

# The Buccaneer



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Welcome to the winter edition of The Buccaneer, which includes all the information for the 2018 program of meets, with some new locations, and a few articles. Many thanks to the authors for taking the time to write them, and providing photographs.

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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

2017 seems to have been an eventful and successful year for the Boating Group. We have had many successful meets all over the country.

We have also had some eventful meets. At one of the THS's the steward was taken ill in the night & taken by ambulance to the hospital where he stayed 3 days, he then went to stay at a local B & B before returning to the meet for a few days – then going home early when he was feeling better. The meet continued with all the activities being run by various people on the meet - including the stewarding. The steward at another THS was taken ill just before the meet & we had to find another one at short notice.

Early September I should have been at Keswick but this was cancelled on Monday morning (the day before it should have started) due to the risk of flooding. I spent most of Monday on the phone & email contacting people to tell them. Many had already set off & were camping at other places on the way. The site opened again later in the week -but too late for us. I understand that it did not flood -albeit it was very wet. One of the attendees went to the site early – on Saturday & was waiting for us all to come...Some units booked privately & went on the Friday to join him. We ran a heat for the Eat Local Cooking competition – our heat winner, Jane Leedham (our treasurer) went forward to the final at the NFoL & won. Brilliant -she now has 2 new BBQ's. The Boating Group received a gazebo (4.5m x 3m Cadac one) & a large Cadac BBQ & extra cooking pan for the BBQ just for holding the heat. We are hoping to 'hire' out the gazebo to meets. The meet steward will be responsible for collecting & returning the gazebo (at the moment it is in Sheffield with me). There will be a silent auction for the Cadac & pan – finishing at the 2018 AGM). Fuller details (postage costs, instructions etc) will be in the next Buccaneer. We made a street scene display at the NFoL – 'Sailing Races'!! Many people came to see and admire our scene & approximately 200 people made one of the little wooden boats.

Seven Boating Group members went to Solent DA's Hayling Island meet after the NFoL, + Jane (treasurer) came for a night & Neil (Editor) visited. There must have been more of us than there were from Solent!!! The weather was fantastic & we all had a lovely time. -John & I had a tyre blow out on the trailer tent on the way home which added an extra nearly 3 hours to our journey!

We have 3 new venues for 2018, a sailing club in Essex and another in Lincolnshire (where we hope to join in their varied activities), also we are to hold our AGM at the Stafford Boat Club at a 5 day meet.

I hope that you will be able to attend one-or even more- Boating Group meets in 2018. I intend to go to at least 6 – maybe I will see you there?

**Margaret Thompson**  
**Commodore**

Views and comments in this edition are not necessarily endorsed by  
the Boating Group or the Camping and Caravanning Club.

# 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.

<b>Tee Shirt</b> - cotton	£11.00
<b>Polo Shirt</b> - short sleeved 90 - 100% cotton, depending on colour	£14.75
Please state whether you require Ladies or Mens	
<b>Sweat Shirt</b> - 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			

<b>Embroidered sew-on Patch</b> - colours as above, 8cm diameter	£4.75
<b>Boating Group Pennons</b> - small quantity remaining	£2.00



If you would like to order any items please email Colin Knight:  
**[colin@home-farm.org.uk](mailto:colin@home-farm.org.uk)**

## Synopsis of the Boating Group Council Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2017

- Treasurer – Jane Leedham was appointed for 2018.
- Bob Talbot, Management Committee & National Council Member attended the meeting as a representative of the Club Management Committee
- No change to the subscriptions for 2018, these remain at £6.50 from 1<sup>st</sup> April.
- The need for new Committee members is again critical for 2018 and going forward as current Committee members retire.
- AGM 2018 will be held at Stafford Boat Club, Maplewood, Wildwood, Staffordshire ST17 4SG.
- Stewards must report any injury incident and complete Incident forms.
- Stewards need to respond to requests for information from Committee.
- Revised Data Protection Act comes into force May 2018 – there will be changes on what information members can hold – further information to follow when it becomes available.
- Boating Group must ensure that any Facebook presence only takes the form of a closed group with a link on the BG website.
- The 2018 Meet Log has been completed and prices agreed, with new venues, but stewards are still needed for a few of the meets.

