nest
right: Little
Ouse
(Spot The
Moon)
Cory's Ricky House

Water way	Down Great Ouse, Up Little Ouse to Rodham Bridge	Date	3 Jun 06
Weather	Blue, cloudless sky, bright sunshine, warm	Engine hrs	6
Final mooring	Cathedral Marina	Miles	23.5
Cruise notes		Locks	0

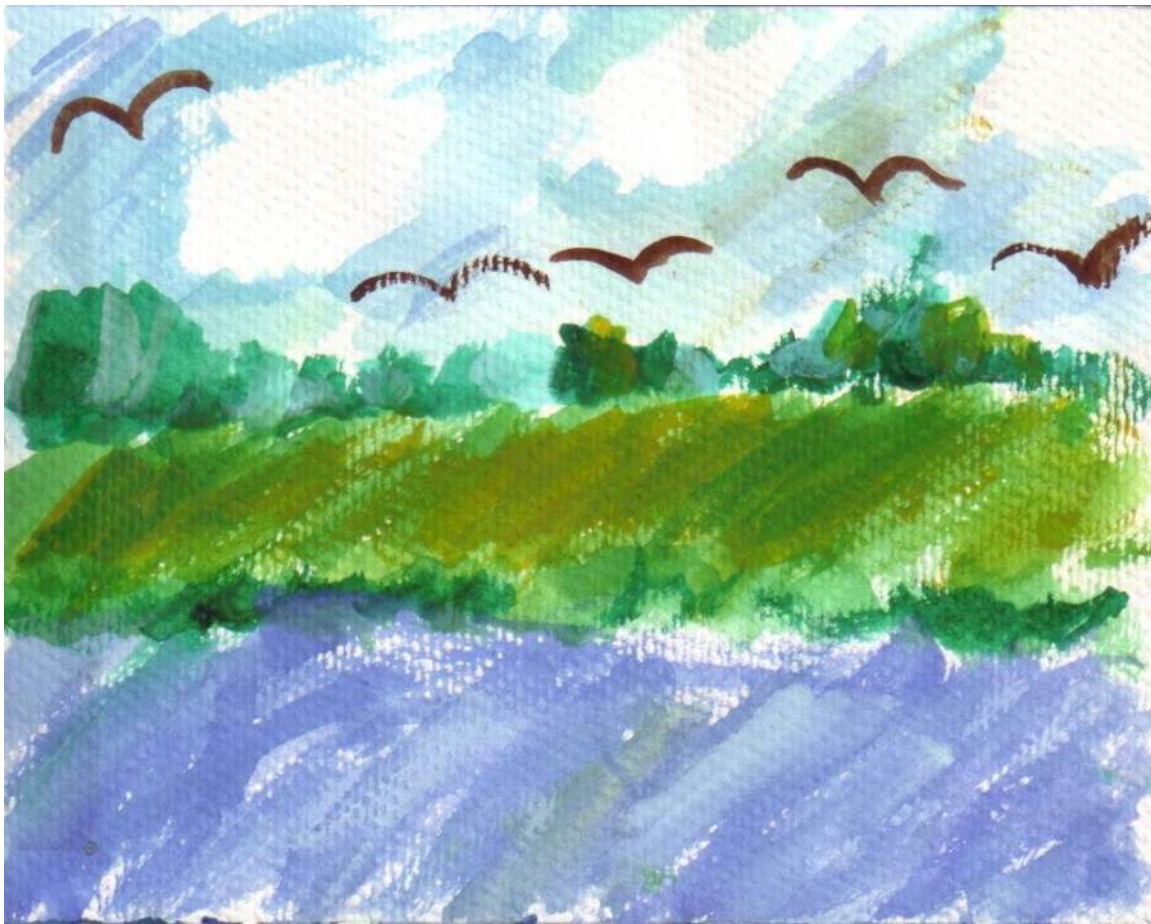
Crew: Brian & Tess. Sue & Paul Tersir + guests Cory & Ricky Outis.

Uneventful trip out except for wild gyrations and 360 degree turn in Gt Ouse as Tessa handed over to Sue resulting in blind panic (both demoted to Unable Seaman). Called in to Ricky & Cory Outis at Little Ouse. Had to phone them up to assist mooring as the bank was overgrown.

Carried on up-river for short way and then had wine and salad meal.

Returned late evening (lovely weather) after dropping off Cory & Ricky.

Wildlife spotted included 2 swan nests (guarded by males), kingfishers & possibly grebes. Ricky spotted a naked man bathing from deck to cabin as we passed!



Water way	Up the Cam to Bottisham Lock	Date	4 Jun 06
Weather	Sunny	Engine hrs	4.3
Final mooring	Cathedral Marina	Miles	18.8
Cruise notes		Locks	0

Brian & Carol's first trip out this year.

We were excited to see all the young wildlife on the river – 10 ducklings, 5 cygnets, 2 grebes and loads of goslings. Saw a swan fighting a goose.

There were 5 boats moored at the Little Thetford mooring!

As we all forgot our cameras, we were fortunate to have artist Joni Mitchell on board who painted these views of the Cam.

Crew: Ian & Joni, Brian & Carol



Water way	Rivers Great Ouse and Old West	Date	11 Jun 06
Weather	Sunny, very hot in the late afternoon	Engine hrs	4
Final mooring	Cathedral Marina	Miles	14.3
Cruise notes		Locks	0

Crew: Brian & Carol, Ian & Joni, BriamM

Saw a black swan near the first bridge out of Ely. Blue dragonflies all along the Old West. Dog roses in bloom. Heron on the starboard side.

Moored at the EA mooring at Streatham (in need of some serious grass-cutting - take long socks!). Barbecued sausages, burgers, fish & lamb for a bankside BBQ. Delicious! Thanks to riverside chef Brian!

Fewer waterbirds along the Old West past the Lazy Otter, but took some photos of a swan & 6 cygnets. Fed the ducks with one left-over roll & butter, but they seemed to have plenty to eat!

Saw 1 kingfisher flying on the Old West, but still no decent photo!



Water way	5 Miles Inn, Upware	Date	30 Jun - 1 Jul 06
Weather	Sunny and very warm	Engine hrs	3
Final mooring	Cathedral Marina	Miles	13
Cruise notes		Locks	0

Captain: Brian & Tessa Mitchell

Late afternoon cruise to 5 Mile Inn, moored by the pub and ate in the restaurant (starters overspiced, main courses very nice, service slow – overwhelmed?) Entertainment - 'Resident Irish Singer' (Gordon Lightfoot numbers, etc).

Very quiet and pleasant night, up early for a walk round the village. Saw an owl (type uncertain) swooping low over field. Returned early to Ely after breakfast.

Moored among the Birchwoods; a 33, a 22 & Lizzie B, another 25 from Ely.

Tessa had best sight of a kingfisher, Brian didn't see it and no camera to hand (of course!). It flew out of some trees on left-hand bank near 5 Mile Inn. Visible for several seconds until it disappeared into the trees again.

Recommended to moor on grass just beyond pub rather than landing stage.