



Marina Development The Promontory:

As reported last month, there is a revised plan for the promontory. There will be a Bar/Bistro with indoor and outdoor seating, retail units and office space. The interest in the units is good and a good quality experienced operator for the Bar/Bistro has approached the Marina. The farm shop is still keen as is another operator. The portents are therefore good and the plan is still to begin construction in October this year for a grand opening in Spring 2014.

Plans and more details are available from Robert if anyone would like to know more. The Marina Partners believe this "Phase I" development will be of a real benefit to the Marina, moorers and lodge owners and the comments being made round and about are overwhelmingly positive.

Current Promontory Residents

The Promontory is currently being well used by wildlife. The Oystercatchers hatched four chicks in the mid May and, just before they left the nest, they were ringed by Michael and Rose. Last year and the



year before, the adult birds lost their eggs, so this is their first set of chicks at Mercia.

It won't be easy to keep all four safe; we can help them, other nestlings and fledged young by keeping our distance and respecting the Wildlife Area boards placed on the Marina at known nesting areas. It would be good to have dogs on leads on the Promontory so that they don't scatter the birds and chicks. The Phase I development will still leave areas free for the birds.



Forum Representative

Steve Frost (WB Donovan) on Quail Pontoon has been elected as the new Forum Rep. for Nuthatch, Owl, Peregrine and Quail Pontoons. If you have any matters that you would like raised in the next Forum meeting (which will be on Tuesday 4 June), please let Steve know.

Forum Reps do try to get round to all 'their' boats and lodges but it's not easy to catch people there. Don't wait to be found if you've something to say - contact your Rep!

Fire Safety Talk on Friday

Friday 31st May 6.45pm Willow Tree Tea Rooms



Firefighters will be raising awareness of fire safety afloat as part of National Boat Fire Safety Week.

Please join us in the Willows on Friday 31st of May for an evening talk about fire safety with Kate McLaughlin, COMMUNITY FIRE SAFETY OFFICER.

The talk will start at 6.45pm and last for around 45mins. All are welcome.

Fire safety is just as important on a boat as it is in the home. By following some simple advice you can ensure your boating activities are safe and enjoyable.

TALK IN THE WILLOWS 31ST MAY

The Green Man, Willington

Liam and Angie invite you to come to the Green Man, following a major refurbishment.

Showing your Mercia Marina Club Card will give you 10% off your food bill and the new menu has lots of delicious home-made classics waiting to be sampled! There are great cask ales to be enjoyed in the opened-up bar/lounge area and - judging by the busy (newly re-done) car park/pub garden area over the last few days - people are already finding it. Liam - an Australian - has come to Willington with a lot of pub experience - most recently in Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Humberside. He, and his partner Angie, are also musicians (acoustic and folk), so keep your eyes open for news of music nights and events



Musical Moorers

Steve Evans and Tick Tick Boom

Tick Tick Boom are a five piece rock covers band. We cover a wide range of rock songs from the 70s right up to present day including the likes of Deep Purple, Bad Company, Free, Thin Lizzy, AC/DC, Billy Idol, Stereophonics and many more. We're becoming very successful in the Burton/Derby area, frequently being asked back to venues for repeat gigs. More information is on the band website: www.ticktickboomband.co.uk which contains a full list of all gigs throughout the year and a link to the Facebook page.



5 Piece Rock Covers Band

- The Crown, Alrewas - Sat 20th April at 9pm
- The Star & Garter Burton - Fri 26th April at 9pm
- The Chequers, Breaston - Sat 27th April at 9pm
- The Roebuck, Burton - Sun 28th April at 5.30pm
- Shardlow Marina - Sat 4th May at 9pm
- The Old Royal Oak, Burton - Sun 5th May at 2.30pm
- The Poet & Castle, Codnor - Mon 6th May at 7.30pm
- The Steamboat, Trent Lock - Sat 11th May at 9pm
- The Bear, Swadincote - Sat 18th May at 9pm
- The George & Dragon, Ashbourne - Fri 24th May at 9pm
- The Crown, Heathley - Sat 25th May at 9pm

On Saturday, 27th July they will be playing at The Millhouse, Stretton. All Mercia boaters will know this is just past Bridge 29 on the T&M, takes about an hour, there are no locks and there is lots of mooring space right outside.

Travel Logs

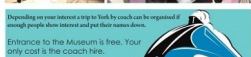
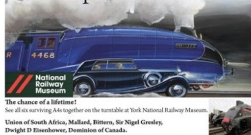
Don't forget to put a note in the Travel Log Book in the Office if you've been out on your boat recently and are willing to share your experience of pubs, moorings, service points etc. And if you're not on your boat, this might be the next best thing - Richard and Sue (nb



Tichanme) moored up thirty miles from Taigh Iain Ghrò. Pretty spectacular, eh?

