

Welcome to The Nancy Oldfield Trust Newsletter ...

This is the first of our new regular newsletters and we hope that you enjoy it!

If you are a visitor or a volunteer, we would love to hear your stories and we will always be looking for items to include in future newsletters!

Well-being on the Water

A new initiative being run by Annie, our Changing Tack Facilitator, is 'Well-being on the Water'. This offers people with a cancer diagnosis or receiving palliative care the opportunity for some peaceful time on the water with the Trust. The leaflet is being circulated to health care professionals in Norfolk involved in cancer or palliative care and the trips are being fully funded from our bursary scheme. We hope that the Trust will be able to offer the opportunity of a relaxing cruise on the Broads, alone or with family, friends and carers.



'Who' made this?

Sue & Peter Prentice helped the Sprowston Gardeners make a fantastic & friendly looking Dalek for the Flower Festival at Barton Church this August, which had the theme 'What we are watching'. Our Dalek wasn't the only alien there as the Clangers had taken over the font!

Trustee Turnaround!

We sadly said goodbye to trustees Chris Peck, David Prettyman, Jonathan Chadd and Frank James after many years of great service to the Trust. However, this has made way for some new faces at the Trust. Welcome to Jasper Copping, Simon Smith, Peter Hawes and Simon George who have joined the board of Trustees.

Starting this week, Trustees will each be spending a day at the Trust! This will be a great opportunity to meet new faces and acquaint with old ones, not to mention to enjoy, first-hand, the "Nancy Oldfield Experience!"



Our New Motor Cruiser ... Could this be it?!



We have been considering the future of our motor cruiser fleet for some time as our oldest boat Maureen Kenyon has done sterling service for 26 years and is approaching the end of her useful life at the Trust. We are asking everyone who uses our boats, whether volunteer drivers or visitors to tell us what features they would like to see in the new boat. All ideas, however wacky, are very welcome!

This is the first stage of the process of commissioning a new boat currently planned for the end of 2021. If you would like to give us your thoughts and ideas please contact us!

Ark Pontoon Extension Project

The new pontoons are taking shape at Cox's Boatyard. Three new pontoons, constructed with a GRP girder framework on concrete Walcon floats with a composite deck, will provide greatly improved access for our visitors to the Ark. The new pontoons will feature a new ramp loading system for getting on and off the Pioneer support boats and a new hoist with a higher capacity and longer reach which will make helping people who require hoisting in to the yachts easier and more comfortable. The choice of materials will significantly reduce the long-term cost of maintenance and increase the longevity of the pontoons.



Winter Sailing

This winter we will be keeping a Yeoman, Bass Boat and our new Pegasus 600 yacht in the water to give our visitors the option of some winter sailing when weather conditions are favourable. The Pegasus came to us as a very generous gift from a local sailor. Unlike our previous cruiser, the Pandora 600, she has a lifting keel and a more spacious cockpit.



September 2018

Calling all potential Keelboat Instructor or Keelboat Senior Instructor Candidates!

We are running two RYA Keelboat Instructor courses, and an RYA Keelboat Instructor course in April 2019 at the Nancy Oldfield Trust.

The dates for the courses are:

- 4 to 7 April – Keelboat Senior Instructor course
- 8 to 12 April – Keelboat Instructor course #1
- 13 to 17 April – Keelboat Instructor course #2

If anyone is interested please contact Mark Elson for more information, contact details are at the bottom of the newsletter.

Coming Soon ...

If you have anything you would like to share in future Newsletters, then please let us know. We would love to hear about your experiences or news!

If you wish to contact us regarding visits, volunteering or general information, all our contact details are at the bottom of the page.

Thank you to everybody who has made this summer such a busy, happy and successful one!

The Nancy Oldfield Team.

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WELL-BEING ON THE WATER

The Nancy Oldfield Trust is a welcoming organisation, based in Neatishead, providing access to motor boat cruising, sailing, canoeing, and bird-watching for an enjoyable time out on the Norfolk Broads.

As part of our Well-being on the Water initiative we are offering anyone who has a cancer diagnosis, or is receiving palliative care (any diagnosis), to come and have a relaxing and peaceful time on the Broads. This is free of charge and includes a family member, or carer. Should more people want to join the trip this is possible for a small donation.

Some of our boats have been adapted to be fully accessible to accommodate mobility issues and other disabilities. We are able to accommodate wheel chairs and have hoists to assist with safe transfers on and off the boats if required. Trips will be facilitated by one of our staff or instructor volunteers, all of whom are DBS checked, and fully trained and insured.

If you are interested , or know someone who might enjoy a boat trip — on a motor cruiser or sailing boat — please give us a ring on 01692 630572 or send us an email to info@nancyoldfield.org.uk and mention 'Well-being on the Water'.

We look forward to hearing from you!

