



# Soar Points

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## Editorial

Hello everyone and welcome to the August edition of Soar Points.

Gary wanted you all to receive this interim issue before the forthcoming Bank Holiday weekend, to get you all up to date with club developments and news.

As you may imagine there is a lack of cruising related content this time, as you have all been grounded for such a long period of your boating lives. Hence no exciting voyage recollections, to report.

**Chris Hartny-Mills (Ed)**





## Our Commodore Address

**Dear Members, one and all,**

What can I say but I have ordered fine weather for the next few weeks so I hope you can all enjoy your boating season? I am delighted to report that the Club field and Moorings are looking fabulous and thanks to Howard, Nick and the team of volunteers we have now renewed the electrical posts and water points on the moorings and around the field with steel and plastic, to be more future proof for all our benefits.

COVID has caused many problems for the economy, and it is very difficult to be able to get work done commercially and economically and remain timely, hence we are having to call an EGM to make you aware of our plans and seek agreement for their development. This is all with the view of making our great club more convivial to future events giving us more useable and COVID compliant space.

The Committee are working hard to prepare events for your enjoyment as restrictions are lifted, whilst doing their best to keep us all safe. Karen and Laura are working on plans for the coming months, and I hope you can support us as we try to offer more events as time goes on.

We hope to have a more normal social program next year, watch this space.

Our membership is blossoming, and the SBC Paddlers are at capacity for what we feel we can cope with in the current environment, regarding safety, especially on the water. It is great to see so many people using the river and exploring new opportunities under the SBC Banner. Our thanks go to the SBC Paddlers for their continued support of the club and making The Soar Boating Club a leading provider of diverse water sport.

Recent litter pics on the water have proved very successful and not only an immense amount of rubbish has been collected but our club has been well promoted nationally as a result. Congratulations to Shane Morgan and his subcommittee for organizing these regular activities.

I look forward to seeing you all soon and wish you all a happy and safe boating season.

Best wishes

**Gary (Askam)**



## **A few words from your committee....**

### **FREEDOM DAY - A COVID UPDATE**

The Government guidance relating to COVID-19 has changed, and a lot of restrictions are easing in England. Here's what we are doing to continue keeping you safe.

Your safety and comfort is, as ever, our highest priority so we will continue to sanitise tables after use and all hand sanitising stations are to remain throughout the clubhouse.

Face Masks will be optional but please respect other members who may still choose to wear a mask and maintain social distancing where possible

If you show any symptoms of COVID please refrain from visiting the clubhouse or grounds.

#### **Bar**

Table service will still be an option even though the bar will be open as before. The bar screens will remain in place for additional safety.

We will also continue to distance our tables in the clubhouse so you are never too close to another table.

In order to protect their own safety and wellbeing, different bar volunteers may wish to vary the organisation and running of the bar so they feel safe. Please respect their wishes.

#### **Guests**

Members will now be allowed to bring guests to the club.

Out of respect for all members, in particular those who are slowly returning to the SBC, please consider the following:

- Please keep guests to a sensible number. No large groups, unless with prior approval of the committee.
- Please respect members privacy- particularly near the moorings.
- Please maintain social distancing on the field when requested.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to the Club!



## MIDLAND CHANDLERS

Midland Chandlers have confirmed that, since the takeover, all discounts to boat clubs have been discontinued.

**However, 5% is still offered to all IWA members with membership cards.**

The voucher system is under review and I have asked that they clarify this and let us know when a decision has been made.

**There is a “special” discount of 10% this weekend on all sales as a Crick Boat show promotion.**

**John Wilkinson**

# Socially Speaking...

Hopefully you are aware that The Clubhouse has reopened. We can't wait to see our members returning!

We would like to invite you to our **RE-OPENING PARTY** all members welcome!

The fantastic 'More & Byrne' will be providing the entertainment playing classic tunes from pop, rock, country and more!

We will also be putting on a superb Hog Roast and the Bar is open!

Contact Karen Millhouse for tickets.

Mob:07950 851583



## Dare we mention the "C" word yet????

Thinking ahead to Christmas (it's not that far away!).

Here are two dates for your diary!



**DATES FOR YOUR  
DIARY**

**Village &  
Boat Club**  
 **Carol  
Service**  
Sunday 12th December  
4pm

  
**Candlelit  
Christmas  
Concert**  
Saturday 11th  
December  
7:30pm

**Something for the more intrepid of you...**

**Knit and Natter is starting back up again!  
Glenis Hopes to see you there, needles at the ready!**





**WORKING WEEKEND  
SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER & SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Please come and help in the maintenance and cleaning of your Club  
Jobs for all ages and abilities

**Refreshments will be provided  
Tea, Coffee and Biscuits**

**Food available - Free to workers (£5 non workers)  
Jacket Potatoes, Chilli, Beans and Cheese**

**It is vital to keep our club well maintained, we each have a responsibility, as members, to do our bit.**

**If we didn't have volunteers we wouldn't have a club.**

**So please, can we have a good turn out on the working weekend?**



## **First: The Good News**

*Quality coffee is now available at the bar*

**We have now purchased a new addition to the Bar – a coffee machine! We can now offer Cappuccino, Latte and Hot Chocolate (plus many more!) Just ask at the bar!**