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### 2018 AGM

The AGM of the Boating Group will be held at the Stafford Boat Club  
On Saturday 29th April 2018 commencing at 2.30 pm

Notices of any motions must reach the secretary by 31st March 2018

Nominations for elections to fill vacancies on the council must reach the secretary on  
the correct form by 31st March 2018

Forms will be available in the next Buccaneer & the website

## Parrog May 2017

It is easy to think of The Boating Group as Sailing Dinghy Orientated but as the recent May Bank Holiday Meet at Parrog illustrated there is a place for power boats in The Group.



This year 5 inflatables graced the West Wales Meet managing to go out most days sometimes in seas that would worry even the most experienced dinghy sailor. Over the week we visited Fishguard for a full English(breakfast!), had a BBQ on the beach at the inaptly named Cow Bay, searched the local coastline for an Ice Cream Van only to end up where we started!! We also had the most epic of voyages originally intending to visit Ceiwbr Bay 5 miles away but missing it completely and ending up at Poppitt Sands twice the distance. Fortunately we didn't have the embarrassment of asking where we were as it was written on The life guard hut!! The return journey was a bit hairy as the wind whipped the sea up making life a little too exciting at times but our boats coped well and we all returned in one piece.



All our inflatables fold up and are easily carried in our units together with outboards ranging from 6hp to 25hp. Our secret is we always stick together so if anyone experiences problems there is plenty of help available. In the main our partners come with us on our adventures and we can go out in most weathers without having to rely on the wind!! We get on well with our Sailing



counterparts and on several occasions have assisted them when the wind has dropped or they have experienced difficulties sailing over the sometimes treacherous bar at Parrog.

So if you are thinking of becoming a "petrol head" of the seas, go for it. Some will look down their nose at you but don't worry what others might think, do what we do - have fun!!

**Martyn Holder**

## Eat Local Competition

A couple of weeks before our committee meeting early in the year an email was sent round by Les & Dyllys Steele bringing to our attention the "Eat Local" competition. We soon realized that here was an opportunity for the Boating Group to obtain some equipment and raise our public profile and it was agreed to hold our heat at the Boating Group AGM.

The majority of the committee rose to the occasion and produced some appetizing and interesting meals. Our independent judges were strict and finally concluded after much deliberation the winner was Jane Leedham (Treasurer). At this stage we had been presented with a CADAC BBQ and Shelter for the Group and Jane also won a BBQ.

The next stage was for the organisers (CADAC & ALI Ray from the CCC) to decide who from all the heats would progress to the final to be held at the NFOL Hickstead in August. It was no surprise to us that Jane was chosen to represent the Boating Group

A slight problem was that Jane would be on holiday at the time of the final but showing her commitment, she would make the 4 hour drive to participate.

The final took part in the main arena and was watched by many. Jane cooked her meal (under the Boating Group Pennon) with great professionalism and then returned to her holiday. It was the next day when it was announced that Jane had won and her prize was accepted on her behalf by Margaret (Commodore). The CCC Chairman (Mel Hill), Ali Ray, and the CADAC Representative all praised the Boating Group with pictures being taken by the media.



Jane's Winners Trophy (JB)

A "BIG THANK YOU" to Les & Dyllys for the spotting the opportunity, to all the committee members who took part and hopefully had some fun and to Jane for her commitment in raising our profile. We plan to take part in 2018, if you didn't this year then give it a go. Raise our profile and "Have Fun"

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## NFOL Hickstead 2017

This year 6 units (10 members) attended the NFOL at Hickstead (2 units having dropped out due to unfortunate circumstances). The NFOL is another event where we have the Boating Group Reputation "for putting on a fantastic display "to defend.



Tall Ships Sailing on a Sea of Lights (JB)

The theme was a "Day at the Races" and with Margaret and myself facing a 7 hour journey we decided to change the street lights so that we could keep the weight in our vehicle to a minimum.

For once the weather was in our favour and not a drop of rain in sight. Everyone worked together using a variety of resources to produce our display, which was awarded second place in the "small street scene", the winners being worthy of the prize.

Once again we received many compliments for our efforts and we all had a "good time", sharing resources, drinks and snacks etc.