YorkTrip

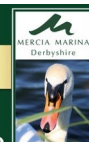
Tuesday 9th July
75TH ANNIVERSARY
World Speed Record



For more details contact Harvey on NB Water Music (W Pontoon) - 07817 398 593

Trains or Shops? A great day out on the 9th of July. Lots of people already going, so if you want to join them, go to Still Waters and get your name down quickly. The cost is a share of the coach hire plus your own spend.

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JUNE QUIZ NEXT WEEK



**Moorers & Lodge Owners
Mercia Marina QUIZ NIGHT
Wednesday 5th June**

Venue: The Willow Tree Tea Rooms @ 7.15 pm
(Quiz starts at 7.30pm).

£1 per team member. Spaces are limited, so please prebook your spaces with Lucy, either by email to lucy@merciamarina.co.uk or pop into the Marina Office.

If you don't have a full team, don't worry, let us know at the Office and we will try and introduce you to others to complete your team.

■ Complimentary drinks and snacks supplied courtesy of Mercia Marina.

Come along for a bit of fun. All entry fees go into the prize fund for the lucky winning team!

The June quiz is on Wednesday 5th ... just a few days away. So if you've not already let the Office know you'd like to take part, get on the phone, text or email now!! High entertainment value, no knowledge needed!!

Looking After the Wood

Sunday, 19 May was a lovely day. A group of volunteers crossed Potlocks Bridge to do some work in the wood opposite the Marina. There was Jules, Tony and Margaret (Lodge Owners), Jo and Wynne, Andy (Willington Volunteers' Group) and his son Arthur (who copies his Dad in everything - check the photograph!) and Phil (Derby Railway Angling Club) and his

daughter Sophie. So very much a community group. Andy put up a designer bird box but the main purpose of the morning's work was to plant 1,500 Wood Anemone and Lesser Celandine bulbs. They will take time to get established, but we hope they will create a carpet amongst the trees like the ones in the photographs. It sounds like a huge task but with everyone working, it only took an hour or so. Then we did some glass clearing - smashed bottles by a fire site.



The Willington Community Conservation Group (Jules is the Marina's representative on this and it also involves C&RT) is planning various projects for the towpath and land between the Marina and Willington so that the whole area is attractive to wildlife and family friendly.



Photograph shows: Arthur, Andy, Tony, Phil and Jules

Willington Village Hall, Twyford Road, Willington, Derbyshire. DE65 6DE

Life after Life

Bringing what many believe constitutes evidence of survival after the experiences of a Physical Life

A SPECIAL EVENING OF MEDIUMSHIP

With Experienced Spiritual Mediums
Karen Haycock & Heather K Haywood

This evening includes Refreshments & Raffle
Donations going to Willington Hall & Local Wild Life Volunteers

Doors open 7pm
Starting promptly at
7:30pm - 10pm
On **Saturday 6th July 2013**

An intriguing, interesting and thought provoking evening bringing the Love, Thoughts and Memories of those Friends and Loved Ones that have gone before us and made their transition to the World of Spirit.

Entrance Tickets **£5 each**

Tickets now available from the Mercia Marina Office and the Stillwaters Shop or you can book tickets by Telephoning 07541 830658
Entrance Tickets may be available on the door, subject to availability.
No admissions after 7.30pm

Please note : Advance tickets are only available from the Mercia Marina Office or by telephoning the number on the poster.

Willington Arts Festival

There were 40 entries in the Mercia Art Competition on the theme "Water Living". Over 300 votes were cast for the entries over two days of the Arts Festival. After counting and verifying the votes, Tony Preston announced the category winners and overall winner. Tony (whose hard work made the Competition possible) says: "Thank you to each and every one of you who entered. We became very fond of seeing the delightful artwork every day at the Marina Office and we hope the artists all continue to flourish."



Painting Category Winner– Imogen Lewis (age 8) with Swan & Cygnets



Sculpture Category Winner – Hayley Powell with Swan & Babies. A delightful sculpture from our resident Artist Blacksmith.



Mixed Media Category Winner– Libby Orton (age 13) with Spotty Frog. This was among a set of excellent entries from local schools.



Photography Category Winner– Ella Clifton-Gould (age 14) with Swan & Cygnets. A very charming and sweet photograph with a nice mixture of texture and colour. Not difficult to see why it attracted a good number of votes.



And, finally, the Drawing Category and the Overall Winner: Teresa Withington with Marinascape. Well done Teresa. There is so much to see in your drawing. I particularly liked the whale ... though I have to confess I've not seen one in the Marina recently!

