

## WINTER 2018

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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- Winter Closures
- Small Tasks Team Volunteers

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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](mailto:bernie.m@aqueductmarina.co.uk)

# AQUEDUCT NEWS

## Autumn Report from the Captain's Table (Robert)

### We have been busy over the summer making improvements and upgrades to Aqueduct Marina.

We have improved the Wi-Fi coverage which is now free to all moorers. The temporary car park at the end of A & B jetties has been re-stoned, the brick paving from the slipway to the service jetty has been relevelled and the steps up to the Galley café have been repaired. The café and facilities building has new doors and Woody has started the annual jetty pressure washing. Finally, as the breach at Middlewich has reduced cruising options, we have been supplying all Aqueduct Moorers with free electricity this year.

We are committed to keeping Aqueduct Marina moorings in premiere condition and will continue to refurbish and upgrade the facilities. If you see something that you feel needs a lick of paint or tidying up, please see Georgia at the reception desk, ring or email [info@aqueductmarina.co.uk](mailto:info@aqueductmarina.co.uk)

At this time of year, many boat owners decide to sell their narrowboat, sometimes after many years of boating. Consequently our brokerage has been busy, the boat market remains strong and good quality boats are in demand. Please see the Welcomes and Farewells on page 2. We would like to thank all those

who have supported Aqueduct Marina in the past and those who continue to use Aqueduct Marina for moorings, maintenance, chandlery and brokerage.

We do have a limited number of moorings available or becoming available so if you are thinking of moving mooring location to Aqueduct Marina or know someone who would like to join us please get in touch with Nick Beech

[nick.b@aqueductmarina.co.uk](mailto:nick.b@aqueductmarina.co.uk), call in to visit or go to our moorings webpage [www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/moorings](http://www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/moorings). The more notice we have the more likely we are to be able to accommodate mooring applications.

With a full range of services on site we are a One Stop Destination for all boating requirements in an excellent cruising location. There is very little that we cannot arrange, from boat valets and engine services to 2 pack blacking and fabrication.

Have an excellent festive season and hopefully we will see you at one of our upcoming events.



## Duke of Edinburgh Award Challenge

**Elizabeth Parton (who helps in the café and office) and Felix Piasecki (Saturdays reception) are going for gold, taking part in the popular Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme organised through Sir John Deans College.**

As part of the award they will be completing a 4-day hiking challenge along with volunteering work and

learning a new skill. Their first practice took them to Wales walking from Llangollen to Ruthin where they endured high winds and heavy rain. Imogen Oakley (Sunday reception) is also completing the silver award.

We wish them all the best of luck!

Elizabeth and Felix



## Winter Check Service

**Join our winter check list now!** This FREE service is available to all moorers during the winter months. Once you are on our winter check list, a member of our team will visit your boat on its mooring every month to check that your electric is topped up. If you would like to book in, please email Andrea [andrea.p@aqueductmarina.co.uk](mailto:andrea.p@aqueductmarina.co.uk) or call 01270 525040.

## On Site Maintenance



Over the past couple of weeks, our friend John Harding has been busy completing some further site maintenance for us including re-stoning the short-term car park. Further improvements have also been made to the site pathways, re-aligning the paving, re-painting ramps and adding new doors to our Galley Café, Reception and Meeting Room.

We hope you enjoy these improvements!



## 'Tis the Season...

Come and join us to celebrate Christmas.

### CHRISTMAS FEAST - SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER

Set your tiller to Aqueduct Marina this season and join us for a hearty Christmas Feast and festive mulled wine in the Galley.

Doors open at 6.30pm for you to enjoy a complimentary glass of mulled wine before sitting down to a delicious 3 course menu. To view a copy of the menu please see our pull-out page.

To make your booking please contact our Café Manager Holly on 01270 525040 or email [cafe@aqueductmarina.co.uk](mailto:cafe@aqueductmarina.co.uk) before Monday 19th November.

We look forward to welcoming you!

