

ACBOC

Newsletter November 2022

This is a short newsletter to bring you up to date with the end of the sailing season, the activities of the working party on 5th November and info about Social meetings etc for 2023

Laying Up News

Just 5 members boats remain in the creek this winter. Others have climbed the lane to rest at the yard, or have motored off to a suitable winter home. Boats that remain afloat are: Wild Maid, White Kestrel, Midnight Rose, Suzy Sue and Lucky Laura. It is suggested that the owners of these boats keep their eyes on them if there are storms about, so that they stay put over winter.

WORKING PARTY DAY

30 members (over 1/3 of our total membership!) turned out to offer help with activities to clean and tidy the sheds.

Don't forget to label your stuff -see the end of the newsletter for a clue about what could happen to it !!

Dinghy tenders have been shifted to the store beyond the kitchen area, so that space is available for boats to come inside when they are ready. Much reusable wood has been stored on the upper level "mezzanine" in the central area along with withies that we can reuse for buoy locations in the future. The wood that has kindly been left beside the wood burner, has been relocated (in lengths that will FIT in the burner) in a newly built shelter just outside the dinghy store against the wall of the West shed. Please feel free

to add your burnable offcuts to this area.

If we keep just enough for a day's fire inside we will have much more comfortable space in the kitchen/meeting room.

Major root/mud removal took place to clear the drainage channels that take rain water from the roof away to the ditch. An unenviable job considering the weather.



The gardening team have increased our boundary areas by meters by cutting back the hawthorn, and strimming and snipping at encroaching growth.



Some filling of potholes has been done with a team of “tamperers” that spent time beating down the filling that was brought by dumper in the afternoon.



A skip was hired to dispose of non-burnables, and “dead” mooring buoys and rope tackle was disposed of.

Reusable buoys have been saved and hung in the roof of the North shed and some are stored in the tool shed.

Much sweeping took place and the sheds look far more respectable.

Bacon rolls and sausages, were devoured along with plenty of tea and coffee.

Sociable breaks where exchange of boat related



stories also took place at coffee, lunchtime and afternoon tea!



Towards 4pm the tired workers that remained took to chairs for coffee and doughnuts around the bonfire.



Other News

The next Social meeting will be Monday 5th December 8pm at WSC - Bring and share Christmas fare!

There will be no Annual Dinner in January next year but a Fitting Out Lunch on the 20th March. More information to follow.

Thanks to our fantastic membership for supporting the Cooperative . Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year!