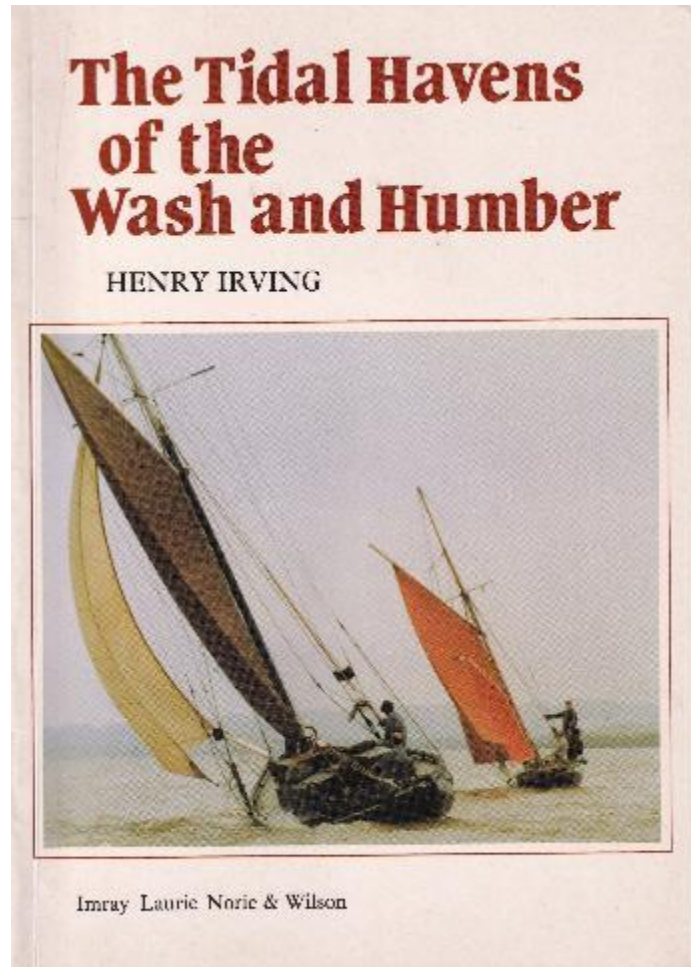


Sailing life in North Norfolk



SOCA September 2025

Navigation – North Norfolk



Shallow area off north Norfolk coast Generally N winds over F4 – Rough

Why Wells?

Sailing Area



Wells, Blakeney and Burnham

Anglian – A Mirage 2700



Owned by family from 1981 – 2025

Brought as hull stage 1 – engine + internal mouldings



Anglian – A Mirage 2700



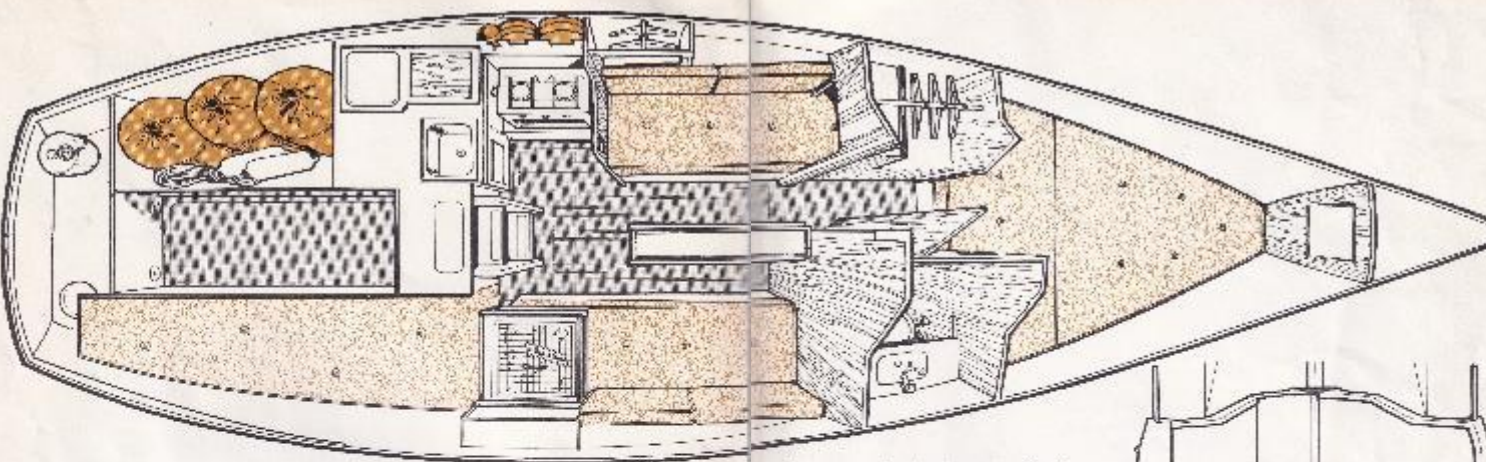
**THE NEW
MIRAGE 2700
TAKES
PERFORMANCE
SERIOUSLY.**



This radical new Mirage from the Thames Marine design team is the first of a new generation of wide-bodied cruisers that sets the pace for the 80's.

Bold styling, a high ballast ratio and wide beam give you a performance yacht for serious sailing and comfortable 6-berth cruising.

The overall length with rudder is 27ft, but its weight of 2700 Kgs. is built into the name, since we believe that weight is a more genuine measure of what you are buying.



**ACCOMMODATION
THAT TAKES CRUISING
SERIOUSLY.**

Bold styling and a generous beam amidships allowed us to push the use of space in the interior to new limits in this wide-bodied new performance cruiser.

Wide side decks and a low profile cabin on a hull of good freeboard contribute to excellent headroom and a feeling of airy spaciousness in the 6-berth layout below.

The forward cabin offers a double berth, with shelves and lots of stowage under the bunks. To starboard, a separate toilet has room for an optional vanity unit with wash basin and pump. Whilst to port, there's a good sized hanging locker.

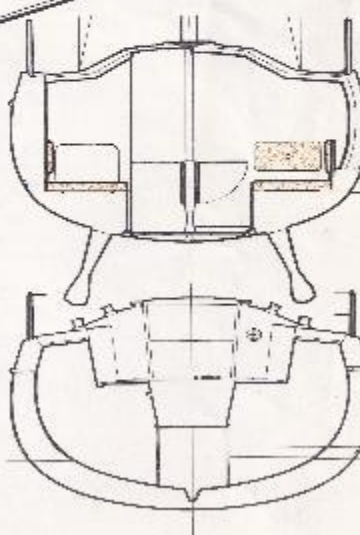
In the main saloon, the berths are separated by a solidly mounted table with folding leaves, which gives you that option of leaving one leaf up, with the other down for access to the fore cabin.

Besides grab rails, shelves and stowage lockers, there's another hanging locker to port. Aft of this is the galley, with gimbaled cooker, stainless steel sink, an ice box and chopping board with stowage under.

To starboard, a large optional chart table which folds neatly away under the side deck.

Aft, the quarter berth is a cosy double.

Both cabins are lined with condensation resistant material and the cabin floor is ply-decked. The layout is designed to give good access to the engine from inside the cabin, with engine controls in the cockpit.



