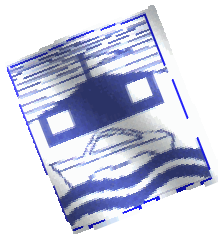


GROVE FERRY BOAT CLUB

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The 50th Celebration

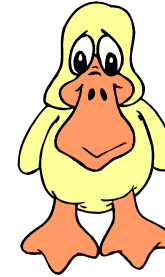
The latest news on the Golden Jubilee celebration is that the event will now take place on 12th July, commencing on the North Bank at 2.00 p.m. & from 5.00 p.m. in the long room at the Grove Ferry Inn with a Barn Dance & Hog Roast. The event is to be funded mainly from club funds but there will be a charge to members of just £5.00 per head. Full details will be posted on the club notice boards & the Club Website in due course..

High Tides, Surges & an Oops!! A week after Christmas the moorings were once again ravaged by the fierce conditions with flood warnings again being sent out. It seems that our canopy was hit by the tree that fell opposite our moorings causing damage. As we were away it fell to Steve H to try & sort it out, which with the boat virtually inaccessible & the mooring completely underwater was not easy. Unfortunately his good turn ended with him taking an unplanned dip in the icy waters. From what I heard from an onlooker it is possible that he was trying not to draw attention to yet another oops because apparently he did not make any sound except for a very subdued gurgling noise. The good news is that Steve's attempts at shoring up our canopy were successful & that thankfully he suffered no ill effects from his ducking. Reckon we owe him a few pints !!



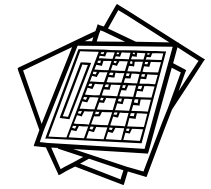
what a Winter !! Not very cold but don't think that our bit of the River has been quite that badly flooded before, even the ducks were unhappy. But now here we are at the beginning of another boating season so let's hope that the hot Summer that's been hinted at comes about. **Best Wishes for Happy & Safe boating to all GFBC Members**

JH



An Apology is owed I am afraid that it was not until the last Newsletter was finished that I realised that the write up for the Club's Christmas Dinner had been left out, obviously too late to rectify matters so afraid that it is a case of better late than never with sincere apologies to Alan who organised the event with help from Steve Dennis.

Christmas Dinner 7th December 2013 - For a brief spell it seemed that this event might be a wash out literally as the Dog & Duck was in the path of the predicted surge & flooding which thankfully was no problem, so 42 GFBC Members were able to enjoy a really lovely evening. The traditional noisy novelty balloons added to the festivity of the occasion as did the Raffle with lots of very nice prizes all generously donated by members & raising the sum of £85. The meal was excellent, the company even better & it was great that very new members Guy & Rosemary Peto joined us, welcome to the Club. We would also like to welcome back old members Tony & Babara Brooks who have re-joined our ranks after a few years away. We look forward to seeing both couples enjoying themselves at future events. Many thanks to Alan for organising the whole evening & to the Dog & Duck staff for their attentive service & excellent meal.



What's on?

WORK PARTY

Saturday 26th April

NAUTICAL MANOEUVRES & QUIZ EVENING

Saturday 10th May

BANK HOLIDAY CRUISE TO RAMSGATE

Saturday—Monday 24th—26th May

DINGHY RUN TO FORDWICH

Sunday 8th June

WORK PARTY

Sunday 22nd June

50th CELEBRATION

Saturday 12th July

Hope to see you all at the above events. For further information & details please check out the Club Notice Boards & the GFBC Website nearer the dates.