

SOAR POINTER

SOAR BOATING CLUB NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2017

ALL SBC EVENTS ARE IN BLUE

FIND US ON FACEBOOK at "The Soar Boating Club"

ALL BOATERS

Water resources on the Grand Union Canal Leicester Line

The Canal & River Trust has announced a temporary closure of part of the Grand Union Canal Leicester Line as some reservoirs are close to reaching their minimum levels. The move follows a prolonged period of dry weather over last Autumn, which means that there may not be enough water to allow normal navigation through to the end of the main boating season. As a consequence the Trust is reluctantly closing a five mile stretch of the canal between Kilby Lock 30 and Kings Lock 38 from 3pm on Wednesday 27 September. There is no definite end date for the closure but by closing now the reservoirs will have more time to recharge and recover from the effects of the dry weather and the summer's boating.

Reported by **Robert Aspey** SBC Member
IWA Branch Moorings Officer & RBOA Upper Trent Area Rep

100 CLUB RESULTS

July 2017

£50 No. 9 G & D Wildbore

£10 No. 69 S Mackay

£10 No. 46 J Savage

August 2017

£50 No. 94 A Cox c/o J Westby

£10 No. 58 D Hartshorne

£10 No. 46 J Savage

The draw for September will be at the working weekend, and the draw for October at the Halloween party

OCTOBER

Bar open on Saturday nights

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Foxton Locks Winter opening times for 2017/18 have been confirmed.

11 September 2017 – 22 October 2017

Mon - Thurs, 9:00am to 4:00pm (last boat in 3:15pm)

Fri - Sun, 9:00am to 5:00pm (last boat in 4:15pm) **23 October 2017 – 1 April 2018**

Mon - Thurs, 9:00am to 3:30pm (last boat in 2:45pm)

Fri - Sun, 9:00am to 3:30pm (last boat in 2:45pm)

As locks can be very busy, please allow yourself

plenty of time to ensure passage

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

Last boat will be allowed through the lock 45 minutes prior to closure.

You can view this notice and its map online here:

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<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/notice/10184/foxton-locks-summerwinter-opening-times-for-201718-leicester-line-grand-union-canal>

5th 7.30pm at The Gate Hangs Well Syston **Adrian Lane ex Leicester City Council Riverside Officer will be giving a talk about the history of the Soar Navigation and its impact / influence and growth of the city.**

6th 7.30pm at Humphrey Perkins School Barrow on Soar. **Barrow Panto Group present "The Sound of Mu...rder" by Andy Hawkins. The Sound of Mu...rder is a Mystery about an amateur group rehearsing the Sound of Music which gives the audience an ideal opportunity to dress to impress in dirndls and lederhosen. Tickets are £12 each which includes a two course ploughman's supper and the chance to interrogate the suspects. Tickets are available from the Paper Shop Barrow High St, Barrow Library North St Barrow on Soar and from Paypal at www.busca.org.uk**

7th & 8th SBC Working Weekend. **There will not be a Cake & Craft on this Saturday afternoon due to maintenance work being carried out in the clubhouse. Anyone available to help out with general tidying and maintenance work of the club, please just come along. There will be a soup lunch and fish and chip supper on the Saturday evening for anyone who's been helping out**

8th 10am till 4pm at The Carpenters Shop Canal Depot, Duck Lane Woolsthorpe by Belvoir NG32 1NY **The Grantham Canal Society present "A Discovery Day" with A Dirty Duck Race! Clog Dancing, WobblyBodgers, Narrow Boat Rides, Wildlife Stands, Barbecue and refreshments and Beverages and Family Activities. It's Free Admission. Car Parking. More information visit - www.granthamcanal.org All Boaters Welcome**

18th Loughborough Loogabarooga Book Festival

19th 6pm - 9pm at Limekiln Lock Leicester. Come along and see illuminated boats of all sizes celebrating "Diwali" Limekiln Lock is a short walk from Belgrave Rd, next to Abbey Park. You can join the towpath alongside the river from Abbey Park Road, keeping the park on your right hand side and will soon reach Limekiln Lock. All boaters are invited to join in the celebrations. It will be first come first served. There will be a prize for the best illuminated boat and plaques for all boaters attending. Please note Limekiln Lock will be closed from 3pm to 10pm on the 19th October. Also please note there are planned stoppages south of Leicester between 9th - 13th - 23rd and 27th which may affect your journey. For more information please contact Liz Fleuty e mail :- Liz.Fleuty@canalrivertrust.org.uk or Tel 01636 675769 M 07919 057108

20th 7.30pm at The Rushcliffe Arena Notts & Derby IWA. A talk by John Rawlinson A1 Steam Trust an update on Tornado and news about their new restoration The Prince Of Wales. The Rushcliffe Arena is on Rugby Rd West Bridgford NG2 7HY. All Boaters Welcome.

28th SBC Halloween Laying Up Supper. Fancy dress, the more Ghoulish the better! There will be an award for the most awful and shocking. Also there will be games such as: Give the witch a wart and get the spider to the centre of the web. Food will served, a carnivorous and fishy option. Music appropriate for the evening £8.00 per person For start time please contact Ian Hutchinson at :- a6monarch@icloud.com or Glenis Hulme at :- glenisjb49@hotmail.com. Please book early so they can confirm numbers.

NOVEMBER

Cake & Crafts – will continue every first Saturday of the month until further notice. J Allington will add dates to Facebook and Soar Pointer as reminders.

9th November 7.30pm Leicester IWA. At The Gate Hangs Well, Fosse Way, Syston Leicester. LE7 1NH. Our guest speaker will be Chris Jones, Chairman of The Friends of Raymond.

17th 7.45pm at The Rushcliffe Arena Rugby Rd, West Bridgford Nottingham NG2 - 7HY. Notts & Derby IWA. An illustrated Talk by Kevin Miller about “The Tall Ships Trust” those majestic 3 mast sailing ships and the volunteers that sail and maintain them.

18th at SBC Race Night £ 8.00 per person Food on the night either a beautiful ham or salmon salad including a sweet. There will be eight races which all require a sponsor. at £10.00 each Eight horses in each race needing a trainer at £5.00 each Betting on the night £1.00 per horse. All monies raised will go to the Sick Children’s Charity. This charity provides accommodation for the parents of children with long term illness who are in hospital. There will be a list on the notice board in the club house to select your race or horse. It will be great to see you all and a good night should be had by all. For starting time please contact Ian Hutchinson at :-a6monarch@icloud.com

All Boaters Early notice for the ECP&DA Boat Rally 26th - 28th May 2018. Currently they have 5 Trade boats & 5 Historic boats & The new Chesterfield wooden boat “Dawn Rose” Details contact Ian at:- rally.ecpda@outlook.com

A new TV boating programme called “Britain Afloat” will start on Friday 29th September at 7.30pm on BBC1 followed by the second programme on Saturday 30th September at 7.30pm on BBC 2. It’s a series of 5 half hour programmes covering different areas of the country and the boats used in those areas.

SBC Members please remember that you can purchase your boat license through your club. All profits go to your club. Please contact Jo Allington for license and more information. Tel.07763 377401 e mail :- joallington@hotmail.co.uk

Christmas is on its way so why not purchase club clothing as a present? If any members are interested please contact Jo Allington Tel 07763 377403 e mail joallington1@hotmail.co.uk

All Boaters. Are any of you or your friends interested in joining Soar Boating Club? If so why not come along and meet us? Contact Dianne at :- sbcnormanton@gmail.com

John and Monica