

# camboaters

Newsletter - August 2007

## AGM AGM AGM! Put it in your Diary! It's the Camboaters AGM Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October, venue tba

- Why do we need you there? Boat Open Day, Cam Clean Up, BBQs, Socials. If these aren't reason enough for you to get involved, we **urgently** need your support to keep pressurising the council for improved services.
- Without your help and support this year, we couldn't have reversed the council's decision to increase the mooring licence fee. Camboaters **needs** to continue lobbying.
- Specifically the council is having a **mooring policy review in November** and we need to represent Cambridge Boat Owners as a unified force. The AGM will be a good time to get opinion on whether everyone wants the licence fee to continue to be in line with council tax band A as well as a chance to voice your opinions on other matters such as improved services.
- It's your chance to elect a new committee and even become a committee member yourself if you want to!

## BOAT OPEN DAY 2007

A very big THANKYOU to everyone who generously gave up their afternoon on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August to open their doors and hatches for the Boat Open Day, and to those of you who came along to support us, it was a great success despite being quite compact this year. Thanks especially for the patience of everyone answering the question 'isn't it cold in winter?' for the fiftieth time! We're grateful too to the visiting boats that kindly shuffled around to make room for us on Jesus Green. We were really lucky with the weather, it was a beautiful sunny day and lots of people came along to find out for themselves just how warm a Narrowboat can be.....in summer! There was lots of interest in Boatie life and how the logistics of living on a boat in Cambridge work, quite a few of my visitors seemed more than a little keen on embarking on river life themselves. The free face-painting was popular and one little girl who magically became a pink rabbit was really very pleased indeed! It was a really nice popular event that will hopefully run for years to come. We would also like to thank the City Council who generously supported us with a grant for this event. Jay



## Jesus Green Pump-out – Refurbishment

Finally the long awaited refurb! Here's what to expect:

### Pump Out

- New pump
- New steel hopper
- New electrics cupboard
- Walls lined with stainless steel!
- New pay-to use control box (we did argue for it to be free but you can't win 'em all!)
- Larger extractor fan
- New floor grill

### Riverside Cabinets

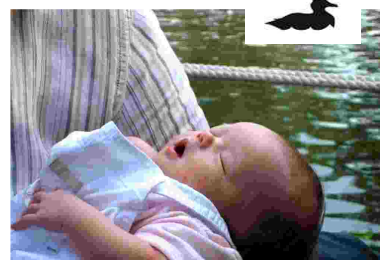
- New hose and reel
- New double tap unit
- Repair lighting
- New mooring bollard

Work will start on the **1<sup>st</sup> October** and we are told will take no more than 10 days. During this time people will not be able to pump-out. Please pump-out before – no alternative will be offered. Porta-potti's will have to be emptied in the public loo. There will be only very minor disruption to the drinking water supply e.g. a couple of hours.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Dave and Beth on their recent wedding.

...and to Kate and Paul (NB Merchant) on the birth of their daughter Celia.



**Other News...**The derailed train has been removed and navigation is now open to Ely!

## Refuse and Recycling Survey

Did you know that the City Council currently charge us £11,140 a year for collecting domestic refuse from Cambridge boaters? That's £116.04 per person (based on 96 boaters), more than five times what they charge landlubbers (£22.56 per person). Despite throwing so much more of our money at this problem the Council gives us a far more basic refuse service - just some red bags and a few public bins! In addition we have no domestic recycling or composting facilities (unless you count the cows eating out of the overflowing bins...).

Camboaters believe that this represents incredibly poor value for money so we are lobbying the Council to reduce the proportion of our licence fee that they spend on this rubbish service. That way they could spend more on other improvements such as mooring rings and postal facilities. In addition, we want to see communal recycling and composting bins provided on Stourbridge Common, near the Fort St George and near Jesus Green swimming pool (and they'd be handy for the brew-crew to dispose of their cans too!).

We want to make a convincing case when we negotiate with the Council so we are carrying out a refuse and recycling survey to find out exactly how much (or little!) rubbish we actually produce. We would be really grateful if you could take the time to fill in the survey and return it to one of the committee members. Thanks!

