

USEFUL INFORMATION

Places to visit,
places to eat, and other
things to do on the Shotley Peninsula while discovering
the locations and adventures in Ransome's books.

Public Transport

Harbour Ferry
Shotley – Harwich –
Felixstowe
01728 666329

Ipswich Buses
Bus route 98a/202
www.ipswichbuses.co.uk
0800 919 390

Refreshments

Butt & Oyster
Pin Mill, Ipswich IP9 1JW
01473 780764

The Bristol Arms
Bristol Hill,
Shotley Gate,
Ipswich IP9 1PU
01473 787200

The Red Lion
Main Road,
Chelmondiston,
Ipswich IP9 1DX
01473 780400

The Rose Inn
The Street, Shotley,
Ipswich IP9 1NL
01473 787237

The Shipwreck Bar
& Restaurant
Shotley Gate, Ipswich,
Suffolk IP9 1QJ
01473 788865

Suffolk Food Hall
Wherstead, Ipswich,
Suffolk, IP9 2AB
01473 786616


Attractions

HMS Ganges Museum
Shotley Marina, Shotley
Gate, Suffolk IP9 1QJ

The Pin Mill Studio
01473 780130
www.thepinmillstudio.com

Find out more about the area by visiting
www.heartofsuffolk.co.uk or www.allaboutipswich.com

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ARTHUR RANSOME'S WALKING TRAIL



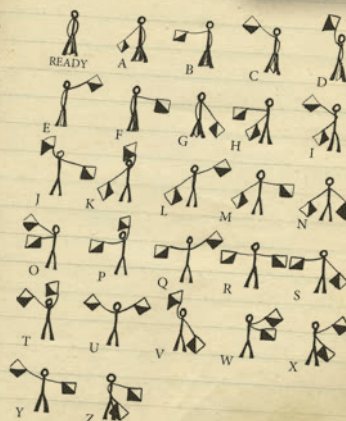
A six-mile walking
trail along the
Rivers Orwell and Stour



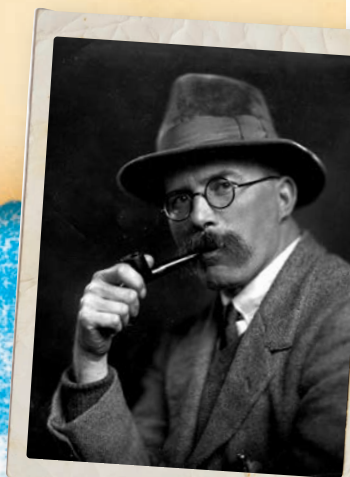
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outdoor treasure hunting game
using GPS-enabled devices.
Use Geocaching.com or the
official Geocaching® apps for
iPhone and Android to pick a
geocache (container) and
navigate to its hidden location.
*Join in and see if you can
find treasure along the Arthur
Ransome's Walking Trail.*

Semaphore



Look out for the
Arthur Ransome's
Walking Trail
way markers



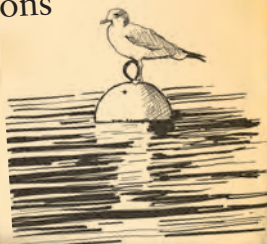
ARTHUR RANSOME'S WALKING TRAIL

This famous children's author is best known for his Swallows and Amazons series of books. He moved from the Lake District to live near Pin Mill so that he could enjoy sailing on the sea, and in 'We Didn't Mean to Go to Sea' he immortalised life on the river in the 1930s. The River Orwell and Stour Estuary are treasured places, and many of the locations he described in his books are still there to be enjoyed today.

Follow this walking trail between Pin Mill and Shotley Pier and discover the history, landscape, wildlife and the locations that feature in Ransome's book.



Riding Light



Bowline knot



"Can you catch a rope and make it fast to that buoy?"
"Aye, aye, Sir," shouted John.

John used a bowline knot to help moor the Goblin.

Shotley Pier

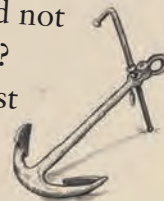


We Didn't Mean To Go To Sea

The adventure starts at Pin Mill when four children, John, Susan, Titty and Roger, help tie up a yacht, the *Goblin*. They make friends with its young skipper, Jim, and he invites them for a few days' sail. They all promise their mother that they will stay inside the rivers and Harwich Harbour, and set off down the River Orwell to Shotley, enjoying the sights and learning about sailing the boat.

Next morning the engine runs out of petrol. They anchor and Jim rows ashore to get more. They wait... and wait. Fog comes down, the anchor drags and they find themselves drifting out to sea – just where they'd promised not to go. Can they get control of the boat?

