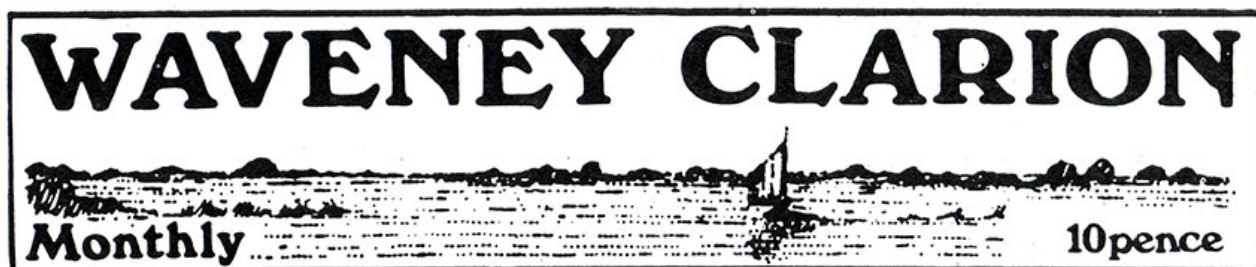


Coming soon... an actual book – July 2024

## Clarion Calling

A brief history of The Waveney Clarion



### The Book

*Clarion Calling* will celebrate the Clarion's longevity and uniqueness, and what it stood for. And its humour, epitomized by Mick Sparksman's Coypu. The book will hopefully feature articles and commentary from contemporary writers and activists, and from contributors and creators who lived through it. It will weave interlocking paths through the multiple themes, stories, and attitudes covered by the paper, from cruise missiles to cycle paths to music and the arts. There will be reproductions of significant articles and photographs, of cartoons and columns, and many facsimiles of features, advertisements, and front covers.



Contributors to the Waveney Clarion included Roger Deakin, Simon Loftus OBE, Mick Sparksman, interviews with people as diverse as U-21 England forward Justin Fashanu, Ronald Blythe, Adrian Bell, farmers, marshmen, the captain of the Rainbow Warrior, local artists such as John Reay and Will Hacon, and many, many musicians. And of course Sandra and Andy Bell, without whom...

**Each chapter will have a main theme, but like the Clarion of old, it will engage the eye and mind with tangents, divergences, and, frankly, fillers. Contemporary commentary will highlight the Waveney Clarion's connections and parallels to our current world and its possibly cataclysmic future. But, perhaps perversely, always with hope, love, and energy.**

## **Contributors**

We're hoping to commission contributions from modern writers and activists who will connect the past to our present, perhaps noting that part of the paper's success was that it wasn't driven by a particular political ideology, but by specific local reactions, local activities, local needs, and local injustices. And maybe comparing that to the present time...

February 2024 sees us entering what we hope will be the final stretch of finishing the thing. We just want to finish it now before we enter full dotage mode...

We hope to go to print in July, with launches at The Mayfly in Lowestoft and at FolkEast in August.

We expect it to be around £20 a copy, though a lot depends how we end up funding it.

**The Clarion Supporters Group has a proper bank account now, so if you want to reserve a copy or get more details, use the 'contact' button on the site to receive useful info.**

## **The Editors**

Don Mathew and John Ellerby are the main editors. They were both editors of the magazine. Mike Hammond is main designer. Sandra Bell, co-founder, has written a great piece on the Clarion's beginnings.

**The Waveney Clarion Supporters Group** has editorial meetings every two or three weeks. Main Committee is Don Mathew, John Ellerby, Mike Hammond, Pat Carter and Nina Magee.