

The Buccaneer

Boating Group

No 229 – Summer 2017



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Waiting for the Wind

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Welcome to the summer edition of The Buccaneer, I have received some great articles for this edition, many, many thanks to the authors for taking the time to write them. Please keep them coming, they don't have to be particularly long, also photographs of boating group activities both on and off the water would be most gratefully received.

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All others by article authors

Cover photo: **Watching the Gulls, Portabote at Paxton Lake AGM Meet (NP)**

The email edition of the Buccaneer has many more photos than the printed edition - and they are in colour!!! Why not contact the webmaster & ask for your Buccaneer by email?

Commodore's Letter

At the beginning of 2016 we found a new treasurer for the Boating Group & so we still exist!!

In 2016 we had a good number of well attended meets. We ran 6 THS's with 810 unit nights, 11 weekend & 5 day meets with 293 unit nights. A total of 403 people camped with us over the year.

Saundersfoot was fully booked –as usual – and all those who went had a good time.

Bala was run for 2 weeks as usual. The first week was not fully booked which was due to the national school holidays being at slightly different times (some schools were not on holiday that week - we will endeavour to ensure that this does not happen again). The meet was fully booked for the second week very early on. It's a meet that has many varied activities – fish & chip boat race, beer tasting and cheese & wine evening to name but a few.

Keswick in September was very popular. It was fully booked by the end of January. We enjoyed strawberries & cream, wine & nibbles and other activities on and off the water. A number of us went to the theatre to see 'Dial M for Murder'. Another night we had a flood warning, there certainly was a lot of rain that night and the ducks were swimming in some of the 'ponds' around units.

Carol & John Goddard ran 2 successful meets at Rutland. Their first meets as stewards in 2016.

There were 10 units camping with the Boating Group at the NFoL, 5 of us lit up our street. We did not win the small street scene but much 'companionship' abounded whilst we were putting up the displays. Trevor made us some new lights for our street scene (from Ovaltine tins). These were a big hit with people.

All other meets were well attended. A very big thank you to everyone who stewarded at all our meets.

The NFoL is at Hickstead in 2017 – so many of the usual people will not be attending. It would be lovely to continue with a Boating Group Display, we have now enough people for a display - which will be on the theme of the "Tall Ships Race". Any suggestions for display ideas would be gratefully received.

We have found a new editor for the Buccaneer, Neil Pipe, you will all have read his first issue of the Buccaneer which came out earlier this year. It was excellent, I hope you all enjoyed it. Please try to support him, he needs articles & photos for each edition.

31 People attended the AGM at Paxton, it was lovely to see so many people there.

We are short of committee members and would welcome new 'blood' with ideas. Maggie Poulson has retired, she has been our Steward Liaison for the last few years. Maggie and Dick were stewards for many years at various meets and she has run many steward's forums for us. Maggie completed her last term of office by rewriting and sending out the information for meet Stewards. Thanks, Maggie, for all you have done for the Boating Group.

It will be our 50th Birthday in 2021 –we are thinking of going to Himley Hall again. We had a great event for our 40th – let's try to make the 50th even better.

Margaret Thompson

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Quartermaster's Store

Boating Group Embroidered Clothing ——— Manufactured to Order

All clothing would be embroidered with the Boating Group logo, approximately 8cm diameter on the left breast, in a contrasting colour to the garment.

Prices include VAT but postage would be approximately £2.85 extra.

Tee Shirt - cotton	£11.00
Polo Shirt - short sleeved 90 - 100% cotton, depending on colour Please state whether you require Ladies or Mens	£14.75
Sweat Shirt - at least 50% cotton	£20.75

All can be provided in the following colours and sizes:

Colours		Sizes	
White	Sports Grey	S - 34/36	XXL - 46/48
Maroon	Royal Blue	M - 38/40	2XL - 50/52
Forest Green		L - 42/44	

Childrens sizes are also available

Embroidered sew-on Patch - colours as above, 8cm diameter £4.75

Boating Group Pennons - small quantity remaining £2.00



If you would like to order any items please email Colin Knight:

colin@home-farm.org.uk

Synopsis of the Boating Group Council Meeting 29th April 2017

- Margaret Thompson was appointed Commodore.
- Colin Knight was appointed Vice Commodore.
- Periods of appointment were as follows: 3 years - D Steele, L Steele and N Pipe.
- Appointments: Webmaster – J Bolton, Membership Secretary – M Shore, Secretary – N Delbarre, PRO – D & L Steele, Editor – N Pipe, Sites Officer (& National Parks) R Goring, Quartermaster & Website co-ordinator– C Knight, Sections Forum Representatives T McLaughlin & C Knight, Special Events M Thompson, 5 day & weekend meets co-ordinators B Ireland & M Thompson
- Chair of the Meets subcommittee B Ireland and chair for PR subcommittee D Steele.
- Executive Committee – Commodore, Vice Commodore, Secretary, Treasurer, chairs of sub committees.
- Maggie Poulson has stood down from the Committee – a big thank you for all her work and enthusiasm over the years, latterly as Stewards Liaison.
- Next meeting will be Saturday 23rd September 2017 – Wolverley CCC site.

