

We are all delighted that Diane Siddall and Glynn Saunt have taken over Still Waters. Chrissy and Grahame have done an amazing job over the last six years, serving the community and going the extra mile whenever needed. They are now having some well-earned and well-needed rest, handing the reins over to Diane and Glynn, who are welcomed by us. Still Waters is the corner shop at the heart of the Mercia community and it is a delight that it's being taken over by two of our own!

Glynn and Diane came into Mercia Marina on their first boat way back in 2011. After six months, they decided to venture out on the cut where they cruised and lived happily over the following three years. In 2014 they bought their second boat and moved back to Mercia where they've been ever since.

Their boating lives began because they lived locally and had come down to the towpath to walk the dog. And, as you do, they got to know some of the boaters moored out on the cut and as they learned more about boats and became more familiar with the life-style they thought it would be a new way of life for them. They've not looked back since.

Both of them had been couriers—Glynn

for 15 years and Diane for ten. Then, in 2019, Chrissy offered Diane a job at Still Waters, which she was happy to accept. In summer 2020 Grahame was thinking of retiring and they asked whether Diane and Glynn would be interested in taking over the business.

It was just too good an opportunity to turn down. It was the perfect fit so they said "yes" and took over the reins on

the 1 January 2021.

In these strange times, they are looking forward to the future and keeping COVID free.

We need our corner shop more than ever and 'shopping local' is a real blessing, both us in the Marina and the local community, who rely on similarly dedicated local shops in the vicinity.

Glynn and Diane are open to the idea of new ranges of foods and drinks and welcome suggestions and ideas from the community. Please let them know if there are things you would like them to try out or stock.

As well as their coal and gas, they are also doing a free food delivery to boats and lodges, so if you would like this service, please let them know.

They are very pleased that Sandra is continuing to work

with them; her experience at Still Waters is a great asset they say.

And they would like to take the opportunity to welcome Coral who has now joined them at Still Waters.

*Still Waters phone number remains the same—01283 707474—and for the current period they will open 9am–5pm every day of the week.*



## Our new 'Shop Stewards'

### Forum Representatives:

Here is an updated list of the current Forum Representatives and the area of the marina they cover.

#### Kerrie Fletcher

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#### Nigel Hunt

(NB Mary Ann) Egret, Finch, Grebe, Heron  
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#### Stuart Willington

(NB Ladybird) Ibis, Jay, Kingfisher

Lapwing, Moorhen  
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#### Jacquie Croker

(NB Laissez-Faire) Nuthatch, Owl, Peregrine and Quail  
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#### John Lousvet

(NB No More Mondays) Redshank, Sandpiper, Teal, Upland Goose  
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**Jane Crafts** (NB Emily Jane) Lodges, Veery, Woodcock, Xantus, Yellowhammer  
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### Covid Restrictions

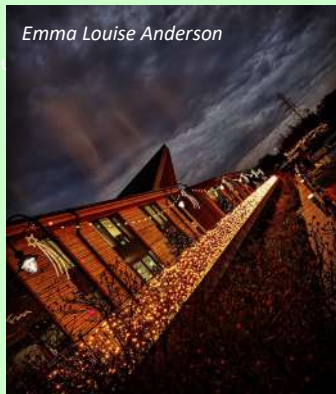
You will know that England is currently in National Lockdown and we should be



staying at home and only leaving for one of the

permitted reasons. If you leave home for exercise, then the guidance is you should stay local and for those in and around the Marina, our area is defined as the boundaries of the South Derbyshire District Council.

Stay safe and look out for each other. Behave as though you have the virus.



Emma Louise Anderson



Alice Hair



Phoebe Thompson



Stacey Brewer

## October's Photography Competition Winners

Congratulations to Emma Louise Anderson, Alice Hair, Phoebe Thompson and Stacey Brewer for their festive-inspired images. Each winner receives either a bottle of Prosecco or a box of chocolates from the Marina office.

If you take an image you think merits inclusion in the Mercury, submit your entries to [tony@merciamarina.co.uk](mailto:tony@merciamarina.co.uk)



### Boat Street

Boat Street—the narrowboat Tea Room just by Potlocks Bridge outside the Marina—now has a very regular customer.....Bobbin the Robin. Visiting whenever Chris and Kim are open, he/she welcomes snacks and is happy to pose for photographers!

In other news Boat St. has been approved to operate trips from The Dragon pub and keep the café open after lockdown finishes. That, together with their recently acquired 5-Star Food Hygiene rating will, we hope, have them going from strength to strength.



### Radio Repton Online

has a range of programmes for you to enjoy. Made by people in the neighbourhood and with a real local flavour. You will hear them repeated a few times each day so don't worry if you think you have missed something. Each night "Sleepless In Repton" will feature programmes especially selected to keep you company and help you relax.

Programmes include poetry and short story readings, chatting to local people with an interesting profession or hobby, well-trying and tasty recipes, a quiz and a novel read in serialised episodes. At night there's music, relaxation sessions and episodes from the serialised novel. Every Saturday there will be a whole new schedule of programmes, some regular features, and some completely new.

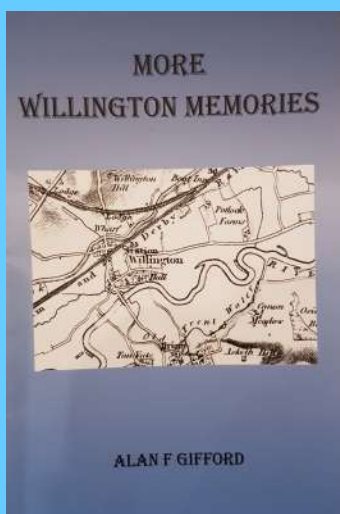
*If you'd like to be involved or be in touch, email [radiorepton@gmail.com](mailto:radiorepton@gmail.com) or their Community Facebook page.*

## A New Local History

Willington historian Alan

Gifford has lived in the village for over 60 years and his new book 'More Willington Memories' has just been published. It is a complete re-working of the previous 'Willington Memories' with over 100 pages, and photographs, old and new.

It is a fascinating read with stories of Willington's people, its trade, its lost buildings and much, much more; a record of Willington's past, present



and maybe it's future. There is plenty for boat-ers to find interesting with a whole section on the canal, the wharf and our marina, but Alan also focuses on the village's shops and business, law and order and how the Trent has shaped the village into what it is today.

It is priced £10 with all profits going to the Village Hall extension fund.

*You can get your copy by safe socially-distanced, front-door sale from Tony & Mary Whittaker, 36 Trent Avenue, Willington (though it's best to ring 01283 702229 first to check they are in.)*

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