

## AIR AMBULANCE



The Derbyshire, Rutland and Leicestershire Air Ambulance had two gifts from the Marina over recent weeks. The first was the magnificent sum of over £600 from Chrissy and Grahame (Still Waters Shop) who asked for donations rather than wedding presents. The photograph shows John Burney accepting the cheque from Chrissy and Grahame, who would like to thank everyone who contributed.



Then there was a small Mercia charity fishing competition amongst experienced fisherman with half the entry money intended for the Air Ambulance. In the event, the winners decided to donate their prize money as well and this made a total gift of £40 for the Air Ambulance. Credit to the moorers involved for their work in organising the event, particularly Dave Roberts.



Our thanks to  
Midland Chandlers  
for their support for  
the Newsletter.

## THE BOATERS & LODGE OWNERS FORUM

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FORUM REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION FORM



The Forum is intended to engage and inform members of the Marina, to allow for the frank and honest exchange of views, opinions and wishes between elected representatives and marina management. With a 'general election' taking place for all representatives, nominations and votes are being invited. A leaflet is available by email or from the Office which gives the details of election process, the date deadlines for votes and how people can be nominated. Boaters and Lodge Owners can nominate whomever they choose as long as their home mooring/lodge is in the corresponding area and the leaflet carries the names of those who have already expressed their willingness to be a Rep. Please get involved; this is your Forum and you should make your choice known.

Forum Representative nominees and areas:

**Mike Coates**  
NB Aphrodite  
**Martin Sme**  
NB Tu Tu Tun

Albatross  
Avocet  
Blackbird  
Bullfinch  
Zebra Dove

**Nigel Hunt**  
NB Mary Ann  
**Sarah Cunningham**  
NB Speedy's Ace

Egret  
Finch  
Grebe  
Heron

**Ian Cowlshaw**  
WB Popsey Bell  
**Keith Seals**  
NB Roly Brick

Ibis  
Jay  
Kingfisher  
Lapwing  
Moorhen

**Maisie Trotman**  
NB Global Spirit  
**Tony Wilkinson**  
NB Cheers

Nuthatch  
Owl  
Peregrine  
Quail

**Viv Thompson**  
WB Steel Blue Lady  
**Keith Tonge**  
NB Ternstraw

Redshank  
Sandpiper  
Teal  
Upland Goose.

**Richard Tandy**  
NB Mystic River  
**Bob Drummond**  
NB Mrs D

Veery  
Woodcock  
Xantus  
Yellowhammer  
Lodges.

## 5 STAR WILLOW TREE TEA ROOMS



Congratulations to Helen Deaville and Willow Tree Tea Rooms for the 5 Star Hygiene Rating awarded by the Food Standards Agency. It is a thoroughly justified credit to Helen for all the hard work, vision and effort that she and her staff have put into the Willow Tree Tea Rooms. Fantastic news indeed and we are all very pleased for them.

## RECYCLING

Jude Cleary, who has made a big contribution to the Marina's recycling programme, asks everyone to treat the recycling area with care and avoid being lazy. Recently, she has taken Dog Poo bags and kitchen waste (food remnants) from the Orange recycling bins to transfer to the general waste bins. At least once a week she takes glass bottles from the same orange bins and put them in the designated bottle bins (also removing the plastic bags that people put the bottles in and putting them back in the orange recycling bins). And the glass bin is right beside the Orange Recycling Bin. Although the Mansfield recycling depot of Veolia is much more automated than it was, there is still hand picking and sorting done so she is sending out a plea for responsible recycling.

The bins with the Orange stripe on are only for paper, cardboard, tins and plastics marked as recyclable by having the triangular logo on.

## CHANGES ON THE BOARDWALK

annie & george



Annie & George, the delightful outlet at the end of the Boardwalk which has been providing the best quality children's clothing, toys and gifts, is moving on.