In 2018 the NFOL is being held at Arley Hall, this provides easy access for those who live in the Cheshire area or near the M6, also a lot nearer for Margaret and I. My perception is that it will be that last one to be held over the Bank Holiday weekend (moving to a weekend in September for 2019) which also means it will be the last one that we can steward. Lets make a concerted effort to get as many of us there as possible and make possibly our last NFOL display one of the best. Unless you are willing to take over???????





NFOL Hickstead 2017  
Boating Group Displays  
(MT, ND, JB)

THE BOATING GROUP

# 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 of age, the bursary could however be used for swimming lessons if other suitable courses are unavailable.

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](mailto:colin@home-farm.org.uk)



**Left: Pimped Up  
Bike at Bala (MT)**

**Below: A Wet Bring  
& Share at Bala  
(MT)**



## Meet Management Round-Up 2017

2017 seems to have been a successful year for the camping events for the Boating Group, although in some instances attendance levels have been a little lower than in previous years

I am pleased to announce that we have 3 new venues for 2018. This must be a record year.

The first is Stafford Boat Club, the venue for the 2018 AGM weekend. Take a look at their website and you will see that this venue is located on the Staffordshire and Worcester Canal and the camping overlooks the canal. Lots to see and do from the site and in the surrounding area.



The next new venue is at Harlow and Blackwater Sailing Club on the river Blackwater at Maylandsea in Essex. A nice friendly sailing club, that seems to be welcoming the idea of the Boating Group camping with them. A date in May has been selected when the tides are favourable and Gary and Glenda Jenkins will be the stewards. Sailing

is possible approximately 2 hours either side of high water. There is an excellent launch area with a new extended slipway into Southey Creek which joins with the main river. Sailing dinghies, canoes and kayaks, and dinghies with small motors would be welcome. A good trip is to paddle up the creek with the rising tide and paddle back as the tide turns. Besides the sailing the site is walking distance to the village and the local bus stop. Malden and Burnham on Crouch, both interesting Essex towns are within easy reach.

The third new venue is Girton Sailing Club, Nr Newark in the East Midlands. I was most impressed with this Sailing Club and the facilities and activities it has to offer. Martin Appleby, the present Commodore of the Sailing Club will also act as steward. Spring Bank Holiday is when they have their Family Fun event. This should provide activities for all ages. Not only do they intend to have various family friendly events, they are also offering taster sessions. There are also a wide variety of boats that can be hired including a fleet of access boats to give safe and enjoyable sailing to people with a range of disabilities including visual, hearing, physical and learning disabilities. Because of the dates selected members could then move easily onto the Rutland THS if they so wished. Plenty of space for camping mostly overlooking the 100acre lake and there may be electric hook-up points. First come first served though.



The second visit to this venue that I have included in the programme is over the August Bank Holiday. Access to the venue is just a few miles from the A1/A46 junction at Newark so would give fairly easy access from a wide area for our members.

During 2017 the invitation from Solent DA to attend their Hayling Island events seems to be growing in popularity so they have agreed to extend this invitation to the Boating Group for 2018.



The remainder of the programme is similar to previous years. The extended Barton Turf THS seemed to work well and Di has agreed to run this for 2 weeks again during 2018 as she has the assistance of two families who assist with the THS. The Saundersfoot THS has had to move to July due to a double booking of our pitches by the new staff at Wisemans Bridge. However for 2018 we have secured a week in July at the beginning of the school summer holidays. The normal dates have been booked for 2019. Bala has new stewards for 2018, Diane and Brian Mackay.

Carol and John Goddard will not be the stewards at Rutland for 2018. We therefore need stewards to take over the running of these two events in 2018. If anyone would be able to take on the role of steward at either event please e-mail as soon as possible. Without a steward we may have to cancel these events.

I hope you will agree this is possibly the most ambitious programme the Boating Group has had for a number of years.

By introducing new venues we hope to give more of our members an opportunity to camp with us. It is always nice to explore new area of the country and have the opportunity to sail and explore new waters. But if you know of a good camping venue or are a member at a sailing club where it may be possible to camp and sail please do let me know.

Hope to see you at one or more of these locations during 2018.

**Beryl Ireland**  
**Meet Management Committee**

## Short Meets 2018

### Blackmore CCC Site

**Fri 23rd March - Sun 25th March - (App Code: M—/2018)**

Blackmore Club campsite enjoys a peaceful setting in the Worcestershire countryside with stunning views across to the Malvern Hills. It combines plenty of green open space with more sheltered pitches around the site perimeter. As well as clean, modern toilet blocks, the excellent on-site facilities include a recreation room with pool table, dog walk and children's play area.

