

SOAR POINTER

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ALL SBC EVENTS ARE IN BLUE

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ALL BOATERS

Leicester Line (Grand Union Canal)

Starts At: Lock 17

Ends At: Lock 8

Friday 16 March 2018 until Sunday 31 March 2019

Opening Times Updated 28/02/18

Foxton Locks Summer/Winter opening times for 2018/19 have been confirmed

Please be advised the hours listed below are when Foxton Locks will be open for navigation. The lock flight will be closed outside of these hours.

As locks can be very busy allow yourself plenty of time to ensure passage. Please be advised there may be a queue to enter the flight during busy periods.

It takes approximately 45 minutes to pass through the flight and you must be through the flight by the time of closure.

Last boat entry into the flight will be 45 minutes prior to closure.

2 April 2018 – 2 September 2018

8:00am to 7:00pm (last entry into the locks 6:15pm)

3 September 2018 – 21 October 2018

9:00am to 5:00pm (last entry into the locks 4:15pm)

22 October 2018 – 31 March 2019

9:00am to 3:30pm (last entry into the locks 2:45pm)

Update on 31/08/2017:

Please be advised that there will be a Foxton Vintage Festival organized by the Canal & River Trust and Foxton Volunteer Lock Keepers on Saturday 16 September and Sunday 17 September 2017

The Foxton Lock opening hours have been extended for the two days of the event only and the flight will open at 08:00am, closing at 18:30pm with last boat in at 17:45pm.

The following is from Robert Aspey who is a member of Soar Boating Club and has set up a facebook group "Visitor Moorings on the River Trent & Associated Waterways" at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/267686390376240/>

Its aim is to work with CRT and others to increase the number of visitor moorings. The Boating Association Chairman is a member and we have already had success in opening up the new Mountsorrel Staithe private mooring basin to allow visitor moorings.

We are present working with CRT to improve/open new visitor moorings at:

Ferry Boat Inn, Stoke Lane, Stoke Bardolph, River Trent - Renovation of existing Visitor Moorings: CRT maintenance staff to look at a possible joint CRT and volunteer approach to complete this work.

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Church Laneham, River Trent - Potential visitor moorings: All permissions have been granted from the parish council and caravan park, CRT are now awaiting completion of management re-structure before making further progress. Funding grants are available for this work.

If anyone is interested in joining this group, the more members the stronger our voice and influence. Robert Aspey IWA Branch Moorings Officer & RBOA Upper Trent Area Rep

<http://www.waterways.org.uk>

<http://www.rboa.org.uk>

A report from Robert Aspey who attended the meeting held at the Soar Boating Club on 20th March 2018.
Canoeing

To look at the possibility of installing river level indicators at canoe launching points, to help canoeist determine if a river is in flood. CRT are slowly working through a list of improvements to improve canoe access to the River Soar

Maintenance

Following repairs to Zouch Cut, River Soar, there is still a leak on the towpath side.

Dredging

The stretch of canal between Belgrave Lock and Lime Kiln Lock in Leicester will be fully dredged. This is well overdue as it has become increasingly difficult to navigate this stretch of canal with the amount of household rubbish thrown in.

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CRT will also investigate who is responsible for the river navigation from Belgrave Lock back up to Abbey Park, Leicester, as this is now impossible to navigate as it has become full of household rubbish over the last 10 years.

Visitor Moorings

Memory Lane Wharf, Leicester: Proposals for both residential and visitor moorings in this redundant basin that adjoins the canal.

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Corporate

The CRT East Midlands Region is to be enlarged southwards to include all the Leicester Section of the Grand Union Canal, and other adjoining parts of the Grand Union so that the region aligns itself with the political boundaries of the East Midlands. This will take effect on 4th June 2018.

Robert Aspey

IWA Branch Moorings Officer & RBOA Upper Trent Area Rep

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The new CRT East Midlands region will also include all of Derbyshire and all of Northamptonshire. The geographic and logistical centre of the enlarged region is not necessarily Newark! (I'm just flagging this up. I don't have any further inside knowledge).

