

Dear Members,

I had really hoped I could encourage you all to join me and Jane on a small cruise and paddle down the River to Trent Lock and Back to Normanton on Saturday the 4th July following the changes to the Government Guidelines. Unfortunately this is not possible as it would be deemed illegal as we would be encouraging groups of more than 7 to gather.

The Good News

The Soar Boating Club Bar will be Open on Saturday July the 4th at 12.00pm and I would welcome as many members and their families to come along for a Social Distancing, use of the clubs facilities.

The Paddle boards, Kayaks and Canoes will be available for those that wish to take to the water and have a go also.

Camping is available on the Back Field ONLY and moorings available as usual.

Please contact Shane re field units 07500 660312 shane.morgan1@hotmail.co.uk units Nick re mooring 07872 318428 nicholas.1973@icloud.com

Jane and I are hoping to be at the club and would be delighted to meet and have a chat with as many members as possible.

I am very much looking forward to seeing you all again.

Gary

Commodore

Club Guidelines Saturday 4th July.

As of Saturday 4th July, new government guidelines come into place as lockdown eases. These allow members to make greater use of our club. We will aim to outline how they affect us as simply as possible. Please note there remains quite strict rules on numbers socialising together, so there will be no organised social get togethers.

When you are outside you can continue to meet in groups of up to six people from different households, following social distancing guidelines

However as of Saturday 4th July, the bar will now be able to open, boat owners will be allowed to stay on their boats and the field will be open for camping. You will notice some changes to the way we operate to comply with the new guidelines.

At this stage the club will only be open to members and immediate families. Large groups cannot be accommodated.

Visiting Conditions

You should not attend The Soar Boat Club, if you are showing coronavirus symptoms, or if you or any of your household have symptoms.

Use of bar and clubroom.

- Entrance via main door. Exit via fire escape.
- Social distance in queue no congregating at the bar.
- Contactless payment.
- Seating inside only maintaining social distancing and only in groups of six unless from the same household. Please do not move tables.
- Members to return used glasses to dishwasher tray located near to fire escape door.
- Members to dispose with own rubbish and bottle recycling.
- Access to Gents toilets from outside only, not through clubroom.

For those drinking outside:

- All dogs strictly on leads
- Smokers, please move away from other tables.
- For those able please bring your own table and chairs.

Toilets:

- Only one person at a time in toilets
- Access to Gents toilets from outside only, not through clubroom.

Please remember, those behind the bar are volunteers, so have patience and follow their instructions. Let us make their job as easy and pleasant as possible.

Boat owners:

- Members visiting with boats please follow existing guidelines. Also be aware places for boat moorings may be limited due to numbers wishing to visit and ongoing work to replace echelons.
- Please liaise with Moorings Officer Nick Thomas 07872 318428
nicholas.1973@icloud.com

Field Camping:

- Camping for members and their households only.
- As normal please book through Field Officer, Shane Morgan. 07500 660312
shane.morgan1@hotmail.co.uk
- Pitches will be marked and allocated to accommodate distancing requirements.
- All units to be in field behind club house. The areas near the fuel tank and the shower will be kept free.
- To ease burden on club facilities please use own BBQ, toilets/showers washing facilities if possible.

Kitchen, freezers and fridges:

- At this stage they will not be available for use.

A gentle reminder, please remember we are on view to passerby and villagers.

Happy Birthday to The Soar Boating Club

A light at the end of the tunnel is on !!!!

This weekend was to have been our Birthday weekend celebrating 67 years of The Soar Boating Club, I am saddened we are not able to enjoy the usual festivities but I am hopeful we will make up for it in the future.

On behalf of The Soar Boating Club Committee it gives me great pleasure to tell you of preparations and improvements that have been made at your club in preparation for a soft un-lock of the club's facilities.

As of this weekend and following Government guidelines we are able to make the toilets, elsan and showers available and these will be fitted with sanitizers and sprays for your use to ensure we are all safe. The Bar currently remains closed as does the club house but we have fitted a Perspex screen in the Bar to facilitate us selling drinks after the Government guidelines allow for consumption Outside Only.

The echelons continue to be replaced and outside furniture is being repaired, cleaned and painted in anticipation of some summer use. Volunteers are painting, pruning and maintaining the clubs grounds to the best of everyone's abilities whilst maintaining social distancing and adhering to the guidelines published. The club field is looking great!

As the government relaxes the lockdown we will continue to offer as much use of our facilities as we can but we must adhere to the rules.

It is my intention for us to go on a small club cruise in company, hopefully on a Saturday on a future date to Trent Lock and I would encourage Paddlers to join in too, we can meet at Trent Lock and social distance whilst enjoying a Picnic lunch before returning to Normanton for a BBQ and social distance gathering on the club field hopefully paddlers will camp and be able to enjoy the weekend with us all and if by then we are allowed to we could have the Bar available for drinks!!! Fingers crossed however this will be a cashless event and the new card reader will get a beating of your lovely debit cards lol.

The committee and lots of members have been working hard in the background to keep our club alive and healthy and on behalf of the committee and all our members I would thank everyone who has contributed in any small way over the last few months. You are all wonderful big hearted people who make our club so special. The light really is on at the end of the tunnel and I long for a warm and happy summer.

Jane and I wish you all every good wishes for the coming summer and we pray for the health, wealth and happiness of all our friends at The Soar Boating Club.

Gary

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Member's guidelines for visiting the field at The Soar Boating Club. 3rd June 2020.

Following the latest government guidelines, members are now allowed to visit the field at the Soar Boating Club and meet larger groups.

You may attend to relax in the open air, picnic, sunbathe, exercise or meet up to FIVE friends. However, please note the clubroom remains closed.

Although there is no limit on the distance you can travel, please note you are not allowed to stay at the club overnight.

Visiting Conditions

You should not attend The Soar Boating Club, if you are showing coronavirus symptoms, or if you or any of your household are self-isolating.

- Members can now meet with up to FIVE other appropriate people outside in the club grounds.
- Maintain social distancing of 2 metres, unless with members of own household.
- Travel to club in separate vehicles if meetings others from a separate household.
- Park vehicles at least 2m apart.
- Do not use the clubhouse.
- Please note from the weekend of 6th June the toilets and shower will be open. Wipes and gel will be available. If possible use your own soap and towels.
- Where possible avoid skin-contact with surfaces you may come into contact with, e.g. handrails, gates. If possible wear gloves.
- No sharing food or drink.
- If meeting up, avoid handshakes, hugging etc
- Respect and socially distance other water users, especially boat owners with moorings at the club.
- Please remember, to be extra aware and respectful of distancing from our members who are over 70 years of age.
- Bring cleansing gel, wipes or soap and water.
- Please if possible bring your own picnic chairs and tables.

Please act responsibly and follow the above guidelines. Please remember as a member the Soar Boating Club, you will be on view to the residents of Normanton and walkers on the opposite

footpath. Any irresponsible or thoughtless behaviour could cause at the minimum adverse publicity for the club or at worse danger for yourself and others. So social distancing at all times.

Please note that, in line with Government Guidelines, our own guidelines and opportunity to use the club could change at any time.

Thank You

Gary
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