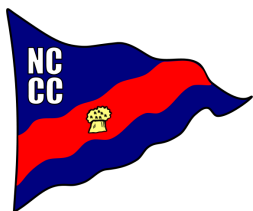


# Ditchcrawler



**The Demolition Team**  
(Mike's taking the pic)



**Spring 2025 Issue**  
**Quarterly Newsletter for**  
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**TheNorthCheshireCruisingClub**

### **Summer Issue**

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**If you have a contribution for the next issue, please let the Editor have your article no later than 28 May 2025 If you have any information that you would like to share with your fellow members please email me. [editor@nccc.org.uk](mailto:editor@nccc.org.uk)**

## Commodores Message

Spring is upon us, the nights are drawing out, nearly time to de-winterize the boat, weather and stoppages allowing the Commodores cruising schedule for this year is as follows:

Friday 18 April – Monday 21 April Easter Cruise to Bugsworth Basin

Friday 2 May – Sunday 11 May - Cruise to Caldon Canal

Friday 30 May – Sunday 15 June – Summer Cruise Option A – Cruise to Birmingham 2 weeks

Friday 30 May – Sunday 29 June – Summer Cruise Option B – Warwickshire Ring (this will include option A - 4 weeks)

Friday 29 August – Saturday 20 September – Autumn Cruise to be confirmed.

If you are planning on joining any of these cruise please put your details on the appropriate notice in the club house or e-mail me. [commodore@nccc.org.uk](mailto:commodore@nccc.org.uk)

Look forward to seeing you.

To whoever stole my glasses, be aware I have contacts !!

Thanks  
Ian



# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Just a reminder that your membership to North Cheshire Cruising Club is due for renewal on 1 April 2025. Can you please ensure that when renewing your membership, that you let Pam Russell (Membership Services Director), know of any changes to your address, email, telephone or mobile numbers. Pam will then be able to update the members directory with the latest information. We also need to ensure that you are receiving the information on email.

If you need to contact Pam, please either give Pam a call, text etc on 07806 267012 or email [membership@nccc.org.uk](mailto:membership@nccc.org.uk).

Thank you

## **A Message to the Board**

‘Just a short message.

Please pass on our thanks to all involved in the meeting and taken of minutes.

" Item raised ; straight to the point ; action taken ; easy read/ membership informed "

Keep up the good work.

Member—GS

From the Board

*Thank you—we appreciate your comment, makes it all worthwhile.*



## Recent Work Parties

Thank you to everyone who has joined the work parties during the winter months. Lots of work has taken place, workshop cleaned, the children's room ready for the partitioning to start (more on that later in this issue), more painting in the club house, trees cut down.



Large conifers near the bridge at the end of the arm being cut down as agreed with C&RT



**Workshop clean up**

On behalf of Eric and Mike, can we say thank you to everyone that comes to our work parties each month.

We appreciate you taking the time out of your own schedule to come and assist us.

## New Members Night - Friday 21 February 2025



Thank you to everyone that came to the New Members night and to the NCCC Board for introducing themselves to the evening.

Also thank you to John Suggitt our AWCC Representative for talking to the members about the AWCC.

You will see below some pictures from our cheese platter that was organised by Jan and Martin Tattersall - thank you both its much appreciated.

We hope everyone had a good night.





The Club has been advised that some of our Members are in poor health at this time. Our thoughts and prayers go out to them and their families”.



## Pointing of the Walls surrounding NCCC

As part of the covenant that is in place with the purchase of NCCC, we are requested to maintain all the walls around the arm. These are stone walls that need re-pointing and in some parts rebuilding.

The Board wish to thank John Ghent for all the work that he has done on the arm in pointing the walls.

He has been out in sun, rain, wind and also when it snowed. John has also rebuilt the wall on the outside car park to the club. He has made a fantastic job (see the pic below).

There is still a little bit of work to complete to put the top stones on the wall

Thank You John



## Out with the old - in with the New

Over a year ago, a discussion took place about make use of the old children's room (as we only have a couple of children on the arm now), and making it into two rooms. The pictures below show the partition going up, and being boarded ready for the two rooms. Thank you to Martin Tattersall for all your help. Martin did the partition on his own. We cannot thank you enough.

