

A VOICE ON THE RIVER – News for all living on the Cam

June 2005

NEWS

A warm welcome to the summer, hours of cruising and all the fun activities and events it will bring. This time of year, more than any other, truly returns the rewards of living on a boat and the pleasures associated with it. As spring fades into our memories, many of us will take full advantage of the miles of waterways the Fens have to offer, not forgetting the beautiful landscapes often illuminated by wonderful sunrises and sunsets. Go explore its historic cities and towns, there are many pubs serving up plenty of local ales and you should really sample the cuisine. Thoughts of languishing in the sun, enjoying cool breezes, observing the abundant wildlife, as well as soaking up the tranquillity that generates maximum relaxation is certainly the order of the day.

Back to reality, on the home front - we can look forward to the development of the City's long awaited mooring policy. Representatives from the Camboaters Community Association along with other interested parties have met with Council members responsible for implementing the policy. Work in this area is progressing positively; understandably the schedule and strategy will evolve in time as proactive communications continue to take place between the authorities in charge. Some of you may be anxious about an uncertain future. Be patient as the wheels of bureaucracy sometimes turn slowly, however we have been reassured that we will be consulted every step of the way.

For those of you who haven't been kept up to date with the latest bulletins, the Cam Conservators have kindly deferred the seasonal ban on mooring on Midsummer Common until 1st October 2007. Hopefully by this time the City Council will have established its Mooring Policy.

Other projects to be aware of which would benefit boating life and continue the beautification process on the river Cam are:

1. **The Cam Conservators proposal to the Cambridge Local Plan** to develop their field at Fen road, it is just downstream of the railway bridge (off the Halingway) for off-river moorings. This is a step in the right direction, it could be exactly what our community needs to house the overspill of live-aboards and potentially provide many additional facilities the boating community requires. For more information please visit www.cambridge.gov.uk/ccm/content/policy-and-projects/omission-sites.en or find details on the Camboaters Community noticeboard in the Fort St George pub, Midsummer Common.

2. **Cambridge Sporting Lakes** – a proposal to develop a 220-acre outdoor sports centre and park located only 4.5km from the centre of Cambridge. It will be one of the country's largest purpose-built sports facilities and competition venues for rowing, triathlon & cycling. An essential green space with 100 acres of undulating wooded parkland, a lake stocked with fish, and ten miles of bank habitat with free access on foot or cycle. For more information please visit www.cambridgerowinglake.org.uk or find details on the Camboaters Community noticeboard in the Fort St. George pub, Midsummer Common.

3. **CamToo Project** is an innovative road-river-rail proposal to utilise Cambridge's oldest transport artery, the River Cam, to help solve the City's 21st Century transport problems. It will provide two 'missing links' in the transport infrastructure for northern Cambridge, a dedicated route for buses from the Science Park to the City Centre and extra tracks for a Cambridge Parkway Station on Chesterton Sidings.

This will turn Stourbridge Common and Ditton Meadows into an island, protecting the wildlife already there and preventing further 'urbanisation' of the nature currently being carried out.

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The flood relief channel will be designed to provide more mooring space for the rapid increase in use of the river for houseboats. For more info please visit www.camtoo.co.uk or find details on the Camboaters Community noticeboard in the Fort St. George pub, Midsummer Common.

Cambridgeshire Horizons are holding an open meeting on Wednesday 8th June, start time 7 pm, venue Michaelhouse Centre, Trinity Street, Cambridge where you can go and ask questions. Cambridgeshire Horizons is the natural body to deliver The CamToo Project, hence this is an excellent time to make your views known, so the more supporters that get to it the better. To reserve a place either phone 01223 714040, or email contact@cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk

Camboaters Community Association

To date, the CCA has been extremely successful establishing contacts with all major authorities in charge on the River Cam. They are now in a position to help with the planning and implementation of the mooring policy. The CCA is committed to improving life on the river and with new members joining all the time the future looks bright. Please visit www.camboaters.co.uk for a membership form or contact me on 07980 621761 for further information. Next CCA meeting: 19 July, 7.30pm in the Fort St George snug. All are welcome.

This year's Boat Open Day and River Festival will take place on Sunday 7 August. Please contact Emma on 07989 444 046 if you wish to participate with any aspect of this grandiose event.

ENTERTAINMENT

Below is a list of the fantastic events that make up Summer in the City 2005, taking place in and around Cambridge, all of which are either FREE or subsidised.

Sundays from 5th June onwards
JAZZ & BRASS IN THE PARKS
Jesus Green

Saturday 18 June 12pm - 5pm
CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL FAMILY FUN
DAY
Jesus Green

Wednesday 22 - Monday 27 June
MIDSUMMER FAIR
Midsummer Common (arrives 19 June)

Friday 24 June – Sunday 26 June
PETERBOROUGH BOAT FESTIVAL

Sunday 3 July
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Friday 8 - Sunday 10 July
THE VIBE FM BIG WEEKEND
Parkers Piece, comprising:

