



# Telltales

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## Albert Ross Column

The Snowdrop series is now well underway and it can't be said that there has been a shortage of wind.

The number of starters seems to have been proportional to the weather conditions. A combination of heavy wind and rain on the second weekend reduced the number of starters down to just seven.

The last Sunday of March promised to be wet and windy from all the forecasts but it turned out to be good to poor wind and at times blinding sunshine. Let us hope the remainder of the year can give us a few good sailing days like that one.

Later in this issue is a piece about the OOD discussion evening held in March. Mike Pritchard did a piece on setting a course. I'm pleased few of those who attended sailed on March 30th when the OOD who's name will not be men-

tioned here gave us a course which appeared to come out of a macramé pattern book. The result for those of us who could follow the pattern got a good sail. A better, longer beat would have been an improvement but it is hard to produce an ideal course on our small water.



## Fitting out Supper

Come on down to the clubhouse on Friday 4th April and have a fun evening.

For a measly £6 per head you can enjoy a pie and peas supper supplemented by live music and a short quiz.

A guest beer will be on tap alongside our normal supply of Ruddles Best Bitter, canned

lager, canned beers and plenty of soft drinks for those driving or simply don't like the alcohol.

Start gun 19:30 hours.

4th April  
19:30 hours  
Clubhouse

**Wednesday evening sailing**

Wednesday evening sailing starts 2nd April with the start gun firing at 19:00.

We tried running three evening series last year with the third series starting at 18:30 with races lasting approx 45 minutes. This formula was well supported and so the sailing committee elected to continue with this pattern for this year. First series runs through to June 4th with 6 of the 10 races to count towards the results.

**Training**

Your handbook contains dates when we hope to run some sail training outside of the RYA formal framework.

Mike Pritchard is heading the training but is rather busy at work and we may not be able to resource all of the dates. Please look out for a Yahooogroup message finalising details.

**Friday evening sailing**

This coming Friday, 4th April, is not only the date for the Fitting Out Supper, but it is also the first Friday for 'Friday Night Cruising'.

So why not come along a bit early for the Fitting Out Supper and get a bit of time on the water first. I'm hoping to get down straight after work and so hopefully I should be there by 4:00.

It sounds like it should be a good evening.

***RYA Training***

***May 2008 level***

***1 & 2 course***

***now full. Places***

***still available***

***for September***

***and October***

**Trent Valley Sailing Club visit**

Many of you took part in last years event where we invited TVSC into the club for a three race, one day series. Everyone who took part enjoyed themselves and TVSC were very complimentary of the club and our organization although historically we are miles apart.

This year a return event has been arranged for us to visit them at Trent Lock. Getting there is not the easiest thing if you don't know the route as you have to go through a farm and across a couple of fields. Some of the road is also well

potholed so trailing a boat will be slow in some parts. Please don't let this put you off. It is a good opportunity to sail on the river and if the wind is in the right direction give you plenty of tacking practice.

TVSC is the oldest inland sailing club in the country and they recently celebrated the centenary of their wonderful clubhouse (although I believe it takes a lot of looking after these days) which is a listed building.

TVSC is a friendly club and I am sure you will get a lot out of

the day.

The event starts at 11:00 on Sunday 27th April.

Food will be available in the clubhouse at their normal prices. They do have a live in cook and full meals are available on Sundays I believe, or just a snack.

Let us see if we can come away with sailing prizes the same way as we have won the quiz prizes during the last couple of months.

## How to get to TVSC

In Long Eaton go down Meadow Lane, past the old dairy, and cross the railway line. Immediate turn right and go down Trent Lane which follows the railway line. It quite quickly becomes somewhat potholed so watch your speed. Follow the lane which becomes a farm track. The track curves to the left in front of the farm buildings and through the field taking you to a humback bridge across the canal. HAZARD—watch out for grounding of some cars and possibly the trailer. Down the other side and the track is quite clear across the field and under the railway. Once you come out from under the bridges the way across the field is not so clear to the TVSC car park, just head towards the clubhouse and you will see where others are parked..



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