Steve Robinson, who has this store along with Bluewater Clothing and Molly & Co, has been pleased with the business it's done but believes it will do better in a different environment. A Nottinghamshire couple are taking Annie & George away with them, lock, stock and logo and we wish them well with an enterprise we

White Finn  
CLOTHING

loved having in the Boardwalk's first year. In its place, Steve is introducing White Finn clothing in two-thirds of the open plan space –womenswear lifestyle clothing at average pricing and more casual ranges including well-known brands such as Lily and Me, Lazy Jacks and Brakeburn Footwear. White Finn will complement Bluewater and offer additional browsing opportunities to the growing number of Boardwalk customers.

MR ROBINSON



Mr Robinson's Menswear comes in to occupy prime position in the final third. Steve's son, Luke, established Mr Robinson eighteen months ago in Ashby de la Zouch, opening its doors to gentleman looking for stylish and classic clothes with quality fabrics at an affordable price.



Mr Robinson's Menswear has gone from strength to strength now offering a wet shave and barber's service in the back of the store. At the Boardwalk concession, Luke will continue to offer personal customer service, quality clothing and, in the future, a grooming area to offer all local customers a reason to shop out of town. Shirts, knitwear, leather footwear, ties, accessories, colognes and aftershave will all be there under brand names such as Loakes, Barker shoes, Remus Uomo, Eden Park and Matinique. Steve and Rachel are great fans of the Marina and The Boardwalk. He says the customers are fantastic, arriving with an upbeat energy and enjoyment of the surroundings and he is delighted with the success of all their businesses. He sees Mr Robinson's Menswear, which brings Luke on site, and his new store White Finn as starting the next chapter in their story. He hopes that they may turn the first page of that story (i.e. open the new shops!) on the first weekend in October. We wish him and the whole family well and the men are looking forward to exploring Mr Robinson's Menswear!

## GOLDEN WINDLASS



Four Golden Windlasses were agreed at the last Forum Meeting.

i) A moorer was taken ill one evening and, having taken NHS advice, needed to go to hospital. Mike off NB *Aphrodite* and Chris off *Mrs. D.* drove/accompanied her to hospital and then home many hours later, spending the intervening hours being on hand and making sure she was O.K. They have been nominated for a Golden Windlass for their support and care through what had been a very worrying time.

ii) Tom off NB *Amanda* has been nominated for his prompt action and help for a neighbouring boater. The neighbour was working on his boat when an engine battery exploded causing some cuts and burns from the acid. Tom went to his aid and drove him to hospital.

iii) Kev and Angie off NB *Chelwood* have been nominated for their commitment to the Community Bike scheme. They have assessed bikes gifted by the Marina and others and advised on roadworthiness, giving substantial amounts of their time as well as their expertise to ensuring the scheme was launched successfully and now continuing their involvement as the scheme is evidently popular and well used.

iv) Wynne off NB *Voyager* has been nominated for his involvement over the years in assisting boaters and lodge owners with their computing and wifi/internet needs. He has willingly responded to calls for help from dozens of people, spending evenings and weekends sorting problems.

## HOME IS WHERE MY BOAT IS!



Soundings - The Newsletter of the Residential Boat Owners' Association – had a lovely photograph (taken by Beryl McDowall) on the back cover of its September/October 2015 edition. Dave was clearly cruising The Soar with Alacrity!



## A DRY DOCK EXERCISE WITH DERBYSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE



Mercia is committed to demonstrating responsibility and care for all marina users and working with the emergency services is a core part of that policy. On 27th August, three fire appliances from Kingsway and Normanton Road Fire Stations came to do an exercise in the Dry Dock having been invited to do so by the marina. Red Watch from Kingsway had been to visit to plan the exercise; the Nottingham Road crew had not been to the site before and all they knew was that it was a drill.

The purpose of the exercise was to see how they would approach and deal with unconscious casualties on board a boat while the dock was drained. The scenario was that there were two boat owners on the boat and one was working on the engine. A bang was heard from the outside of the dock and a plume of smoke was seen to rise out of the open end of the dock.



