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Welcome to the Spring edition of the Kingfisher.

### From the Helm

First, I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well.

The year seems to have started well with little rain and some very warm days – let's hope it stays that way and we manage to get some good days on the water.

### Last year - 2024

The **summer barbeque** in June, was attended by more than 46 members and friends and we raised funds for the club.

The **summer party weekend** was a major success. Thanks to Martin Gould, Sandra and the members who put so much effort into ensuring the event's success. The treasure hunt was a bit of a washout and the entrants who took part looked as though they had been swimming! The lunch time free barbeque organised and funded by John and Janice Bone was well attended.

The **Christmas Soup and Rolls** was very well attended with 14 members.

### The year ahead - 2025

This year's committee meeting was held at Fisherman's Cottage on the 6th of February, the minutes were emailed to members on 15<sup>th</sup> February.

There were very few issues over the winter. We did get some ice in the moorings but nothing that needed any attention. With the boating season about to start I look forward to seeing you all soon.

This year the committee decided that we will expand the barbeque into a larger function with more happening. The intention is to arrange activities from mid-morning through to 10.00 pm; The date has been proposed as **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June**.

We are also proposing to attend the Regatta on Barton Broad August Bank Holiday weekend. Please refer to the committee minutes already emailed for further information.

We are not planning a separate party weekend this year.

I would like to mention a thank you to all members that have been keeping an eye on the moorings dealing with the consistent penny wort problem and reporting or fixing any issues.

If you would like to become a committee member then please put your name forward, all positions are open to you.

I look forward to seeing you at the Village Hall on Saturday 19th of April at 12.00 for tea, biscuits and a chat followed by the Dilham Boat Club AGM at 13.00.

Happy Boating, Be Safe See Ya Soon!  
John Catchpole – Commodore.  
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### **Boat safety**

This link is where you can find extra detail. [BSS | Boat Safety Scheme | Go Boating - Stay Safe](#)

The link lists the examiners and provides information about what you can do to ensure a pass.

The Boat Safety certificate is renewed every 4 years. It is highly recommended that this is not left to the last minute as many of the inspectors are fully booked at the beginning of the boating season.

### **Planning Policies Broads Authority.**

Here you will find the rules that apply to Dilham Marina. (Further info From John Catchpole).

The Broads Authority offer free pre-planning advice. I suggest you talk to John Catchpole before you make contact.

This is the link to the Broads Authority Planning for [Dilham](#) additional planning information.

[A guide to integrating development into the Broads Landscape](#)

### **Dates for the diary**

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| 19 <sup>th</sup> April    | The AGM will be held in the village hall on Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 12.00 tea, biscuits and chat meeting to start promptly at 13.00. |
| 3 May                     | Bank Holiday Weekend South Walsham   |
| 28 June                   | Barbeque Fun Day - £7.50 per person; primary school age children free. BYO drinks.   |
| July                      | Ranworth (Date TBC)  |
| 23/24 August              | Bank Holiday - Regatta Barton Broad  |
| 13/14 September           | Coltishall   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> December | Christmas Soup and Rolls 12.00 – 14.00   |

### **Regalia**

We now have burgees available at £15.00 each 15cm x 30cm with D-Rings.

Long sleeve and short sleeve T-Shirts white/blue at £10 each. T-shirt and Burgee offer at £20.

### **Bereavements**

Unfortunately, I have to report that we have lost an active member and friend Richard Ford. Avril his wife and best friend of 46 years informed us of his passing. Richard walked his dog, returned home and was watching TV and passed away peacefully in his arm chair. Our best wishes have been conveyed to the family. A card has been sent from the members.

### **Membership for Dilham Boating Club**

Membership due from Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 for 12 months.

Membership Fee £10.00 per family (family membership)

Dilham Boating Club Barclays bank Account:  
Sort code 20-62-53 Account 63424383.