## **However ...**

**Due to price increases from our suppliers on alcohol, we have unfortunately had to increase our prices slightly whilst keeping the great member prices we offer you!**



## **Canal & River Trust Code Updates**

The Canal & River Trust have recently published an updated code for Boaters, Anglers and Paddlers. If you're new to the water, or have been exploring more inland navigations recently, have a read and make sure you're all brushed up on your waterway code. There's enough space for everyone if we [#ShareTheSpace!](#)

Visit <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/> for more information

## **Peter Le Marchant Trust**

The club recently donated an old rowing boat and some old kayaks to the Trust.

Graeme Young and Shaun Brettell assisted the Trust with fibre glass repairs to the rowing boat in preparation for the NCS (National Citizen Service) Young People project to do further maintenance work on the boat to make it river worthy. The rowing boat will then be used for litter picking at PLMT

Back in May, SBC Paddlers assisted with the PLMT Youth Project Programme Litter Pick. A very enjoyable event, giving us the chance to meet other local paddling groups including Loughborough Students CC and Loughborough Typhoon Squadron. We also enjoyed the luxury of a support boat in the form of a wide beam canal boat. Thanks to the PLMT staff and volunteers for looking after us.

The good news was, that the canal was relatively free of litter.

There is always something to be learned on these occasions...

1. Litter pickers don't float.

2. Don't lean too far from the bank to your boat. We also learned that Graeme does float!





## **SBC Paddlers News**

Following the 'Freedom Day' Announcement, the SBC Paddlers initiated a slow return to the group sessions with a Reintroduction to the Club Session which involved retraining members on the rules of the club and explaining the history of SBC.

They have also created a training plan for all Paddler members to be rolled out over the next season including capsize and rescue, safety on the water, kit training and updated COVID related precautions.

Recent trips include:

- Loughborough Loop
- Shardlow Loop
- Introduction to canoe and kayaking camping touring

**KEEP PADDLING!!!**



### **Alex Mackay**

Thank you for the kind words sent for dads' speedy recovery. I am pleased and relieved to say, he is doing really well now. He can talk reasonably well, he is starting to walk and his sight is coming back. He is probably going to be moved to another hospital where he can have intense physio. Mum is holding up but this has been a very frightening experience for the whole family. Thank you so much for support for mum and dad.

*Helen Weston*

### **Electrical Remedial Works**

At the end of June, work commenced on digging a ditch for an electric cable from the electric box near to the old compost heap to the club sheds. This is part of the ongoing work to improve and maintain the club's electric supply. A massive thank you to Howard for all his hard work on the project.

### **Debris Containment Boom**

The purchase of a Boom has now been authorised to keep litter and debris away from the moorings. We will keep you all updated as this project progresses!

### **Charity Walk for William**

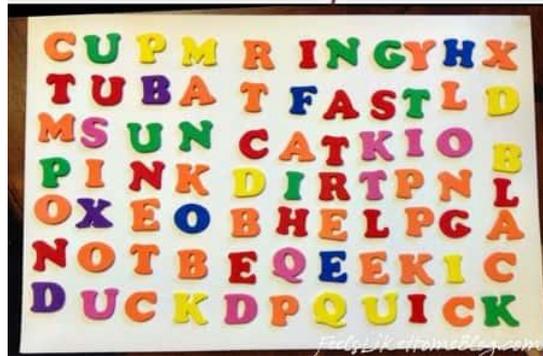
In July, we walked 142km (89 miles) in 5 days from The Peak District to Windermere and have raised £2185 so far for a 4-year-old boy with Sepsis. Thank you to everyone at SBC who donated to our Charity Walk! We really, really appreciate your support and it will make a massive difference to William!

*Laura and Lee Brookes*



# Giant WORD SEARCH

for early readers



## JUST A BIT OF FUN!

# BOATS

## WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

P T S A F L I F E S  
 I A B B C R E R O C  
 H O A A O R E T T H  
 S L R W R L U R V O  
 E F G Y W G E I E O  
 L M E A S L O W S N  
 T O R C A N O E S E  
 T T R H T A N K E R  
 A O W T P I H S L S  
 B R P L A T O O N S  
 O G R A C P T F A R

The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.  
 Find and circle each word.

- BARGE
- BATTLESHIP
- CANOE
- CARGO
- CRUISE
- FAST
- FERRY
- FLOAT
- LIFE
- MOTOR
- PATROL
- PLATOON
- RAFT
- ROW
- SCHOONERS
- SHIP
- SLOW
- TANKER
- TRAWLER
- TUG
- VESSEL
- WHALER
- YACHT



## **Editor's Foot Note:**

**Well there we are, it wasn't so bad after all, there seems to be something for everyone.**

**Enjoy the rest of the year and we will be in touch again soon.**

**Happy boating**

**Chris (Ed)**