One of the appeals of this award-winning site is its proximity to the Malvern Hills, an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which offers fantastic walking and cycling opportunities on over 100 miles of paths and bridleways. In fact, so popular is the area for walking, it hosts a nine-day walking festival. If you prefer walks of the not so challenging type, the pretty village of Hanley Swan, with a choice of two pubs, is just a mile's stroll from the site. If you want to travel a bit further afield but leave your vehicle behind, there's a bus stop just outside the site with an hourly service to Malvern, Upton and Worcester.

**Cost pupn: £13.50 - HS & elec, £12.00 grass & elec, £8.00 - grass, no elec**  
**Steward: Nigel Delbarre**

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### Cobnor

**Thurs 29th March - Mon 2nd April: (App Code - M9489/2018)**

**Fri 15th June - Sun 17th June: (App Code - M—/2018)**

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Sept - Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Sept: (App Code - M—/2018)**

**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) - TimandTrishHewitt (March/April,Sept)**

# Short Meets 2018

## Paxton Lakes

Thu 12<sup>th</sup> April - Tues 17<sup>th</sup> April - (App Code - M—/2018)

Thu 5<sup>th</sup> July - Tues 10<sup>th</sup> July - (App Code - M—/2018)

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**



Club House Terrace Overlooking the Lake (NP)

# Short Meets 2018 - New Venue - AGM

## Stafford Boat Club

**Thurs 19th April - Tues 24th April - AGM on the Sat**

**(App Code M8793/2018)**

**Map Reference: SJ 94193 20373.**

**Postcode: ST17 4SG**

**Stafford Boat Club** is situated on Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal, and nestled in the picturesque Penk Valley, approximately 3 miles from Stafford town centre. The area is close to many tourist attractions, so there is plenty to explore. Check out the “visitstafford.org” website for a full list of what to see and do.

The meet is for a full 5 days, opening at 13.00 on 19<sup>th</sup> April and closing at 12.00 on the 24<sup>th</sup> April. You are welcome to attend for all or any of these days.

Camping is all on grass. Electric available. Toilet and shower facilities are available at the clubhouse. Boating is available in the canal (insurance and license required – Canal & River Trust (from £5) and launching for motor boats is possible from the club slipway (from £25).

The boating group will be holding a **Stewards forum** on the Saturday morning, and the **Boating Group AGM** on the Saturday afternoon, followed by a ‘bring and share’ supper in the evening. The Club’s annual **Cooking Competition** will be held on Sunday. There will be a full programme of other social activities provided, and the clubhouse bar will also be open during the evenings.

**Cost £13 pupn + £3 for EHU.** Pre-booking is required, with full payment by 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Stewards: Jane and Richard Leedham

Directions: from the A34 Cannock Road, turn into Wildwood Drive by the Wildwood Shopping Centre and Wildwood Pub (ST174RA), follow the Drive around to the left for ¾ mile, then turn left into Maplewood, then right after 30 yards (ST174SG). Take special care when turning into the final approach to the Club, as it is narrow and twisty. Please avoid running over the residents kerbs and gardens!





## Rutland Experience - Short Meets 2018

Earlier this year my wife Anne and myself decided to go somewhere different for our May half term break. Normally favouring the show ground at Bakewell we decided to go to Oakham, Rutland Water and stay on a THS run by the Boating Group Section. Thinking we were going to sit around and relax with books and do little, we arrived on site to be warmly greeted by members of the group, who made us feel comfortable and welcome from the moment we arrived, till leaving site. Asked if we would be sailing, we said no as we were not familiar and didn't own a boat! I had to attend to some business back home the day after we arrived and Anne was invited to a cheese and wine evening. Upon my return to the site, after the event, Anne informed me that I would be sailing the following day! I disagreed! However, we were accosted early the next day by John Goddard and another member Mike and press ganged into sailing! What a fantastic experience! Anne sailed in a mirror and I in a Lugger with a lovely couple who's names I cannot recall. Unfortunately that particular day was very calm and we experienced sailing and rowing! The next day Mike was around our caravan encouraging us to come out on his catamaran. By that time our daughter had come to see us and was also press ganged. We had such a brilliant time! We were raising and lowering sails, hanging out on the wires, absolutely fantastic for complete novices to experience. Most of all we would like to thank everyone on the site, from the group who made us so welcome, and included us in the activities both during the day and in the evenings, with the cheese and wine and the " Boat Drive" games. So, thank you very much to John and Carol, Mike and his good lady, Les and his company, Barbara, along with all the other members, too many names to mention, who made our short break fantastic and supported us in our novice status. Hope to see you all again soon.

