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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Highly Commended
- Galley Winter Special
- Chosen Charity for 2018

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Got a story that you would like to share? We are always on the lookout for new stories. If you have tale to tell please contact Bernie McCrae on 01270 525040 or email bernie.m@aqueductmarina.co.uk

AQUEDUCT NEWS

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We would like to wish all our moorers, storers, customers, suppliers and staff a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the Aqueduct Marina team.

Downsize your boat, not your lifestyle

Church Minshull Aqueduct Marina will be attending the 2018 London Boat Show with their new entry level affordable 25ft Beetle show boat which is part of the new Beetle range. From 25ft to 40ft these compact, quality narrowboats are priced from 35k to 55k and are available in 8 configurations with various options for different finishes. The boats are equipped with a reliable Beta Marine engine, Victron Combi inverter charger, shower room, galley and Eberspächer diesel central heating.

An alternative to offshore cruising, these boats offer the perfect opportunity to maintain a luxurious lifestyle whilst offering an affordable downsizing solution.

Adam Porter, Boat Reviewer at Canal Boat Magazine,

said, "The whole boat weighs just six tonnes and it is remarkable how much you can fit into such a small space, whilst at the stern there's a decent cruiser deck. It is perfectly formed and built to a remarkably high standard and is an ideal way to get on the water".

Phil Langley, Marina and Operations Director at Aqueduct Marina, said, "Delivering quality services to both our customers and suppliers through our one stop solution is what Aqueduct Marina takes great pride in and we are looking forward to showcasing the benefits of downsizing boats whilst still maintaining the lifestyle which is important for our customers."

For more details visit

www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/aintree-beetles.

London Boat Show 2018

The new 5-day London Boat Show is a celebration of everything you can do on the water. Re-defined and re-imaged, this year's boat show is set to be better than ever. Climb aboard classic boats and modern yachts, pick up the latest marine technology, and spend quality time with some sailing legends.

Bringing a world of inspiration, on the

water experiences and exclusive deals, the London Boat Show 2018 will be packed with global, national and boutique brands, first looks, loads of retailers and even unique opportunities to get on the water.



Book Your Tickets to the London Boat Show

Book your London Boat Show tickets today and receive two for one using our Aqueduct Marina code. To book

visit <https://nbs-london.yourticketbooking.com> and enter the unique code **eptod2vqtk**.



Fire Walk for St Luke's Cheshire Hospice

We'd like to thank everyone who attended the St Luke's Cheshire Hospice Fire Walk on Saturday 11th November.

Congratulations to the 15 fire walkers who raised £3,500 for St Luke's Cheshire Hospice!



Brave fundraiser taking on the St Luke's Firewalk at Aqueduct Marina

My, What Beautiful Borders You Have

We'd like to say a big thank you to Woody, our Groundsman, who has been busy planting new trees, potting planters and sowing grass seed – take a look at that beautiful border!



10% Off Winter Warmers

Purchase your winter warmer package before the 31st December and receive 10% off. For more details visit:

www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/winter-warmers.co.uk



Beetle Boats at the London Boat Show

Aqueduct Marina are showcasing their 25ft Beetle at the London Boat Show 2018.

Part of the new Beetle range, these compact, quality narrowboats are priced from 35k to 55k and are available in 8 configurations with various options for different finishes. The boats are equipped with a Beta Marine engine, Victron Combi inverter charger, shower room, galley and Eberspächer diesel central heating.



25ft Show Beetle

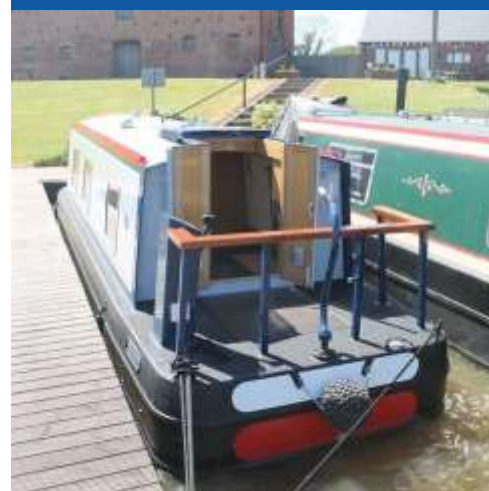
Available for immediate purchase now. We'll be handing over the boat to a lucky new owner at the London Boat Show on 10th January. Onward delivery to a UK mainland marina of the owner's choice is included.

25ft Cruiser Stern, price: £34,550

For more details visit www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/25ft-beetle-available



The Aintree Beetle



Adventure Photo Competition Winner

We'd like to offer huge congratulations to Andrea Ellison for winning our Aqueduct Marina Adventure Photo Competition with her fantastic Leeds and Liverpool photograph as voted for by our customers.

We would also like to say a special thanks to Julie Pemberton for her beautiful photograph 'Winston', and to all our short listed photographers for their wonderful submissions.

Photo calendars containing the winning, runner up and short-listed photos are now available to purchase from reception or online at www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/aqueduct-adventure-calendar-2018.

