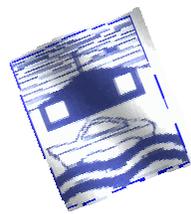
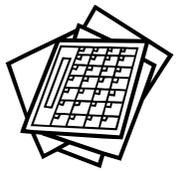


GROVE FERRY BOAT CLUB

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EVENTS



Sausage Sizzling Games Evening April 13th, proved to be a pleasant social occasion. We kicked off with the sausage tasting of 9 different varieties which called for

an excessive amount of sampling & was not as easy as you might think. We all tried very hard but Mandy won with 7 correct & won the prize of half a pound of sausages. Next came the Formula One model car racing



which Alan had spent ages perfecting. A demonstration was demanded so Alan took the controls to show us how it was done & proceeded to reek havoc on his course to the great delight of the competitors. We all tried our skills but Terry R was easily the Cham-

pion & was awarded a gold medal. Meanwhile the Crib, Dominoes, Shove Halfpenny & Battleships were also enjoyed. Welcome cups of tea were served with tasty bread, cheese, pickles, the remaining sausages & choccy biscuits. The ten members who came along unanimously gave the evening a big thumbs up but what a pity more were not tempted to take part & support the event. Thank you Alan for taking the time & trouble to organise an evening for GFBC members & perhaps something similar can be tried again in the future.



Newsletter time again & you might not have noticed but it is "SUMMER" Yes it really is, honest ! Well let's keep our fingers crossed that the weather finally settles enough to allow us to really enjoy our boating.

Good Luck fellow members, see you around ~ Joan H

Working Party 28th April. No April showers, just beautiful blue sky & lovely sunshine so it was great that 17 members were prepared to spend a precious Sunday working on the North Bank on behalf of the Club. A lot of work was accomplished & as a result most of the nasty potholes have been filled which will probably be a great relief to folk towing their boats along the road to the slipway. Steps were cut & paved into the bank at the little visitor mooring alongside & the bank area of the latest finger berth was "landscaped" & tidied. All the grass was cut & the stinging nettles strimmed away so everywhere looked very neat and tidy. The workers were watered & fed as usual with a delicious hot lunch of curried vegetables or a spicy sausage casserole followed by pineapple upside down cake or chocolate sponge pudding. Grateful thanks to Mandy for the food, Liz for manning the tea trolley & Kath & Shirley for the clearing & help with washing up. John Arnold (Works Coordinator) thanks everybody who turned up & worked so hard on behalf of the Club.



LAST BUT NOT LEAST I must give a mention to Sheila Tansen & John Bottle who during the week before put in some really hard graft installing & cementing in the steps & posts for the new finger berths. The new mooring holders should be thrilled.

Law of Mechanical Repair - After your hands become coated with grease & grunge, your nose will begin to itch and you'll want a pee.

A Good Tip ~ To keep Mosquitoes and Midges at bay indoors try a pot of ornamental Basil. It really does work.

NORTH BANK PARTY

Sunday 21st July

PICNIC CRUISE TO REDHOUSE

Saturday 10th August

LAYING UP SUPPER

September/October T.B.A.

CHRISTMAS DINNER ~ DOG & DUCK

Saturday 7th December



Christmas Dinner at The Dog & Duck Saturday 7th December 2013. The cost will be around £24 per head and the menu

choice as follows: **Starters:** Creamed Garlic Mushrooms with Brown bread & butter, Prawn & Celery Cocktail, Pate with toast, Home made Sweet Corn Soup. **Main:** Traditional Roast Turkey with Pigs in Blanket & Chestnut Stuffing, Roast Rolled Sirloin of Beef with Yorkshire Pudding, Lamb Shank with meaty juu, Sea Bass on bed of leeks, Vegetarian: Stuffed Pepper & Nut roast. **Desserts:** Traditional Christmas Pudding, Desserts of the Day, Cheese & Biscuits. Coffee & Mince Pies. Nearer the time a notice will be put on the board in the Clubhouse to enable you to book for this very popular Club event, don't miss out !

Welcome to Wicked One ~ A nice smart little craft which is now in position on one of the new moorings & Brian Russ, the proud owner, is looking forward to lots of nice trips out from the North Bank.

