

# Stourport Marina Newsletter

Winter 2011

## Introduction

Welcome to the winter newsletter, as we approach the end of another season the weather continues to be really kind to us. Here we are in November and we are still able to cruise around in the sunshine.

## Marina Clubhouse



The Clubhouse got off to a flying start in time for the season in the capable hands of Tess & Paul.

The entertainment provided has been and continues to be, much varied, catering for all ages and seems to have proven very popular. Keep your eye out for forthcoming events

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As most of you are aware Tess suffered a badly broken leg recently which, thankfully, is now well on the recovery trail.

## Boat Sales & Chandlery

The move to the new office went quite smoothly and we have received many positive comments from yourselves, as well as visitors, stating how much more professional we appear. The boat sales have grown and continue to do so, largely due to the fresh approach and our willingness as a company to venture into new areas. We have become agents for Sea Otter, Rodman, GSA Atlanta and most recently Beneteau's Antares range. The Chandlery will be stocked in good time for next season.

## Work in Progress

We have started the winter maintenance program beginning with finger re-planking.

You will have noticed that the Willow trees overhanging the pontoons have been coppiced, prevent heavy leaf fall which has vastly improved the appearance of the whole site, your compliments have been gratefully received.

## Insure your Boat



You may be considering insurance for your boat. If you are not already insured with Haven Knox-Johnston may we remind you that they offer a 10% reduction in premium if you are moored within one of our marinas.

We have also negotiated a further 5% discount with Haven Knox-Johnston for all Tingdene Marinas Loyalty Card holders.

If you would like to obtain a quote for insuring your boat, please contact Haven Knox-Johnston on 01732 223600.

**Email: [haven@amlin.co.uk](mailto:haven@amlin.co.uk)**

## Marina Main Gates

The automation of the main gates, having ironed out the gremlins, seems to be have been well received and as expected much improved site security.

## Winter is coming

Hopefully we will not suffer the extremes of last year however, remember to make arrangements to winterise your boat. This should include the draining of all water systems. Please do not rely just on the electric supply and heaters, as the electricity supply cannot be guaranteed. Last year a number of boats suffered serious damage from freezing.

## Safety

Please ensure that you sound your vessels horn when entering / leaving the Marina and always proceed with caution. New signs have been ordered for the bridge.

May we remind you that a **5mph** speed limit applies to all road and car park areas of the site and ask that you also inform your visitors. Again new signs have been ordered.

Keep pontoons clear of all objects likely to cause a hazard.

## Dogs

The vast majority of dog owners are responsible and considerate however, there is still a small minority who allow their pets to foul within the grounds without clearing it up. So if you are amongst

this small minority please spare a thought for others.

As well as the safety implication this is another reason why they must be kept on a lead.



## Pollution

If you remove diesel or oil from your bilge we have a waste oil tank in the far corner of the bottom yard. Please do not dump contaminants into the water this includes ensuring automatic bilge pumps are isolated if you are aware of a potential problem.

## Solid Fuel Heating

Could we ask all boaters with solid fuel fires to consider others and only use smokeless fuel, which may be purchased from the office, thank you.

## Newsletter

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email in the future, please e-mail [stourportmarina@tingdene.net](mailto:stourportmarina@tingdene.net)

## Winter Hours

Opening hours are:  
 Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri,  
 9.00am till 5.00pm  
 Tuesdays: Closed  
 Sat & Sun: 10.00am - 4.00pm

**The office will close for Christmas at 5pm Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of December and re-open 9am January 4<sup>th</sup>**

Please make sure you have sufficient Electricity Cards, Coal etc to last during the closedown.

## And finally....

Mal, Dan & Luke at the Marina thank you for your continued support and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