Make sure you grab yours now before they all go!

Photo competition calendar images



Welcomes and Farewells

Welcomes

A warm welcome to:

Share boat Willoughby

Keith and Christine n/b Samson

Jessica and Johnny (our Boat Painter) n/b Magwa

Farewells

A fond farewell to:

Mr Bill Wood n/b New Dawn – placing boat onto Moor

and Store

Carl and Helene n/b The Gribble

Share Boat n/b Shrewsbury – for sale through Aqueduct Marina Brokerage

Mr and Mrs Hall n/b Bonnet Shores – sold through Aqueduct Marina Brokerage

Share Boat n/b Vulcan



Highly Commended Contribution to the Community

After a fantastic evening at Crewe Hall on Friday 24th November, we are delighted to announce we won Highly Commended for 'Contribution to the Community' in the South Cheshire Chamber Business Awards 2017.

With only four businesses finalised, the award recognises businesses that have made a positive, measurable and outstanding contribution to a local charity or not for profit organisation and was sponsored by South Cheshire College and Cheshire Connect.

During the last six years Aqueduct Marina has been involved in six fundraising projects for charities including Sea Shepherd, Helbsy Golf Club, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, Crohn's and Colitis Disease, The Joshua Tree and most recently, Anne's Wish at Muscular Dystrophy raising more than £17,000 over all six projects/

Aqueduct Marina has also acted as host for local community events such as the St Luke's Duck Race and recent Fire Walk, Stand up to Cancer's Great Celebrity Canoe Challenge, North West Tour of Britain, MacMillan coffee mornings, Canal & River Trust Volunteer group

awards and meetings such as The Green Flag Award celebration and SUMBA's (Shropshire Union Middlewich Branch Adopters) 100th work party.

Aqueduct Marina's Marketing Manager, Bernie McCrae, said, "Aqueduct Marina has always prided itself in establishing connections and supporting the local community, whether fundraising for charity or simply putting a poster up on the notice board. We are delighted to have won and look forward to displaying the certificate in our reception area."



Julie, Alison, Sarah, Bernie, Holly and Mags with the award certificate

FAREWELL KATE

We'd like to say a fond farewell to Kate Chantler, who has been working at the marina for 2 years. We would like to wish Kate the best of luck for the future and thank her for her hard work whilst she has been at Aqueduct Marina.



Kate

Good Luck, Rosie!

We'd like to wish Rosie Mason, our Galley Front of House waitress, good luck with her new job as Wedding Events Coordinator at Nunsmere Hall Hotel.

MEET OUR TEAM...

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Congratulations!

We'd like to offer huge congratulations to Alex, our Chandlery Apprentice, for winning the Best Vehicle Parts Apprentice Award at Reaseheath College last week.



GALLEY WINTER SPECIAL

We realised that a little breakfast can go a long way, so this winter we thought we'd offer you the opportunity to receive a FREE tea or coffee every time you purchase breakfast from the Galley Café.

To redeem, simply call into the Galley between 10.00 am and midday, Monday to Friday order from our breakfast menu and leave the rest to us!



A Galley Breakfast

Latest Galley Treat

Alison's scrumptious Christmas fruit cake topped with two friendly snowmen (see below).



Christmas Opening Hours

See www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/christmas-hours



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017

See our up-to-date diary online anytime via this link: <http://www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/news>

Aqueduct Marina Events

- 31st December New Year's Eve Bash
- 10th February Anniversary Event (by invitation only)

External Events

- 10th - 14th January 2018 London Boat Show (We are attending with our New Entry Range of Beetles)
- 15th March 2018 British Marine Federation Inland Waterways Boat Electrics Course, Egham. To book please contact Liv Whetmore 01784 223631 email: lwhetmore@britishmarine.co.uk
- 26 - 28th May 2018 Crick Boat Show

To book marina events please contact us on 01270 525040, email cafe@aqueductmarina.co.uk or online www.aqueductmarina.co.uk



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TOAD



Toad - £99,950

RAMYSHOME



Ramyshome - £49,995

FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD



Far From the Madding Crowd - £54,995

Brokerage Update

New arrivals include:

Howarth's Way 45ft Cruiser, Price: £31,500



Howarth's Way

Built by John White 1996 and completed by the owner in 1998.

Equipped with a 36Hp BMC 1.5 engine, Sterling 1.8KW inverter and a Kabola diesel fired stove, the cabin is comfortable.

Well maintained by the owners, the boat was both blacked and serviced last year but has not been used extensively. Thus, the reason the boat is now offered for sale.

Perfect for getting afloat, Howarth's Way is an ideal size for starting out and testing the water.

For more details visit www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/howarths-way.

Other boats include:

Toad 60ft Traditional Price: £99,950

A narrowboat of distinction, Toad has been built by Stephen Heywood and Bourne Boat Builders. Commissioned by a discerning owner and built using the best quality woods, the interior is to Bourne's usually high standards. Using Mike Heywood's design, Stephen has crafted something to be admired and desired. The hull is a great example of the style and has a range of traditional finishes that catch the eye.

