

LOG OF "COCHY BONDHU."

SUMMER 1938.

OWNER

CAPTAIN George Russell.

MATE Josephine Russell.

FITTING OUT :

In August 1938 Cocky bondhu was lying on the Orwell and at Pin Mill in need of a lick of varnish and antifouling. Her owner had very kindly lent her to us since if Mr King were to build us a dinghy it would mean taking men off Selina who was half built.

One afternoon when Josephine was in London shopping with Nummy I engaged the Orwell long and with two gardeners set off to Pin Mill. When we arrived she was still not afloat and as Frank conceivably forecast would not be for another two hours. So we waited and to pass the time I helped Frank painting a

rowing dinghy outside King's shed. The owner who was inspecting the work on his new boat dove up and wished us luck in getting her into the lony, luck which I felt we would need as Cochy at her best is heavy for her size and lying half the time in water and half on the mud would have made her heavier still.

By the time Frank had finished telling me about mine sweeping in the war we had painted the boat and Cochy was floating.

We backed the lony down the hard and Frank very kindly came and helped. He rowed me out the her and she was towed up the hard where after much beef we raised her

out of the water. Now to lift her into the lony.

The six of us because a nice yachtsman gave us a hand raised the bows and lifted them onto the lony, then it was an easy matter to slide her into the lony. She hardly projected at all but we tied a red flag onto her rudder pin just to look grander. We picked up her mast and sails from Mr King's shed and chartered on the 15-mile drive to Waldingfield.

The drive was accomplished without mishap as we had securely lashed her and she was carefully lowered again at Waldingfield. She lay on the beach with her anchor out; Mr Nunn said he would

put down a mooring for her off the beach however this mooring did not materialize for over a week and so she lay to her anchor close to the jetty, and we returned home having accomplished our task very successfully.

Our next job was to paint and varnish her as she was mostly bare wood under the water line. We had her up on the top of the beach at the next high tide and spent the whole day on her, Josephine coming to help me after lunch. We anti-fouled her bottom and sand papered and varnished her topsides painting the floorboards after four o'clock thereby getting the required work finished.

And so she was ready for sea and we had great fun during the whole summer. We made five or six trips up to Hoodkuffe several to Rams holt and one (v. windy & wet.) down to Bawdsey.

In September we left her at the owners disposal but unfortunately she filled and was only just rescued in time by Mr Nunn who put her on the quay upside down.

After Christmas I brought her to Biske, owing to the kind common sense of the owner, and she became ours for as long as we wanted her, and we scraped her and gave her two coats of black bitumast and four coats of

varnished outside and two
in. Painted the seats and
floorboards white. Varnished
spars mast rudder filler
blocks. Ried mainsail
and reset. Fitted new
main halyard. Spliced
anchor rope.

Suggested new fittings.

Permanent reeving points at the
cingles.

Pulley at peak.

Net under stem.

rings extra in bows.

anchor warp abaft mast.

awning.

cutches.