

Thurne Rally June 2011

Saturday

We left Sonia's mooring in Martham at 10.30 the weather was not favourable with heavy rain forecast stopping off at Allan & Patricia's bungalow for a cup of tea along the way, they had decided to stay there which turned out to be a very wise decision.

We then headed for Potter Heigham Bridge passing through at 11.30 and arrived at Thurne Dyke at 12.30 the weather then turned, with a few spits of rain in the wind but a very dark sky towards St Benet's Abbey. Managed to reverse Mezereon into Thurne dyke moor up and put the mast roof and half the cover on when it started to rain, we quickly pulled the rest of the cover over and got inside as the heavens opened, the rain stopped a few minutes later as quickly as it had started, I looked out to see an even blacker cloud approaching but the wind had completely gone, I think we were in the 'eye' Gary put a spring rope on and finished tying the cover just before the next lot arrived, this time it was hail as well!

Time for lunch and as we had left fairly early in the morning Gary decided it was time for a fry up, and a very nice one too.

Lacewing was already moored and her crew had gone sailing aboard Ripple they returned just as another shower came down along with Mallard & Chariot.

Kettle on time again and we had tea & cakes sometimes in the sunshine sometimes with a light shower. A cider or two later we were ready for a meal in Thurne Lion, Paul Reynolds came out to join us after which we went for a night cap with Derek before settling down for a wet & windy night although not as bad as it had been a few year's previous.

Sunday

Not much of an improvement to the weather I'm afraid but we started the day with a celebration, it was Derek's birthday, 21 again I think!

We all dispersed fairly early in the day due to the weather with only Alan Winters braving the weather and staying out another night.

We had the bridge at Potter Heigham to navigate again as we were returning to Sonia's mooring at Martham for another week hoping to get a sail on Hickling the following weekend before returning back to our mooring on the southern rivers.

Squeezed under Potter Bridge at 11.15 and stopped again to have a cup of tea and a warm up with Allan & Patricia, left at 12.00 as they were off to Duffers for the night to meet up with Ted & Teresa.

We moored up then had lunch under cover as it was raining again after which we pumped out the bilges and headed for home.

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