For more details visit www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/toad.

Ramyshome 57ft Traditional Price: £49,995

Ramyshome is a 57ft Trad built by Alexander Boats and Riverview Narrowboats in 2001 for the current and only owners.

Used for extended cruising, Ramyshome offers a conventional layout of living area, pullman dinette, galley, off-set bathroom and bedroom. The interior has been maintained well and the exterior re-painted, giving a very good finish.

Equipped with a reliable Isuzu engine, Mikuni diesel central heating, a 1.5KW inverter and a solid fuel stove the boat is practical and well appointed. Offered for sale after many years of happy and successful cruising, Ramyshome has been cherished by the current owners.

For more details visit www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/ramyshome.

Far from the Madding Crowd 58ft Cruiser Price: £54,995

A modern and elegant boat built by Amber Boats in 2007, Far From the Madding Crowd has been well cared for and is presented in good condition.

The boat is very well equipped to include a 45Hp engine, pump out WC, 3.0KW inverter and washing machine. The interior is bright and spacious with both a reverse layout and a crossover bathroom to maximise space.

For more details visit www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/far-madding-crowd.

Shrewsbury Family Boat Sleeps 8, 62ft Traditional Price: £55,950



Shrewsbury

Shrewsbury is a 62ft trad style narrowboat built by Steve Hudson in 1996 and fitted by Blue Haven Marine to a very good standard.

Equipped to be used as a multi user boat, Shrewsbury has a total of 8 berths, 4 fixed and 4 converting from dinettes. Equipment includes a 43Hp Beta Marine engine, Victron 2KW inverter and Victron 60Amp battery charger.

Externally the boat looks excellent; the black cream and red paintwork captures the traditional style and design of the hull which includes a joshier style bow, recessed rear panels and faux rivets. A genuinely attractive boat you that will handle well on the water thanks to the beautifully crafted S M Hudson design.

For more details visit www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/shrewsbury.



CHURCH MINSHULL

AQUEDUCT

MARINA & CARAVAN PARK

EARLY BIRD TICKETS SOLD OUT

Limited
tickets

£10 Adults
£5 Children

THE NEW YEAR BASH

SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER 8PM TILL LATE

- ✧ Scrumptious midnight canapés
- ✧ Later night bar
- ✧ DJ
- ✧ Children's games
- ✧ All welcome



Welcome in the New Year with us

To purchase tickets visit
www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/event/new-years-eve

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Find us on Social Media



Chosen Charity for 2018

Following a brilliant year of charity fundraising for Anne's Wish, Muscular Dystrophy UK, we are delighted to announce our chosen charity 2018 – Kidney Research UK.

This charity was put forward by our long term moorer Audrey Foulkes, narrowboat Little Tern. Please see our next newsletter where we will be providing more details about the charity and our exciting fundraising plans for 2018.



New Year, New Newsletter

To all our newsletter readers, starting at the beginning of the New Year, we are delighted to announce we will be launching a new seasonal newsletter.

Starting at the end of January, we will now be providing you with new Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter newsletters, offering a seasonal round up of all our news and events.

Can't wait until then? Please make sure you keep an eye on our website

www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/news for all our latest news.

New Year's Eve

Join us to welcome in the New Year!

Bring out your best dance moves with the DJ, enjoy scrumptious midnight canapés and crack open the champagne at our Galley bar with doors opening at 8.00pm.

There will also be a variety of children's games on offer.

Tickets £10.00 for Adults, £5.00 for Children (16 and below) and can be purchased online at www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/new-years-eve.

ALL WELCOME!

EARLY BIRD TICKETS SOLD OUT!



Small Tasks Team Volunteers

Autumn is a shaky time for outdoor painting, but the group was asked to tackle some locks at Swanley. We were lucky on the whole with the weather and enjoyed this change of activity.

The farmer kindly allowed parking in his yard and the arrangements with CRT included a new and



Swanley before work started

sophisticated toilet!

All went well at Lock 1, everything was painted including the stop plank store, and it was left in good order by day 2.

The October work party was again a two-day affair on the 26th and 27th. This time we were at Baddiley Locks. (Locks 1 and 2). If anything they were in a worse state even than Swanley, perhaps because there is no parking nearby! Undeterred by non arrival of emails and the consequent lack of various equipment, John Riley led the group with enthusiasm and good humour. He arranged for the group to meet at Burland Wharf and ferried people from there to Baddiley. Several people had travelled by boat, so the lack of a toilet was not a problem!

The second morning was foggy, but it gradually cleared to warm sunshine which eventually shone on the locks enabling us to finish the work.

The November work party was on 23rd and 24th. The work depended on the number of volunteers, and the weather! We worked at Nantwich, chiefly on the ramp down from the embankment near the aqueduct – replacing the fixing posts to the revetment.

We welcome new members! If you know anyone who might fancy working around the region on a range of jobs, perhaps they would like to join us! Contact details are below. New members will be very welcome in our group which is very flexible and caters for all sorts!

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A welcome break