

The NANCY BLACKETT Trust

ACTIVITY DAYS FOR YOUTH GROUPS

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LOCAL HISTORY AND WILDLIFE
KNOT-TYING
CODES AND FLAGS
MUSIC AND SEA SHANTIES
STORY-TELLING AND READINGS
PIRATE GAMES



- ♦ Free Activity Days Suitable for 9 to 14 year olds
- ♦ Activities are inspired by the books written by famous children's author **ARTHUR RANSOME**
- ♦ Visit **NANCY BLACKETT** - the original of the 'Goblin' in *We Didn't Mean to go to Sea*



ACTIVITY DAYS WITH *The NANCY BLACKETT Trust*

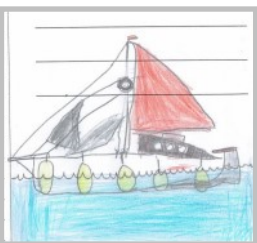


Nancy Blackett is the 90 year-old wooden yacht that was owned by author Arthur Ransome and was the model for the fictional boat *Goblin* in his famous children's novel *We Didn't Mean to Go to Sea* published in 1937.

The Nancy Blackett Trust is a registered charity that sails and preserves Ransome's favourite little boat. The Trust has organised many activity days for young people over the years which provide a unique blend of education, literature, adventure activities, music and learning for children between 9 and 14 years old. *Nancy Blackett* is based at Woolverstone Marina on the River Orwell and the activity days take place partly on *Nancy* herself but also outside and in a classroom with beautiful views of the estuary, its boats and its wildlife.

The activity days give children a wonderful chance to explore *Nancy Blackett*, to be introduced to Ransome's classic stories and learn about the East Coast. Ransome was particularly focused on children learning through literature and all his books are filled with lifelong learning skills such as astronomy, signalling, map-making, imaginative play, natural history and much more.

The days are run by experienced NBT volunteers and are free of charge - but the Trust is always grateful for donations. Groups will need to provide their own transport to Woolverstone marina and funding may be available for this. Children should bring packed lunches.



*'I loved getting
on board the
Nancy Blackett!'*

A TYPICAL NANCY BLACKETT ACTIVITY DAY

10.00am Arrival and Welcome

10.30am Pirate Warm-up Game

11.00am Split into smaller groups for:

- Knot-tying & Signalling using semaphore flags
- Make a model sailing boat
- Visiting *Nancy Blackett*

12.30pm LUNCHTIME

1.00pm

- Map reading and compasses
- Music and Sea Shanties

4.00pm Tidy up time and Farewells



*'It was amazing
doing all of
those activities.'*

For more information and to book a date for your group contact:

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One of our team would be happy to give you more information about the Activity Days.

SAFETY FIRST

- ◆ All our Volunteers are DBS checked
- ◆ Everyone visiting *Nancy Blackett* will be provided with a comfortable life jacket to wear on board
- ◆ We ask that leaders accompany the children at all times