DO YOU know anyone who would like to: Volunteer to join our Committee

If so, please contact your committee, they could arrange for you to sit in on a committee meeting to find out what is involved.

or steward a meet???

If so contact Beryl Ireland, Meet Management have put together a handbook and spreadsheet to take care of all the hard work.

Obituary Peter Lea

We were sorry to learn of the death of Peter Lea in March of this year. Peter attended and stewarded meets all over the country including the Rutland THS. With a wealth of experience he was always ready to chat or to help a fellow camper on or off the water. Our condolences to Pauline and the family.

Synopsis of AGM 2017

- Attended by Mel Hill (Chairman of CCC) and 31 Boating Group members.
- Commodore reviewed the past year.
- The Treasurer presented the 2016 accounts which have been audited.
- The meeting was advised that Jane Leedham had been appointed as Treasurer for 2017.
- Diane McKay was appointed as Auditor.
- Peter Maltby and Derek Dumper are Vice Presidents.
- Neil Pipe, Dyllys Steele and Leslie Steele were elected to the Council.
- One position on the Council is vacant. More committee members are needed.
- The new Boating Group Constitution was unanimously approved.
- Next AGM is on 21st April 2018 at the Stafford Boat Club Limited, Maplewood , Wildwood, Stafford, Staffordshire, ST17 4SG



Paxton Lakes AGM and Meet

The meet was attended by 15 units who enjoyed reasonable if cool weather. A further 7 units stayed at the nearby Club site and another unit on a nearby certificated site. Conditions allowed sailing during most days although Sunday being blustery was left to the Sailing Club members.

A report on the AGM will be made separately but we would like to congratulate Derek Dumper on his appointment as vice president of the Boating Group and also Jane Leedham on winning the BG heat of the Cadac sponsored cooking competition. With the clubhouse available we were able to have a congenial get together in the evenings with chat, quizzes, bring and share supper and a very enjoyable musical evening.

Pauline & Beric Thrupp

The Committee always strives to organise meets the members want but inevitably some venues do close down to us or are restricted on numbers and some just fall out of favour, but what is noticeable to me of late is the low interest in meets outside of the big summer venues.

Are we providing what you want? If you think not, let us know and suggest some new venues or better still, get involved and get what you want! If the situation does not change it is conceivable that the Boating Section will just dwindle away with lack of interest or not have sufficient Committee members to carry on, or perhaps will just exist to provide the summer venues which will slowly decline as the members' youngsters move on or Stewards cease to come forward.

To illustrate this, I had to cancel the THS Meet at Bewl Water for May 27th. due to lack of interest despite moving it into Half Term, or was it BECAUSE it was Half Term or was there some other reason it was not attractive? Tell us!

I have just returned from the Paxton Lakes Meet which incorporated the AGM and I must say I thought it was a great little place with the water, cycle and footpaths, a recreation room and showers/toilets and thanks to the Stewards Pauline and Beric and the members who turned up, was good fun. Just the sort of venue that epitomises the purpose of the BG in my view - "a D.A. with a theme".

I live on the South Coast, so it was a 3 hours plus trip for me. The vast majority of members live north of me, so I was a bit surprised that the AGM was not better attended and a certain opportunity for any member to speak out if they had something to say - so have you something to say? You do not have to wait to the next AGM, just email any of the Committee or be a bit more outspoken and send Neil some words to include in the Buccaneer or perhaps it could be broadcast in the members section of the BG website.

Let's hear from you.
Ritch



Paxton Lakes Sailing Club (NP)

The Boating Group – CADAC Eat Local Competition

On Sunday 30th April 2017 at our Paxton Lakes Meet, 6 teams of chefs assembled their cooking equipment and eagerly awaited the start of our heat. The weather was warm but very windy and the other campers had made a sheltered area so that the various stoves would not be blown out and the food would keep warm.

From the start was a flurry of activity with a variety of food being cooked, these ranged from BBQ Hampshire Hog, Risotto, Fajita's to a meal created from what can be found in a typical unit. The smell of food was wonderful and the 30mins cooking time that was allowed soon passed. Then came the setting of tables along with wine and flowers for the judging.

Our judges, Beric and Jill Haines presented a very professional approach, questioning the cooks about the origins of their food and then tasting each meal in turn. Whilst the contestants ate their meals the judges retired to the club house for a final discussion and to peruse the application forms.

Jane Leedham was the winner. Jane was then presented with the Prize, a Cadac Carry Chef 2 BBQ.



Jane receiving her prize from Beric (Judge) and Margaret (Commodore)

The committee would like to thank all the contestants for their entries to the competition, the Judges for their help in finding a winner and to Jane for her winning meal "BBQ Hampshire Hog". Jane will now be entered in to the contestant's list for the National Competition and if chosen she will have the chance to compete at the National Feast of Lanterns in August with the chance to win a main prize of a garden BBQ along with many other prizes.

Pictures of the event and the winning menu will be on the Boating Group Website shortly.

