

## **Autumn Newsletter 2018**

Well what a summer we've had weather wise. Hopefully everyone has had fun in their craft.

### **Theft and damage**

It is very sad that the group has been subject to theft and damage this last season. One trailer painted blue, with a smaller piggyback trailer on top has disappeared from the boatsheds. The trailers had the boat owner's name and phone number painted on them. Despite members being made aware of this theft, no news has been heard about it. At the start of the season, a long standing member of the club had his boat broken into and suffered damage and loss. Sadly a time could not be identified for it happening therefore the police could do very little. Those of us that visit the sheds regularly will now be more attentive and on the lookout for unusual activity.

### **PLEASE NAME YOUR BELONGINGS IN THE SHEDS**

### **NOTTAGE TALKS**

These talks take place on the last Friday each month. Members should check out the Nottage website for more information.

**ACBO** events from the calendar were very well attended. Firstly a Tollesbury weekend, that was also coincident with a Wivenhoe and Rowhedge Yachtowners rally that meant a large number of Colne sailors packed into Tollesbury marina. It is to be hoped that in future we can try to work with other groups in fixing calendar events. So much more sociable.



Happy boaters in a hot and crowded cockpit! Tollesbury 2018





More happy boatmen in Tollesbury 2018



August saw 11 boats visiting Heybridge, and weather and company was excellent.





More images of feeding the hungry crews. And packing us all into the lock - 10 boats in the lock out. ( Brenda doing a fabulous job organising yachts, skippers, crew, lock keeper, lock keeper's partner and lock volunteers to ensure smooth entry and exit!) Glad the new outer lock gate is now working. This rally has to be a favourite for our members, with lock negotiation testing the skippers and crews.

The laying up cruise went to Bradwell and the Green Man was packed out as the weather once again turned out nice.

## **MOORINGS**

The news for everyone regarding the moorings this year is that we are still waiting for Colchester Borough Council to finalise the new moorings agreement; the old lease is paid for and in place this year in any case. We want to be sure when we send out our renewal notices in February 2019, that everyone is furnished with the rules that accompany the grant of lease. The way we manage the moorings will be closely watched so we will have to enforce our mooring rules strictly. Please read them and make sure you are able to comply with them. Let us know if you have a problem with your mooring as soon as possible.

It has been several years since the income from the moorings has covered the cost of the lease as this cost has gone up with inflation added to the cost of the insurance we

pay. The cost of a mooring will have to be raised to cover that loss and get us back to breaking even. **ACBOC does NOT make a profit from the moorings**, but has subsidised losses over the last few years.

**Moorings will cost £75 at the renewal in February.** There are a couple of vacant moorings at this moment as newcomers have been asked to wait until we have the documents from Colchester, when rules and expectations will become clearer.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

The December meeting to be held on **3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018** is the Festive meeting usually devoted to eating drinking and socialising. Do remember to come.

The January meal is to be held on **12<sup>th</sup> January 2019**. Please call Dave Hayes if you wish to attend.

Dave's number **01206 824837**

### **SHEDS**

There has been a lot of clearing and organising and updating going on at the sheds. A power cable has been buried underground and will soon be connected to the pump in the borehole in the field. The present overhead cable is slowly drooping, and may collapse and we hope that the change-over will be made before it gives up completely. (If this collapse did happen a temporary solution could be very easily accomplished - so all the users can relax)

A caravan has been scrapped and there is a chassis now remaining that could be converted into a boat trailer. This is for sale. One tyre is flat but such caravan frame trailers can make useful boat transporters. Anyone interested should speak to Paul.  
**01206 822515.**

Pictures below of the working parties in action. Followed by a picture of the caravan chassis.

### **CHASSIS FOR SALE**

No personal information held by the Cooperative will be shared with any third party.  
All for now

Brenda

**A note from the Chair**





As you know all the time involved in running Alresford Creek Boat Owners is given freely by a dedicated group of volunteers; as well as the backroom administration (Brenda, Andrew, Paul, Keith and Brian) special mention should go to Paul Killick, Brenda and Bill, Dave Hayes, Brian Sinclair, Peter Hyett, Anthony Vickers, Jonathon Brett, Steve Watts, Simon Clark, Simon Van Schalk for all the hours spent down at the sheds improving the facilities. Of course we should not forget Digger drivers extraordinaire, Chris Barratt and James Weir. The above have done magnificent work, along with many others not mentioned who have also contributed. A special special mention to Brenda who spends hours keeping us all on track and organised, fed and watered!! (What are we going to do when she goes down under?)

**Keith Phillips**