### CHRISTMAS FAIR - SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER

**There is only one place to get into the spirit of Christmas this year and that is at our Christmas Fair.**

Have a mooch around some crafty stalls, whilst checking off that ever-growing Christmas list.

During the day we will also be serving a selection of festive hot food, snacks and treats from the Galley Café so make sure you potter down to try some of Alison's homemade mince pies!

Entry is free and everyone is welcome.

Interested in having a stall?

Please contact our head organiser Andrea on 01270 525040 or email [info@aqueductmarina.co.uk](mailto:info@aqueductmarina.co.uk)

### FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA - THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Kick start your Christmas unwind this year and enjoy one of our delicious festive afternoon teas.

Menu includes:

#### CREAM TEA

Homemade freshly baked mince pies served with a variety of freshly brewed teas or coffees.

£6.25

#### AFTERNOON TEA

Freshly made selection of finger sandwiches including: smoked salmon and cream cheese, turkey and cranberry sauce, free range egg and watercress and mature cheddar with plum and apple chutney, served alongside a selection of freshly baked mince pies with freshly brewed tea or coffee.

£14.99

#### MULLED WINE OR PROSECCO AFTERNOON TEA

Selection of the above served with a warm glass of mulled wine or flute of Prosecco

£17.99

We also provide gift cards so if you would like to treat a loved one this winter please call in and we will help you out.

To make your booking please contact Holly on 01270 525040 or email [cafe@aqueductmarina.co.uk](mailto:cafe@aqueductmarina.co.uk).



## Welcomes and Farewells

**We would like to wish a warm welcome to our new Autumn moorers including:**

Paul and Sian nb Xenia  
Gilly and Tony nb Honey Bee  
Gary and Linda nb Water Colour (after fitting out on the storage yard)  
David and Jacqueline nb Samuel Fletcher  
Graham nb Gigi (after DIY fit out on the yard)  
Duncan nb Clover (after purchase from Aqueduct Marina Brokerage)  
Stephen nb More Water Under the Bridge  
Tony and Lynne nb Cheeky Robin (after purchase from Aqueduct Marina Brokerage)  
John and Sonia nb Ellesmere (after purchase from Aqueduct Marina Brokerage)  
Claire and David nb Lady Brian  
Neil nb Adonis Blue (after purchase from Aqueduct Marina Brokerage)

#### A Fond Farewell to:

James and Alison nb Dreamcatcher, one of our original

moorers who have sold on Brokerage  
Brian and Caroline nb Lest We forget, who held their wedding reception at Aqueduct Marina have now sold on Aqueduct Brokerage  
John and Ann nb Knot So Fast, now for sale on Aqueduct Brokerage  
Nick and Pat nb Tickety Boo, sold on Aqueduct Brokerage  
Stuart and Gilda nb Synergy, now under offer on Aqueduct Brokerage  
Paul and Jane nb Bamboozled, sold on Aqueduct Brokerage  
Sue and Graham nb Sunrise, after running as an AirBnB hire boat, is under offer at Aqueduct Marina  
Rick nb Adelante, is selling his impressive, recently painted narrow Dutch Barge on Aqueduct Marina  
Dave and Sue nb Ends and Beginnings, who helped us out at several open days, sold on Aqueduct Brokerage.



# Christmas Hours

**Our Christmas opening hours are now out; take a look at when we will be open in the office, chandlery and café over the festive period.**

## OFFICE AND CHANDLERY

Sunday 23rd December 9.00 am - 5.00 pm  
Monday 24th December 8.00 am - Midday  
Tuesday 25th December Closed  
Wednesday 26th December Closed  
Thursday 27th December 10.00 am - 3.00 pm  
Friday 28th December 10.00 am - 3.00 pm  
Saturday 29th December 10.00 am - 3.00 pm  
Sunday 30th December 10.00 am - 3.00 pm  
Monday 31st December 8.00 am - Midday  
Tuesday 1st January Closed  
Wednesday 2nd January 8.00 am - 5.00 pm

