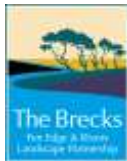


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Project volunteer Helaine with friends

The main rivers
and tributaries
in the Brecks
and Fen Edge





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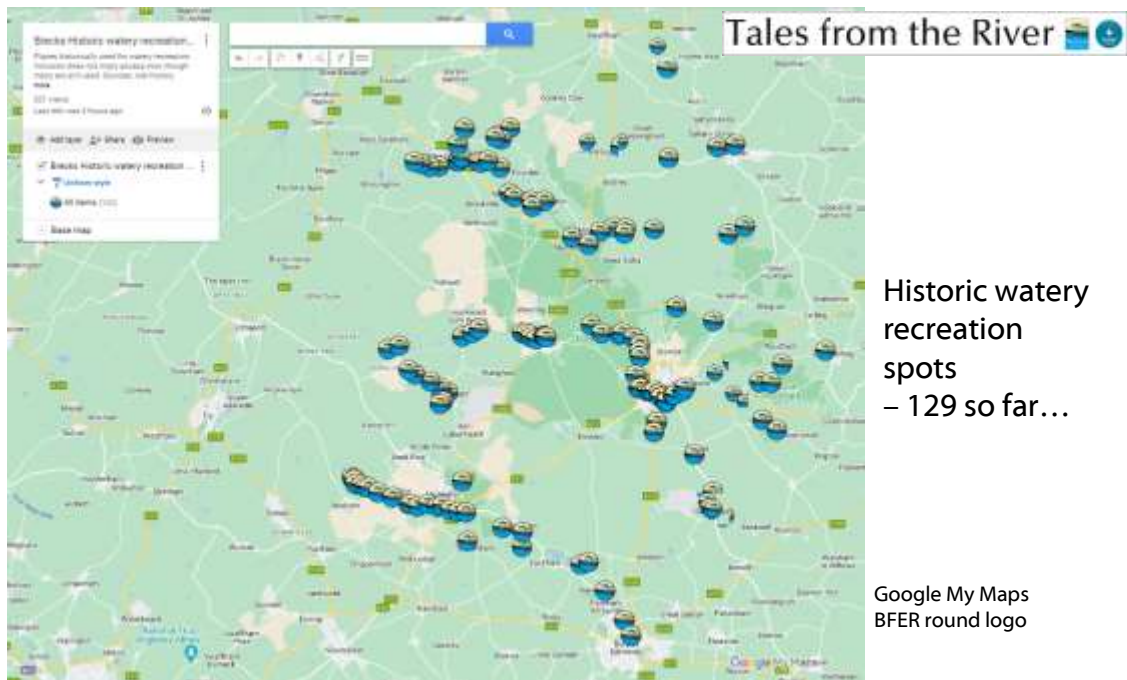
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Mapping
recreation on
the rivers
and waters of
the Brecks
and Fen Edge



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Gathering stories:
oral history
interviews,
written input,
chats at
events,
walks,
talks,
social media



Lakenheath Mill Pond, 1947. Shared with permission of Lakenheath Heritage Group

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Tales from the River bank exhibition in Watton Sports and Social Centre. It has been shown in 12 libraries, museums and other venues across the Brecks

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Gathering stories and photos: of recreation in/on/by rivers and other waters; and of trade, industry, travel

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'A Swim at the Staunch', 1900s (location unknown)
From Brandon and Local History Society

Brandon Staunch, 1978
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Staunches

Places for
river
recreation:
fords,
bridges,
ferries,
staunches,
mills,
quarries...

Swaffham
Museum



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A gang of Mildenhall Fen Drainage Board lighters, 1913

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The Pepperpot, originally a wind powered pumping engine



Mildenhall and District Museum

A Good Confession—Baptism.



Isleham Ferry,
Autobiography,
Charles Spurgeon 1897

A baptism at Isleham Ferry
Isleham Society

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Baptisms in the 'River Jordan'



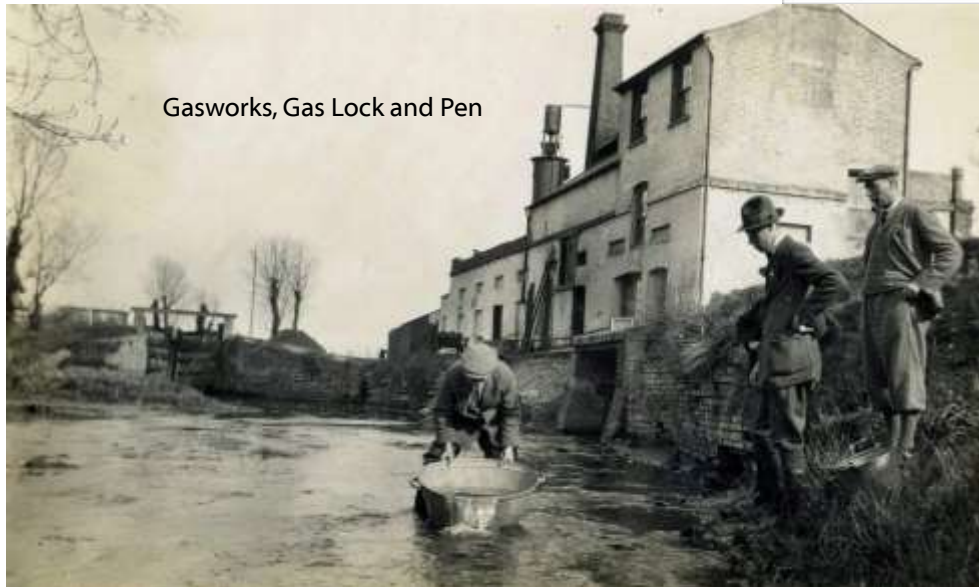
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Baptism at Judes Ferry, West Row, 1914

