



Waterway	Tiptree - Bottisham Lock - Five Miles Inn	Date	16 Sep 2007
Weather	Sunny & warm, but very windy	Engine hrs	2
Final mooring	Tiptree	Miles	6
Cruise notes		Locks	0

Crew: Brian, Tessa and Derek Anderson

The original intention was to cruise to The Bridge Inn, but the wind above Bottisham was so severe that we moored at the lock and walked to The Bridge -- only to find a very substantial wait for food! So, we returned to the boat and cruised back up to the Five Miles Inn for a very pleasant -- and quickly served! -- meal.

On return to Tiptree we met with a minor disaster when a badly-stowed mooring rope fell off the bow, went under the boat, fouled the propellor and brought the engine to a juddering halt. The resulting silence was promptly filled by Tessa who turned the air blue!

We were rescued immediately by teamwork from the marina residents who got ropes to us and pulled us against a strong wind back to our mooring. Thank you to you all!

Several attempts were made to remove the rope -- all to no avail, so there will be no more cruising for this season. We will have to wait for a lift-out by Tiptree's new hoist.



Waterway	Tiptree	Date	24 Nov 2007
Weather	Extremely cold, slight breeze	Engine hrs	0
Final mooring	Dry mooring - Tiptree	Miles	0
Cruise notes		Locks	0

Brian M, Brian J & Ian had to use ropes to pull Nimue out of her mooring and onto the river. This was made very hazardous by the presence of treacherous ice on the boat decks and pontoons but we eventually managed to get her safely around to the lift-out bay.

The lift-out itself -- by Tiptree's brand-new hoist! -- then went very smoothly. The hull was pressure-washed before she was towed into place and settled down on chocks for the winter.

