

Albert Ross Column

I must apologize for the file size of the last newsletter. I used a different software package which created a file not over large but not a common format. I converted it to .pdf and didn't check the size. It was only when I sent the document and went away to make a cuppa after slaving over the keyboard, coming back to find it was still running did I discover the size. Hope not many of you use dial up.

Winter is certainly with us as we exit January and enter February. The gales which we have experienced recently have not, so far, caused any damage but it is clear that some boats have not been tied down. Please ensure your boat is secure because if it does blow over or around the compound there is a risk of damage to other boats not just your own. Be a good neighbor.

With no sailing all emphasis has been on maintenance and improving the club facilities. Work has started clearing the trailer parking between the fence and the containers. The wet weather has stalled this work but the plastic has started to be laid prior to the arrival of some road stone which we hope will prevent the weeds taking over again. Richard is doing a fine job building a shower for the ladies and some new benches to go in their changing room. Steve Coupe has been leading the work taking down the flag pole from the end of the clubhouse and refurbishing it together with a new weather station. (we will be able to measure the rain as well as know we are getting wet!)

Only two people contacted Jonathon Adams expressing an interest in a bus trip to the Din-



Richard Wood wiring up the ladies shower.

ghy Show in March and consequently the club will not be arranging anything.

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The new entry gate

Anyone who has been down to Attenborough recently will know that Derbyshire County Council have replaced our entry gate and fitted it with a locking device which allows use of our lock and Network Rail's lock on the same gate. Looking at how some people have tried to fit the lock it was thought that a little advise may help those of us

who are not mechanically minded.

To open the gate, remove the padlock, withdraw the locking bar by sliding it out from the road side of the gate. Slide the latch back and the gate is open. Locking the gate is a simple reverse of the above. It makes it easier if you put the locking bar through with the Network Rail

lock on the road side of the gate as the security hood has been sized to take our larger lock on the car park side.

Always lock the gate behind you . Please never leave our lock loose other than whilst you come through the gate. It is expensive if we have to buy new.

Entry gate



RYA Training

***Combined level
1 and 2 courses
are being held
in May,
September and
October. Take
up is already
strong so if you
are interested
booking forms
can be found on
our website***

This picture shows a view of the gate locking mechanism looking towards the car parking area. The locking bar to which the padlock attaches goes through the hole below the inverted V shaped guard. Install the bar with the Network Rail padlock on this side of the gate.

The method should be obvious when you see the gate in the flesh but please refit the lock correctly whenever you go through the gate. We never know when the road is required by contractors maintaining the railway so we have a obligation to correctly lock the gate.

Thanks for your understanding.



Kevin and Mark painting the clubhouse on a bright sunny Saturday morning. There are plenty of jobs for people of all skill types and abilities. Come down any Saturday morning or contact Steve Coupe 07901986651 or scoupe40@btinternet.com

Instructors undertake first aid course

A first aid course was held in the clubhouse early in January. To maintain their certification Instructors at all levels have a need to undertake a suitable first aid refresher every three years. For some of our instructors who have held their certification for some time this may be a change. If you hold an Instructors ticket and want to continue with training please ensure you first aid is up to date.

We can arrange another course if there are sufficient

members wishing to take the qualification. The training is quite basic and only takes about six hours.



Communication

Yahoo Group

Did you know the club maintains a Yahoo Group site? This allows members to post communications which they feel are of general interest to other members of the club.

The site is moderated just to ensure that the messages are of general interest and not better aimed at an individual otherwise you are free to post anything of a sailing nature.

There is a link on the web site, www.attenboroughsc.org.uk

E-mail addresses

Even though we ask members to provide their e-mail address, if they have one, on the subscription renewal form we still have a number of e-mails which bounce when we try to use them. If you have regular access to e-mail and you are not receiving Telltales or Dutymanager communications via this method can you please send Roger Day an up to date address. Roger will ensure the membership listing is updated.

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