



River Stour Trust

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August Bank Holiday Boating Bonanza!

**Saturday 28th, Sunday 29th & Monday 30th
Sudbury, Suffolk**

An array of manually propelled, electric and steam powered craft are invited to enjoy the 3 mile Sudbury stretch of the River Stour for the River Stour Trust's 16th Steam, Electric and Boating Festival.

On Saturday, the boat owners and local residents are invited to the River Stour Trust's Visitor & Education Centre by Great Cornard Lock. There will be lock demonstrations and river trips aboard RST boats with an evening BBQ taking place for participating boat owners and guests later that day (tickets on sale nearer the time).

Please note that there is no parking for vehicles on the site that day but we envisage Friar's Meadow being a perfect point for a boat shuttle service to operate to and from; and local residents or those able to reach us by other means e.g. walking, cycling are more than welcome. Friar's Meadow will also be an ideal vantage point to enjoy a variety of craft travelling upstream over the course of the day.

A Friday arrival is best for participating boaters in order to launch and place your boat at its mooring. You will need to arrange this with the River Stour Trust (see contact details below). Mooring is free of charge over the weekend and arrangements can be made for a reduced rate if you wish to stay longer.

On Sunday, activity is centred at Quay Lane to include the River Stour Trust's headquarters, The Granary, offering a licensed bar, tea room, exhibits and activities (attractions to be advertised as they are confirmed). Inside the Scout HQ, Bassett Lowke will operate their working railway exhibit whilst an additional refreshments area will also be open. A variety of privately owned craft will be on display with a procession scheduled for the afternoon - between Sudbury and Great Henny – that literally 'brings the river to life'. RST boats will offer river trips between Sudbury and Great Cornard throughout the day.

On Monday, it will be all hands on deck with the River Stour Trust's Pirates on the Stour event. We are once again offering free boat trips for young pirates (under 12 yrs) when accompanied by a fare paying adult (adult fare is £5.00). No pre-booking and please dress appropriately! Come and join our pirate crew for the day, me hearties!

This event is just one of the many activities organised by volunteers of the River Stour Trust with proceeds going towards the restoration and conservation of the River Stour Navigation.

For more information:

visit www.riverstourtrust.org or telephone 01787 313199