**Love and best wishes**

**Anne and Glenn Brough.**

## Rutland Water

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Sept - Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**(App Code M----/2018)**

**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 £9.00 pupn**

**Launching fee applicable**

# STEWARDS URGENTLY NEEDED

## BOATING GROUP EVENTS PROGRAMME

### General Information.

The meets programme for 2018 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.35) 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 '/ 2018'.**

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.22. 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.

Personal adverts may be placed in the Buccaneer free of charge and whether 'For Sale' or 'Wanted' must broadly relate to boating, camping or caravanning.

Please send your adverts to the Editor whose decision on suitability is final.

The advert will be inserted for one issue, but may be repeated (space permitting) if you notify the editor before the next copy deadline. Please quote your **CCC/BG** membership number with all adverts.

**NB:** Unless instructed otherwise, adverts will also appear on our Web Site with just Christian name and an e-mail address. If you do not have an email address, all contact will be via the Editor

# MEETS LOCATION MAP

## Bookings for Meets

Steward's contact details are on Page 20  
Where possible email & telephone details have been included.



# Meet Log 2018

Start Date:	End Date:	Venue	Location	Stewards		Restrictions	Type	S	Tr
Sat 3 Feb		Committee Meeting	Kempsey	Colin Knight		Committee meeting only		n	a
Fri 23 Mar	Sun 25 Mar	Blackmore CCC Site	Worcs	Nigel Delbarre		Sections forum on Saturday	No Boating	o	n
Th 29 Mar	Mon 2 April	COBNOR Easter Weekend	Chichester	Tim & Trish Hewitt		No Boards, Catamarans or Boats over 16'. Harbour, Tidal		3	N
Th 12 April	Tues 17 April	PAXTON LAKES	Cambs	Beric & Pauline Thrupp		No Engines - No Catamarans	Small sailing craft and canoes. Sailing Club	2	Y
Th 19 April	Tues 24 April	Stafford Boat Club. AGM Sat. NEW VENUE	Maplewood, Wildwood, Staffs, ST17 4SG	Jane and Richard Leedham		AGM & Members questions on Sat afternoon Boat Launching Avail.	Camping at Boat Club overlooking Staffs and Worcs Canal	2	N
Mon 7th May	Mon 14th May	Fishery Creek, Hayling Island	Invitation from Solent DA	Lisa Chapman, Solent DA,		Boating approx 2hrs +/- high water. Canoes, small craft, engines. Bookings close 2 weeks prior to event	Commercial site, electric hook ups. Launching from gravel beach area direct from site	1	N
Thurs 17 May	Tues 22 May	Harlow & Blackwater SC NEW VENUE	Maylands ea, Essex	Gary & Glenda Jenkins		Boating Approx 2hr +/- highwater. Tidal	Sailing Club on Blackwater estuary, slipway. Suitable for small craft + canoes	2	N
Thurs 24 May	Tues 29 May	Girton Sailing Club - Family Fun - NEW VENUE	Girton, Nr Newark, Notts	Martin Appleby		No power boats	100 acre lake. Suitable for sailing craft or canoes. Lots of fun for all the family. Taster sailing sessions. Boats can be hired	2	N
Fri 25 May	Sat 2 June	THS RUTLAND WATER	East Midlands	STEWARDS NEEDED		No Canoes or engines	Campsite by Sailing Club, Large Reservoir	3	Y
Sat 26 May	Sat 2 June	THS PARROG	S Wales	Tim & Trish Hewitt			Coastal / Slipway	2	N