Layout, a Thames Marine offshoot

Port of Wells

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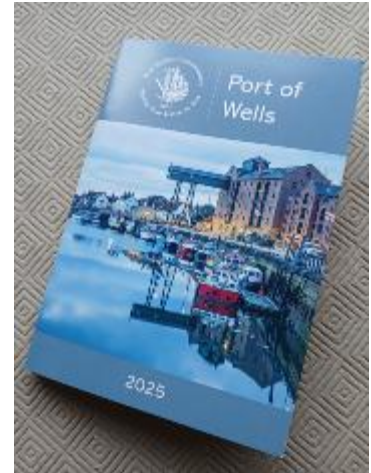
Navigation Video

Wells Harbour Commissioners
Piloting from Haven to Port
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Port of Wells Entry Navigation Video – Updated 07.05.25

May 7, 2025 3:53 pm

Click on the following link to watch the video showing into the Port of Wells from the West Cardinal to the visitors pontoon. **IMPORTANT NOTE** – The change is not shown within the video footage but is clearly shown in text within the video footage. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJba2k0Uj7o>
Take a bearing of 165 degrees and head towards the yellow special mark. Keep the special mark to **STARBOARD** (not Port as shown in the video).



Wells harbour Info

Port of Wells – Pilot Boat



Accessible by deeper draft boats Advantage over neighbouring ports

Wells Quay – Visitor pontoon mooring



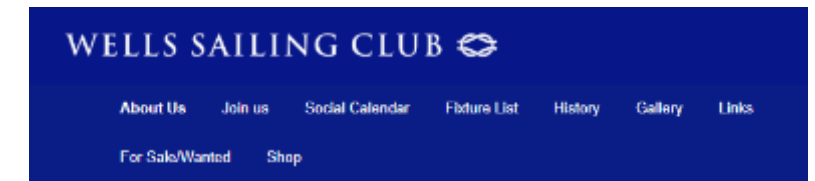
These in the inner harbour – Have toilets, showers, elect, water, pump out

Also

Outer harbour – just pontoons (but deeper drafts safer mooring and entrance)

Swing and fore/aft mooring (all these dry out)

WSC - Refreshments



Wells, Brancaster and Blakeney all have sailing clubs

Although mostly targeted at dinghy sailing

WSC has a few yacht members and a bar. Not really helpful to visiting yachts but quay has toilets/showers/Water/Elect for visiting boats using pontoons

Wells – Entry in Anglian



Over bar and approaching estuary there are approach alignment guides, although buoyage good
Coast watch station and new lifeboat station (Shannon boat)
Out harbour just round behind lifeboat station (build for windfarm vessels)

Wells – Entry in Anglian



Past out harbour – Going down “the Run”

Wells – Entry in Anglian



Coming down Run
Get lots of European visiting yachts
And lots of motorboats during Carnival

Wells Quay



Wells Quay



Albatross

Transport vessel – The Frank-T (named after old harbour master)

Wells Quay



Granary – In use until mid 1980's Now Flats

Wells - East End



Wells – My Home mooring

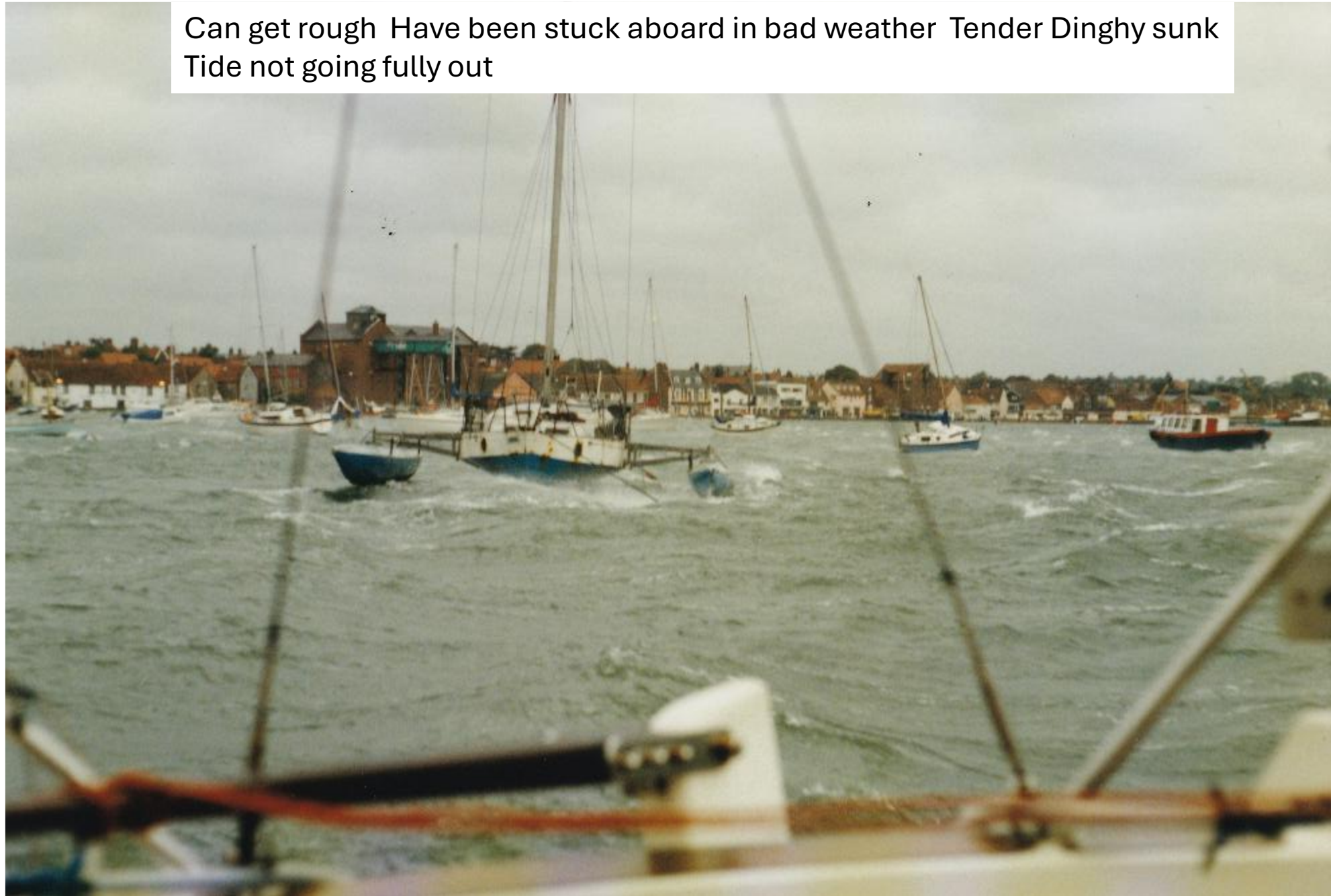


Wells – My Home mooring





Can get rough Have been stuck aboard in bad weather Tender Dinghy sunk
Tide not going fully out



Wells East Hills



East Hills on a busy day in Wells

Wells East Hills – View out over Bob Halls sands



Wells – Bob Halls Sand



Need to be a little careful of Bob Halls sand
Lost engine power – Had damaged prop when launching further along on coast
Two on board both ok
Along way from home – Rutland Water



Visiting and Local boats



Arrival back at Wells on a Marsh Tide



On Marsh tide appearance totally changes

No guidance from land View straight out to sea

Combine this with strong northerlies and surge tide and you get interesting times