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Gasworks, Gas Lock and Pen

Mildenhall and
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Looking downstream to Turf Lock with lighters

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Workers at
Mildenhall
Turf lock
around
1889

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Wamil White Stone

Parkers Mill,
rebuilt 1908,
the Ship Inn,
1960s

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Boat houses,
between
Barton Mills
and Mildenhall

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Icklingham Mill, early 20th century

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Marstons Mill, Icklingham, mid 20th century





Temple Bridge in 1976, built 1912
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Temple Bridge in 2007
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Icklingham
(Farthing)
Bridge with
staunch
and lock
remains,
about 1905

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Soldiers at
Duck Sluice,
Fornham
August 1915

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Soldiers at Duck Sluice, Fornham, August 1915

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St Saviours Wharf, Bury,
head of navigation
1890

St Edmundsbury Chronicle
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Lakenheath
Lode

Cut Off Channel

Lakenheath Lode,
Rivers Little Ouse,
Thet, Blackbourn

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Dumpling Bridge

The Rolph family

High Bridge beer house

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Lakenheath Village Pond



'The Sea Side at Lakenheath',
Daphne Austin

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The Green
Dragon,
Botany Bay

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Swimming at the New Bridge, 1930s

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Rowing on the river, about 1900
Violet Parrott, Celia Rissbrook,
Marguerite (Daisy) Rissbrook





Swimming at The Leeches Meadow,
about 1957

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Brandon Staunch, 1978

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Brandon Bridge with lighters, late 1890s

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Mary Chapman and Eleanor Ridsdale,
1943 at Brandon Bridge,
with temporary bridge

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Mary Baldwin (nee Chapman)
on Santon Downham Staunch, 1947

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Fisons Works at Two Mile Bottom, early 20th century



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Town Bridge from
the Haling Path,
with lighters,
about 1910

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the Haling Path
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Maltings,
from
Town Bridge,
about 1965

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The Water Mill, about 1910
Coffee Mill workers, 1945



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Nuns' Bridges

Fishing, about 1970



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River Swimming Baths and Sheds, 1928



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River Swimming Baths, early 1960s



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Bridge

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Barnham Cross
Common about
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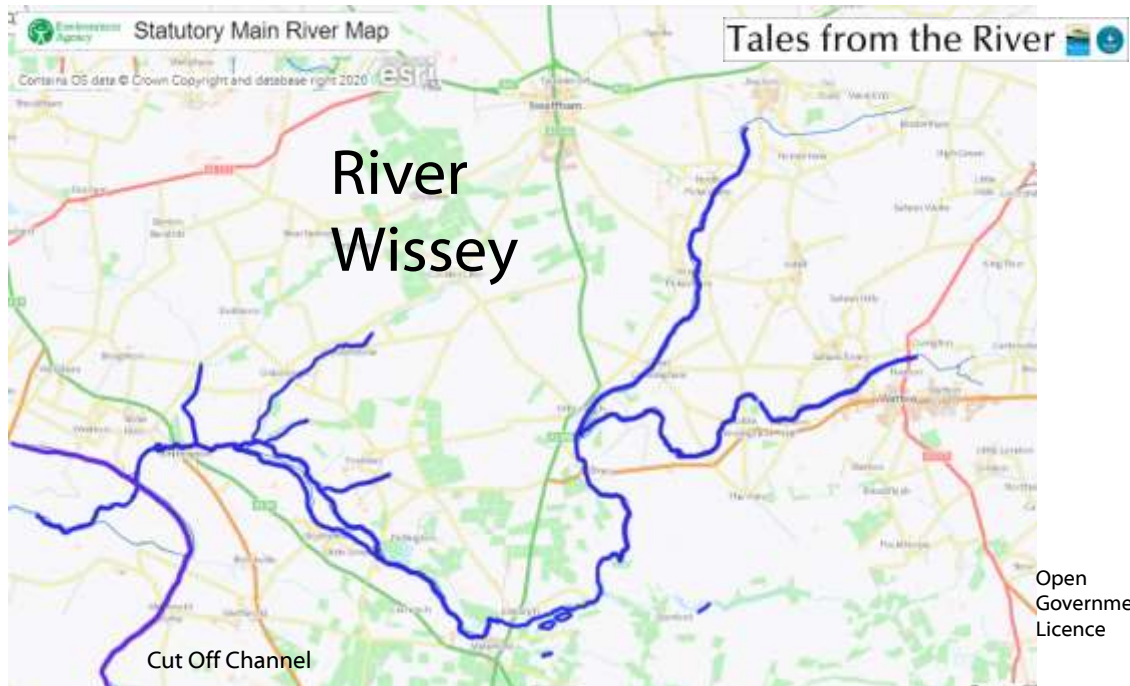
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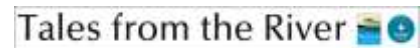
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Raft race and paddling
at the ford, near
Sapiston Mill, 1980s





Sugar beet being carried by lighters
Wissington sugar beet factory, 1970



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Stoke Bridge



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Wharves by
Stoke Ferry
Bridge



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Mayflower,
houseboat at
Stoke Ferry

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Digging the Relief Channel,
near Downham Market, 1954

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Whittington Maltings

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Stringside Drain and Salmon's Hole



Alexis

Helaine and friends





Oxborough Ferry,
around 1910

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Oxborough
Hall,
1950

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Gooderstone ford, River Gadder,
Building the new bridge

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1920s
swimming
pool,
Didlington
Manor

Leslie Paul,
Heron Lake:
A Norfolk Year, 1948

North
Pickenham
ford,
1934

Swaffham
Museum



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Looking upstream to Brandon Bridge, 1950s
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