The crew from Nottingham Road arrived after being called by Red Watch, who were already on-site as they had set up the scene. We looked on helpless as the Nottingham Road crew drove straight into the marina and then between the Boardwalk and Midland Chandlers. That reinforced the need for giving the 999 control full instructions for getting to the area they are needed, making sure that if they need to come through the security gates they must be told to turn left at the mini roundabout by the entrance.

Emergency vehicles can always access the secure area as there is an emergency services button which rings through to a controller who can open the gate remotely. This is strictly for the emergency ambulance, fire service and police use only but everyone should be aware that emergency services can get into the marina, even if nobody is at the gate to open it.



Once the additional crew had got round to the Dry Dock they grouped to find out what was known about the incident. A member of the Nottingham Road crew coordinated the response. Jules Aucott acted as the person who had made the 999 call and gave them the information about the bang and smoke. The whiteboard on the outside of the dry dock showed that two people had stayed onboard overnight.



The crew asked about the layout of the dock, if there was gas and where the electricity could be isolated before entering the building. Two teams then put on protective gear and inserted opaque film into the inside of their visors to emulate working in a smoke filled area. It was fascinating to watch the teams work as a unit, staying in contact with each other and following walls so that they would not get disorientated in the low visibility. They talked to each other, giving information on their surroundings and progress. They moved around the space in a way that protected the team. The person at the front would move their arm out, in front and up, checking for the room profile and hazards before walking forward. They walked down the stairs

backwards - a safer position to feel that the lower step was safe. Others were carrying equipment such as a ladder and hose.



They found the edge of the boat and felt around the gunwale for the openings. One team put a ladder up at the bow and another at the stern. One member of each team ascended the ladder and felt their way to the access. They each went inside the boat and after a few minutes, emerged with a weighted dummy casualty.

Each team worked together to bring the casualty down the ladder and using the classic fireman's lift, up the stairs and out of the dock to safety.

Aside from the exercise we were able to have in depth talks with the fire personnel about the layout and systems on boats that are useful to know for the fire service. They were impressed to hear about the boat safety scheme and how we work as a community here with our fire warden and first aider volunteers.

The crews found the exercise useful and thanked Mercia for the opportunity to practice a rescue in an unusual setting. It is good that there are local crews familiar the marina and boats. The exercise reinforced the marina's decision to allow liveaboards to live aboard when doing work and the marina will:

- Make regular checks on the security of the rail around the dry dock
- Paint the step edges
- Put in hand rail on the inside wall of steps
- Regular checks for cleanliness
- Put up a notice saying only people doing the work are to go down into the dock.

The Kingsway crew were then called out to a car fire on the A38 and it was a reminder that in a real emergency we are very lucky to have such skilled and dedicated crews nearby.

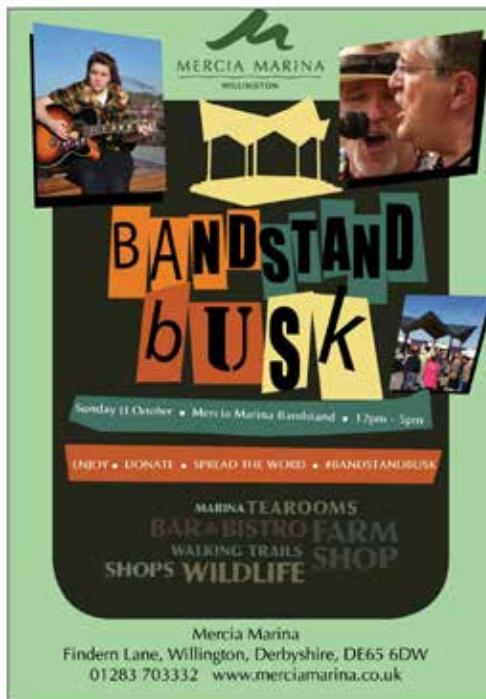


## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Congratulations to Ellen Yallop for submitting the winning photograph in the August competition. Send your entries to: [lucy@merciamarina.co.uk](mailto:lucy@merciamarina.co.uk)

## EVENTS COMMITTEE UPCOMING EVENTS



Sunday, 11th October - Final Bandstand Busk of the Season

Wednesday, 21st October - The first Quiz of the new season will be on. Get your bookings in fast – these are popular evenings! If you have a team, give its name and numbers to the Office or, if you'd like to be joined up with others, give your name/s in.