Local Wildlife



Spoonbills, Oyster catchers.
Others:- Little terns, Egrets, Avocets and Wagtails

Local Refreshments



Events – Low flying objects



Events – Northern light at Wells



Wells Yard facilities



Wells Yard facilities – Small boat lift



Wells Yard facilities

35 tonne boat lift



Tractor
Engine lift



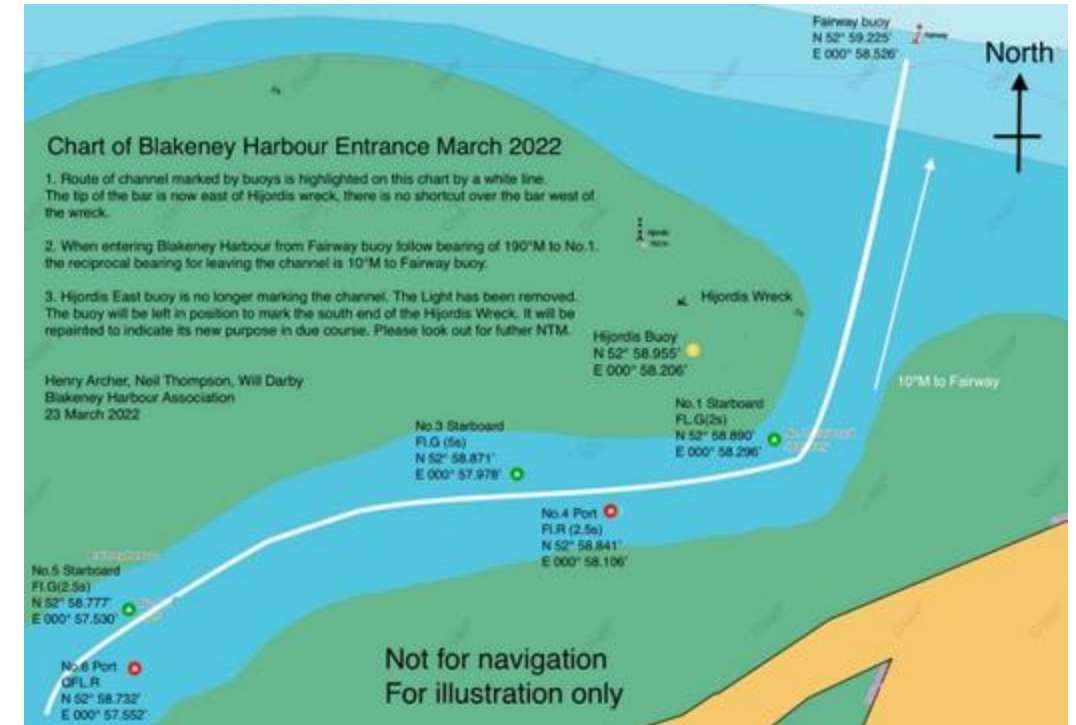
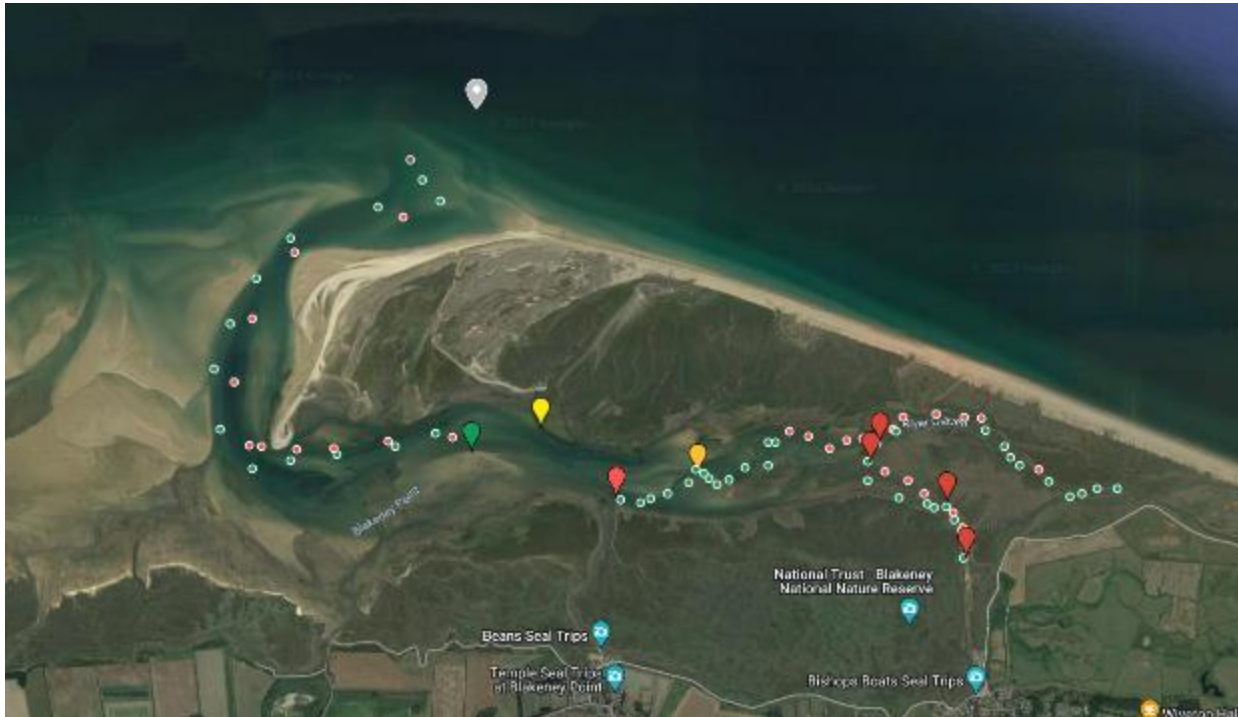
Blakeney Harbour Association

Web Results

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Blakeney Harbour Association 

BHA conserves and keeps the harbour safe through outreach and restoration ... BLAKENEY HARBOUR ASSOCIATION maintains, preserves and improves Blakeney Harbour, ...