Friday 8 July - 6pm - midnight
POP IN THE PARK

Saturday 9 July - Noon - midnight
BIG DAY OUT

Sunday 10 July - Noon - 8pm
SUMMER SUNDAY

Tuesday 2 - Sunday 7 August
COMEDY MARQUEE CLUB
Jesus Green

Wednesday 3 - Saturday 6 August
CHILDREN'S THEATRE MARQUEE
Jesus Green

Sunday 7 August
CAMBRIDGE BOAT OPEN DAY AND
RIVER FESTIVAL
Jesus Green Lock

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DIARY OF EVENTS ON THE CAM

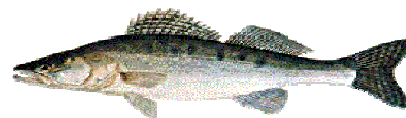
Date	Time	Event	Organiser	Course
Sun 29 May	12:00-18:00	Cambridge Spring Regatta	CRA	Long Reach
Fri 10 Jun	12:00 onwards	May Bumps Getting on Races	CUCBC	Railway Bridge to Baits Bite Lock
Wed 15 - Sat 18 Jun	11:00 onwards	May Bumps	CUCBC	Chesterton Footbridge to Baits Bite Lock
Mon 20 Jun	19:00	X-Press Head	X-Press BC	Baits Bite to Chesterton Footbridge
Sat 25 Jun	n/a	Skiff Bumps	n/a	n/a
Sat 25 Jun	14:00 onwards	Sailfish Weekend	Cam Sailing Club	Between Clayhithe and Bottisham Lock
Sun 26 Jun	09:00 onwards	Sailfish Weekend	Cam Sailing Club	Between Bottisham Lock and Ely
Thu 30 Jun	9:30-15:00	Cambridge United FC	CFPAS	Chesterton to Baits Bite
Sat 2 Jul	10:00-14:00	Junior, OAP and Ladies	CFPAS	Chesterton to Clayhithe
Tue 5 Jul	20:00	CRA Time Race	CRA	Pike and Eel to Victoria Avenue Bridge
Sun 10 Jul	9:00-14:00	3rd Points Match	CFPAS	Chesterton to Baits Bite
Tue 19 - Fri 22 Jul	17:30-21:30	CRA Bumping Races	CRA	Baits Bite to Chesterton Footbridge
Sat 14 Aug	10:00-15:00	Summer League	CFPAS	Baits Bite to Clayhithe
Sat 3 Sep	10:00-14:00	Junior Tournament	CFPAS	Chesterton to Baits Bite
Sun 11 Sep	9:00 - 19:00	Cambridge Autumn Regatta	Cambridge '99 RC	Railway Bridge to Ditton Corner/Ditton Meadows
Thu 15 Sep	9:00-17:00	Police National	CFPAS	Chesterton to Clayhithe
Sat 24 Sep	9:00-13:00	Cambridge University Alumni Regatta	CU Development Office	Long Reach
Sun 25 Sep	10:00-12:30	Cambridge Veterans/Junior Head	Cantabs	Baits Bite to Chesterton Footbridge
Sun 25 Sep	9:00-14:00	6th Points Match	CFPAS	Baits Bite to Clayhithe

RECIPE FOR PAN-FRIED ZANDER

This recipe was kindly donated by Dave and Nathan. Thanks guys for your contribution to this Newsletter.

Ingredients:

1 Zander scaled and gutted (2-3lbs)
 150g smoked bacon sliced into strips
 salt
 flour
 100g butter
 1 small onion
 200ml sour cream
 100ml double cream
 1 tsp sweet paprika
 1 slice lemon



Score the fish vertically on each side. Salt it and then turn it in flour. Fry in half the butter at the highest temperature possible for about 10 minutes. Remove from heat and cover with the strips of bacon and keep warm. Finely chop the onion and fry gently in a quarter of the butter. When transparent, add both creams and the paprika. Make a roux from the remaining butter and 1 tsp flour. Stir into the onion cream until thickened. Pour over the fish and bacon then garnish with a slice of lemon and serve with vegetables and new potatoes. Umm...

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you Amanda for helping to sponsor this newsletter, your donation was well received.

Let us heap a ton of praise on the Great Cam Cleanup crew for their gigantic effort cleaning up the river Cam, great picture of Robin and Guinness in the CEN.

Welcome home Liz (xx), best wishes with your speedy recovery. Careful on that tiller now! Liz and Jon would like to thank everyone who has kindly helped out and assisted with her mending process.

Congratulations to Eric and Alix on their marriage, may you both live long and prosper.

Congratulations to Mark and Toni on their recent engagement. (There must be something in the water!)

Thank you Lisa for all your help and support. May your new engine take you places you have never been before...

THAT'S ALL FOLKS

Well this is it – the end of an era, my final Newsletter. I must say it feels rather sad but my pen has run dry. Future editions of Camboaters news will now be written by other members of Camboaters (if you wish to contribute please attend the next committee meeting). I would like to wish them the best of luck and hope they have as much fun writing it as I did.

Once again I urge you all to join the Camboaters Community Association, it is an important time in Cambridge's river life and I strongly believe with more members supporting the CCA we can successfully achieve the mission we have undertaken - to improve life on the River Cam.

Look out for details of the soon to be announced Annual General Meeting. At this gathering you will be given the opportunity to elect the new management committee for the forthcoming year. I also understand it will involve many a crate off beer, so please start thinking who you wish to elect to represent our community.

So now, let's join hands across the Cam, love thy neighbours and they will love you even more.

Be safe on the water - peace and harmony.

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