## The novice rowing season will soon be upon us. Be aware!

**NOISE:** Under CUCBC rules, coxes may not use any form of amplified noise upstream of the railway bridge before 7.30 am. Any breaches of this rule should be submitted to the Treasurer of CUCBC by e-mail ([seniortreasurer@cucbc.org](mailto:seniortreasurer@cucbc.org)). CUCBC will impose fines on crews who breach this agreement. Please cc. this e-mail to [river.manager@camconservators.org.uk](mailto:river.manager@camconservators.org.uk) so that they can monitor the situation and ensure that reports are acted upon.

**COLLISIONS:** There have been a number of recent incidents on the river between boat owners and rowers so do be careful. Collision incidents should be reported to the Cam Conservators River Manager. You should supply the following information:

- Full name and address of person making the complaint (with a witness name if possible)
- Date and time when the incident occurred.
- Description of the vessels involved, e.g. narrowboat and rowing boat, hull colour, registration number and name, blade colours used by rowing crews, rowing crew's clothing
- The area where the collision happened
- The direction of travel of each respective vessel, i.e. narrowboat moving downstream, rowing boat moving upstream
- Weather and light conditions, i.e. windy or calm, poor visibility, drizzle.
- Any abusive behaviour by masters or crews
- Damage caused to either vessel
- Did this collision impact upon anyone else navigating along the river?

Pippa Noon (the river manager) recommends that vessel owners make a habit of taking down this type of information so as to build up a case file, if only for their own purposes if damage occurs and an insurance claim needs to be submitted. Keep a notebook near your tiller. Submit your report to the River Manager (e-mail [river.manager@camconservators.org.uk](mailto:river.manager@camconservators.org.uk) or by post to Baits Bite Lock, Fen Road, Milton, Cambridge CB24 6AF). The River Manager will liaise with the rowing community through their formal incidents' reporting procedure and seek an interview with the alleged offender(s). Be careful when taking photographs of people; this can actually aggravate a situation and has the potential to incite violent behaviour.

The river manager can also be contacted on 01223 863785



### Forthcoming Events on the River

Date	Event	Detail
18 Aug 07	Old Members' Regatta	CUBC. Long Reach
8/9 Sep 07	Autumn Regatta and Dragon Boat Festival	Cambridge '99. Long Reach
15/16 Sep 07	CFPAS Club Junior Match	CFPAS. Penny Ferry
27/27/28/30 Sep 07	Pilot Gigs Training Races	CUBC. Long Reach
6 Oct 07	Cambridge Small Boats Head	Rob Roy BC. Baits Bite to Chesterton Footbridge
20 Oct 07	Cambridge Autumn Head	Rob Roy BC. Baits Bite to Chesterton Footbridge
28 Oct 07	CFPAS Open Match	CFPAS. A14 Road Bridge to Clayhithe
4 Nov 07	CFPAS Winter League	CFPAS. A14 Road Bridge to Clayhithe
17 Nov 07	Cambridge Winter Head	Cantabs RC. Baits Bite to Chesterton Footbridge

Minutes of all Camboaters Committee meetings are available on the Camboaters website at: [www.camboaters.co.uk/committee/meetings.html](http://www.camboaters.co.uk/committee/meetings.html)

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## Refuse and Recycling Survey

<b>1. Boat name (this information <u>will not</u> be passed on to the Council)</b>
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<b>2. What type of bin bags do you use (circle)?</b>	Council/large bin bags	Shopping/ carrier bags
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<b>3. How many of bags of refuse of this size do you dispose of every week?</b>	
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<b>4. Where do put your rubbish (circle)?</b>	Public bin	Private bin
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<b>5. How many of the following do you dispose of every week? (Please tick if you recycle these)</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Recycle?</b>
Glass bottles, jars, etc.		
Metal cans, etc.		
Plastic bottles, etc.		
Newspapers, magazines, etc.		
Food waste & other composable material (number of bags)		

<b>6. If you recycle which recycling point do you use? (Please tick)</b>			
Abbey Road		Daily Bread, Kilmaine Close	
Adam & Eve Street		Greyhound Pub, Coldhams Lane	
Beehive Centre, Coldhams Lane		McDonalds, Newmarket Road	
Byron Square Recreation Ground		Mitcham's Corner	
Campkin Road		Park Street Car Park	
Castle Hill		Sainsbury's, Coldhams Lane	
Chesterton Recreation Ground, Church Street		The Ship Pub, Northfields Avenue	
Cowley Road Park & Ride		Tesco, Newmarket Road	
Other (please specify)			

<b>7. How would you like the refuse collection/recycling service?</b>
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