



Waterway	Tiptree - River Gt Ouse - River Cam	Date	4 Aug 2007
Weather	Glorious!	Engine hrs	3.5
Final mooring	cambridge - Ft St George	Miles	8.7
Cruise notes		Locks	2

Crew: Brian J & Brian M

Brian M & Brian J decided to use this trip to practice single-handed cruising.

Brian M failed at the first hurdle as Brian J had to fend off from the "Wicked Lady"! All went well from that point, though and we had an uneventful journey down to Bottisham Lock where Brian M moored at the lock approach. The new springer rope proved its worth!

When the lock had been entered, Brian J took over and motored on down to Bait's Bite where a starboard mooring proved easier than expected. (NB Must shorten the starboard springer!)

Going into and then through the lock proved no problem and we went on down to Ft St George where Tessa and Carol brought us a picnic.

Brian M then spent the night aboard. Uneventfully!



Waterway	River Cam - River Gt Ouse - Tiptree	Date	5 Aug 2007
Weather	Very sunny, but increasingly windy	Engine hrs	4
Final mooring	Tiptree	Miles	9
Cruise notes		Locks	2

Crew: Brian & Carol, Brian & Tessa

A leisurely cruise up to Bait's Bite Lock where we moored and had lunch watching the martins and met the previous owner of "Wicked Lady" (now "Misty").

After lunch, we motored on up to Bottisham which, once again, was against us. The landing stage was full, so Brian J started doing circuits in the increasing wind until the lock cleared. That's twice he's had to do that at Bottisham -- once going out and once going in!

Back at Tiptree BrianM took the helm from Carol to enter the marina. A passing boat forced us to overshoot the marina entrance and it took 4 attempts in the by now, much stronger wind to turn around and eventually enter the marina with the assistance of fellow boaters.

There's always something to learn on every trip! This time, it was turn to starboard when you need a tighter turn.