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FEBRUARY / MARCH

ALL SBC EVENTS ARE IN BLUE

FIND US ON FACEBOOK at "The Soar Boating Club"

FEBRUARY

All Boaters

The Canal has re-opened from Kilby Lock to Kings Lock Leicester Line (Grand Union Canal)

C & R T Winter Closures

Bishop Meadow 8/01 to 12/02/18

Junction Lock Cossington 5/02 to 15/03 Restrictions at Birstall Lock on the River Soar (The approach moorings) until further notice

Emergency navigation closure between Redhill Lock and the Bridge until further notice

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE SORRY TO INFORM YOU THAT THE VALENTINE'S EVENT PLANNED FOR THE 10th FEBRUARY HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

Our Annual Boat Log Competition, last reminder



The Honorary Secretary is now welcoming your entries for this year's Log Competition from all members of all ages. There will be a prize for the best young and adult entries.

There is no word limit but entries should be as interesting and awe inspiring as possible, to engage with our boating audience. Please remember to include a background to your cruise, your daily distance and number of locks, and I would encourage you to include exciting photos you took along the way with captions or descriptions of the images.

This is your opportunity to hone those writing skills. You never know, your log entry could be the beginnings of the next blockbusting boating novel!

So start scribbling!

Please send your entries by Monday 5th February 2018.

To Helen Taylor at helen@thebarsby.co.uk

1st Please note the change of date Leicester branch of the IWA AGM 7.30pm at The Gate Hangs Well, Fosse Way, Syston, Leicester, LE7 1NH. Our Guest Speaker will be the Regional Chairman, Dave Pullen, who will be talking about his Russia Trip. All Boaters Welcome

3rd Cake and Craft 2.30pm at Soar Boating Club

4th Newark Boat Jumble Open 10.00am Newark & Nottingham Showground. Admission £4 NG24 2NY Junction of A1, A17 & A46

10th - 11th Open weekend at Foxton Locks between locks 8 to 16

16th Notts and Derby AGM 7.30pm at The Rushcliffe Arena,, Rugby Road West Bridgford NG2 7HY, Followed by a talk by David Pullen A Cruise from Moscow to St Petersburg All Boaters welcome

17th SBC Annual General Meeting at Soar Boating Club 3.45pm for 4.00pm. Followed by Chicken & Chips at £5. The AGM gives members an opportunity to put forward ideas for the running of the club. Also please remember if you have any information on up and coming events please let me John Storton have all the details, ie event, date, time and location, as soon as possible.

MARCH

8th at 7.30pm Leicester Branch of the IWA at The Gate Hangs Well, Fosse Way, Syston, Leicester, LE7 1NH. A Hydrologist Adam Comerford from the CRT will be telling us about the cause of the stoppage from Leicester to Foxton on the Leicester line this year. All Boaters Welcome but room is limited, so if all boat club members send just one representative we would be most grateful. Thanks Ian McDonald

Fri 9th and Sat 10th 7.00pm or 2.00pm Sat matinee, at Humphrey Perkins Community Centre, Coates Road, Barrow on Soar LE12 8JU. Barrow Panto Group present Dick Whittington. A traditional family pantomime full of fun and humour, slapstick, song and dance, romance and gorgeous costumes with a chance for you to join in the fun! Tickets will cost £8 and £6 (concessions) with a family ticket for 4 at £24.00. You can buy them on line (card or Paypal) from www.busca.org.uk or from The Paper Shop or Barrow library or by phoning 07718153117.

11th 2.00pm at Soar Boating Club Mothering Sunday Lunch. Come and join us for a 3 course meal cooked by Dave Barlow at £12.00 per head. Contact Glenis Hulme Tel.01509 267532 or 07947 047711

16th at 7:45pm Notts & Derby IWA at The Rushcliffe Arena, , Rugby Road West Bridgford NG2 7HY, A talk by Bob Massey entitled 'Getting About' which will describe the history of the transport of people and goods from place to place, something which we give little thought to these days

16th and 17th March. ECP&DA Pie and Pea weekend at the Lock Cottage Sandiacre £5 per head pre paid to Carole Golds. Games Friday night and music on Saturday night. This is a very popular weekend and booking is essential. Please contact Carole at :- carolegolds@btinternet.com or 01159328042

27th at 7.30pm Derby & Sandiacre Canal Society at The Wilmont Arms Derby Rd, Borrowash Mick Goulds will give a talk about "The BCN Network" All Boaters Welcome.

Early notice for all you Amateur Sleuths

21st April 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 and selling fast. The WMC bar will be open for you to enjoy a drink.

Please contact

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

All Boaters, early notice for the ECP&DA 50th

Anniversary Boat Rally 26th - 28th They have 18 historic boats, 8 trade, the new Chesterfield wooden boat "Dawn Rose" and 44 pleasure boats booked in So if you are interested in going to this event don't delay. Please book as soon as possible.

Contact Ian at :- rally.ecpda@outlook.com

Another TV Boating programme starts in February on channel 5. **"Celebrity 5 Go Barging"**

A group of celebrities go boating in Southern France. Two boats are used for the first cruise along the River Lot and on the second cruise they used an old barge and a modern cruiser on The Canal du Midi. Taking part on the cruises are Tom Conti (captain), singer Tony Christie, TV gardener Diarmuid Gavin on one boat. With Olympian Tessa Sanderson and presenter Penny Smith on the other boat. It's a four week trip shown over four episodes with a terrifying moment when one boat nearly sank at The Canal du Midi's Fonserannes staircase locks. They also had a few more near misses on their adventure.

John and Monica