

## Down time

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It was a busy weekend, mainly of socialising, and if I largely left the blog alone, that was the decision I made. Sometimes it is necessary to think about family, gathering together, and the stories that bind us together, and that has been fun to do.

Yesterday we had an extended family lunch out at the Butt and Oyster pub at Pin Mill, near Ipswich. For those who have ever read the Arthur Ransome books, this is where the story *We Didn't Mean to Go to Sea* began. It has changed a bit since then, but the river is still very much there, as are people messing about in boats.

I only took a phone. My son, and videographer, Tom, took rather more kit. These were amongst the shots he took:



The light was limited. An f1.2 Viltrox lens helped.