## THE GALLEY CAFÉ

Sunday 23rd December 9.30 am - 4.30 pm  
Monday 24th December 9.30 am - Midday  
Tuesday 25th December Closed  
Wednesday 26th December Closed  
Thursday 27th December 10.00 am - 3.00 pm  
Friday 28th December 10.00 am - 3.00 pm  
Saturday 29th December 10.00 am - 3.00 pm  
Sunday 30th December 9.30 am - 3.00 pm  
Monday 31st December 8.00 am - Midday  
(The Galley will be back open again at 7.30 pm for our New Year's Eve Celebrations)  
Tuesday 1st January Closed  
Wednesday 2nd January 9.30 am - 4.30 pm

## MEET OUR TEAM...

Our dedicated team members are here to make your boating experience as enjoyable as possible. With a wide range of experience in narrowboats, our team can provide you with the perfect mixture of knowledge, professionalism and care that you and your boat need.

### The Board

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Weekend Staff

**Imogen Oakley**  
Weekend Staff

### Boat Maintenance Team

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Boat Yard Foreman

**Rob Adair**  
Senior Marine Engineer

**Will Brown**  
Fabricator/Marine Engineer

**Darren Smith**  
Marine Engineer

**Scott Astbury**  
Welder/Fabricator

**Ben Allen-Mead**  
Boat Yard Operative

**Paul Taylor**  
Shot Blaster

**Jonathan Howard**  
Boat Painter

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**Alison Booth**  
Chef

**Joanne Parr**  
Chef

**Glen Roberts**  
Galley Front of House

**Maggie, Niamh, Ellie, Maisie, Charlotte and Olivia**

### Marina Grounds

**Woody** - just Woody  
Groundsman

## WELCOME!

We welcome **Georgia Manning** to the Aqueduct Marina team who has taken the position of our Marina Receptionist.

The face of the marina, Georgia is the first team member you will



Georgia

meet and deals with customer enquiries. Previously working at Reaseheath College within the customer care team, there is very little that Georgia does not know about looking after customers. Outside work she is also a special constable, volunteering for the local police force so make sure you give her a warm smile!

We'd also like to extend our welcome to **Jane Oakley** who has taken the position of Operations Administrator in the workshop office. Jane helps



Jane

assist in the daily administration of the boat service operations, sending quotes and dealing with customer enquiries. Her first mission was to rearrange the office adjusting the furniture and filing cabinets to make the office space much more manageable.

Make sure you pop in and say hello!

**MORE WELCOMES, PAGE 7**

To find out more about our team please visit [www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/meet-the-team](http://www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/meet-the-team)



## CHARITY OF THE YEAR - KIDNEY RESEARCH UK

Following a good year of fund raising for Kidney Research UK, we are delighted to announce we have raised a total of £2,184. We would like to thank you for your generosity and look forward to presenting the cheque soon.

We are open to suggestions for a charity to support in 2018 - 19. Please send in your suggestions!

### Film Fridays on Facebook

Every Friday on our Facebook page we will be streaming video on popular topics.

These will include live walk-rounds on our brokerage boats, workshops and marina through to question and answer sessions, tips and advice on the best way to get the most out of your boating experience.

If you have any suggestions regarding what you would like to see in our videos we would be delighted to hear from you. Please send them to our Marketing Manager Bernie [bernie.m@aqueductmarina.co.uk](mailto:bernie.m@aqueductmarina.co.uk)

## Taking on the Tough Mudder

We had a terrific day on Saturday 8th September when the Aqueduct Marina Team completed the North West Tough Mudder challenge at Cholmondeley Castle. Braving torrential rain and a gruelling 26 obstacles over 10 miles, the team of 11 completed the course in just over 2 ½ hours (phew!).

The team of brave warriors included: Robert Parton, Phil Langley, Nick Beech, Scott Astbury, Paul Taylor, Holly Critchley, Chris Moran, Ellie, Claire Dulton, Felix Piasecki and Elizabeth Parton, cheered on by Andrea and Joseph.