Interviews for the new Regional Director posts have started this week. Sean McGinley is a candidate, and personally I hope he gets the job, but there is likely to be significant competition from other senior CRT staff whose posts have been regionalised or cut.

The CRT waterway partnerships are to be replaced with "Regional Advisory Panels". There will be new Chairs for these panels but these are unlikely to be announced until the Regional Directors have been appointed. Myself and 4 others will be on the East Midlands regional panel for just one further year to maintain some degree of continuity. There is currently no representation from Leicestershire or Northamptonshire! My position on the panel is NOT as an IWA representative, but rather that I am a boater from Lincolnshire.

If you know of anyone (including yourself), who might be interested in working in partnership with CRT on the new East Midlands panel, please get in touch with either myself or Sean McGinley. They will be looking for people with a broad enthusiasm for our waterways, most certainly not just boaters, e.g. also walkers, environmentalists, anglers, canoeists etc.

I hope this is useful. I will be filling out more of the detail in the July issue of Aegre.

With best regards

David Pullen **Chairman, East Midlands Region**

EASTER 2018

APRIL

30th March to 2nd April Soar Boating Club's Easter Cruise to Nottingham. Starting Friday afternoon to Beeston. Saturday continue to Nottingham for lunch at The Welbeck Hall. Dinner at The Trent Bridge Inn. Arrangements dependant on the state of the river. Please contact the event organiser Ian Hutchinson at :- a6monarch@icloud.com The bar is currently being refurbished so it will not open over Easter.

7th 2.30pm at SBC Cake & Craft.

Cake & Crafts – will continue on the first Saturday of the month until further notice. Contact the event organiser Glenis Hulme for more details. J Allington will add dates to Facebook and Soar Pointer as reminders.

11th at Soar Boating Club 6.00pm - 6.30pm. £4.00. The start of our Evening Paddle season and to continue on every Wednesday evening until further notice. Fancy trying canoeing? Then come along and have a go! Instructions will be given if necessary. For more details please contact The event organiser Shane Morgan at :- shane.morgan1@hotmail.co.uk

14th - 15th Working weekend. It was cancelled in March due to the weather. Can you come for just a couple of hours and give us some help? It would be very much appreciated. Refreshments of Tea, Coffee and Soup will be available.

20th 7:45pm The Rushcliffe Arena The Notts & Derby IWA. For our last indoor meeting of the season, we will hear a talk by Mike Kelley of the Friends of the Cromford Canal entitled 'Be careful What You Wish For'. This will describe efforts to restore the Cromford Canal, and at the same time set up a trip boat operation at Cromford.

21st at 7.00pm - 10.00pm at Mountsorrel Working Men's Club. A Murder Mystery including a 3 course set dinner which will be served during the evening. Tickets are £22. The WMC bar will be open for you to enjoy a drink.

Please contact

<http://mountsorrel-community-team.co.uk/murder-mystery>

24th 7.30pm at The Wilmont Arms, 49 Derby Road, Borowash DE72 3HA. Derby & Sandiacre Canal Trust Mick Golds will be giving a talk "The Birmingham Canal Network." ALL BOATERS WELCOME

April 27th 7.30 at Humphrey Perkins Community Centre, Cotes Rd, LE12 8JU

***My Darling Clementine* in Concert:**

The King and Queen of UK Country are back for Barrow's last Centre Stage performance of the season. We are lucky to host classic country music husband-and-wife team Michael Weston King and Lou Dalglish in an uplifting evening of classic country music of pure gold. Both are incredible singers, with spellbinding voices. Add a 50s-60s golden era styling to the mix, and just a little tongue in cheek and expect *My Darling Clementine* to deliver terrific country music of pure gold. Both are incredible singers, with spellbinding voices. Add a 50s-60s golden era styling to the mix, and just a little tongue in cheek Amusement. Expect *My Darling Clementine* to deliver terrific to countrified thrills with a set of original songs that evoke the spirit of June Cater

Johnny Cash and George Jones & Tammy Wynette. Their music is taken from the folk music of working class Americans, Irish and Celtic fiddle tunes, class Americans and traditional English ballads and the blues.