The two rooms will now become a dedicated storage area for all the items for events and Christmas (back part of the old room) and the front part will be the new wharf office.



North Cheshire Cruising Club



# Fitting Out Supper

5th April 2025

7 ~~FOR~~ 7.30 pm.



Supper @ - 7.30



entertainment by



## Burkenhoff



£15 Per Person





*5th April*

*Live...*

*North Cheshire  
Crusing Club*

*High Lane*

*BURKENHOFF*



## Slipway Availability

Please see below the latest update for availability on the slipway.

The slipway calendar on our website is available to view for 2025 Here is a link to our calendar :

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=mikesniper1%40gmail.com&ctz=Europe%2FLondon>

There is currently availability as per the dates below. If you wish to take you boat out of the water – get your boat booked in as soon as possible, as after Easter (end of April), the list will be open for non-members to book.

**April / May / June / July / September** – fully booked.

**August** – Available 1 bookings – 14 to 21 August

**October, November and December** – these months are currently free

Please contact Mike Robison to confirm your booking 07975 686707.



***The Mary Sunley - Disability Boat  
taking the first booking of the year***



## **Weekly Events**

- ◆ Friday Night Social in the clubhouse 8pm till late
- ◆ Sunday lunches run until Sunday 13 April (Note there will be NO SUNDAY LUNCH on Sunday 6 April)
- ◆ Sunday lunches restart on Sunday 5 October 2025

## **Monthly Events**

### **Monthly Work Party**

Second Saturday of each month with Pie or Sausages and a hot drink for £2.50 or you could have a pint at the bar (extra cost) lunch starts at 1pm. (please make sure you sign in to the book in the workshop)

- ◆ Saturday 12 April 2025
- ◆ Saturday 10 May 2025
- ◆ Saturday 14 June 2025
- ◆ Saturday 12 July 2025

## **Social Events**

- ◆ Saturday 4 April 2025 - Fitting Out Supper
- ◆ Saturday 23 August 2025 - Bank Holiday BBQ
- ◆ Saturday 18 October 2025 - Laying Up Supper
- ◆ Saturday 6 December 2025 - Christmas Party
- ◆ Sunday 14 December 2025 - Brass Band Might

## **AWCC / Funding Britain's Waterways Campaign**

**Many of our members will be cruising the waterways this year.  
Please join Hazel's cruise if you can.**

This year, Hazel Owen (Chair of AWCC) will be leading a campaign cruise in support of the Fund Britain's Waterways campaign. Hazel, her husband Richard and their two dogs Mia and Jess will be leaving Strawberry Island Boat Club in Doncaster on NB Rum a Gin accompanied by six other narrowboats on Saturday 29 March.

Hazel is hoping that members will get involved by attending organised events along the way or perhaps by joining the cruise for a time as the flotilla makes it's way to London and across the Wash to the Fens before returning to Doncaster in August. Please see the week by week outline of this cruise.

The support of AWCC members will be vital in promoting the aims of the Fund Britain's Waterways Campaign.

Thank you for your help and support.

### **Flotilla of Boats heads South for the FBW Campaign Cruise**

Week by week cruise information from Doncaster - London - Boston - Doncaster

As boaters will appreciate it's very difficult to say where you will be moored each evening. Especially with a flotilla of boats.

The following week by week info will give an indication of which area we plan to cruise and of course our Facebook page **Fund Britain's Waterways - Cruises for 2025** will be updated each day, once we set sail.

If any boaters would like to join us enroute for a few days that would be brilliant. But at the very least please show your support and sign our Petition #Fund Britain's Waterways.