John Bolton



The Winning Meal

They emerged some 20 mins later and after complimenting the chefs on their efforts, and a close competition, it was announced that by a narrow margin

THE MEL SHORE & ALF GARDNER TROPHIES

Attention ALL Boating Group Young People, their Parents and Grandparents

There are 2 Trophies available to Boating Group Young People or Grandchildren under 18 years at the time of submitting the entry

The ALF GARDNER Trophy

Alf Gardner was an early Boating Group member who was active in the Group sailing a Mirror Dinghy. His wish was to encourage our younger sailors so he gave the Trophy to be awarded annually to the winner of a race for under 18's. The race was a proper hour long event run under RYA rules over a typical sailing course, it used to be sailed at what was then the Boating Group's biggest meet on Rutland Water. The event was very fiercely contested by the Boating Group teenagers, many taking part over several years and finally winning it just before their 18th Birthday. It was regarded as a great honour to have this lovely trophy for a year and to have your name engraved on it in perpetuity. It was awarded annually between 1979 and 1995.

Unfortunately, new insurance rulings meant that the Boating Group were no longer insured to run any activities on the water so after a lapse of 15 years the Boating Group Council decided to award the Trophy annually to a Young Person who, in the eyes of a BG member, had achieved "something special" connected with sailing or other water activities. The field is wide open for nominations for activities as varied as: - organising racing for a Sailing Club; becoming an instructor and using the skills gained to help other YP; reliably and regularly giving time to help their sailing club with Rescue Boat duties; becoming a County Schools Sailing Champion; helping a sailor in difficulties etc. The Trophy, which can only be won once, comes with a Bursary for £75 towards a Water Based course or activity.

The MEL SHORE Trophy

Mel Shore was an active member of the Boating Group. For many years, he was a familiar figure sailing his inflatable Tinker at meets. He was a very good editor of the *Buccaneer*, greatly improving its appearance and content. Mel unfortunately 'died in office'; just a few weeks after attending the Feast of Lanterns with the Boating Group.

In his memory, the Mel Shore Trophy was instigated in 2011 to be awarded annually to a Young Person who submitted the best article published in the *Buccaneer* each year. The article can be about activities at a Boating Group meet or something else related to sailing or water based activities. Again, the Trophy is awarded annually, can only be won once, and comes with a £75 Bursary towards a water based course or activity.

It was a great disappointment this year, not to be able to award the Trophies due to lack of entries so please Boating Group members can you encourage your young people to submit suitable articles or send us your nominations for the Alf Gardner Trophy.

Entries for both Trophies should be submitted to Colin Knight, any time although the entries are judged, by a sub-committee in the week before the AGM. Entries for Mel Shore Trophy must be submitted in time for them to be published in any issue of the *Buccaneer* during the year. The sooner the better! Entries should include a note of Name and Date of Birth. While there is no minimum age it should be remembered that the Bursary must be used within the year following the award and many courses are only open to unaccompanied children over 8 years.

The committee reserve the right not to award the Trophies if they consider there are insufficient entries of a deserving standard.

Entries to Colin Knight 3 Court Garth, Kempsey, Worcester WR5 3JJ,
colin@home-farm.org.uk

Cold Cup o' Coffee

On Friday the 14th of April, Dad and I, launched our 14 foot Stornoway, a clinker ply built dinghy, and my 11 foot mirror dinghy into the beautiful waterway that is Chichester Harbour. We launched off Cobnor Spít, where we were camping for the Easter weekend.

My aim for our voyage from Cobnor slíp, to an appropriate anchorage for lunch, other than to watch the world go by with a cup of coffee of course, was to complete the voyage without requiring my engine.



For Christmas, Dad got a Trangia stove for use in his boat, however I decided to stick with my standard butane gas stove, but maybe that was a mistake...

So we departed from Cobnor slíp, under full sail and tacking up Bosham channel and onto Itchenor channel.

It was a brief tack up Bosham channel, dodging all the Yachts on their moorings, and keeping to the south of the southerly cardinal, as we bore off the wind, and down Itchenor channel.

So after about an hours sail we passed Chichester Marina and spotted a fine anchorage over the port bows, so I hailed Dad, and discussed the patch of water just beyond the shore, for a snack and coffee. On that note, I found a nice patch, headed up into the wind, allowing enough drift, for the scope of the anchor rope, and fed my danforth anchor over the side and made it off on my deck cleat. Now I was ready to put the kettle on and have some food, but easier said than done.

About half an hour later:

'Red Herring, Red Herring, Red Herring, This is Merlin, I have finished my coffee and will be departing within the next five minutes.'

Meanwhile, the kettle on my stove had not boiled, as during the time we had been sitting at anchor, the wind had increased considerably, and the wind was blowing the heat that was coming out of my stove, clear of my kettle. So I decided to stuff it, and just have a Luke warm coffee. I drank my rather now unwanted, cup of coffee, and reefed my mainsail, left the jib down, lifted my anchor, and sailed off across the channel.

It was an exciting upwind sail, back up the Itchenor channel, past Chichester Marina, past the ice cream van at Itchenor Sailing club, and out into the section of water that opens up to Bosham Channel that had become quite choppy now, as it

was now wind over tide, and bore away again surfing towards Cobnor slip, where, with the help of Neil, I lugged my boat out of the water and got mum to tow both my boat and dad's boat back to the campsite, as Dad could not help me



because he had pulled his hamstring while rushing back to the helm of his boat after he had retrieved his anchor, but that's a story for another day... After all, I didn't use my engine!

