

Work Party 22nd June

Lovely weather, perfect for a trip up river but unfortunately work had to come first. 24 members signed in which was 14 more than last time so the work load was better shared. Serious mowing took place, the area around the new toilet block was tidied, cleared & shingled. The new outside kitchen now has stainless steel units & the outside was painted so it looks quite smart. The slip way was cleared of vegetation, loads of strimming was done inside & out of the compound, with lots of hedge trimming & cutting back of stinging nettles the size of Christmas trees & finally the power cable was buried. A team of ladies valiantly fed & watered the workers with endless teas & coffees & a tasty al fresco buffet lunch. It was hot sweaty work but the happy, sociable atmosphere made it very enjoyable & I know that everybody enjoyed catching up with each other & swapping news. John Arnold was well pleased with the results of the day's work & asked me to convey his thanks to all those who took part.



Sunday 22nd Tea on the North Bank

was very well attended by more than 30 people & looked after by 4 tea monitors rather than the usual 2 owing to the fact that Chris & Brian had kindly stepped into the breach for Mandy & Steve but it seems some wires got crossed & Mandy went baking mad & turned up to do her official stint. Not to worry it all worked out very well with each tea monitor allocated a specific task & tea time went like clock work & was much enjoyed by all present. Many thanks to the tea makers.

Mooring Fees

When we paid our 2014 Mooring Fees we were very pleased to find that the fees had remained the same so thank you Committee for helping us with our cost of living juggling..

Moorings Whilst trimming & weeding I could not help but notice that more moorings have been getting the re-furbish treatment & very nice they are beginning to look too, but at the same time it has to be said that there are some that are in a rather scruffy & overgrown state which is rather sad & If the owner of Ellen Vannin reads this I think he might be interested to know that his boat looks o.k. apart from being very dirty & green but his mooring fence has caved in & is in need of attention.

Bad Luck ! Alan G has had a very up & down year so far but the last straw was when somebody bashed into his car doing some serious damage, fortunately he was not in it. He would be the first to admit that his much loved car, although worth a lot to him, was not of high value so he was not too surprised when the insurance company wrote it off. But he was very upset in view of the fact that a lot of expensive work had been carried out on the car only the week before & although old it suited him fine. However, all was not lost, when his friendly garage of longstanding stepped in & fixed him up with a replacement which very much met with his approval. So here's wishing you happy & safe motoring Alan in your new acquisition.



New Kid on the Block No not literally but in the form of Kathy & Malcolm's new pride & joy, a Nimbus 2600 called Tropay. They came in her to the work party & she sat prettily on the slipway mooring looking very smart indeed, a nice addition to the GFBC Fleet & we wish them lots of happy times in her.

News Snippet - I ran into the son of Jim & Mary Rose who have not been able to visit their boat for some considerable time due to illness etc. & was pleased to hear that they are both getting on much better. Jim is now due to go into hospital in August for a long awaited knee operation which we hope will render him mobile again. Our very best wishes for a successful outcome.

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Interesting Thought Ladies— It has often been debated as to who was the best dancer out of Fred Astaire & Ginger Rodgers. Well Ginger did every thing Fred did but backwards.

I rest my case !