**Week 1** Saturday 29 March – Saturday 5 April - Strawberry Island Boat Club Doncaster to Soar Boat Club Normanton on Soar. Cruising the Sheffield & South Yorkshire, Stainforth and Keadby, River Trent and River Soar

**Week 2** Sunday 6 April – Saturday 12 April - Soar Boat Club Normanton on Soar to Taveners Boat Club Thrupp. Cruising the River Soar, Leicester Section Grand Union and Grand Union

**Week 3** Sunday 13 April – Saturday 19 April - Taveners Boat Club. Thrupp to Marsworth. Cruising the Grand Union

**Week 4** Sunday 20 April to Saturday 27 April - Marsworth – St Pancras Cruising Club. Cruising the Grand Union, Grand Union Paddington Arm and Regents Canal

**Week 5** Sunday 27 April - Saturday 3 May - St Pancras Cruising Club to Little Venice IWA Cavalcade Bank Holiday Weekend Cruising the Regents Canal

**Week 6** Sunday 4 May – Saturday 10 May - Busy week this week. Little Venice IWA Cavalcade - 6 May to Limehouse, 7 May Campaign Cruise to Palace of Westminster, 8 May Dispersal Cruise with boats heading for Brentford and Teddington. Boats Coming through Brentford Lock will head for Hillingdon Canal Club. Cruising the Regents Canal, River Thames, Grand Union. Boats Heading to Teddington will be continuing up the Thames

**Week 7** Sunday 11 May to Saturday 17 May - Hillingdon Canal Club to Dunstable District Cruising Club Cook's Wharf. Cruising the Grand Union

**Week 8** Sunday 18 May to Saturday 24 May - Dunstable District Cruising Club Cook's Wharf to Lichfield Cruising Club Huddlesford Junction. Cruising the Grand Union, Northern Oxford and Coventry

**Week 9** Sunday 25 May to Saturday 31 May - Lichfield Cruising Club (Huddlesford Junction) – Derby Motorboat Club. Cruising the Coventry and Trent and Mersey

**Week 10** Sunday 1 June to Saturday 7 June - Derby Motorboat Club to Boston. Cruising the River Trent, Fossdyke, and River Witham,

**Week 11** Sunday 8 June to Saturday 14 June - Boston to Denver Sluice Cruising Club Dependent on weather. Cruising the The Wash and River Nene

**Week 12** Sunday 15 June to Saturday 21 June - Denver Sluice Cruising Club to Cambridge. Cruising the River Nene, Middle Levels, River Ouse and River Cam

**Week 13** Sunday 22 June to Saturday 28<sup>t</sup> June - Cambridge to St Ives. Cruising the River Cam and River Ouse

**Week 14** Sunday 29<sup>t</sup> June to Saturday 5<sup>t</sup> July - St Ives – March. Cruising the River Ouse and Middle Levels

**Week 15** Sunday 6 July to Saturday 12 July - March – Peterborough. Cruising the Middle Levels and River Nene

**Week 16** Sunday 13 July to Saturday 19 July - Peterborough – Oundle. Cruising the River Nene.

**Week 17** Sunday 20 July to Saturday 26 July - Oundle – Northampton Cruising the River Nene

**Week 18** Sunday 27 July to Saturday 2 August - Northampton to Hinkley. Cruising the River Nene, Northampton Arm, Grand Union, Northern Oxford, Coventry and Ashby

**Week 19** Sunday 3 August to Saturday 9 August - Hinkley to Swarkestone. Cruising the Ashby, Coventry, Trent & Mersey

**Week 20** Sunday 3 August to Saturday 9 August - Swarkestone to Doncaster. Cruising the Trent and Mersey, River Trent, Stainforth and Keadby, Sheffield and South Yorkshire

## **North Cheshire Cruising Club**

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# **Flower Arranging Workshops**

By David Mason

*Nafas Area Demonstrator*

*To be held Saturday Afternoons at the  
North Cheshire Cruising Club*

Fortnightly commencing on



**Saturday – 29<sup>th</sup> March,**

**Saturday – 12<sup>th</sup> April,**

**Saturday – 26<sup>th</sup> April,**

**Saturday - 10<sup>th</sup> May.**

**From 2 pm. – 4 30pm**

**£10 per Session**

Refreshments available

Contact Sheila to book your place

**01663 765 731**



## Pancake Night - 7 March 2025



Although the turnout was poor, those that attended pancake night had a good time with our 'Chief Tosser' Martin Tattersall tossing the pancakes, with his glamorous assistance Jan looking after the orders

With all the normal toppings available they went down well.

