

**In the Compound** Not much to report other than a certain amount of re-organisation to make room for the addition of the new toilet block & catering cabin. Some boats have had to be moved but everybody affected has been very co-operative. David is still requesting that members should inform him immediately if they remove their boats or trailers from the compound & to certainly not put anything in without speaking to him first.

**Mother's Day Teatime** Rather limited numbers but with such a beautiful day it was pleasant for Geoff & Judi to be able to chat & enjoy the river too. However, the peace of the day was somewhat disturbed by the noise of hammering from the North Bank which I noted was being produced by John B. & Sheila T who were putting in some serious work on the new North Bank toilet facilities. Perhaps when we are all enjoying the improved facilities we should mentally thank the dedicated members who will have put in a lot of time & effort on our behalf.



**A Club Mooring at Pluck's Gutter** I am sure that you will all be pleased to know that the Club has rented a mooring which will be a very welcome addition to our club facilities. A bit of work is needed but when finished there will probably be space for two boats to moor up, enabling members to more easily stop for lunch or a drink. Also the Pub now has one for visitors so that is good news too.

**Boats Stolen** Two boats were taken from Pluck's Gutter & were found later cast adrift up river. It turned out to be an easy crime to solve as the thief had kindly left his mobile phone behind. It was a fair cop!



**Police Presence** In view of the above it is very reassuring to note that the Police are out & about on the river which might give the would be thieving watsits something to think about. **Keep your eyes peeled !!!!**

**April 6th - Shakedown Cruise**

Our little convoy left the moorings at 11.00 a.m. with the sun shining. We gave a cheery wave to Roy as we passed the Marina & proceeded to enjoy a very pleasant cruise down to Redhouse.



Once there we moored, put out some tables & in a short time a very tasty lunch was set out. Alan served us all with a hot toddy & a very convivial time was enjoyed by 32 members. Good turnout! 9 boats made the trip, 8 of them Seamasters of various sizes. Turramurra, Peace, Jaspen, Charming Kate, Jofre III, Peggy Sue, Lady Belmont, Capetown Girl & Cygnet. Unfortunately, Nauti buoy had to stay at home because she is hosting a Robin's nest with 6 eggs.

**Jennie E. & David B** Have been working hard on their boats & mooring during the Winter. Everything that could be scrubbed has been scrubbed, plenty of polishing, some repainting & even the fence came in for attention with the planting of three Clematis plants. David has worked really hard making a lovely bench seat, a new fence, installing a weather owl, a new flag pole & finally has dressed the whole mooring with interesting items. Jennie thinks he might be turning into another Andy!! I think the time has come to have a best dressed mooring competition. It is all good fun & will certainly make visiting the North Bank more interesting.



**A keen boating couple** went out in their boat & unfortunately met with an accident & found themselves at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter said that their records showed them as neither good or bad so they could choose for themselves, Heaven or Hell They could spend eternity in cramped quarters, the bed always too short, no privacy, food & water rationed, sometimes very cold & damp & a shower something to dream of. The couple thought for a moment & then asked— **So what's Hell like?**



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Mandy Hart has been inundated with good wishes, get well cards & even gifts & is truly overwhelmed by the concern & support she has received from the GFBC. She wishes to thank everybody very very much & hopes to be back amongst the ranks soon. At the moment it is three times a week dialysis & weekly chemo but she is feeling better & hopes to be out & about before long.