BHA gives regular updates and repositions buoyage

Blakeney Entrance



Entry to Blakeney. Shows wreck post. Similar to Deben

The Pit



To right still an area where boats can remain afloat at low tide

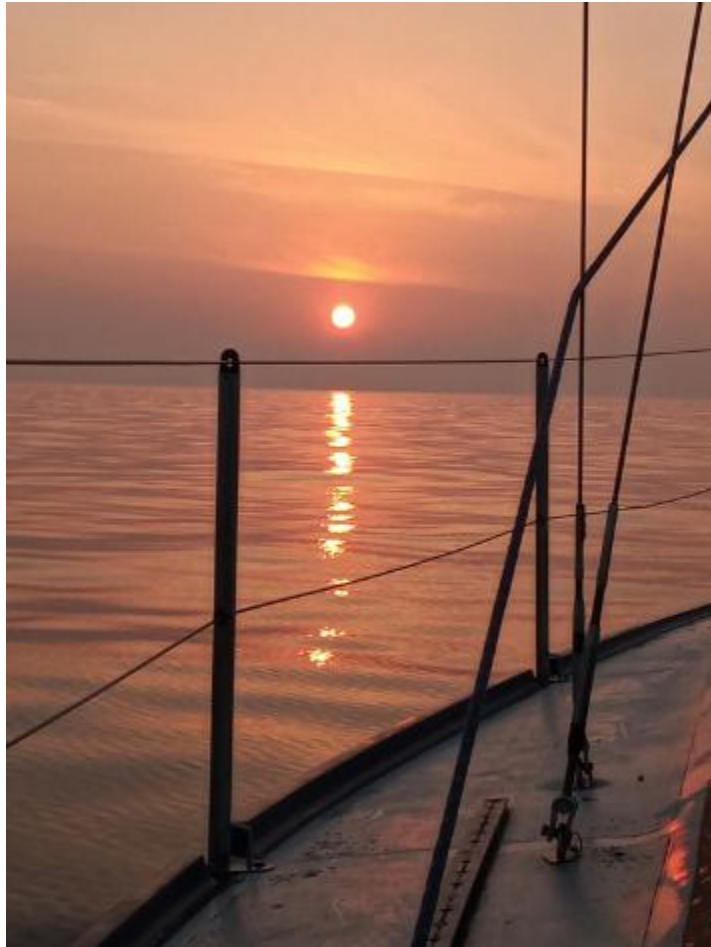
Blakeney seal population



Blakeney



Sailing to Blakeney



Evening in Blakeney Pit



Avocet

Windrush

Anglian

Blakeney



Blakeney - Moorings



Mooring personally owned. No harbour authority – a free port by charter

Swing mooring

Two anchors chained together, with riser to buoy

2nd Image - Sometimes gets caught between keels

Blakeney to Wells



Events – Recent Wells RNLI rescue off Blakeney



Burnham arrival





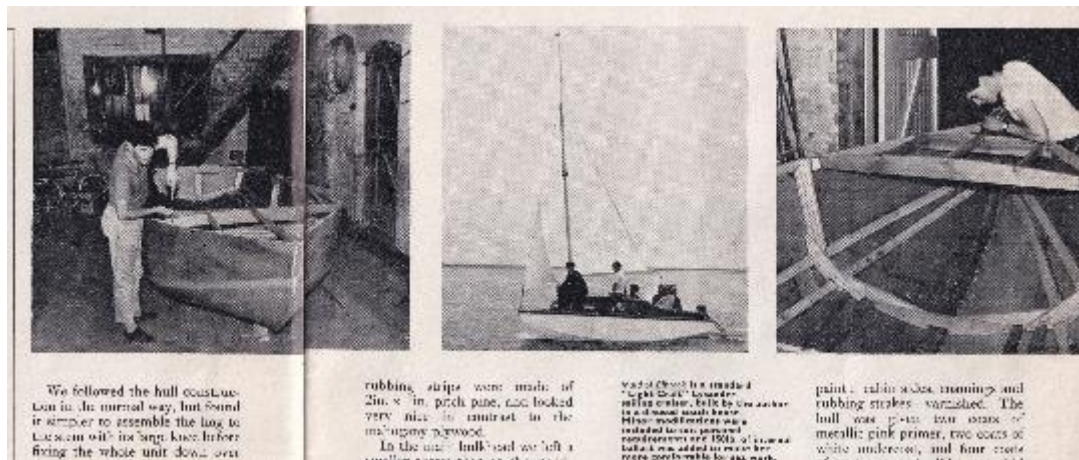
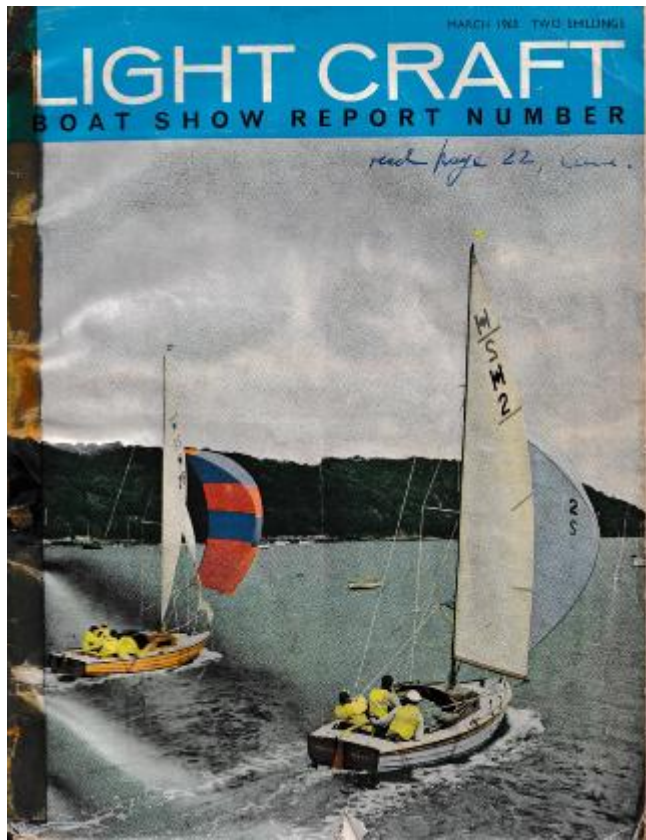
RIP – Mark Ashby 1961-2022