We also managed to raise in excess of £240.00 for Kidney Research UK, so would like to say thank you to everyone for donating via justgiving.com.



Scott, Paul, Felix, Phil, Claire, Nick, Holly, Chris, Ellie, Robert and Elizabeth at the finish line

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018

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

### Aqueduct Marina Events

27th October	Halloween Night
24th November	Christmas Feast
25th November	Christmas Fair
31st December	New Year's Eve Party
16 February 2019	Anniversary Celebrations
12th - 13th July	Boat Show

### External Events

9th September - 8 November	Chatting through the Decades at Ellesmere Port
27th October	Halloween Monster Mash at the National Waterways Museum, Ellesmere Port
27th October	Anderton Firework Spectacular
10th November	RCTA Floating Market at Stoke Bruerne Canal Museum
16th November	Christmas Lights Switch-On in Nantwich Town Square
1st December	Santa Cruises at Anderton Boat Lift

To book marina events please contact us on 01270 525040, email [cafe@aqueductmarina.co.uk](mailto:cafe@aqueductmarina.co.uk) or online [www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/marina-events](http://www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/marina-events)





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## Middlewich Breach Repair Finished by Christmas

**The latest report issued by the Canal & River Trust suggests that the breach near Stanthorne should be open by Christmas.**

With the good weather over the summer, excellent progress has been made on the breach repair. In a recent update, C&RT stated that they have rebuilt the collapsed embankment and are now constructing new canal walls on either side of the canal. Further works are due to bring the embankment up to towpath level and reline the canal to make it waterproof.

Aqueduct Marina is still fully open with a full range of narrowboat services on offer to provide you with the very best from your boating experience. To see more details on the breach updates please visit

[www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/middlewich-branch-breach](http://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/middlewich-branch-breach).





On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October Robert, Dave, Nick and Alex attended a British Marine Inland Boat Builders' event held at Whilton Mill. As part of the event, members of the committee were exposed to a mixture of presentations and a networking lunch followed by an afternoon of go-karting around Whilton's circuits. Unsurprisingly our Boat Yard Operative and racing fanatic Alex took the winning position followed swiftly by our Brokerage Manager, Nick completing the course in...



## WINTER CLOSURES

Canal & River Trust has now released the schedule of winter stoppages for 2018 - 2019. To download a copy of the latest notices and zoomable map please visit the C&RT website

[www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/notices/winter](http://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/notices/winter)

## SUMBA Shed

SUMBA has started the refurbishment of the stores at Cholmondeston Lock, clearing out three van loads of debris and redundant materials. The main room now works far better than before and tools are neatly organised ready for use. This dry, clean space is also used by volunteer lock keepers.



# Brokerage Update

This Summer our brokerage has been busy with a fantastic variety of narrowboats arriving for sale for the Autumn period including our boat of the season the magnificent Dutch barge-style narrowboat, Adelante (recently featured on our facebook live walk through video). Could there be one for you?

### New Arrivals

New arrivals for you on brokerage this season include:

#### Knot so Fast 57ft Semi-Traditional £79,950

A 57ft semi-trad style narrowboat by Nick Thorpe and Brazyl Boats to a custom specification, Knot So Fast is a well-equipped and thought-out narrowboat.

Possibly designed as a live aboard, Knot So Fast has a big Beta 43Hp engine, Victron 3.0Kw combi inverter and a washing machine in addition to a range of standard equipment.

Fitted with a reverse layout, the interior starts with the galley aft. Following on is the raised L-shaped dinette, living area with free-standing leather arm chairs, a walk-through shower room and a forward bedroom with twin single beds that can make up to one large across double.

Finished with additions such as a bow thruster and extra LED lighting, there are hopefully one or two extras that may make Knot So Fast more attractive than other boats on the market.