November 8th - Bonfire night, the time for the fireworks extravaganza will be set at a later date.

December 19th - Christmas Fuddle. More about this nearer the time.

## CRAFT GROUP OUTING

The Marina Craft Group have arranged a trip to the Harrogate Knitting and Stitching Show on Saturday 28th November. We have a coach coming to pick us up from the marina at 8.30am., returning here that evening and we have some seats available.

If anyone would like to come, the cost is £22 to include coach travel and ticket into the show. If you'd like to visit Harrogate but not come to the show then you would only need to pay £12.

If you'd like to join us, please put your name, phone number and email address (if possible) on a slip of paper saying how many tickets you'd like and enclose the full amount in an envelope for Nancy Harman in the Office, where I'll collect them and leave a receipt for you. Cheques made out to me or cash please.

Seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and if the coach becomes full, I will refund your money in full immediately.

If you want to know more about the show contact me (Nancy Harman) on 04711946455 or Perfect Harmony on J8.or look at the website, [www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com/harrogate](http://www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com/harrogate)

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## FOR SALE

Bosch slimline dishwasher for sale. £25.00. About 4 years' old. Can be seen on the marina. Contact Peter Robinson 07901821140



## ODE TO TOILET

A little ditty from Jo Lousvet

I have a new toilet, a much needed necessity  
You see, when living on a boat, you often need a pee  
At night or in the morning, and throughout the day  
You find you may be desperate so you've got to find a way  
I can use the toilet block, which isn't far to go  
But a home needs its own amenities, not going to and fro  
Anyway, the old one was rather noisy and wasn't very large  
My new one is much bigger, and perfect for a barge

Please don't be too squeamish when I talk of my ablution  
I know the subject's sensitive but I needed a solution  
It's kept very clean and tidy and can be moved for cleaning  
And easy to empty everything (if you get my meaning)  
So if you visit me and feel the need for facilities  
Don't hesitate to ask, there will be no charge or fees  
You will be pleasantly surprised, not shocked, at my lovely loo  
Be brave, not fearful, and try out something new

**WILLINGTON HISTORY GROUP 2015/2016**

**WE NEED YOU!**

WHG 2015/2016 Season's Illustrated Talks – 2nd Thursday of the month October to May at The Old School, Castleway, 7.30 p.m. Come along for an enjoyable evening. Tea/Coffee & Biscuits. Car parking is available. For further information phone 01283 703571 or 703760

**8th October 2015** – A short AGM followed by "What Shall We Do – Yesterday?" by John Redfern, a look at how people spent their leisure time locally a century ago.

**12th November 2015** – "Derby's Whitechapel" by Jane Whitaker, a history of Walker Lane, Derby's largest Victorian slum and "a place of vice and misery, poverty and wretchedness!"

**10th December 2015** – Display of archives, plus a light-hearted Christmas Quiz and "Family History Surprises" followed by mince pies!

**14th January 2016** – "The Origins of Picture Postcards" by Richard Farman, the expert on the history of stamps, postcards etc.

**11th February 2016** – "Shopping for Memories" by Richard Stone. How well do you remember Burton's shops in the past e.g. Darley's, Stockbridge's and what would the shopping experience have been like 100 years ago?

**10th March 2016** – "The Earth Our Wealth" by Tony Hurrell of Sharpe's Pottery Museum. The story of South Derbyshire's mining industries and how the future of our district could be shaped. Why does the modern world owe a debt to Swadincote?

**14th April 2016** – "The Time-Travelling Tourist" by Jo Golby. The bygone age of holidays from the Grand Tour to Sea, Sand and Sangria.

**12th May 2016** – An evening visit to Rolleston-on-Dove for a guided tour by Arnold Burston of the village, the church, Free Grammar School and the Almshouses with a talk on the Mosley family, their battles with the parishioners and the redoubtable Canon Tyrell!