Anchored at Burnham



Heading home to Wells from Burnham



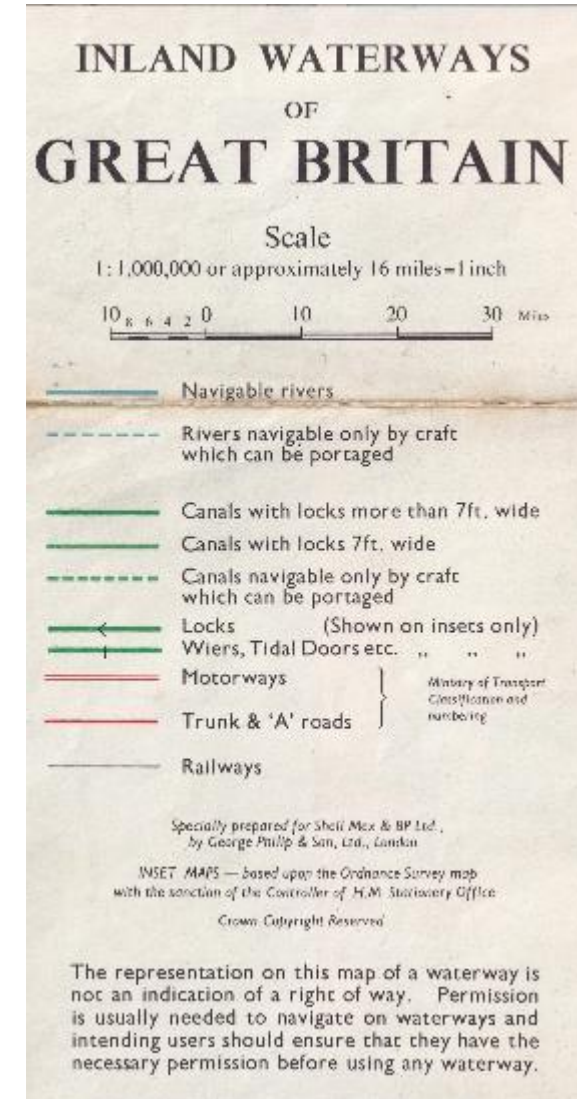
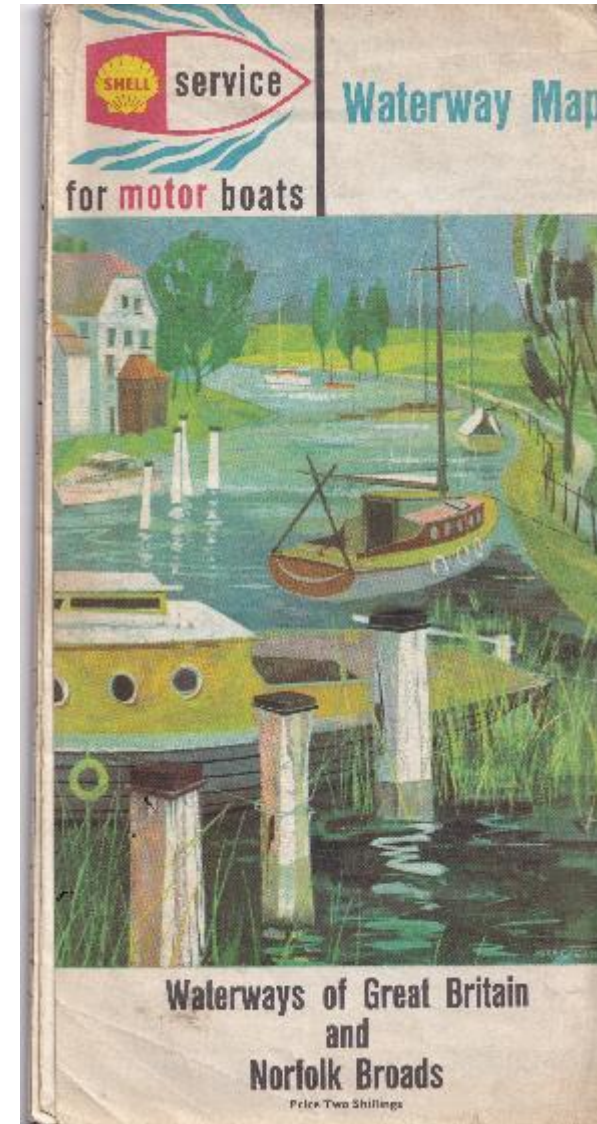
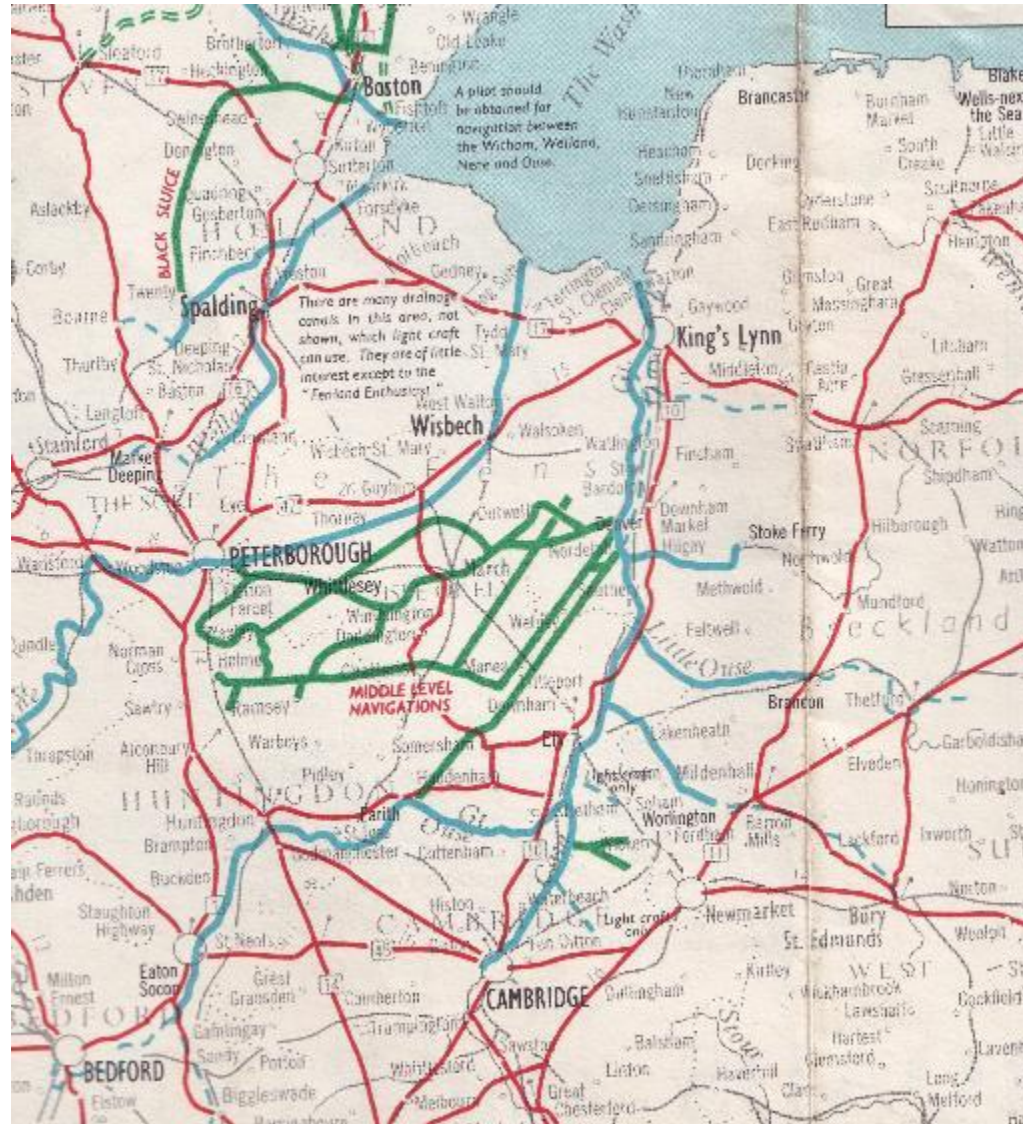


