

East Anglian Trophy 2013

The Aquatic Edge

For this year's event I thought that we should probe some of the more far flung places that are to be found at the very edge of our Section boundary i.e. the borders with Lincolnshire, Northants, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, London and, of course, our coastline. The latter, of course, has been visited on many occasions but still makes for a good ride. Some places to the west have not perhaps featured hitherto.

The theme for this year which links together all of the clues is actually the same as used by Andy Raggett last year - **water** - but in a quite different context. Be it salt or fresh, commercial or leisure, running or still, shallow or deep. Each location, each target or perhaps both has an aquatic connection. And each location is situated towards the edge of our geographical area.



The usual format applies. On the following pages are 21 clues consisting of a location clue to the left and a picture of the target to the right. The narrative too may hold some useful information. Take your own pictures at each location. Credit will be given for presentation should a tie break be required and your bike included in at least one picture at each location is definitely worth a bonus.

Entries in either hardcopy or electronic format e.g. Word, Powerpoint, Publisher, Adobe PDF etc. by November 2013 to :-
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As a young boy I remember seeing mines converted to collecting boxes in almost every seaside town that we visited. Today they seem to be far less common. There is no parking on The Quay but there is vehicular access and getting a quick snap of the bike should be no problem. Snow is not obligatory!		

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The name of this pub commemorates the voyage of the Mayflower in 1620, which started from Plymouth, a long way from here. This Essex location is famous for cockles and the cockle fishery has been worked by family businesses for many years.



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Not a lot of inspiring architecture to identify this location but you'll recognise it when you arrive. Man made in the 1960's, this water feature is an important part of the Anglian Water operation as well as being a centre for all sorts of leisure activities. A pleasant spot to relax with a cuppa and a slice of cake if the weather is favourable.



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This old water mill has been converted into a hotel and restaurant. Not a pie and pint establishment but if you prefer more formal dining it may just suit your taste.

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How much more aquatic could a name get? And whichever way you walk from here it will be a waterside walk. Good food and fine ales on offer, but don't forget that you have to ride home!



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Before the days of road and rail, the Grand Union Canal was created as a major freight route between Birmingham and London. There are several locks along this stretch, not all of them as accessible by road. This one should make an easy photo opportunity.



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Situated just a few miles further along the same waterway, you will be able to take a quick photograph but parking is a few steps away. No more than a hundred yards away, the clue looks a likely venue for a spot of lunch.

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One could be forgiven for thinking that harnessing renewable energy is a modern phenomenon. Not so. Here it has been going on for 800 years and this recently restored tide mill is still able to produce flour today. No parking here but vehicular access is straightforward and grabbing a quick shot of the bike should present little problem.



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Synonymous with the best tasting crabs to be had, this town was also home to one of our most famous lifeboatmen. Technically, you can't take your bike to the door so a picture of you will suffice. If you do venture down the narrow street, beware the cobbles which will be slippery when wet and turning a bike on the very steep gradient is not for the faint hearted!



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Deep in the heart of Broadland, the Museum of the Broads is all about, well, the Broads. Take the trouble to walk around to the rear to experience the full ambience.

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This link across a hundred metres of water saves many miles by road. You can approach from the North or the South. The latter will cost you a few bob to get across. A good lunch to be had but it does get very busy on summer weekends.



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This museum is dedicated to a famous lifeboat of the days before engines. I am continually overawed by the courage of our lifeboat men, both then and now. This is another place for a good lunch and home to one of East Anglia's best ales.



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Waterways in this part of our region are many and varied. The Ashline lock is, as best I can determine, on the King's Dyke. Another tranquil place that is probably unknown to the majority of modern road travellers. The local Rotary Club, however, sees fit to welcome waterborne visitors.

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Those who did Ken Mullet's excellent Monuments and Memorials in 2011 will recognise this clue as one of his objectives. You don't need to find it, just identify the village and find the pub!



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Known as Cambridgeshire's only gateway to the sea, this port now handles mostly timber cargoes. This ship is unlikely to be berthed here when you arrive. Another might be or the quay could be empty. Either way, there's plenty of room to take a picture.



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This East Anglian port has a great fishing tradition which is well illustrated in this museum of fisher folk. There is even a fishing boat tucked away behind the buildings. Do stop and look around.

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The unusual architecture of this building makes it an unmistakable landmark along the north Norfolk coast. This once busy port now caters mainly for the leisure industry and local fishing, although construction of the Sheringham Shoal offshore wind farm has provided a welcome boost to commercial activity.



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What a contrast. Just a couple of miles separate the busiest port in England and some of the world's largest container ships from this small foot ferry. It operates daily from April to September and weekends only in October. Of course, a ferry has two landings. Take a picture of the bike from both sides and earn a bonus.



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The RNLI has a presence at many locations along the coast. This particular boathouse has outlived its operational life and has been replaced by a new one just a few hundred yards along the beach. There is even a dedicated motorcycle parking space close by from where this picture was taken.