



Social

The next meeting at Wivenhoe Sailing Club will be at 20:00 on Monday June 1st

Sunday 10th May is the working party and already there are lots of tasks to get involved in. This is the time of year that the greenery starts to take over. No need for green fingers, just determination and good gloves. A skip has been ordered to clear some of the pile no longer required on passage. There are also sundry other jobs which are much easier with willing helpers.

It was good to see more people turning out for the social meeting over the bank holiday Monday. Especially welcome are the WOD owners who are adding new skills and experiences to the Coop.

Cruise in Company

This month sees the first cruise of the season. Saturday 23rd May is the Cruise to Tollesbury in company with WRCA (HW 18:14 at Tollesbury). Please let Stephen know if you are interested by 15th May. (07958 568375). If you are unable to attend by boat and wish to join us anyway, let Stephen know. I am certain you will be made welcome.

Shed news

Boats are changing hands or ready to start the season and wishing to be launched. Please be mindful that we are a volunteer organisation and give as much notice as possible when arranging launching dates. It is often easier to make requests via the coop WhatsApp group. If you are unsure, there is a great pool of knowledge just there for the asking.

There has been a change in the business rates system, as many of you may be aware from the news which has linked the changes to pub & hospitality closures. As far as the coop is concerned there has been a £700 increase in the amount which we have to pay. There is no risk of closure but we are currently investigating how to mitigate the effects.

Moorings

Part of the plan for the working party is preparing the workboat for launch. Last season it proved invaluable when recovering boats and checking moorings and buoyage. This year's plan is to equip it with an emergency pump in case this summer turns out wetter than usual.

Other News

Chatting to Dave Hayes, one of the founder members of ACBOA, he reminded me that this year marks the 50th Anniversary of Alresford Creek Boat owners. On May 21st, 1976 to be precise. I trust members will raise a glass to the next 50. Tales were told of clearing the tractor shed for dancing, fireworks and merriment. Not to mention some of the more notorious incidents over the years. Perhaps a nod to the 'can do' attitude that has always been a strong feature of the membership.

Whilst having a sort out recently I have discovered the delights of freecycle. I know we all have a 'come in handy' pile which only seems to grow. If you have boaty items which could be useful to others, why not donate them via the WhatsApp group.

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