Thank you to Tim and Trish for another great Easter weekend at Cobnor.

Thank You For Reading,
By David Wooldridge

BOATING GROUP EVENTS PROGRAMME

General Information.

The meets programme for 2017 is printed for your reference. Please contact the steward for the latest situation regarding fees, availability, directions etc., before booking. If you haven't been to a BG meet before the procedure is simple.

For **Temporary Holiday Meets (THS)** send your booking form (see P.33) with a cheque made payable to the CCC Boating Group to the meets steward (unless specified otherwise) ASAP (and an SAE (if you are not on email) for their reply). If all the places have gone the steward will contact you. You can then either have your cheque back & book another meet or be kept on the waiting list. You can avoid this inconvenience by telephoning –or emailing – the steward first (**recommended**) to confirm a place is available & book it-but you must then send in the cheque (or fee by BACS) & form straight away otherwise you will lose your place (in fairness to other members). **If paying by BACS please include your 'family name' and the App Code in the reference-it is included in the meet info –it ends '/ 2017'.**

For **weekend & 5 day meets** you are advised to email or phone the steward first to register your interest and make sure a place is put aside for you (if booking is necessary), then send in a booking form (they can be emailed). **Do not send in any money** (unless specified) with your booking form as fees are usually collected in cash on site.

Remember!! If you have booked a meet and you have to cancel for whatever reason **please, please** tell the steward at once. Whether you have paid any money or not is irrelevant. It is polite to email or phone and cancel, since many sites have limited spaces the stewards will almost certainly be able to fill your vacancy from their waiting list if given fair warning. Remember, play fair, one day it could be you on the waiting list!

To contact a steward see P.14. Also look at the committee and contacts pages near the back of the Buccaneer and contact Beryl Ireland, the Chairman of the Meets Management Committee if you would consider stewarding one of these – or any meets in the future. We are always pleased to receive offers of help with stewarding and there is a 'Meet Pack' & 'Spreadsheet' for each site which makes the whole job a lot easier. Without stewards there would be no meets and it really isn't that difficult to do. The work of our all our stewards is highly valued and appreciated.

Please note that the fees in the meet details are for a 'unit' of two adults and two children, extra persons *may* have to be paid for.

DO YOU know anyone who could volunteer to join our committee or steward a meet

MEETS LOCATION MAP

The British Isles



Bookings for Meets:
Steward's contact details are on Page 14
Where possible email & telephone details
have been included.



STEWARD'S CONTACT DETAILS

For other meet contacts see Committee pages

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<u>SOLENT DA MEET</u>		
Lisa Chapman	solentsites@outlook.com	07462 400260

Short Meets 2017

Dorchester Sailing Club

2pm Friday 16th June 2017 – 3pm Sunday 18th June.

(App Code **M 12434/2017**) Post code: OX10 7LP

Map ref: Oxford. Sheet **164 / 570954**

Booking Essential

Camping & Sailing for a weekend on Dorchester sailing clubs 40 acre picturesque Lagoon, leisure sailing on the Saturday with the club safety boat on stand by & friendly racing on Sunday for those interested in proving their skills! Temporary membership is included with the camping fee's so you have the use of changing rooms & showers. With the village of Dorchester on Thames a short walk down the road & Oxford a 20 minute drive away, this is an ideal location for all. Own facilities advisable as club house will be locked at night. Quiz with Tea, Coffee & cakes planned for Saturday evening.

No power hook up available. Max boat length 16 foot, mono hulls only, no engines.

Cost £24 for weekend.

Stewards: Mike & Lynn Wooldridge, Duncan & Kim Mc Laughlin.

For bookings & full details: Tel. Mike on 01344 422028 evenings or email mike.o.wooldridge@gmail.com



Dorchester Sailing Club (MW)

Meet Log 2017

Start Date:	End Date:	Venue	Location	Stewards	Restrictions	Type	S	Tr ain n
		JUNE			JUNE			
Fri 9 June	Sun 11 June	COBNOR	Chichester	Martyn & Ann Holder	Harbour, Tidal. No Catamarans Sailboards or boats over 16'		3	N
Fri 16 June	Sun 18 June	DORCHES-TER SC	Oxon	Mike & Lynn Woodridge	No Multi hulls or engines	Sailing Club	2	Y
		JULY			JULY			
Th 13 July	Tu 18 July	PAXTON LAKES	Cams	Pauline & Beric Thrupp	No Engines	Sailing Club	2	Y
Sat 29 July	Sat 12 ^h Aug	THS BALA	Wales	Lindsay & Nick Nightingale	Tents only. No Engines	Large Lake	2	N
Sat 29 July	Sat 12 Aug	THS BARTON TURF	Norfolk Broads	Di Smith	Broads Licence Required	Outdoor Activity Centre off Barton Broad.	2	Y
		AUGUST			AUGUST			
Th 24 Aug	Mon 28 Aug	NFoL Hickstead, Sussex		Margaret Thompson & John Bolton	No Boating	MAJOR CLUB EVENT	3	N
29th Aug	3rd Sept	Fishery Creek, Hayling Island	<u>Invitation meet from Solent DA</u>	Lisa Chapman, Solent DA,	Commercial site, electric hook-ups, launching from gravel beach approx. 2hrs either side of high water. Canoes, small craft, engines, Chichester Harbour dues payable.		1	N

The Committee wish to reiterate the guide-lines on any pictures that may be used for publicity purposes.