Will they be able to get back, or must they sail on... to where?



ARTHUR RANSOME'S WALKING TRAIL

The Walking Trail

Distance: Approx 6 miles/
9.6 kilometers

Time taken: 3 hours

Car parks: Pin Mill & Shotley

Bus: Take bus number 202
to return

Start point: Outside Butt & Oyster
or Bristol Arms

In 'We Didn't Mean To Go To Sea' Ransome introduces us to the local scenery as the boat 'Goblin' sails down the River Orwell, through Harwich Harbour and into the lower River Stour.

Follow the story as you walk from Pin Mill to Shotley Pier. See many of the places as Ransome describes them.. and some that have changed!



CHAPTER I: Pin Mill

1 Everything on the river was new to them. Only the evening before they had come down the deep green lane that ended in the river itself, with its crowds of yachts and its big brown-sailed barges and steamers going up to Ipswich or down to the sea. Last night they had slept for the first time at Alma Cottage.

2 A little white cutter with red sails was coming in towards the moored boats.

3 "And then... I'll see what the Butt can do me by way of breakfast"

CHAPTER IV: Down the River

4 The trees on both banks of the river came to an end. Green fields sloped down to the water's edge on one side... Cormorants were on the edge of the mud, like black sentinels. A grey heron was wading.



5 "That's on the edge of the mud off Levington Creek, and that other one, just ahead, with a cormorant on it, is conical, too.

6 That's a can buoy, over there, the black one* off Collimer Point."

7 Even before they had passed the buoy they could see down a new, wide stretch of the river... Harwich, in the distance, looked like an island

8 "Hullo! Somebody on the mud by Fagbury Point. She's on the mud alright. And there she'll sit till the tide comes up again to float her off."

There are 8 Arthur Ransome panels on the Shotley Peninsula at the following locations:

Alton Water (at the café & at Lemon Hill bridge)

Lower Holbrook
(the creek car park)

Pin Mill (2)

Shotley Pier

Suffolk Food Hall

Woolverstone Marina

Why not try and visit them all?

Arthur Ransome boards



Map key

- Arthur Ransome's Walking Trail
- Car park
- Bus stop
- Harbour ferry
- Walk route
- Bus route/road
- HMS Ganges



9 "It's a black pig," said Roger, "Swimming."
"Porpoise," said Jim

10 "Where are we going to anchor?" asked John. "Jolly good place" said Jim. "Off Shotley Pier in the Stour.... But we've got to get round the Spit buoy before turning."

11 "But where are the boats that go to Holland?" asked Titty. Jim pointed away up the Stour, where, on the Harwich side they could see the masts and funnels of the mailboats along the Parkeston quays.

12 They looked up to the buildings on Shotley Point, houses, a water tower, and a flagstaff on the naval school as tall as the mast of a sailing ship.

CHAPTER V: Shotley

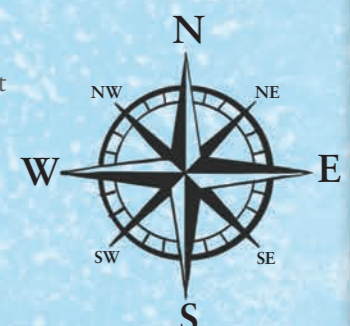
13 Jim paddled them off to the wooden steps of Shotley Pier... They walked ashore along the uneven planking of the old pier. They had come only a few miles from Pin Mill, but it felt like landing in a different country... They went to the Inn, and watched a dozen bottles of ginger pop being stowed away in Jim's green kitbag.

*A note on the buoys.

"Red buoys to starboard, black cans to port – that's coming up with the flood," says Jim. That's how it was in Ransome's day – the Port of Ipswich used the Dutch system. Nowadays boats coming up river leave red cans to port (their left) and green conical buoys to starboard (right).



FELIXSTOWE



HARWICH

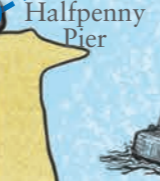
Nancy Blackett today



Landguard Point

• Beach End Buoy

Cliff Foot Buoy



Halfpenny Pier

Shotley Spit Buoy

Port of Felixstowe

Bristol Arms

Shotley

Parkeston Quay

River Stour

Shotley Village Hall

Arthur Ransome Trail
take 202 bus back

Collimer Point

Butt & Oyster

Pin Mill

Alma Cottage

Harry King's Boatyard

Pin Mill Sailing Club

Levington Creek

Broke Farm