

The Easter Hol that never was ~ well that's how it felt to us & I am just sorry for those who are not retired because I remember how much I looked forward to those precious Bank Holidays & a blissful couple of days of relaxation & enjoyment. Perhaps some of you were



fortunate enough to have gone off to warmer climes but back here the chance of spending a happy time on the river was non-existent. Nothing much stirred on the North Bank, hardly any activity apart from our stalwart Moorings Officer & our Compound Manager indulging in some enjoyable pottering on their boats & minor duties in the compound, grappling with their ongoing task of trying to decide what item belongs to who etc. etc.

New Mooring Holders - A very warm welcome from the Mooring Holder fraternity to Debbie & Kevin Davis who have taken over the vacant mooring opposite the Club house on the North Bank. It is going to take a lot of hard work to get it up to scratch as it has been very neglected over the past few years but we all look forward to having a chat & seeing them enjoy their new mooring.

May Queen Arrives - Mandy & Steve are really pleased to have installed their Norman 20 safely on their mooring at John Baker's and most gratified to find that she fits in nicely. They are looking forward to being able to stay on board in comfort from now on, roll on some good weather.



Club Membership stands at 143 at present & the following are all brand new members ~ James Fromage, Sabrira Brophy, John & Keren Stanley, Peter, Kim & Leslie Miller, Neil Peasland, James Stewart, Dave Armstrong, Christopher & Julie Murr & last but not least Geoffrey Weir. A very warm welcome to you all and we look forward to meeting you at a Work Party or Club Event.

Dover Coastguard. A visit has been arranged to visit Dover Coastguard for a maximum of 12 people on Wednesday 22nd May at 20.00 hrs. Please see the Club notice board for full details & directions & please note that only members who have added their names to the list will be able to go. If after adding your name you find you cannot attend please advise so that the place can be offered to another member.



Fitting Out Supper - Join us in the Clubhouse on Saturday 18th May for a three course meal @ £7.50 per head, 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. sit down. To book just add your names to the list on the Club's notice board & tick your menu choices. Or ring 01304 374055 or email johen@semloh.fslife.co.uk



Menu
 Tomato Soup
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 Egg Mayonnaise
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 Fruit Juice
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 Cottage Pie  
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 Beef Lasagne  
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 Banoffee Pie
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 Ginger & Pear Upside Down Pud
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 Coffee or Tea

A vegetarian option is available. Wine on the table & Juice. Space is limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

Seven wheelchair athletes have been banned from the Paralympics after they tested positive for WD40

**Picnic Cruise to Redhouse**

~ Members are welcome to come for the full weekend or for just the Picnic Lunch on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August, arriving in the morning with enough food for your party to add to the communal table. Please bring all that you think you will need i.e. chairs, table, plates & cutlery etc. The Club's party tent will be available so there will be some cover, but let's hope for lovely weather. We look forward to a convivial & enjoyable afternoon with nice food, some fun & chatting with old friends. For those making a weekend of it, in the evening we hope to set up the barbeques to enable us to have a hot supper with a noggin & a natter enjoying what we



hope will be a warm Summer evening. Nearer the time there will be a list on the notice board & we ask you to put your names down so as to help us with the mooring up of boats.

**DON'T FORGET NEXT WORKING PARTY  
 28TH APRIL**

The weather should be a lot better than the last work party & you will all be pleased to know that 10 tons of road stone is still waiting to be used. There is quite a lot to do so hope that there are plenty of members who have marked the date on their calendars & are bright eyed & bushy tailed eager to get started. Well perhaps that is a bit OTT but John A hopes for a good turn out with the reward of endless cups of tea & coffee & what's more a tasty lunch thrown in. Now that can't be bad.



**See you there !!!**

Grateful thanks to Tony Mackenzie for all his help with the production & distribution of this Newsletter & best wishes to you all for safe & happy boating this season

*Joan H*