

A VOICE ON THE RIVER

News for all living on the Cam

Winter 2006



Mooring permits: what to do if you want one

The Permit Situation

Seventy mooring permits will be made available. They have to be applied for — you won't get one just because you've been here for months or years.

- There is a 'priority list' of boats who were here in March 2005 (or before). Boats on the priority list will be given first crack at buying permits. Contact Geoff Facer if you want to know whether you're on this list (gfacer@ntlworld.com, 01223 506065)
- Those boats who arrived after March 2005 will not be on the priority list. Permits to these boaters will be issued on a first come first served basis.

- Boats not lived aboard will be at the back of the queue.
- The permit is per person, not per boat. If you've bought a boat that was already here, you don't get priority.
- Riverside doesn't form part of this scheme..

How to Apply

'Application packs' will be available at the end of January. The council will send you one...

Contact Julie Durrant at the council, by emailing Julie.Durrant@cambridge.gov.uk, or phoning 01223 457543.

She will either post you a pack or reserve one and call you when it's ready.

The council have advertised, but they may not leaflet every boat. It's up to you to apply. (Now we'll see how many people read this newsletter!)

Boats moored without a permit after April 1st will be removed, although we're not sure where they'll be taken.

Terms and Conditions

The council is about to approve a document which permit holders will have to sign, giving us our terms and conditions for mooring. Camboaters Community Association have been consulted about this, so it shouldn't contain anything too outrageous. A good reason for joining Camboaters — don't let them screw us !

Something to get excited about in Feb

Toni's organising a night of fun and frolics at the bowling alley. Stick it in your diary!

Ten Pin Bowling

Wednesday 22nd February, 7pm

We get a deal for a lane of 6 people: £25 for two games, which works out pretty cheaply. (It's normally around £9 each!) You don't have to be a member of Camboaters to come, it's all about getting to know your neighbours.

If you want to come, call Toni on 07801 737 240. If you gather a group of six friends and let her know, we can get a competition going, maybe even with prizes! The deadline for booking is two weeks before so be quick and bag your places.

Small Ads

Foldup bike, £5.00. Wayfarer pink folding bike. Needs some work. Contact: Paul Mennell on 0790 9844666.

Single Mattress. Free to anyone who will pick it up. Call Mel on 01223 357341.

Cam Conservancy news

The Cam Conservators are responsible for the upkeep of the river, and navigation. They meet four times a year. The last one was on January 12th.

Dredging: in some places it's getting too shallow to moor. Luther has been in touch with the Engineer, but apparently the CamCon are only responsible for the 'main navigation channel.' They will dredge, but only if they are paid by the riparian owner, in this case the council. This could be very expensive when you consider the cost of getting rid of the spoil. We're continuing discussions on this, because it will only get worse, and of course we will soon be paying...

Overspill mooring: there was an idea to get the CamCon to allow some mooring downstream of Bate's Bite lock to cater temporarily for boats who don't get (or don't want) permits. Conservators weren't exactly excited by this idea. There may be a big problem with anglers (the bank is leased to them), and South Cams Council probably won't be keen. They decided to keep an eye on the situation. Not quite sure how that's going to work as April is nearly upon us. Anyway, we will revisit this.

A new application has gone in for a massive **rowing lake** to be built near the river on the Horningsea stretch, on the Milton side. Luther has details.

It looks like next year's **EA licence** will be going up by 6.9%. The CamCon licence, which some people pay instead (it doesn't allow you off the Cam) will probably go up by a similar amount.

Jesus Green Footbridge will be closed from Feb 11th-17th for redecking.

Luther Phillips is our CamCon rep — contact him (07980 621 761) if you want to discuss anything. Members of the public are allowed to sit in on meetings. The next meeting is Thursday 13th April, 9.30am at the Guildhall.

Common people

Apparently there have been some complaints about the state of Midsummer Common. Some local residents don't want the boats here at all. They are a minority, but a loud one, and the less we give them to complain about the better. One letter to the Cambridge Evening News can do a lot of damage.

New boaters might not be aware that we almost lost the right to moor here, two years ago. So here are a few reminders:

- Don't leave rubbish bags next to the bins. It's not hard to take them to the recycle points.
- Don't leave stuff on the bank.
- Don't get people to drive onto the common — move your boat instead!
- Don't tip ash onto the common.
- Don't run your engine late or early.

Thanks!

Other bits of news

Congratulations to Graham and Susanna, who's baby Rebecca was born on November 12th 2005.

Goodbye and good luck to Brendan, who sold NB AWOL after the summer and has just gone off to the South of France to be resident engineer on a yacht. Not bad!

Boaters in Oxford have managed to see off a British Waterways plan to 'redevelop' the Jericho moorings (ie destroy them and replace them with piss-poor apartments like those on Riverside). Some of the Oxford boaters were extremely helpful to us when we were fighting the mooring ban here.

Next Camboaters meeting

6th February, 7.30.
Location to be decided.

Notice of rowing event

Sat 4th February

The Newnham Short Course: held from the little bridge to the railings. **RIVER CLOSED 12–4pm.**

HOMEOPATHY

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NB Rambling Raz,
Stourbridge Common
07815 161297

Cambridge Natural Health Centre
01223 356000/07789 287355

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I (print name) request to become a:

	PLEASE TICK	COST
FULL MEMBER *	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ 10.00
ASSOCIATE MEMBER **	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ 10.00
JUNIOR MEMBER ***	<input type="checkbox"/>	FREE

Cheques payable to Camboaters Community Association and sent to Richard Allen (Treasurer), CCA, 33 Fulbrooke Road, Cambridge CB3 9EE, or given to any committee member.

* A full Member is anyone who lives upon the river Cam within the Cam Conservancy waters who supports the aims and objectives of the Association.

** An Associate Member is anyone that has boating / rowing / fishing interests within the Cam Conservancy waters or is a Residential Boat owner outside of this area who supports the aims and objectives of the Association.

*** Junior Membership is free for anyone under the age of 14. Please state Junior Date of Birth in this box >>

Comments / Suggestions :-

Boat name

Address

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Post Code

Tel No.

Email Address

For boat security purposes, your contact details may be shared with other Members if you tick this box >> This will help if your boat is in trouble and we need to contact you.

Membership is from 15th October 2005 for 12 months.