Tickets can be bought from Barrow's Paper Shop or the library in Barrow or by Paypal from www.busca.org.uk (you don't need a Paypal account; just use your card). Bought in advance of the show they cost £10. £9 (concessions) and £5 (children under 16). With the feel of cabaret, you can enjoy our well stocked bar while you watch the show.

MAY

Friday 04 May 2018 - Monday 07 May. Come and join us for the May Day Bank Holiday weekend at SBC which includes a Beacon Boat Gathering

Friday Night, meet at the club for an evening socialising. We plan to order Chinese takeaway to be delivered, for those wishing to partake.

Saturday Night, David Lacey guitarist will be providing our entertainment. A fish and chip supper will be provided at the mid session interval with a Vegetarian option available. Please request in advance as we will have to order and cook the food. Cost per Head - £12.00

Sunday Lunchtime the BBQ will be lit, we provide the heat, you provide the meat. The bar will be open all weekend. Please contact Karen Millhouse the event organiser for bookings and enquiries. e mail karen.millhouse@hotmail.co.uk. Mobile 07950 851583

5th Cake & Craft at SBC

13th -14th Paddle and Camp

26th to 28th ECP&DA 50th Anniversary Boat Rally. The new Chesterfield wooden boat "Dawn Rose" will be attending together with 10 trade stands, 18 historic boats, Woodies Wings, Shreck the Horse and a chance to see boats in dry dock. There will also be Musical entertainment in the Marque, Minature Steam Engines, Real Ale Beer Tent, Children's activities and a chance to tour The Pump House also plenty of food and drink. Raffle tickets will also be on sale with good prizes. In total we have 80 boats attending but plenty of room for more. For Boaters there is a Boaters Bake Off, Treasure Trail, Quiz and a Dog Show, cont'd

On Friday night there is a Carvery dinner supplied by Barlow's Catering at £5 p/h which must be pre-ordered via Ian. There will be three nights of entertainment in the marquee, (starting Friday night). The Bar will open at 7pm entertainment starts at 8pm and closes by 12 midnight. The cost £15.00 per boat for two people, includes wrist bands and a rally plaque. Download your boat booking form from Ian Please contact:- rally.ecpda@outlook.com

SBC Boat Licensing. Jo Allington has kindly agreed to stay on as boat licensing officer so please remember that if you purchase your boat license through Jo all profits go to your boat club. Your contact for Jo is :- joallington1@hotmail.co.uk or Tel. 07763 377403

John and Monica

Can anyone who has still not paid their subscriptions please forward a £42 cheque to 23 Desford Road, Newbold Verdon, Leicestershire, LE9 9LG without delay.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Are you going to The Leicester Festival on 2nd & 3rd of June and you want to book your mooring? You can download your booking form from the following link <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/media/184545/riverside-festival-boat-booking-form-2018.pdf>

June 15th to 17th Soar Social Rally incorporating local clubs for a relaxing weekend. Friday we provide the heat you provide the meat. Saturday entertainment in the evening. Sunday a relaxed day and then return to your moorings. For more details please contact the event organiser Ian Hutchinson at:- a6monarch@icload.com

Friday 29th of June to Sunday the 1st of July Soar Boating Club's "Camping and Sailing Weekend"

Food will be available

Friday evening - Fish, Chips and Peas £5.50

Saturday morning - Full English Breakfast £3.50

Saturday evening

Sausage or Steak Pie & mash, peas & gravy £5.50

Sunday morning Breakfast as Saturday

Sunday afternoon - two course carvery lunch £7.50

The bar will be open from Thursday evening

Saturday Evening

We have live music by Sarah & Friends
To book please contact the event organiser Glenis Hulme on 07947047711
or e mail :- glenisjh49@hotmail.co.uk