



camboaters

January 2007

Happy 2007 you hearty boaters, may all your dreams come true!

The Boat Advent proved to be a Massive Success. Thanks to all participants, what a truly creative and clever bunch you are! The committee wish to give a prize for the best dressed boat, please send your nominations to the secretary and to also reserve your dates for this year's Boat Advent contact the secretary on zoe_trent@yahoo.co.uk.

Conservators of the River Cam Launch New Workboat! - The maiden voyage of the new workboat was celebrated with a toast and a short cruise from Baits Bite to Clayhithe on Thursday 14th December 2006. The boat was purpose built by HMS of Brundall, Norfolk and it is guaranteed to make Colin and Ralph's jobs even easier. So if you do come across the odd bike or fallen tree in the river, do give the Cam Con a call at their new offices at Baits Bite on 01223 863785. The bright yellow vessel has been christened `Michael C' in honour of Chairman Professor Michael Chisholm, who has announced that he will relinquish his position at the end of the year.

The next Cam Con meeting will be held on Thursday 11th of January 2007, in Committee Room 1 (The Heidelberg Room) at The Guildhall, Cambridge at 9.30am.

Review of Moorings Policy - A meeting was held to review the moorings policy and recommend improvements to the current system. Partners and stakeholders were asked to review the following issues:

- Administration of River Mooring Policy
- Areas prohibited and permitted for mooring
- Terms and Conditions of the Mooring Licence
- Wide Beam Mooring
- Numbers of Licences made available
- Arrangements for visitor mooring
- Application Process
- Indicative Charges for 2007/08 and VAT liability
- Priorities for Improvements
- Riverside Moorings

These recommendations have been made to the Executive Councillor:

- 1 To consider and approve the revised areas of prohibited and permitted mooring;
- 2 To consider and approve the changes to the Terms and Conditions of the River Mooring Licence for 2007/08;
- 3 To consider and approve the assessment criteria for allocation of Moorings Licences 2007/08;
- 4 To consider and approve the associated charging structure for 2007/08;
- 5 To consider and approve a new policy relating to wide beam vessels;
- 6 To consider and approve the approach to visitor moorings;
- 7 To instruct officers to continue to assist the County Council in relation to consideration on moorings issues on the Riverside Area;
- 8 Note the suggestions for additions to the improvements programme;
- 9 Note the valued contribution of partners and stakeholders in the implementation and review of the River Moorings Policy.

The Executive Councillor will then present recommendations to the Scrutiny Committee on January 18th. Contact Alistair Wilson for a copy of this document: 01223 457546 or alistair.wilson@cambridge.gov.uk.

Check this out - A £40,000 capital bid has been made by Council Officers to support a £60,000 refurbishment and improvement scheme for the Pump Out at Jesus Green. A decision will be made in March 2007. This could well mean another pumpout on Stourbridge sooner than we expect if they are successful with their bid. Good Luck to them.

Cam Cleanup - Please contact myself or Mark (riverclassrogers@googlemail.com) to volunteer your services, we are hoping to hold the event on either the 3rd or final weekend of March this year. So far we have a very small crew, it would be fantastic if we could boost our numbers and make this into a national environmental success.



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Happy 40th Dave Orton, you old Pirate!!!

Pay it forward - What a debacle or maybe that's just the way it goes. It seems unfair for the Council to ask one to suddenly come up with three months back pay, especially when you thought you wouldn't have to pay it, never mind that straight after the Xmas holidays isn't ideal either! However a contract was signed for a years mooring and we should count ourselves lucky that we have got somewhere to tie our ropes. Once again shabby treatment, we take it on the chin and carry on like 'nowt's appened!' Ummm... me thinks next time someone has to be held accountable and responsible. Impartial. Any other views phone Alistair or Julie on 01223 457546.

You can take the boat to the water point... but can you put a water point on Stourbridge Common? Watch out for works being carried out, as we are led to believe we can shortly expect a second source of water at the Riverside entrance to Stourbridge Common.

House-keeping meeting - For those of you who are interested in seeing how your money is being spent and wish to have more input into how it is used up, I am organising a House-keeping meeting with Active Communities. They are the City Council department who coordinate the Moorings Policy. It is high time we prioritised the schedule of implementation of services and facilities. We might also be able to avoid any more mistakes being made by the team in charge!

Camboaters Constitution - our aims and objectives are listed below. Are they out of date, are they practical or realistic? Do you have any suggestions or ideas of what we should be striving for? If so, please forward them to me or info@camboaters.co.uk.

Aims / Objects :~

- a) To promote the recreational use of the River Cam for all it's users without distinction of sex, or of political, sexual, or other opinions, by associating together with the Statutory

Authorities, Voluntary Organisations and Residents on the River in a common effort to protect, preserve and enhance the amenities available in relation to the River Cam.

- b) To work with the City Council and Cam Conservators to agree a structured mooring plan that reflects the needs, safety and welfare of all those that live aboard their vessels upon the Cam or areas connected to them.
- c) To establish or secure the establishment of a marina facility in Cambridge.

Krawdaddy - Local band Krawdaddy - Whose members include Pat Bradbury and Frank Cooke, former residents on nb Tumbling Water and now currently residing on db Sweet Virginia moored on Midsummer Common are releasing their first album in the next month. Look out for news of their launch gig, album review and gig dates. Or go to myspace - the krawdaddy.

If you have any news, stories, information for the Newsletter or Website please forward them to me - lutherp1@orange.net or Lisa - lisabonetti@hotmail.com.

Next Camboaters Committee Meeting:

6:30pm, Wednesday 10th January 2007

On my boat: Tjoba - ZZ11, Stourbridge Common.

There are still many areas which need to be improved, if you have any suggestion or ideas for the Camboaters Committee to take forward please do not hesitate to contact a committee member, if you do not have their address they can be contacted on info@camboaters.co.uk.

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Be safe at night, on the water and on 'yer bike!

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