Any person submitting pictures featuring children which may be used for publicity purposes by the Club, must provide the name of the child/children featured and the associated permission slips for those children, signed by the parent/guardian. Slips are available from Stewards or Group Secretary. The Editor may be able to check permissions, if given names and meet location, via the booking forms

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Th 31 Aug	Tu 5 Sept	RUTLAND WATER	E Midlands	Carol & John Goddard	No Canoes. Campsite adjacent to Sailing Club Large Reservoir		3	Y	
Tu 12 Sept	Tues 19 Sept	THS KESWICK	Lake District	Margaret Thompson	Canoes and small dinghies	Club Site. Launching from site	1	N	
Fri 22 Sept	Sun 24 Sept	COBNOR	Chichester	Tim & Trish Hewitt	Harbour, Tidal. No Catamarans Sailboards or boats over 16'		3	N	
Fri 22 Sept	Sun 24 Sept	Wolverley CCC Site	W Mids	Bookings to Tracy McLaughlin	Committee meeting on Sat 23 Sept	Canoeing with BCU or EA licence	1	N	
Sat 3 Feb 2018		Committee Meeting	Kempsey	Colin Knight	Committee Meeting only	Colin's House			
1. Full Facilities – Commercial Site or Similar			2. Own facilities desirable		3. Own Facilities essential				



FOR SALE

Comet sailing dinghy, No. 182, bright red painted hull, light grey painted top side, wrong number on sail, the sail can be reefed around the mast if required. Comes on an old, but quite nice, road trailer if you wish or is easily 'car topable'. The mast is in two parts. There is also a launching trolley included that is fitted with wide, barrel type rollers, ideal for soft sand, but can be used on any surface, comes apart easily for transporting. A cover is also included.

An ideal dinghy for most Boating Group venues suitable for adults or juniors.

£345 ovno.

Located in Bournemouth

Please contact Editor for more information

Cooking with Mr. D - The Thermal Way

Ideal for anyone who wants to be out sailing or touring in the car, caravan or motorhome during the day, but still wants a home-cooked hot meal in the evening, with very little preparation.

After hearing people praise thermal cooking for many years, and with our work/leisure time becoming increasingly busy, I decided it was time to invest in one myself. For those of you who may not have heard of this method, it's not a new science; it actually dates back to Medieval times, and if you saw the BBC programme "Wartime Farm", you will know all about the "hay box" principle of cooking. Mr D's Thermal Cooker, using vacuum technology, takes it into another dimension.



You simply place your ingredients in the inner pot and heat on the stove (which can be gas, electric or induction). After it comes to the boil, reduce the heat, cover and simmer for 10-15 minutes, depending on your recipe, then transfer the inner pot - with the lid on - into the insulated outer pot, close the outer lid and that's it! The heat is retained and your meal will continue slowly cooking until you are ready to eat. Mr D's Thermal Cooker can safely maintain many foods at 60°C or hotter for up to 8 hours.

You can now go sailing for the day or travelling onto your next destination. The Thermal Cooker is ideal to stand in the sink or in the back of the car and has been voted the No. 1 Live Aboard Accessory by Sailing Today and winner of the 2012 Green award by Practical Boat Owner.

After making my purchase, I used the Easter Holiday away with the Folk Group of the Camping and Caravanning Club to start my adventure into thermal cooking. I equipped myself with all the ingredients to make a selection of hot dinners and desserts, as well as bread and cakes. Of course, these days, there are many convenience stores open 7 days a week where you can purchase almost anything you might

want, and many pubs serving hot meals, but I was determined to use the Thermal Cooker every day.

I did cheat a little by buying Mr D's Thermal Cook Book, which I would fully recommend until you feel confident to adapt your own recipes. Mr D's wholemeal bread was very popular, and ideal to leave to cook overnight for fresh warm bread at breakfast. We even had dinner guests one evening, where I served Boeuf Bourguignon and vegetables. They would have thought that I'd spent hours slaving over a hot stove, but I did all the preparation during the lunch break, and left it to cook for 3-4 hours, while I joined in with some of the craft/folk activities available onsite. We always need cake on board the boat or motorhome, so next on the agenda was the Rich Fruit cake; with various craft activities on offer during the day, I did not get the chance to mix the ingredients until the evening, but that was fine because we still had some shop-bought hot cross buns to finish off. The cake recipe does actually suggest leaving the cake to cook overnight, and it's well worth the wait.

All in all, I am very pleased with my purchase, and especially how easy it has been to master the new method of cooking. All meals were enjoyed and there were no complaints, saving valuable time and power.

If anyone is interested, Mr D has offered our members a free copy of his second book, which normally retails at £10.99, called "A Year of Thermal Cooking" when you order the "3L" Cooker with the top pot and the original "3L cookbook" all at the same time. To take advantage of this offer you will need to add "Westerly Offer" in your address section of the order. For example Mrs Smith "Westerly Offer" 35, Castle Lane, etc. More information can be found on Mr D's website www.MrDsCookware.com or telephone 023 80847834.

