



**July 20, 1969** As the Commander of the Apollo 11 Lunar Module, Neil Armstrong was the first person to set foot on the Moon. His first words were televised around the World and were heard by millions, but just before he re-entered the Lander he said:- **“Good Luck Mr. Gorsky”** Only heard, of course by those in the control room.

People at NASA thought he might be referring to some soviet rival but upon checking could find no Gorsky in any space programme. Over the years many people questioned Armstrong as to what the “Good Luck Mr.Gorsky” statement meant, but Armstrong always just smiled. On July 5, 1995 in Tampa Bay, Florida while answering questions following a speech, a reporter brought up the question again of Mr.Gorsky. This time he responded due to the fact that Mr.Gorsky had now died, so he felt he could answer. Here is the answer to who is Mr.Gorsky. In 1938 when he was a kid playing in his back yard with a friend, the ball landed in his neighbour’s garden by their bedroom window. The neighbours were a Mr. and Mrs.Gorsky and as he bent down to pick up the ball Young Armstrong heard Mrs. Gorsky shouting at Mr.Gorsky. **“Sex, you want sex. Well you’ll get sex when the kid next door walks on the Moon” !!** This broke the place up & is an absolutely true story.

## TIDES

### The new 2013 Tide Tables are in the Clubhouse, please help yourself

Useful tidal information:- I am often asked about time of tide at Grove and other places. Tide times are always printed in GMT or Zulu time, when Summer time is in place an hour has to be added to the printed time, times of tide can be different from printed. The printed time is always for a standard port (normally a port that has been used by the Navy for many years, ours is Dover, Sheerness is another. Tides are controlled by the gravitational pull of the Sun and Moon as the earth rotates around the Sun and the Moon rotates around the Earth. Every month the Moon circles the earth once a month (giving 12 months a year) each monthly orbit gives two sets of Spring and two sets of Neap tides, Spring tides occur when the Sun and Moon are in line and exert the maximum gravitational pull on the sea water, this gives higher tide and lower tide, than neap tides. Several factors affect tides, a series of North East gales make a tidal surge which increases the height of tides. A series of South West gales takes the water away from our shores and reduces the height of tides.

Times:

Height of High Water at Grove Ferry is approx 3 hours 15 mins after High Water Dover

“ “ “ **Plucks Gutter** “ 2 “ **after Dover High Water**

Incoming turn of Tide Grove Ferry is approx. 30 mins after Dover High Water

“ “ “ **Plucks Gutter is approx x 1 hour before Dover High Water**

A quick way of finding Grove High Water is that it is the same time as London Bridge

These are my personal observations and are approximate and are given as guidance and not set in stone, they can also vary with conditions above

**Alan Gittings**



**Dave Burford, Compound Manager**, would like to remind members who have boats or items stored in the compound to make sure that they are labelled with a name & a contact number. He would also like to remind everyone that boats or equipment should NOT be stored or left in the compound without permission. It is very awkward when a member arrives with a boat to take up a space only to find that somebody has in the meantime put something in that space. Especially if that person has not left any contact details. Poor David is frequently left tearing his hair out.

**Who walloped the Main Gate?** Seems that we are under siege at the moment with all sorts of worrying infringements of our various gates & boundaries so please be extra watchful & don't pass on any relevant numbers to anybody. Keep your eyes open there might be a thief about



**Goodbye 2012 Hello 2013**

Who knows what is in store, who knows what the weather will be like, who knows if the engine will blow up **BUT** one thing **is** certain& that is The GFBC. With nice people, friendly gatherings & a helping hand if you need it. Sounds a bit airy fairy? Well you know we have the power, if we all try it could be just like that !!!! **Happy New Year**



**The Cobweb Cruise 27th Jan.**

Don't forget this Club Event, weather permitting. Put on your thermals & take along some bits for the communal table & a flask of hot drink. If you have the facility on your boat to boil a kettle that would be terrific. A hot toddy is usually on offer which is always very much enjoyed. The object of the exercise is to blow away those cobwebs & to have a jolly good gossip while our doggy friends have a great run with lots of lovely sniffs. So dust off your dinghies, check out your canoes, take the cover of your cruiser, give your engine a blow and take a lovely little cruise to Redhouse. YeeeHaa !

**Newcomers especially welcome**