Fri 15 June	Sun 17 June	COBNOR	Chichester	Martyr & Ann Holder		Harbour, Tidal. No Catamarans Sailboards or boats over 16'		3	N
Fri 15 June	Sun 17 June	DORCHESTER SC	Oxon	Mike & Lynn Wooldridge		No Multi hulls or engines	Sailing Club	2	Y
Th 5 July	Tu 10 July	PAXTON LAKES	Cambs	Pauline & Beric Thrupp		No Engines	Sailing Club	2	Y
Sat 21 July	Sat 28 July	THS SAUNDERSFOOT NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	South Pems, South Wales	Kevin & Sue Hilton		Small craft can launch over shingle/sand beach	Sheltered Coastal / Commercial Site/ Electric Hookups	1	N
Sat 28 July	Sat 11 Aug	THS BALA	Wales	Diane & Brian Mackay		Tents only. No Engines	Large Lake	2	N
Sat 28 July	Sat 11 Aug	THS BARTON TURF	Norfolk Broads	Di Smith		Broads Licence Required	Outdoor Activity Centre off Barton Broad.	2	Y
Th 23 Aug	Mon 27 Aug	NFoL Arley Hall & Gdns. Cheshire. Theme - Science Fiction		Margaret Thompson & John Bolton		No Boating	MAJOR CLUB EVENT	3	N
Fri 24 Aug	Tues 28 Aug	GIRTON SAILING CLUB - Raft Race Weekend - NEW VENUE	Nr Newark, Notts	Martin Appleby		No power boats	100 acre lake. Suitable for sailing craft or canoes. Raft Race Weekend. Boats for hire.	2	N
Th 6 Sept	Tues 11 Sept	RUTLAND WATER	E Midlands	STEWARDS NEEDED		No Canoes. Campsite adjacent to Sailing Club Large Reservoir		3	Y
Mon 3 Sept	Mon 10 Sept	Fishery Creek, Hayling Island	Invitation from Solent DA	Lisa Chapman, Solent DA,		See Hayling Island 7-14 May for information		1	N
Fri 7 Sept	Sun 9 Sept	COBNOR	Chichester	Tim & Trish Hewitt		Harbour, Tidal. No Catamarans Sailboards or boats over 16'		3	N
Wed 12 Sept	Wed 19 Sept	THS KESWICK	Lake District	Margaret Thompson		Canoes and small dinghies	Club Site. Launching from site	1	N
Fri 28 Sept	Sun 30 Sept	Wolverley CCC Site	W Mids	Bookings to Margaret Thompson		Committee meeting on Saturday	Canoeing with BCU or EA licence	1	N
1. Full Facilities – Commercial Site or Similar			2. Own facilities desirable			3. Own Facilities essential			

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**'Pimp Your Bike' Winners from each Category, Bala 2017 (MT)**

# Invite from Solent DA

## Hayling Island Fishery Creek

**Mon 7th May - Mon 14th May**  
**Mon 3rd Sept - Mon 10th Sept**

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

All pitches have EHU.

Use of showers and toilets on site.

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

We have been informed there will be Chichester Harbour dues to pay.

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](http://www.solentda.org)

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**Cost £19.00 pupn** Launching Fees not known



Chichester Harbour looking out from Cobnor Point (NP)

# Girton Sailing Club

## Girton Sailing Club, Girton, Nr Newark, Notts.

Thursday 24 May 2018 – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – Family Fun

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August – Tues 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018 – Raft Race

Girton Sailing is a small club with an interesting lake formed from old gravel workings, with islands and coves, formally known as Hoveringham Sailing Club. There is about 100 acres of water in total beside the river Trent about half way between Newark on Trent and Gainsborough. It is a beautiful, tranquil spot.

There is a sizable clubhouse with a galley, bar, hot showers, wet area and soft furnished club room area.



There are a number of electric hook-ups and a grass area for camping and caravanning overlooking the lake. (These will be available on a first come first served basis) Good slipways and a beach area to launch boats which can be left fully rigged beside the water, make getting on the water easy. Canoes will also be welcome. The Club have a range of dinghies for hire so if you do not want to bring your own boat, you can hire one on site. They also have a small fleet of access boats, and are part of the **Sailability Scheme**. So if you have a disability or just do not feel able to sail an ordinary dinghy, you could take to the water in one of these specially adapted boats.



There are nature reserves, interesting walks and good cycling routes all around, with other places of interest within easy reach.