Wells next the Sea – The Journey begins

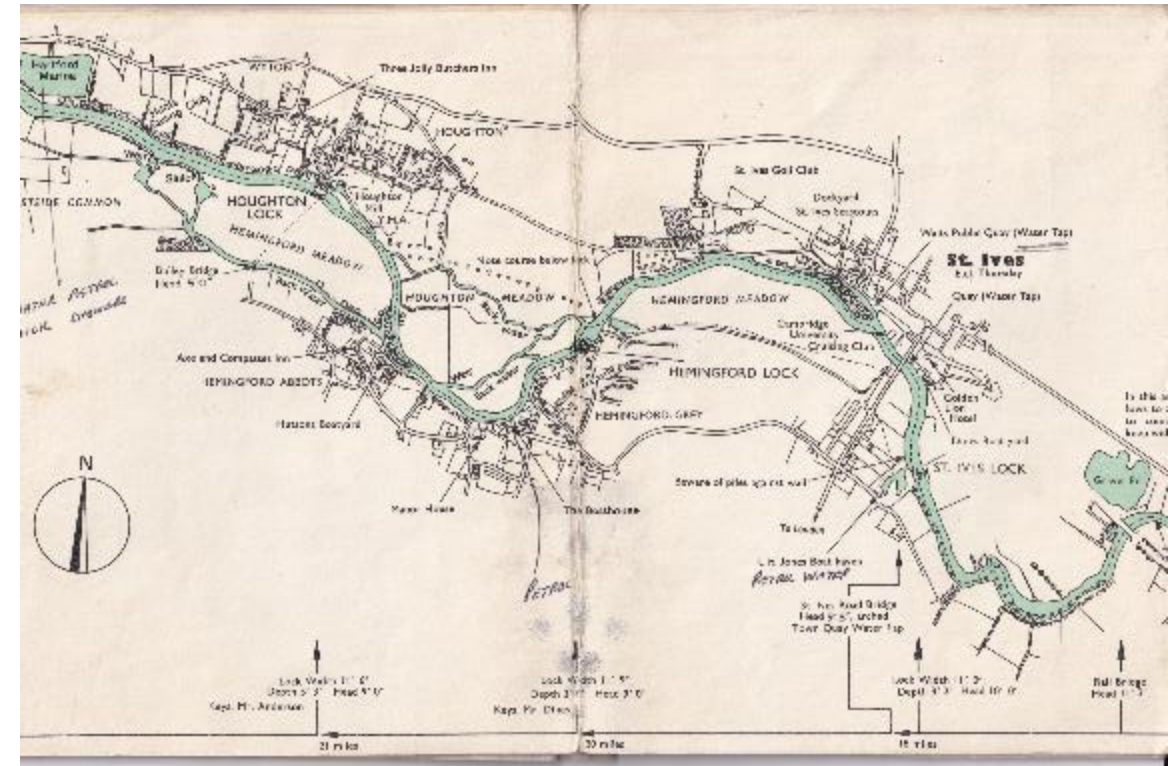
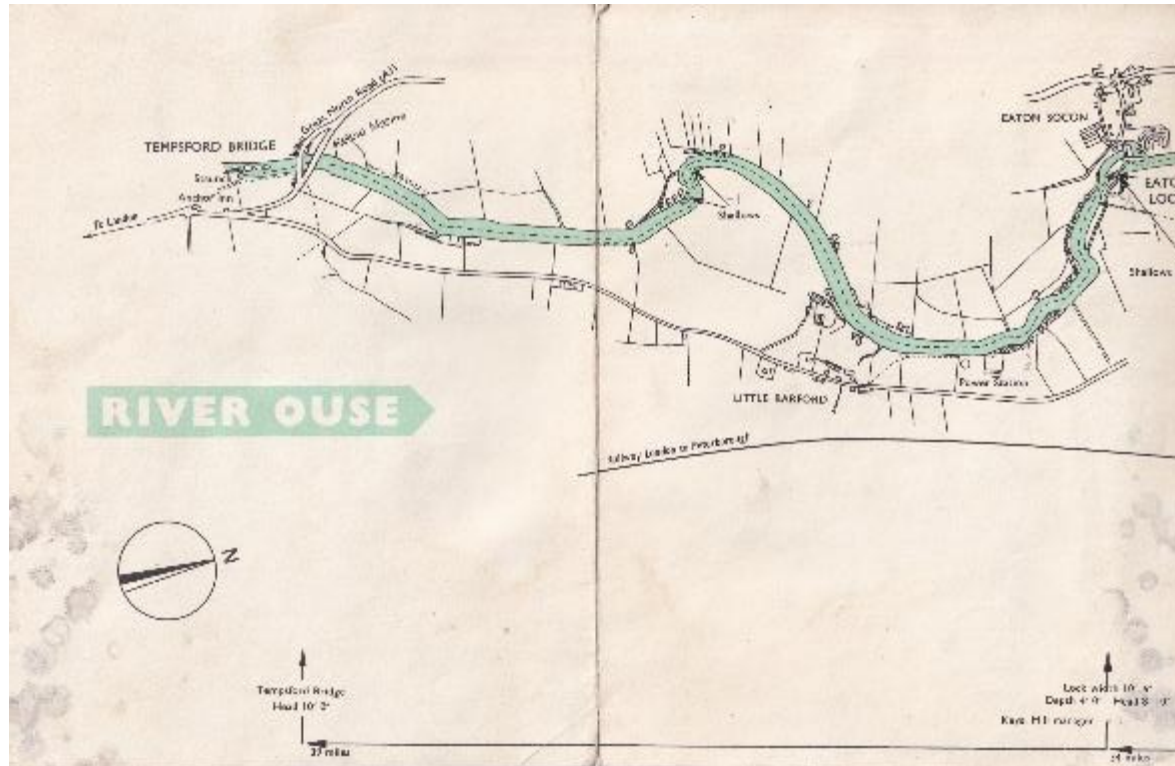
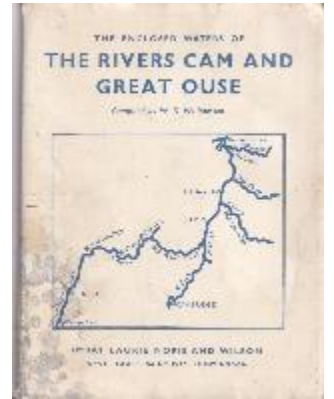
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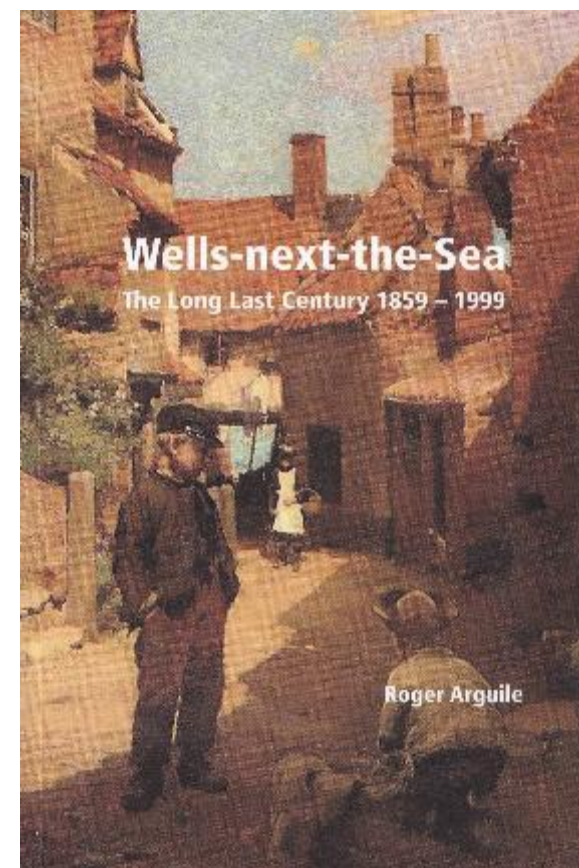
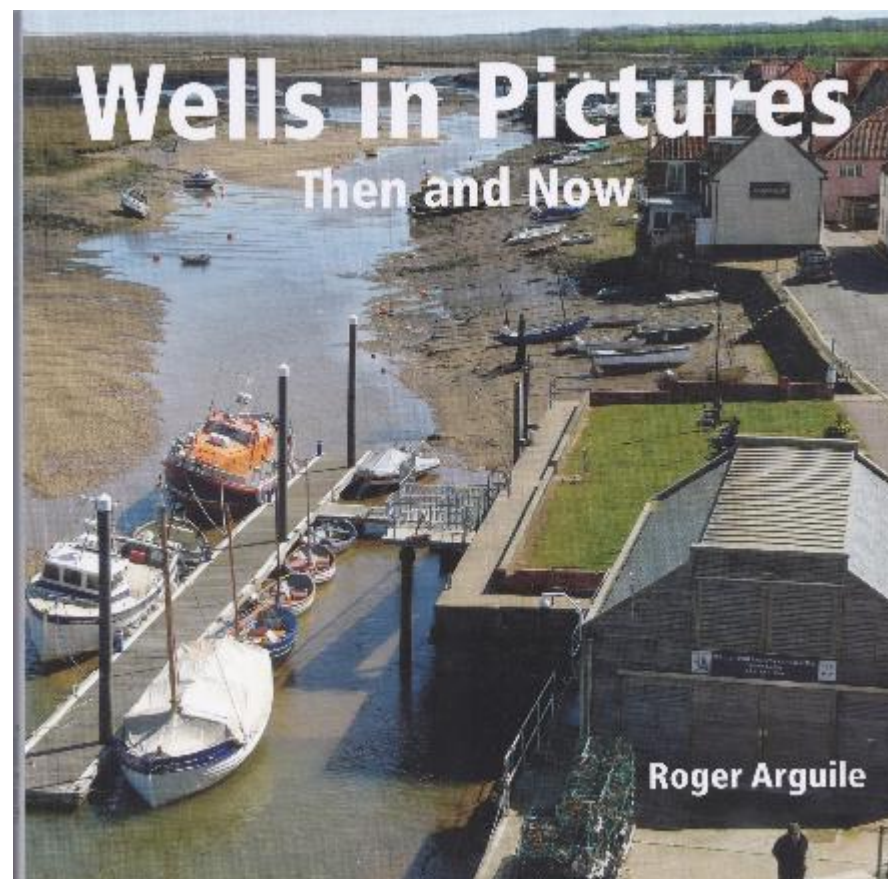