Jane Leedham



Focus on Cobnor



Cobnor Site (MW)

The site is located in part of the private Cobnor Estate on the shores of Chichester Harbour, a good size level field, sheltered from wind provides an ideal venue for camping and boating enthusiasts.



Launching is by hand only, although there is an electric winch for use on the ramp (NP)
(See meet entry for permissive craft)

The field has a water tap located just inside the entrance, within easy reach for motorhomes with on-board tanks to fill, and after a short walk through the field and into some woods, one finds the septic tank disposal point, equipped with tap and hose for rinsing.

Heading back out of Cobnor Estate by bicycle you will discover several miles of quiet country lanes before reaching the main A259.

A short distance out of the field, heading towards the hard, there is a toilet and shower block, accessed with key coded entry, on the end of the building is an outside shower area, perfect for rinsing the salt off wetsuits etc.

On foot there are excellent walks in both directions along the harbour's edge, with distant views of the harbour on one side and open countryside the other. The harbour side path can also be reached from the camp field by an extremely pleasant walk through the very beautiful woodland path.

Well behaved dogs and owners are welcomed, and well catered for, with the lovely walks available direct from the site and all the water they can drink included in the price.



Boating Group members prepare to set off.
Easter Weekend 2017 (NP)

Suitable for powered and sailing craft, the harbour offers many boating destinations including a trip to the beach, a bit of seal watching or a quick trip over to Itchenor for a pint or an ice-cream.

Maybe see you there !

Short Meets 2017

Cobnor

Fri 9th June— Sun 11th June: (M12430/2017)

Fri 22th Sept— Sun 24th Sept; (M 12454/2017)

Map ref: 197/791024

Postcode: PO18 8TE

Booking essential

Cobnor is a minimum facility site for all units and your own sanitation is essential. There are good launching facilities for boats up to 16' into Chichester Harbour. But regrettably no boats larger than this, multihulls or windsurfers are allowed to launch. Chichester Harbour offers some great sailing, canoeing or small craft under engine with locations such as Dell Quay or Bosham being ideal destinations. There are also a variety of picnic destinations for expeditions out. Lovely walks from the site and also great country lanes for quiet bike rides.

To find the site, turn off the A27 on to the A259, turn left into Chidham Lane, almost opposite the Bosham (Beefeater) just **before** Nutbourne, if travelling west. If travelling East, it's just after ,at the end of Chidham Lane (1.2M) turn left into a private road marked **Cobnor Farm and House**. The site is through the farmyard past Gerald Daniel and Cobnor Activity Centre, then 50 yards on the right.

Booking not essential but phone call or e-mail to stewards would be appreciated.

Cost £6.50 p / adult £3.60 / child p/n Harbour Fees to pay
Martyn & Ann Holder (June) - Tim and Trish Hewitt (Sept)



Seals in Chichester Harbour (NP)



Cobnor Site - Easter Weekend 2017 (NP)



Cobnor Slipway (NP)



Launching at Cobnor - Easter Weekend 2017 (MW)



Setting Off (MW)

National Feast of the Lanterns

Hickstead, Sussex

Booking Essential

Fri 25th Aug - Sun 27th Aug (but it is possible to extend this for an extra day before & after)

There's plenty of additional free entertainment throughout the weekend for all to enjoy – from live music to dog shows, NFOL has something for everyone! We are looking forward to celebrating with you in 2017.

Please see articles in the CCC magazines from January for more details. Also see the NFOL 2017 website.

Cost : Fri 25th - Sun 27/or Mon 28 Aug £72 for 2 adults (& children)
Fri 25th - Sun 27/or Mon 28 Aug £60 for 1 adult (& children)

Thurs 24th- Sun 27/Mon 28 Aug £84 for 2 adults (& children)
Thurs 24th- Sun 27/Mon 28 Aug £72 for 1 adult (& children)

Costs for 1 adult only are £12 less than above.
These costs include all entertainment.

We hope to be lighting our street but you do not have to light up if you prefer not to.
The theme this year is 'A Day at the Races'.

Please send the booking form (available from the BG website or CCC magazine) to the stewards if you wish to camp with us & I hope you do.

Stewards: Margaret Thompson & John Bolton.



Short Meets 2017

Wolverley

(App Code HS /2017)

Fri 22nd to Sun 24th September

Postcode: DY10 3PX

This meet will be held at the Club site at Wolverley (subject to confirmation from the Club). The Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal runs near the back gate of the site - BCU membership or a Canal and River Trust licence required. There is plenty to do in the area with walking and a variety of attractions including the Severn Valley Railway, Black Country Museum and Merryhill Shopping Centre not far away. The Boating Group Committee meeting will also be held on site on Saturday.

Bookings required before 15th September 2017

Steward: Jane Leedham

Paxton Lakes

Thu 13th July — Tues 18th July - (M12441/2017)

Map ref: 153/191636

Postcode: None

The Boating Group are holding a meet at Paxton Lakes for a full 5 days, opening at **1:00PM** and closing at **1:00PM** on the last day. You are welcome to attend for all or any of these days. Sailing is on a small lake with two islands to add interest. No motors allowed, or catamarans. The site is set in attractive countryside suitable for dog walking and cycling. In April, the nightingales singing are a special treat. There are toilets and showers available but own sanitation is recommended (green chemicals). Site is set in a nature reserve and this is a reasonable cycling area. Dogs are allowed but please keep on leads on site.

