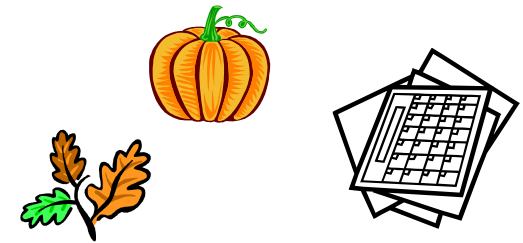


# GROVE FERRY BOAT CLUB

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**North Bank Party July 21<sup>st</sup>** Lovely weather & happy people added up to a very enjoyable day. From what I have heard, the trips on the river in the Steam Boats were a big hit with young & old. But the Model Boats, Welly Hoying, Model Cars & Raffle etc. etc. not forgetting the nosh provided by G G's Burger Bar, all combined to ensure a very enjoyable GFBC event.. However, let's not forget that the enjoyment of the occasion was as a result of the efforts of those GFBC Members who helped & gave their time on the day. Many thanks to you all.



**Repairing Redhouse Moorings** ~ Mid July, Alan G, Henry H & John A loaded up Turramurra with decking & all the gear needed for urgent maintenance work to the Redhouse Moorings. It was extremely hot weather for such physical activity & the trio was pleased when Jacqui & Terry R in Pisco Sour turned up on their way back from a stay in Sandwich as Terry quite happily rolled up his sleeves & joined the team. The job was not quite finished, needing just two more planks, but the workers went home knowing the moorings were much safer **job well done**

**Speeding** ~ People are driving through the North Bank much too fast, apart from the danger to people & pets the dust created is pretty objectionable. So please be more considerate & slow down or even better have time to smile or give a wave, GFBC is supposed to be the friendly Club.



*Autumn's here but what a Summer we've had  
Blue skies & sunshine with rain just a tad  
So it's time now to start laying up the boats  
Putting on the layers & checking Winter coats  
But before Year's end there's plenty to come  
With Club events & lots of Christmas fun  
So come on everybody make next the best Year  
Give the Club your support & get into Gear !!!*



**Christmas Dinner at The Dog & Duck Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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, Stuffed Pepper & Nut roast. **Desserts:** Traditional Christmas Pudding, Desserts of the Day, Cheese & Biscuits. Coffee & Mince Pies. A few weeks prior 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 !



**Facilities on North Bank** ~ Members, especially the ladies of the Club are requesting proper toilet & hand washing facilities on the North Bank rather than the present Portaloo, which most find very unsavoury. A petition was circulated at the North Bank Party which was passed to the Committee for urgent consideration. It is understood that the possibility & cost of installing more hygienic facilities is being investigated & we await the results of the findings with great interest.

Be nice to your children, they'll choose your Nursing Home

### Last Events of 2013

#### LAYING UP SUPPER

Saturday, 12th October

#### BONFIRE & FIREWORKS

Saturday, 2nd November

#### CHRISTMAS DINNER ~ DOG & DUCK

Saturday 7th December

**Karma Casts Off** ~ Jon, Babs & Elle Rudd felt that they had exhausted the boating potential of the River Stour & have opted to take their Seamaster, Karma to sample the delights of the Medway. We obviously wish them all the best on their new moorings & hope they enjoy lots of exciting adventures. They say they intend to remain members of the GFBC, but it is sad to see such mainstays of the Club & mooring fraternity move away. Each member of the family has always taken a very active part in Club events & work parties, Jon with his spit roasting, building & tree expertise, Babs just as handy with the tools & helping with events & last but not least Elle busy with the mower & the raffles. Hope this will not be good bye but wishing them happy boating in the future.



**Dai the Dolphin** did a 30 mile trip up the River Dee & it was hoped that he would find his way back to the open seas. The question is though, was it an accident or did he do it on porpoise?