



Cobweb Cruise Considering how bad the weather had been prior to this event, there was a really good turnout & how lucky that the weather was so good for that one day !!

What's that about sun shining on the righteous ? Six boats & 16 members attended ~ Peace, Sara, Cygnet, Queen Bee and Neil in his rib from Grove Ferry with Lady B all the way from Sandwich, so quite a nice little gathering. On arrival at Redhouse a nice sheltered spot was found to set up the tables with everybody contributing to a delicious spread with Liz & Colin providing a welcome hot toddy. Pity that Alan G could not be there this year but he's raring to go now so bring on the better weather. A very convivial two hours was enjoyed by all before boats began casting off to head for home. There was quite a lot of activity & excitement going on as the Police Search Teams, complete with helicopter, were out in force searching for a missing person who it was feared had fallen into the river. So the very enjoyable & happy excursion ended on a bit of interest for the GFBC members but tinged with sadness for the victim.

Brand New GFBC Website Hope that every member who has access to the internet has by now checked out Tony Mackenzie's hard work. We are very lucky to have his services because it was no mean feat to set up & get up & running, not to mention time consuming. So thank you very much Tony for your expertise & hard work on our behalf. The format is almost identical to the old site which makes the changeover so much easier for all of us.



G.F.G.M (Grove Ferry Gossip Machine) It seems that boats have been changing hands over the Winter. Queen Bee is now owned by Terry who is also thrilled to be installed on a mooring at John Baker's. Muffles, a Norman 20, is now in the proud possession of Mandy & Steve with the new name of **May Queen**. What makes you think they are fanatical Queen fans ??? Best wishes to both crews for years of happy boating.



February Working Party 10 tons of road-stone delivered to the top car park ready & waiting but the ground was too waterlogged to spread it so that chore had to wait for another time. However the weather stayed dry & the 22 members who turned up got stuck in. They managed to lay a new path from the slipway area to the water standpipe which had been frost damaged so that was completely renewed. The area around the new finger berths was tidied up and the fence given a coat of preservative. The compound was spruced up & all the surplus unusable timber & broken pallets were turned into a grand bonfire which kept the workers warm on the outside & Mandy, Liz & Kath warmed them on the inside with a tasty lunch of Spicy Sausage & Bean casserole followed by pear upside down pud & sticky toffee pudding, not to mention the steaming hot cups of beverage. All very much appreciated so sincere thanks to the caterers & a big thank you from John Arnold (Works Co-ordinator) to the GFBC Members for their efforts.

Over Wintering Hope your boats & engines came through the Winter without mishap, unlike poor Uncle Peter who unfortunately ended up with more water inside than the river outside. Another job for Dave but sure he will get it sussed & it is a wonderful excuse for messing about on the river rather than mundane domestic chores. So perhaps it is almost worth it !!!



Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day. Teach a man to fish & he'll spend all day in a boat drinking beer

Joke: Two Indian Junkies accidentally snorted Curry Powder instead of Cocaine, both now in hospital. One's in a Korma & the other one's got a dodgy Tikka.

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