

Dinghy Run 9th June, I think it is safe to say that this is probably the most popular event in the GFBC calendar. About 13 boats finally left Grove Ferry after a few disappointments such as Alan Gitting hurting his foot & having to go by road, Dave & Jennie's Uncle Peter got to the bridge & broke down so hitched a lift. Rob & Julie suffered the same fate on the way home & was rescued. Terry & Jacqui ran out of fuel on the way home & were towed in by Brian's Wicked One. Tony & Shirley also ran out of fuel just as they got back to Grove Ferry but got out the oars & rowed the last 200 yards so all setbacks were overcome. Fortunately the weed was not too bad but the weather was pretty awful, being overcast with a surprisingly cold wind, but we were undaunted & I counted about 40 folk sitting down to enjoy a very tasty lunch at the Fordwich Arms. The verdict? A lovely, successful well supported event for GFBC.



Jamaica Inn Friday 8th June Henry & I were not able to join in the fun the night before the Dinghy Run but we hear that it was a very good evening & we are sorry that we missed it. One member, who was thought to be joining us the next day had a particularly good evening but did not come along after all !!



North Bank Security Cameras

The Committee is looking into the feasibility of installing more security on the North Bank using cameras & so far this idea has been received favourably by mooring holders. Plans are being formulated & it will be interesting to hear more about the scheme & the cost etc. in due course

CALLING ALL MEMBERS

Don't forget the North Bank Party, Sunday 21st July, come along to meet other members & have a fun time. Also the Picnic Cruise to Red House, Saturday 10th August, make a weekend of it if you wish. Posters giving full details of these two events will be displayed on the Club House & North Bank noticeboards or of course you can look them up on the Club Website. See you there !

Wild Canoeing ~ Yes you did read that right, this is a new venture taking place from the Picnic Area Car Park & I have a feeling that it is going to be extremely popular with the general public wanting to experience something a bit different. For boat owners moored on either side of the river it could be a bit of a nightmare as would be canoeists with no experience whatsoever will be able to take to the water & attempt to paddle off into the sunset, as it were. Well it was bad enough when there were just a few doing this but now it could be large numbers every day. The chap running the enterprise is very sensible & knowledgeable & aware of our concerns & promised to make sure that his customers are warned to avoid ramming or banging into the moored boats. Although sympathetic he did point out that it is a public river & everybody is entitled to enjoy it. In return I pointed out that the Car Park was also a public place but he would not let learner drivers drive around that banging into the cars. He conceded that I had a point. Unfortunately all we can do is keep our fingers crossed & keep an eye on things. If you incur damage you will be able to claim off their insurance but these incidents are most likely to happen when our boats are unattended.



Work Party 15th June ~ Numbers were a bit down probably due to some of the regulars being indisposed at the moment or on holiday but we hope they will all be back next time. All the usual mowing & strimming was carried out along with lopping the overhanging branches of the trees by the South bank visitor mooring & Steve cleaned the windows of the Clubhouse. As ever the workers were rewarded with plenty of coffees & teas & enjoyed a very tasty lunch.



GFBC Website ~ The Newsletter with back issues is now on the website so hope you are all managing to access it o.k. Many thanks to Tony Mackenzie for his expertise & time running the website & for his help with producing the Newsletters.

SERVICES

Marine Engine Services — Sam Jenkins
Marine Engineer, fully qualified & insured.
Services & Repairs carried out on site at competitive rates.
17, Military Road, Ramsgate Harbour
Mobile :- 07934711267

CANOPIES MADE TO MEASURE & REPAIRS
By John Webber. To make an appointment
Contact through Ken Willison 01227 275177

BOAT INSURANCE
We can recommend Euro marine available via
Roy Newing at The Boat House
He can also organise your Boat Safety Certificate
Tel. No. 01227 860345

Marlec Marine Ltd.
Chandlery, Repairs, Spares, Servicing & all types of hoses -
Hydraulic, Air, Fuel & Water
A very good chandlers with the extra bonus of being owned by
Alan & Frances Booth so you can count on good service & friendly advice.
11 Military Road, Royal Harbour, Ramsgate, Kent.
Tel No. 01843 852452

FREEMANS MARINE COVERS
Sandwich Marina, Sandwich, Kent
All kinds of covers for all kinds of boats
A full range of canvasses & PVC's in a variety of colours.. Also makeovers on boat interiors such as bedding , seating covers & curtains
Call Richard on 07747592532