[www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/knot-so-fast](http://www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/knot-so-fast)



Knot so Fast

#### Elusive 58ft Semi-Traditional £52,000

Elusive is a well-appointed, eye catching Semi-Trad style narrowboat built by Liverpool Boat Co and fitted by NSM Narrowboats in 2005.

The cabin offers a comfortable and inviting living space, a U-shaped galley, offset bathroom with shower and aft bedroom with a fixed double berth, two full height wardrobes and under bed storage.



Elusive

Equipped with an Isuzu 35Hp engine, Sterling 1.8Kw inverter, Morso solid fuel stove and Eberspächer diesel central heating, the specification provides all the comforts you really need for modern boating.

Sympathetically maintained by the current owners, Elusive is a wonderful example of what can be done when you care.

Overall it's a simple, eye catching, attractive and great value for money boat.

[www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/elusive](http://www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/elusive)

#### Where There's a Will There's a Way 40ft Cruiser £49,950

Built for the current and first owner, this 40ft cruiser is a very pleasant and practical little boat.

Fitted with a light and airy interior, the cabin has everything you need for a holiday on the canal. Equipped with a 4cu ft 12v fridge, full size cooker, 30Hp Beta Marine engine, 1.8kw inverter, pump-out WC, Webasto diesel central heating and a solid fuel stove, it's certainly a comfortable place to be.

The interior comprises a fore living area with solid fuel stove, TV and sofa/bench seating. This leads directly into a galley area with attractive quartz work surfaces. Mid cabin is a crossover bathroom with a shower. Last is a fitted double bed with an overhead storage cabinet. Both bow and stern offer good deck spaces with the large cruiser handrail doubling as a seat.

Offered in an almost unused condition, this is a wonderful little narrowboat.

[www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/theres-will-theres-way](http://www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/theres-will-theres-way)



Where There's a Will There's a Way

#### Jenny Wren 57ft Traditional £44,950

Jenny Wren is a 57ft Trad; built by Tyler Wilson and completed by the owner to a very good standard.

Jenny Wren is a modern trad powered by a Beta marine 37.5Hp engine. Equipment includes a Morso stove with back boiler, sterling 2.5kw combi inverter/charger and a Thetford cassette WC.

Attractively fitted in a conventional style, the interior is light and airy thanks to both large windows and a white ceiling. The conventional layout makes for a spacious boat, accommodating up to four with a fixed double, open living area and L-shaped dinette.

Attractively painted, Jenny Wren has a Green, Maroon and Cream livery which would benefit from some

polishing.

Overall a well-appointed boat with scope for improvements and an attractive price.

[www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/jenny-wren](http://www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/jenny-wren)



Jenny Wren

### **Tandel No 3** 45ft Semi-Traditional £31,500

Tandel No 3 is a 1997 John White hull fitted by Triton Narrowboats.

A deceptively spacious boat of 45ft in length with a living area/L-shaped dinette, galley, offset bathroom, bedroom with fixed double berth and a large covered semi-trad stern for storage.

Basically equipped with a 1kw inverter, solid fuel stove, diesel central heating and fully galley facilities, Tandel has everything you need to go cruising and really enjoy yourself.

Fitted with the lesser known Lombardini 35Hp engine and hospital silencer, cruising is a pleasant and practical experience.

Thanks to the Trad/Semi-Trad style hatch, Tandel No 3 functions in all kinds of weather from wonderful sunshine to rain and hail!

A great boat to get on the water with Tandel No 3 has bags of potential.

Overall Tandel No 3 has the makings of a great boat and just needs a little restoration time to shine. Could this be your first narrowboat?

[www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/tandel-no3](http://www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/tandel-no3).



Tandel No 3

### **Boat of the Season: Adelante** 67ft Cruiser £64,995

Adelante is a dutch barge style narrowboat, built 1989 by Kennet & Avon Boat Builders. This boat offers lots of space as the gunwales are much higher than a traditional narrowboat.

Maintained and restored by the current owner to a very good standard, Adelante has undergone shot blasting and repainting to the hull and superstructure and had a new bespoke galley fitted.

