

Spring Bank Holiday Rally April 2011

Friday

Bella and Mezereon had travelled up to the railway mooring the previous evening.

We awoke to a pleasant morning with thick heads as we had been to the “shed” the night before. Sharron unfortunately had to work so we walked her up to Roy’s and got provisions for breakfast which we cooked on our return.

Later in the morning we went into Hoveton for provisions for our Royal wedding celebration, after which we cast off and travelled downstream to Brian and Eunice’s mooring, on arrival we got out the bunting and decorated the boats and the boat house, after which we had a warming mug of tea as it was quite cool with a brisk wind.

Later in the afternoon Eunice organised afternoon tea for us and this was very much appreciated.



We barbequed later in the evening but it was cool and we were invited up into the accommodation above the boat house where it was a lot warmer we all had a good chat and Ted started off the games playing shove ha’penny.

Saturday

It was still very windy we socialised in the morning then most of us set off for Ranworth then met up again at around 15:30 and rafted up at the top of the broad to have tea, cakes etc at 17:00 we were beckoned into the mooring at Ranworth nature reserve and chained in for the night.

We were all invited aboard Mezereon for nibbles and drinks which later escalated into a larger informal meal with everyone bringing something along to the table and a very enjoyable time was had by all.



The weather had been overcast and very windy but we were treated to a most spectacular sunset. After which we went onto Derek and Caroline's yacht for drinks and we were very impressed by how spacious and well equipped their yacht was especially the superb lifting set up for the cabin roof using the largest gas struts I have ever seen.

Sunday

We awoke to a nice morning but still very strong winds and had a nice walk through the reserve to the village for provisions etc.

On our return we paid our dues to the Nature reserve staff who were very helpful and friendly, and at 10:00 they unchained the mooring for us.

Peter and Helen set sail and roared off down the broad and back again, then dropped the sails probably a wise move though!

We decided to go to the island at Ludham for some shelter most stayed here and had a lazy afternoon. Sharron and myself went round and moored at Hunters and walked up to the annual craft show in Ludham church where we met fellow club members Martin and Kim Cowley with their fantastic crafty creations!

Mid afternoon we travelled to Thurne dyke and moored up then had tea and cakes.

A committee meeting was held aboard Mezereon, followed by many gin and tonic's and a quite lively afternoon followed.

Later that evening we went for a meal at Thurne Lion and had a very enjoyable time.

Monday

It was too windy for sailing so we all dispersed, Peter and Helen decided to have a walk with others returning to the island at Ludham to shelter from the cold wind and some lunch.

While we were there a young lad and his father turned up in an inflatable canoe and started walking up and down the bank, when questioned why, we found out that they were looking for treasure using a hand held gps device and a clue provided from an online geo-tagging website, we became involved and eventually after 20 minutes the young lad found his treasure.

Linda and Gary decided not to cross Breydon water as this was reported as being very rough in the strong winds and opted to leave Mezereon at Paul's mooring at Barton Turf instead.

Mark Sharron and Bella

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