## New Venue - Short Meet 2018

The Boating Group have been invited to join in with **Girton Sailing Club's Family Fun Event** over **Spring Bank Holiday**. There will be informal sailing, fun races, treasure hunt, BBQ's and social evenings. We also hope to offer an RYA level 1/2 sailing course and youth course or Taster Course, if there is sufficient demand. In fact, this event offers something for everyone, so come along and join in the fun.

As well as this Spring Bank Holiday dates the Boating Group are also invited to join in with the **Sailing Club's Raft Race weekend** over the **August Bank Holiday**. Maybe the Boating Group could enter as a team or just enjoy the fun. There will also be plenty of sailing opportunities and social events during the weekend.



Come along and support this new venue, with something to suit all the family. Camping will be limited to 10 units, so don't leave it too late to book.



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**Cost: £11 per unit per night**  
**Stewards: Martin and Vicky Appleby**

## Short Meets 2018



Jane competing in the CADAC Cooking Competition Final held at the NFoL, Hickstead, Aug 2017 (MT)  
**Congratulations and well done to Jane on becoming the overall winner !**

## Wolverley

**(App Code M----/2018)**

**Fri 28nd to Sun 30th September**

**Postcode: DY10 3PX**

This meet will be held at the Club site at Wolverley.

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.

**Cost pupn: £13.50 - HS & elec, £12.00 grass & elec, £8.00 - grass, no elec**

**Bookings required before 15th September 2018**

**Steward: Jane Leedham**

# Short Meets 2018

## Dorchester Sailing Club

2pm Fri 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – 3pm Sun 17<sup>th</sup> June.

(App Code M ----/2018)

Post code: OX10 7LP

### 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 £12 per unit per night**

**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](mailto:mike.o.wooldridge@gmail.com)



Dorchester Sailing Club (NP)

## Derwentwater Keswick CC Club Site

Wed 12th Sept - Wed 19th Sept

(HS3694/2018)

Map Ref 89/258234

Postcode CA12 5EP

### BOOKING ESSENTIAL

The Boating Group have arranged a THS at this 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 mooring. The site is a short easy walk to a large supermarket and the centre of Keswick, from here there are frequent bus services to many other areas of the lakes. Keswick has banks, specialist outdoor shops, outdoor market, many eateries and other 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 the site. The hop on hop off ferry also runs round Derwent Water 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 £125 per week to include launching fees for 1 boat.**

**Steward: Margaret Thompson**

### Boating Group Members Queuing for the Icecream Boat at Irstead Staithe Norfolk Broads (NP)



# THS Meets 2018

## Bala North Wales

**Sat 28th July - Sat 11th August (App Code HS1368/2018)**

**Map Ref:125/906324**

The site is a basic site for tents / trailer tents only. A good toilet and shower block is available in the adjacent camping field but many people find their own facilities more convenient. The nearest shops are at Bala. Situated on the shores of the lake, the venue provides excellent sailing, windsurfing, canoeing, and fishing, and is also an excellent base for hill walking. Dinghies can be left on the lakeshore adjacent to the field, where there is an easy sloping launch into the water. Powerboats are not allowed on the lake. For those that wish, there will be a varied programme of social activities for adults and children, including suppers, quizzes, walks and model boat competition.

**Stewards: Diane & Brian Mackay**

**Cost £175 pupw**

**Launching fees £ ?**

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## Barton Turf Norfolk Broads

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> July - Sat 11<sup>th</sup> August (App Code HS2820/2018)**

**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 boating in either direction.

In addition a Broads licence is required.

**Cost £17 pupn**

**Stewards: Di & Andy Smith**

# THS Meets 2018

## Saundersfoot

**Sat 21st July - Sat 28th July**

**(App Code: HS1167/2018)**

**Map Ref: 158/147670: Postcode: SA69 9AU**

### **EARLY BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

A great site, right beside the beach, an easy walk into Saundersfoot village. The Pembrokeshire long distance footpath runs past the site gate. Beautiful area for boating, walking or touring and generally having a great time. Launching from the beach (shingle and sand) or larger boats can be launched from the slipway in the village.

A commercial site with full facilities, including showers, toilets, launderette, shop and pub.

A full programme of social events is provided throughout the week.

This is a small site and so there are only a very few available pitches so book early.