Sorry there is no postcode and site is off a private road which may not appear on satnavs.

Training can be arranged with the Sailing Club for sail or power boating. The club has won the Honda RYA Youth Rib Challenge four times in recent years.

Bookings are Essential; for further information, please contact the Stewards.

Cost £12 pupn

Stewards: Beric and Pauline Thrupp

Launching fee included

BOOKING ESSENTIAL



Paxton AGM Meet 2017 (ND)



Paxton AGM Meet 2017 (NP)

Invite from Solent DA

Hayling Island, Fishery Creek

Aug 29th - 3rd September 2017

Solent DA would like to invite the Boating Group to our Hayling Island Meet at Fishery Creek.

Fees are £17.50 per unit per night on this commercial site.

All pitches have EHU.

Use of showers and toilets on site.

Onsite Galleon Bistro open Wed - Sun, cash only and advisable to book!!

You can launch from the onsite slipway. (gravel beach - launching approx 2 hours either side of highwater)

We have been informed there will be harbour dues for this for 2017 (No details yet).

Five minutes easy walk to Hayling Beach.

Great location for walking and cycling.

We are a very dog friendly site with dog walks around and they are allowed on the beach.

To book please forward a booking form along with full payment to myself, Lisa, and I will reserve your pitch.

Many thanks and I look forward to welcoming you to this beautiful venue.

More information at www.solentda.org

Steward: Mrs Lisa Chapman, Solent DA, Sites Coordinator

Please make cheques payable to: SOLENT DA.

solentsites@outlook.com

Cost £17.50 pun

Tel: **07462 400 260**

Launching Fees not known



Chichester Harbour (NP)

Short Meets 2017

Rutland Water

Thurs 31st Aug - Tues 5th Sept

(App Code M12448/2017)

Map ref: 141/922054

Postcode: LE15 8HJ

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

This is one of the best sailing venues in the country. Boats can be left in the Club's grounds, which are locked at night. Training is available with Rutland Sailing Club by prior arrangement. Local attractions include the market towns of Oakham and Stamford.

A great area for cycling and walking with a path around the reservoir. This is a minimum facility site with only a cesspit, water and skips.

Canoes and kayaks are not allowed on the reservoir but electric motors are allowed on sailing boats.

Cost approx £ 8.50 pupn

Launching fee applicable

Stewards: Carol & John Goddard

WANTED FOR 2018

Over the past few years Carol and John Goddard have done an excellent job of stewarding our Rutland Meets, both Spring Bank Holiday and September and it is their intention of doing this again for 2017.

Our thanks go out to them for their hard work.

However they have already informed us that this will be their last year as stewards for this meet.

If the THS and the meet for 2018 is to continue we MUST have new stewards. It is at this time of year that we are already putting the 2018 programme together so we need to be sorting out stewards for the events. Do you enjoy going to Rutland have you stewarded previously or have you just been thinking that maybe you could take on this role. Maybe you have never stewarded before and are not sure what would be involved but would love to see these events continue then get in touch with your committee and offer your help and assistance. The committee have put together special guides to making the job easy and even an accounts sheet that makes the money side of things really easy.

So if you think you can help or just want a bit more information then please contact me as soon as possible. **REMEMBER NO STEWARDS NO MEETS**

Beryl Ireland

THS Meets 2017

Bala North Wales

Sat 29th July - Sat 12th August (App Code HS 1041/2017)
Map Ref:125/906324

The site is a basic site for tents / trailer and shower block is available in the many people find their own facilities shops are at Bala. Situated on the shores excellent sailing, wind-also an excellent base for lakeshore adjacent to the launch into the water. those that wish, ties for adults and model boat competi-

FULLY BOOKED
Contact stewards to be placed on a reserve list

tents only. A good toilet adjacent camping field but more convenient. The nearest shores of the lake, the venue pro-surfing, canoeing, and fishing, and is hill walking. Dinghies can be left on the field, where there is an easy sloping Powerboats are not allowed on the lake. For there will be a varied programme of social activi- children, including suppers, quizzes, walks and tion.

For further information, please contact the Stewards: **Lindsay & Nick Nightingale**

Cost £170 pupw

Launching fees £ ?

Barton Turf

Sat 29th July - Sun 12th August (App Code HS1047 / 2017)

Map Ref: 134/TG339217

Postcode:NR12 8AZ

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

This is a local authority sail training establishment. The site consists of a number of small, gently sloping fields, enclosed by hedges. There is a school room with kitchen and shower/ toilet blocks, several workshops for boats etc and a large fleet of boats. It also includes 13 acres of wetland between the site and the edge of the broad. which is a Nature Reserve with a wide variety of wildlife. There is a hard track (less than 100 yds) down one side of the site along the edge of the staithe to a good well maintained slip into the water. Beside the slip there is ample decking to moor a fleet of boats, so you can sail without getting your feet wet. There is a possibility of boat hire and sail training - details on request.