Thanks to Jan and Martin for their time.

## 'Build a Double Gate'

To enable the wharf team to get machinery down to the other end of the arm, they decided to remove some of the privet and replace with a pair of double gates. These were built and installed by the wharf team. The new gates are on the edge of the triangle.





# Welcome to our New Members

- ◆ Gary Philips - Associate Member
- ◆ Glenys and David Critchlow - NB Wild Rose



Let us have your views on the Ditchcrawler. Is there anything you would like to see as a regular feature, would you like to hear other members cruising stories are you renovating your boat and would like to do a series, then send them into [editor@nccc.org.uk](mailto:editor@nccc.org.uk).

## 2026 NCCC Calendar - Send in your pics

We all have the ability to capture a moment in time through photography, so why not consider applying your artistic endeavours towards our 2026 NCCC calendar?

The rules are simple:

- ◆ This is a members only competition
- ◆ All pictures must be landscape
- ◆ Entries must feature a canal, river or boating theme
- ◆ All entries must be submitted by email to [info@nccc.org.uk](mailto:info@nccc.org.uk)
- ◆ The closing date being 30 September



We wish you all the very best in your artistic endeavours so let's all get snapping. Thank You

## Dredging



On the March work party, NB Talismann II, NB Horny Toad and NB Sandpiper all moved their boats to ensure that no damage came to their boats whilst dredging, and also the demolition of the double shed.

The team removed tonnes of silt from the moorings. There is still work to do, so an update will be provided in the next issue.

## Demolition Team

Last year, two of our members agreed to vacate the double boat house at the corner of the arm as it was becoming unstable. This enabled us to take the shed down and in time, make another couple of moorings. Below and across are the pics of the demo team taking the shed down.









North Cheshire Cruising Club have a number of facilities. Over the next couple of pages you will see lots of useful information.

**Slipway and Paint shed** - The slipway is always a popular facility so make sure you book early! Available dates are shown on the online calendar on our website. The calendar can also be used to book the paint shed or check the dates when the crane will be in the yard.

<http://www.nccc.org.uk/slipway-availability/>



**Moorings** - We have limited moorings at North Cheshire Cruising Club. If you are interested in mooring in the arm, and would like to go on our waiting list, then please contact our Moorings Officer Dave Hood

<http://www.nccc.org.uk/facilities/>



**Wharf Sales** - We stock a variety of items that can be purchased from the Wharf Superintendent Mike Robison or Water Land and Space Director Eric Roberts - these items include diesel, gas, coal, kindling, logs, electricity cards for using on your moorings. We are also now stocking Interful blacking. Do you have suggestions for other items that we can stock?

<http://www.nccc.org.uk/wharf-sales/>

**Bar Volunteers** - Can you spare a couple of hours to help out on our bar on a Friday night, or on social events. If you moor in the arm, you can also use the hours you work on the bar against your 24 hours volunteering work.

Interested: contact David 07748 073117. / Email : bar@nccc.org.uk

<http://www.nccc.org.uk/club/bar/>



**Membership of North Cheshire Cruising Club** - The advantages of belonging to a well established active cruising club are many.

At lot of our members have a vast experience of cruising the rivers and waterways.

Members have exclusive use of the club facilities. The club house is open on Friday nights for social gatherings and also Sunday lunch time October through to March, where a light lunch can be purchased.

There are two categories of membership: Full and Associate. New members are always welcome and applications forms for either category are available to download on our website, or you can also sign up in person on a Friday night by coming along to a social night. See Pam Russell Membership Services Director

[http:// www.nccc.org.uk/membership/](http://www.nccc.org.uk/membership/)

**More information is available on our website : [www.nccc.org.uk](http://www.nccc.org.uk)**



**Would you like to contribute an article to the Ditchcrawler?** Then chat with the Editorial team. If you are not sure how to write an article, let us help you. Tell us about your boat renovation, your time with the club, maybe a profile about yourself and why you joined NCCC. Email editor@nccc.org.uk





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