**Cost £155 pupw**

**No launching fees**

**Stewards: Kevin & Sue Hilton**

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## Parrog

**Newport, Pembrokeshire**

**Sat 26th May - Sat 2nd June (HS1173/2018)**

**Map Ref:145/050397**

**Postcode: SA42 0RW**

### **BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

This popular coastal site welcomes all units and is an excellent area for all types of water sports. Launching is easy at most states of the tide and the boat park is next to the slipway and the beach. Fine dinghy sailing can be enjoyed in the sheltered waters of Newport Bay and also on the estuary at high tide. Both river and sea canoeing can be indulged as can windsurfing either on the estuary at high tide or across the estuary off Newport sands for the more experienced.

The site is a small family owned commercial one, popular with coastal path walkers, with toilets and shower facilities and café, but unfortunately no hook-ups. There will be a social tent and dogs are allowed. Newport is just 10 minutes walk away, with a bank, Post office, several restaurants, small shops and pubs.

**No launching fees**      **commercial website <http://Newport-pembs.co.uk/cmb>**

**Cost: tbc**

**Stewards: Tim & Trish Hewitt**

# THS Meet 2018

## Rutland Water

**Fri 25 May - Sat 2nd June**  
**(App Code HS2814/2018)**  
**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 £9.00 pupn**

**Launching fee applicable**

**Stewards: R E Q U I R E D**

### **NEEDED 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.

However they have already informed us that 2017 will be their last year as stewards for this meet.

Our thanks go out to them for all their hard work.

If the THS and the meet for 2018 is to continue we **MUST** have new stewards. Do you enjoy going to Rutland ? Have you 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 Means NO MEETS**

**Beryl Ireland**

# Harlow and Blackwater Sailing Club

## Harlow and Blackwater Sailing Club, Maylandsea, Nr Malden, Essex Thursday 17 May to Tues 22 May 2018

The Boating Group are fortunate in having the opportunity to camp and boat at this lovely friendly Sailing Club located on the river Blackwater. There is a good slipway into the water and boating is limited to approx 2 hours either side of high water. The tides are favourable for this long weekend meet. A variety of craft can be launched including canoes and engines.



There is a sizable clubhouse with a galley, bar, hot showers, wet area and soft furnished club room area. There is a good sized veranda where the sailing or the beautiful sunsets can be viewed.

There are grass camping areas and a few gravel hardstanding areas.

The local village of Maylandsea is a few minutes' walk along the riverside path. There you will find eateries, Post Office, convenience store and a bus stop.

Buses go to the charming town of Malden, Chelmsford and Southminster.

There are lovely walks in the area and seals can sometimes be seen basking on

the banks at low water. It is also a good area for bike rides along the quite Essex lanes. Some social events will also be organised.





## New Venue - Short Meet 2018

The river Blackwater is a great place to see the traditional Thames Barges



This really is a lovely part of the country to explore and one that is often overlooked. So this is a great opportunity to come along and camp, boat and explore this delightful region.

**Please send all bookings direct to Jane Leedham, Treasurer, contact details on page 34.**

Fees: £11.00 per unit per night to include launching fees.

There are a limited number of pitches available so get your bookings in early, if possible.

**Stewards:**  
**Gary and Glenda Jenkins**

Driving Instructions -

All routes from the M25 and A12 need to use either the B1010 through Danbury or the B1012 through South Woodham Ferrers to Latchingdon on the B1018. At the end of the main street in Latchingdon you will arrive at a roundabout. Take the first turning for Bradwell and Mayland on the Steeple Road. After a few miles, five minutes you will see a turning in to Maylandsea called The Drive on your left just before the petrol station. If you make a mistake and drive past the petrol station on your right then turn left in to Nipsells Chase, first left in to Drake Avenue and at the end turn right in to The Drive. Continue on The Drive to the very end where it bears round to the left. After this bend turn first right in to North Drive. Proceed to the end where the road turns from concrete to unmade surface. You will see the sailing club at this point. Continue fifty yards on the unmade road to turn left in to the club.



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# National Feast of the Lanterns 2018

## Arley Hall & Gardens Cheshire

Thurs 23th Aug - Mon 27th Aug

CW9 6NA

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 2018.

**Please see the CCC Magazine and NFoL 2018 website.**

**Cost : tbc**      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 'Science Fiction'.**

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.**



**'Cowes' Week N FoL 2017 Display by Kim & Di (ND)**



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