Barton Turf is an original cargo staithe served by a wide (30-40ft) inlet from the broad. The campsite is one side of this inlet and a commercial boat yard the other. At the mouth of the inlet is a small island, once out on the broad there is plenty of interesting sailing in either direction.

In addition a Broads licence is required.

Cost £119 pupw or £17 pupw

Stewards: Di & Andy Smith

My Experience at Barton Turf

I have been to Barton Turf many times and have made some nice friends there especially Ella, we do lots of boating, the Mums do lots of chatting and drinking tea. There are lots of activities to do if you want to, like the nature walk where you can see butterflies, algae, caterpillars, birds and reeds.



Caterpillars on Nature Walk (NP)

One evening there was a campfire with marshmallows which all the children toasted for the adults. Sometimes we go in a group to the beach for the day, one year there was a baby seal on the beach but we didn't touch it.



Me riding on a Topper (NP)

People take their boats out on Barton Broad and the men talk a lot about the wind and the weather. When everyone has their boating confidence we all meet up at Irstead Staithe and have a picnic, some go in their boats, or walk, or cycle, or drive in cars. If you haven't got a boat someone will take you in theirs if you want, on the way back sometimes people swap boats, it's great fun.

We have a bring and share supper and last year 4 of us spent a lot of time organising a show, we made invitations for everyone, we did the show at the bring and share.



Me sailing with Dad (MW)

On the last night when all the food has run out someone went and got fish and chips for everyone.

The best bits of Barton Turf for my family are: Dad likes boating and talking about boats and watching them, my brother likes sailing about with friends and riding his bike, I'm taking my new bike this year, my Mum likes going to How Hill cottage by boat, we have to do that every year, and walking peacefully on her own with the dog to the picnic and I like making friends and playing on the campsite and sometimes boating.

I can't wait until it's the holidays and we can go again.

By Olivia Pipe (age 9)



Boating Group boats-Irstead Staithe (NP)

THS Meets 2017

Derwentwater Keswick CC Club Site

Tues 12- Tues 19 Sept (Apps Code HS3626/2017)

Map Ref 89/258234

Postcode CA12 5EP

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

The Boating Group have arranged a THS at this site making a great autumn break. The site has excellent facilities as you would expect from a Club Site. There are a limited number of pitches available, all with hard-standing and electric hook up. Launching of canoes and small dinghies is possible direct from the site into Derwent Water (a small daily launching fee is charged). It may be possible to launch larger boats from nearby marinas or hire a moor-easy walk to a large supermarket from here there are frequent bus services of the lakes. Keswick has banks, special-ist outdoor shops, out- shops. There are a number of National Trust properties in the area. The area is also great for walks, several of which are available direct from Derwent Water. The hop on hop off ferry also runs round the site. The site is a short walk from the centre of Keswick, so this makes for a great day out. All in all this makes a particularly good THS for motor caravans. Site requirements are only one vehicle per unit per pitch, pitch sizes are strictly enforced. Advance booking required. This THS is always popular so get your booking forms off early.

The site is a short walk from the centre of Keswick, so this makes for a great day out. All in all this makes a particularly good THS for motor caravans. Site requirements are only one vehicle per unit per pitch, pitch sizes are strictly enforced. Advance booking required. This THS is always popular so get your booking forms off early.

Cost £120 per week to include launching fees for 1 boat. Launching fees see YBS
Steward: Margaret Thompson

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very popular Club site making a great autumn break. The site has excellent facilities as you would expect from a Club Site. There are a limited number of pitches available, all with hard-standing and electric hook up. Launching of canoes and small dinghies is possible direct from the site into Derwent Water (a small daily launching fee is charged). It may be possible to launch larger boats from nearby marinas or hire a moor-easy walk to a large supermarket from here there are frequent bus services of the lakes. Keswick has banks, special-ist outdoor shops, out- shops. There are a number of National Trust properties in the area. The area is also great for walks, several of which are available direct from Derwent Water. The hop on hop off ferry also runs round the site. The site is a short walk from the centre of Keswick, so this makes for a great day out. All in all this makes a particularly good THS for motor caravans. Site requirements are only one vehicle per unit per pitch, pitch sizes are strictly enforced. Advance booking required. This THS is always popular so get your booking forms off early.



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To All Secretaries

5 May 2017

Dear Secretary

As Secretary to the Club's Exempted Camping Committee, I have been asked to write to you regarding Club events and the importance of the six metre rule.

At its last meeting, it was brought to The Committee's attention that the six metre rule has not been adhered to on some THS's and Meets, as set out in Green Paper 3.18, Guidance for Stewards of Meets and Temporary Holiday Sites, paragraph 11.

The Committee have requested that I write to you to reiterate the importance that the six metre rule is adhered to at all times on Club Events, and that the Committee will take action against any Club unit who endangers the continued use of the Club's Exemptions by failing to apply this rule.

For clarity I have included the text from Green Paper 3.18, Paragraph 11 below:

11. Excluding guy ropes, units must be at least six metres apart from adjacent units. This is a precaution against fire. Vehicles may be parked between units, provided that a three metre clear space is left within the six metre gap at all times.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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