The layout comprises a pullman dinette fore, a galley, a

bedroom with fixed double berth, a bathroom, a living area with a sofa bed and wheel house. Adelante feels spacious throughout thanks to the various rooms.

Fitted with a powerful Beta Marine 50Hp engine and equipped with inverter, landline and isolation transformer corners have not been cut on specification.

Also fitted with items such as the washing machine and the separate freezer, Adelante could be ideal for long term cruising or living aboard.

An unusual, attractive and eye catching boat, Adelante needs to be seen to be fully appreciated.

For more details or to book an appointment to view please visit [www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/adelante](http://www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/adelante).



Adelante

### **Recently Reduced**

**New Beginnings** 58ft Traditional, was £55,950 now £52,000

[www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/new-beginnings](http://www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/new-beginnings).

**Kirki** 60ft Traditional, was £66,950 now £62,000

[www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/kirki](http://www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/kirki).

**Greenfields Boat Share** 58ft Semi-Traditional was £3,000 now £2,500

[www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/greenfields](http://www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/greenfields).

**Tranquility Boat Share** 58ft Semi-Traditional was £2,800 now £2,500

[www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/tranquility1](http://www.aqueductmarina.co.uk/tranquility1).

### **Recently Under Offer**

Elvyn, Sunrise, Saul, Waters Edge, TicketyBoo and Kastaway.Synergy

### **Sold**

Adonis Blue, Alford Boats, Lest we Forget, Clover, Tipsy Toad, Whitchurch, Dream Catcher, Hyde Away, Sampson and the Hobbit.

## **SUMBA (Shropshire Union Middlewich Branch Adopters)**



**As a group of active volunteers, we meet in partnership with C&RT improving the towpath and locks.** Tasks include hedge laying, fencing, painting and generally helping along the Middlewich Branch and local canals.

On Thursday and Friday 8th/9th November we will be assisting C&RT with preparation for the reopening of the Stanthorne to Middlewich stretch

meeting at Wardle Lock. We will be helping to restore bridge brickwork and also generally tidying and cleaning the canalside and Wardle Lock. There will be a mix of heavy, medium and light work available.

If you are interested in joining our hands on, practical, and sociable group please email [sumbavolunteers@btinternet.com](mailto:sumbavolunteers@btinternet.com)

## **MERE TAKES CENTRE STAGE**



**The latest C&RT workboat to take centre stage is "Mere".** This week she returned to the water following an extensive restoration project undertaken by our operations team.

These boats are specifically designed to undertake vital work on the inland waterways, performing countless operations often in harsh conditions and in all forms of weather. Many of these boats are now unfortunately looking a little "well used" which isn't surprising considering the work they perform, therefore C&RT are investing in the restoration of these craft to continue the important work they do to keep our canals and rivers usable for all.

Mere has been fully stripped, grit blasted, repainted using hardwearing epoxy coatings and then completely rebuilt using materials and components designed to last the test of time.

Keep your eyes peeled for these rejuvenated craft on a waterway near you soon.



## **WELCOME TO GLEN**

We'd like to wish a very warm welcome to Glen Roberts, who has joined us as part of our Galley Front of House Team and Felix Piasecki and Imogen Oakley who have joined our weekend staff in the office.



Glen



## Top Tip Chandlery Tuesdays

Each Tuesday we will be sharing a new top tip with you on our Facebook page, providing you with useful advice and helpful guidance to all things boating.

Our current topic is winter boating so if you have any questions that you would like us to answer please submit them to our Facebook page

[www.facebook.com/aqueductmarinacheshire/](http://www.facebook.com/aqueductmarinacheshire/).

To follow us please log on to Facebook, search Aqueduct Marina and like our page.

## New Products This Season

**We have some exciting new products for you in the Chandlery this Autumn including:**

### ROPE ON THE REEL

New custom cutting service. We can now offer you the opportunity to choose the lengths of mooring and fender rope which we can cut to your requirements onsite. Rope types include: nice-and-easy-to-handle polyester, natural



polyhemp and multi filieum (more types available on request).