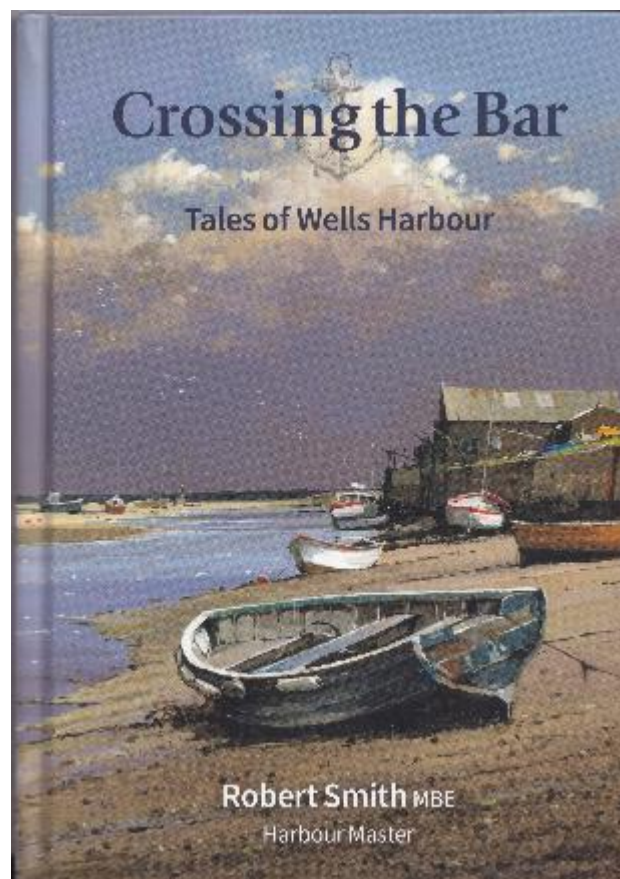
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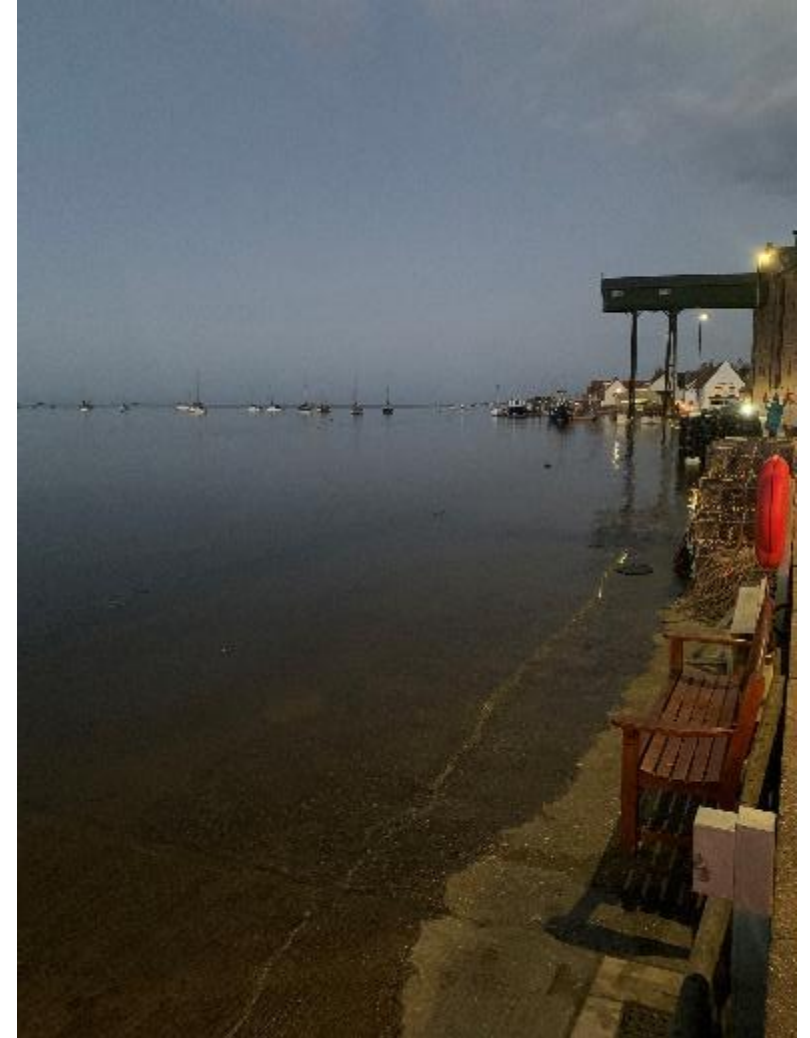
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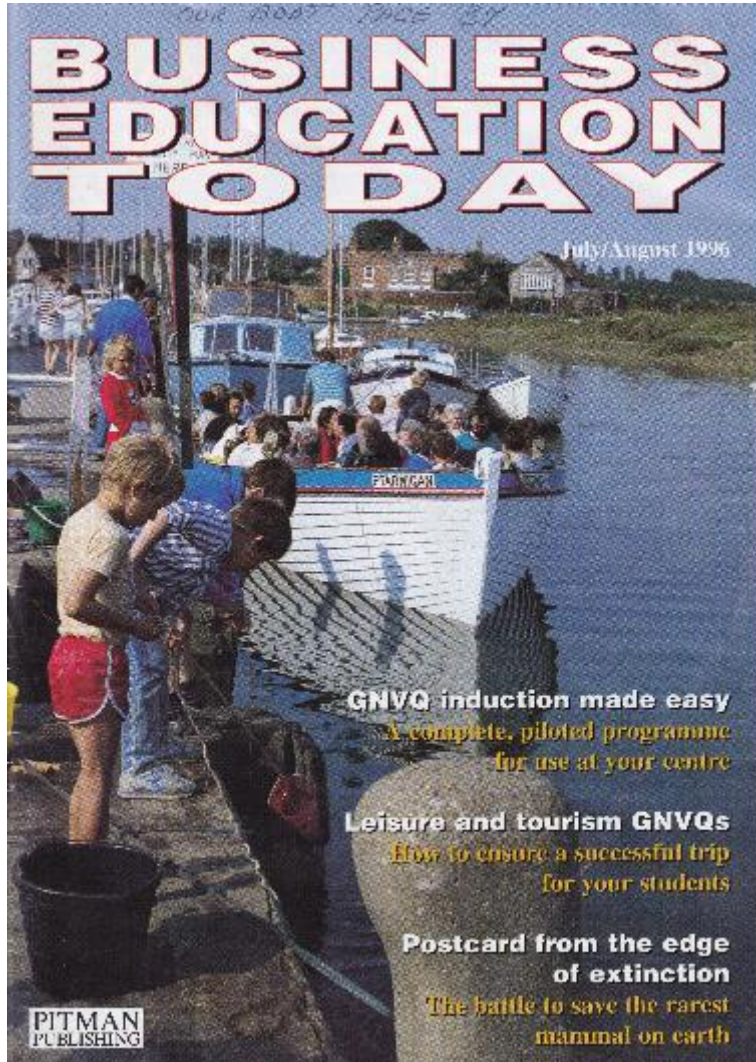
Wells – Local interest books



