

NORFOLK WHERRY TRUST.

1. This news letter is circulated to members in order that they may be informed of the activities of the Trust. It is hoped to repeat this in the early summer.

2. Since the last Annual Meeting in Oct. 1950 your Committee has met twice, and the Trustees have held one additional meeting. The following members have expressed a wish to retire, and the Committee have accepted this with much regret:-

Mr. W.L.Clabburn. Mr. M.Miller. Mr. L.Moore.

We are most grateful for past services.

Three new members were elected at the Annual Meeting, and your Committee now stands as follows:-

Lady Mayhow.	}	TRUSTEES.
Mr. L.H.Read.		
Mr. L.H.Storey.		
Mr. H.C.Boardman.		Chairman.
Mr. G.R.Clark.		Hon. Sec.
Mr. J.A.Forsythe.		Hon. Treas.
Col. Glendonning.		Committee. (Elected).
Mr. H.T.Percival.		" "
Mr. L.R.Romuz.		" "
Mr. N.Bircham.		" "
Capt. W.M.Palmer.		" "
Col. Booty.		" (Co-opted).
Mr. P.Jewson.		" "
Mr. S.Horner.		" "
Mr. G.Dicker.		Hon. Auditor.

3. The Wherry Albion has been particularly busy throughout the past winter months carting sugar beet, corn and coke breeze. We are most grateful to all who have employed her, and we particularly wish to thank the following for providing regular freights at remunerative rates during the past year:-

R. J. Read & Sons Ltd.	of Norwich.
Jewson & Sons Ltd.	of Norwich.
Thomas Moy Ltd.	of Norwich.
Mr. A. M. Blake.	of Bramerton Hall.

Our thanks are especially due to Skipper Cates and Mate Hewitt for their devotion to duty during those bitter December and January days when life on the water must have been hard to say the least.

We still have work to keep Albion busy for three weeks, after which the Committee will offer the Crew a well-earned two-weeks holiday prior to the summer season.

4. The Albion will again be available for hire by the day or week, as last year when she was used with great success for parties of Scouts, Sea Cadets and Naturalists etc. for various cruises. The price we ask is only £17. 10. 0. per week, and further details are available from the Hon. Secretary.

5. For the Festival of Britain, Albion may be in London though we feel it is more likely she will remain on the Broads. The Pavilion D'Or Cruise have invited us to join their Norwich party as an exhibit for 4 or 5 days, and we feel that with a place of honour at a mooring near Foundry Bridge, further interest in the Trust will be aroused. We hope that Albion will thus be available for the fortnight of the Norwich Festival (June 18th-30th 1951) in the heart of the City, so that all members will have an opportunity of inspecting their ship, making the acquaintance of the Crew, and meeting their fellow members.

6. With some 15 months of activities on the Broads behind us we have some idea of the financial prospects of the venture. With all bills paid, and anticipating payment for certain cargoes we have carried, our Debit balance is reduced to £150 approx.

When it is realised that the initial cost of Albion, including the cost of the original refit, new sails, mast and all gear exceeded £1300, and that since Albion has been in commission the approx annual expenses including wages, dues, running repairs and insurance etc. have amounted to £900, it seems as if we will soon balance our budget, but we must rely on subscribers to the funds continuing their support.

The Committee feels that it is unlikely that the trading account will ever show a satisfactory profit, and if YOU and others like to see the Wherry Albion sailing the Broads then we do ask for financial support to the extent of at least £350 per year. If more is forthcoming then a reserve will be created for major repairs, and to form a "Sinking Fund" for a Wherry to replace Albion, when her last freight is done.

7. The Committee takes this opportunity of reminding all members that their subscription for 1951 became due on January 1st, and appeal to you all to make a great effort by subscribing NOW to the utmost, to enable the Trust finally to wipe off the Bank overdraft, and thus to start the 1951 season with a clean slate

Will all members, therefore please send their subscription for 1951 to the Hon. Treas, Heathfield House, Brundall, Norwich, NOW, without further reminders, so the Trust can be sure of their support for 1951.

New members who joined the Trust since 1st Sept. 1950 are not asked to subscribe again until 1st Jan. 1952.

8. For your general information we append a list of freights carried during 1950.

<u>Loads.</u>	<u>Quantity.</u>	<u>Freight.</u>	<u>From.</u>	<u>To.</u>
6	53 Stds	Timber	Yarmouth	Norwich
14	483 Tons	Boat	Bramerton	Cantley
2	.57 "	Coke	Boccles	Norwich
20	595 "	Wheat	Yarmouth	Norwich

In addition several smaller freights were lifted at various times. Our thanks are renewed to the firms who provided these loads.

From this summary it will be seen that Albion has not been idle.

9. In Conclusion, you will be interested to know that the Trust has had over 400 Subscribers, since its inception, including 14 Life Members. Of these, 237 renewed their subscriptions for 1950, during which year the income from subs was £280. 8. 5. Your Committee have much pleasure in thanking all members for their continued support.

Norwich
24/1/51.

HC Boardman
.....Chairman

G.K. Clark
.....Hon. Sec.

L.H. Funnell
.....Hon. Treas.