### ITALIAN BRASS AND CHROME FAIRLEADS

Easy to replace and essential for all boats, these new Italian Brass and Chrome Fairleads will certainly make your boat stand out from the crowd. Made from solid brass, these continental fairleads can be supplied in either polished brass or chrome brass finish.



### 20 KG COAL

More manageable in size, we now stock XL coal in 20 kg bags providing you with a more storage-friendly option that both your boat and back will prefer! We are selling these at £9.25 a bag so make sure you call in and get stocked up in time for winter!



### NATURAL FIRELIGHTERS

An essential for keeping you warm and dry over the cooler months we now offer Blaze natural firelighters.

Made from pinewood and sawdust saturated with flammable Paraffin Wax, these non-toxic products enable easy lighting and are a kinder alternative to regular firelighters.

### NEED AN ITEM FOR THE NEXT DAY?

Don't forget our Tuesday and Thursday delivery days!

## Chandlery Offers

### DAVE'S DEALS FOR WINTER

Getting you ready for the winter season, we are offering you some great deals in our 'Dave's Deals' baskets including:

**10% Off Freezeban**  
Ideal for water line freeze protection, we are offering 10% off our Aqueduct Chandlery Freezeban.



### Winter Warmers

Thermal gloves were £3.36, now £2.49.

### Great Value Side Fenders 4 for £22

For a selected time only, make sure you come long and have a rummage.

## Small Tasks Team Volunteers

### Festival time again!

Once more we attended at Ellesmere and Whitchurch, driving the trip boat. This year we were delighted to find 'Bala' resplendent with newly restored paintwork!



Over the weekend 167 passengers were given a ride from the end of the Ellesmere arm to the winding hole upstream and back again. They were very appreciative and generous with their thanks and donations. The weather was predicted to be dodgy, so the stall was installed under cover in the yard. In spite of this less than ideal situation, a healthy profit of over £200 (including a donation from C&RT) was made.

A similar operation at Whitchurch on 1st and 2nd of September involved 40 trips for 'Bala' with a total of 360 people – a remarkable achievement! The weather was kind and the stall did well, benefiting too from an ideal situation.

Between the events at Ellesmere and Whitchurch, we managed another work party at Swanley locks. We re-painted these locks not long ago, but rain had interfered

with our work and wear and tear had taken its toll. The weather this time was good, and the freshly painted look should last a little longer!

Unfortunately the September work party was postponed, but a small group took the opportunity to do some



outstanding work. The new water point at Cholmondeston was furnished with paving and preparatory work was undertaken at Barbridge, where a memorial for Paul Mills is to be installed.

We are always prepared to welcome new members. Contact John Riley for details.

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Preparatory work underway at Barbridge







# Christmas Feast

SATURDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

Doors open 6.30pm

## *Starters*

Tomato and Red Pepper Soup served with a Warm Crusty Roll and Butter

Wild Boar Terrine served on a bed of Crisp Salad Leaves and Toast

## *Mains*

Traditional Roast Turkey served with Homemade Stuffing, Pigs in Blankets, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Homemade Gravy and Cranberry Sauce

Potato Cheese Onion and Leek Bake served with Seasonal Vegetables

Tomato and Thyme Cod served with Boiled Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables

## *Desserts*

Traditional Christmas Pudding served with Brandy Sauce

Homemade Ferrero Rocher Cheesecake

**3 COURSES £25.00**

*\*Complimentary glass of mulled wine on arrival\**

There will be a selection of Wines, Beers and Soft Drinks to purchase in the evening.

**THE GALLEY  
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# Booking Form

*Leading Name:*.....

*Address:*.....

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*Email:* .....

*Telephone no:* .....

*Number in your party:*.....

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GUEST NAME	STARTER	MAIN	DESSERT

Please indicate above if you have any dietary requirements.

## THE GALLEY AQUEDUCT

Please post and return this form by

**Monday 19th November** to

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