Events – High Tides at Wells



Local Tourism – Article from July 1996



**BUSINESS
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■ **FEATURE**

Often, tourism is seen as a double edged sword by local people who may work in the industry but suffer from rising property prices, traffic congestion and over-crowding. Here, *Business Education Today* reports on the wider implications of tourism for the community, a contribution which is often little understood – even by the people who benefit most.

The straightforward economic benefits of tourism – such as income from tourist spending and the creation of new jobs – are well documented. However, tourism can bring a wide range of social and other benefits to rural communities which are less well understood and remain unacknowledged even by the people who benefit most.

For example, in the tourist season a pharmacist finds his profits boosted. So, s/he buys a car from a local dealer. Is the impact of tourism detectable in the accounts? No, but it is significant.

To improve understanding of the nature and extent of these indirect benefits, the Rural Development Commission has published a new report, *The Impact of Tourism on Rural Settlements*. This breaks new ground by looking into the wider and community benefits derived from tourism.

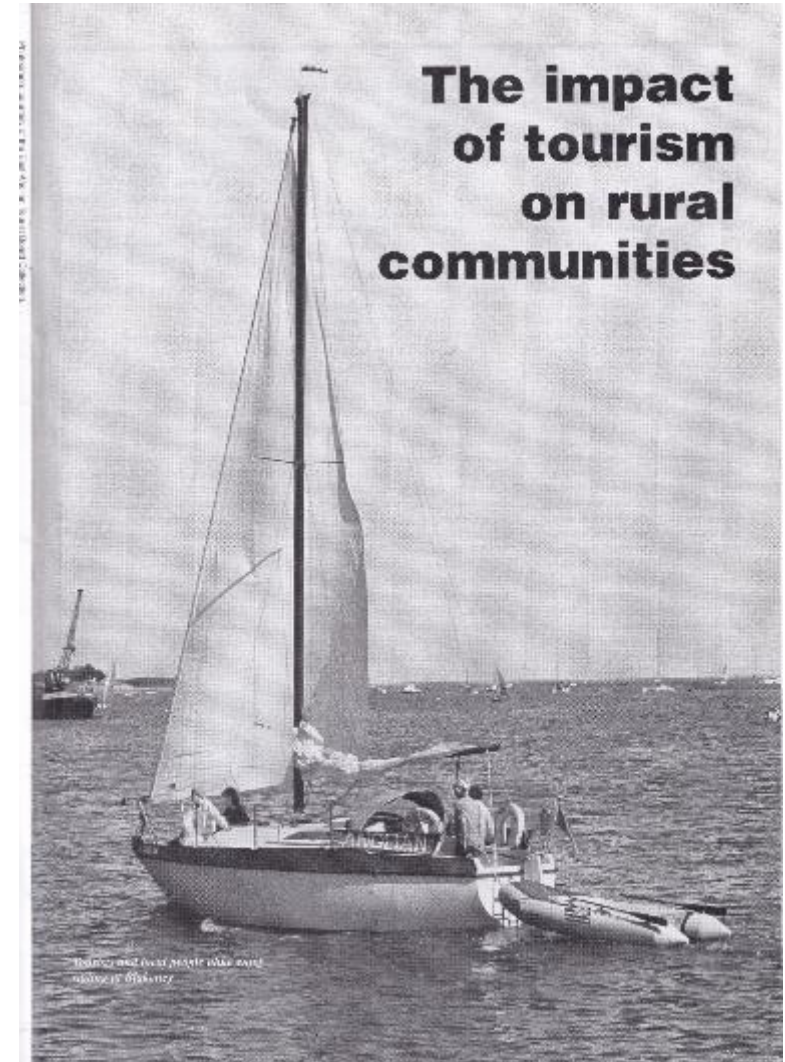
Management and economic

and 3,250 people where tourism is the mainstay are likely to reap most benefits. In these communities, the industry was able to sustain a range of local services and businesses which helped to improve the quality of life of local people.

In small and larger communities where tourism is the main activity, gains from tourism were more limited. Naturally enough, tourism produced no substantial gains in communities where it is relatively unimportant.

BENEFITS

Altogether, the consultants identified 32 types of possible wider and community benefits. The study showed that these were spread widely throughout the community, with very few residents not benefiting in one way or another. Unsurprisingly, the scale of the benefits tended to depend upon the number of



**The impact
of tourism
on rural
communities**

Business and local people take part in the GNVQ induction programme

Wells – Life before windfarms



Past times at Wells



Past times at Wells



Past times at Wells



SOCA burgee



Old and new burgees Guess top one for 1980's
Mum and Dad would have been members
Needed to do new lines on crosstrees to fly
Ready for trip south

To fly SOCA burgee



Helping out



Helping a friend. Fitting pigeon deterrent on crosstrees



Working at height



Danger
Risk of
falling



Different approach
Seen at Titchmarsh marina
Bridging the forward hatch

Events – Replacing a mast forestay



Events – Laying mooring at Wells



Events – Laying mooring at Wells



How to get a 300kg train wagon wheel up a creek
Convince a couple of friends used to moving machine tools

Events – Laying mooring at Wells



Events - Fires



Events – Fire in Compound



View from my boat at the time - a snapdragon 24 - in compound

Fire on boat in compound. Set off by a hot air gun igniting cushions & headlining
Owner pulled out OK. Was a southerly 28
Close call for a lot of boats including mine

Events – Engine change on Anglian



Events – Engine change on Anglian



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Finished with a well-deserved pint.