

May Bank Holiday Now that was more like it., what super weather & lots of members took full advantage to visit their boats. Three crews went to Red House & enjoyed a brilliant time, with one of the best sun sets ever, whilst seven crews stayed on their moorings doing maintenance, whizzing around in dinghies or visiting Sandwich by day & coming together in the evenings in the Jamaica Inn for a good noggin & a natter in front of a roaring wood fire. A lovely time was had by all.



Fitting Out Supper 18th May ~ 24 Members attended this annual event in the Club House & enjoyed a very lively evening celebrating the beginning of the Boating Season. The three course meal was served on time without a hitch & appeared to be relished by everybody especially Malcolm who apparently had vivid dreams about Egg Mayonnaise & Henry. Mind boggling !!! The quiz was won by the Commodore, Alan G & the Stand up Bingo by Kath & Malcolm which makes them champions of champions because they won the main prize for this at the last Supper. The ladies' place cards were collected & drawn from a hat for the Pansy table decorations. After coffee we toasted the coming Season & GFBC with a glass of Fizz & Alan gave us a progress report on Jim Rose who at that time was recuperating in the Queen Vic Hospital in Deal & also informed us that Sheila had not been able to join us due to illness. So we then drank a toast to absent friends finishing with a toast to the Queen which was totally out of order as this should have been the first toast but don't think we will get reported. We would like to thank everybody for helping to clear up afterwards & restoring the Clubhouse to its normal state.



Joke Johnathon Ross has been accused of stealing a kitchen implement from Tesco's, he said it was worth taking the whisk

Commission Day 11th May ~ This was an entirely new event for the Club, thought up & organised by Andy. The weather was a bit iffy but did not get in the way of the big clean up. The professional jet washer was fantastic, it brought the moorings up like new with minimum effort. Ten crews came along to take advantage of the equipment on offer to clear away the Winter grime or carry out maintenance on their boats but Dave & Jennifer went home early after he dropped his sander into the river!!! After a lovely day the rest of us enjoyed a great evening & a tasty supper in the Jamaica Inn. We played silly games & Steve Hart wants it to be known that he won the paper airplane competition so I must also mention that Steve Hogwood exercised brain power & solved the puzzle of the polystyrene cups. It is a pity that more members did not take part & it was suggested that the membership might have thought that it was just another work party rather than members working on their own boats. The consensus of opinion was that this event should be made part of the Club's annual events.



Committee please take note! Many thanks to Andy for thinking it up, for organizing it & for his wonderful sense of humor & also our appreciation to Colin Brazier for his help & for providing the jet washer.

An Accolade !! Mandy & myself were very touched when the day after the Fitting Out Supper whilst taking down the bunting & finishing off the housework, two couples took the trouble to come back & give us each a bunch of flowers as a thank you for our efforts the night before which we much appreciated. A very kind thought.



Dog Poo !! GFBC dog owners please do not take offence, I know that you are all diligent users of the pooper scooper & I expect that you too have noticed the unwelcome deposits that appear now & again, so if you do see a visitor not adhering to the dog poo rule please have a quiet word. Recently a very nice family group had been working in the compound with their dog on a lead by the car. They left without noticing that their pet had been caught short & unfortunately I found it as I went into the Jamaica Inn. Ugh !!

Status Change for Car park - The management of the Picnic area is no longer with the Council so now simply displaying a Boat Club sticker will not allow you free parking. Now you are required to go to the Clubhouse & sign in with your name & time of arrival, take a ticket to display in your car window. At the end of your visit the ticket must be returned & the time recorded. Apparently we have only been allocated 15 tickets so quite what happens at AGM time or similar daytime events is not clear. The change also seems to have brought about increased charges, surprise, surprise ! New also is the appearance of a Burger Bar called G G's, either that is a rather unfortunate name or the owner has a twisted sense of humour, but it appears to be a very popular addition to the amenities along with the wild canoeing experience which will probably be a lot of fun for some but a pain for others. We shall see !!



Golden Wedding Anniversary ~ Sunday 26th May was a momentous occasion for Roy & Irene Newing who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in grand style with a day long celebration at the Boathouse Moorings. Delicious food & drink was served from a.m. ending with a hot barbeque in the evening to a continuous flow of very old friends & not so old friends but all were delighted to be able to enjoy the day with this lovely couple. The trains were running & trips around the Marina were greatly enjoyed by young & not so young. GFBC was well represented with Alan G adding some interest with a demonstration of his fleet of model boats in the slipway. The weather was beautiful & folk greatly appreciated being able to sit in such lovely surroundings in glorious sunshine. Congratulations & Best Wishes to Irene & Roy & thank you once again for sharing your Day with us.

