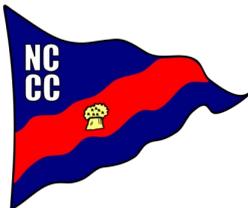


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**Spring Issue
Quarterly Newsletter for
North Cheshire Cruising Club**

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New Members Night - Another successful night



Our second event of 2026 was an outstanding success — a truly memorable Members Night filled with laughter, great company, and a wonderfully welcoming atmosphere.

Each year, we host New Members Night to warmly welcome those who have joined North Cheshire Cruising Club within the past twelve months. It's always a highlight of the calendar, and this year was no exception.

Beautifully organised by Pam Russell and Jan and Martin Tattersall, the evening brought everyone together for a delightful Cheese and Wine Night. On arrival, each new member received a raffle ticket to exchange at the bar for a complimentary glass of wine — the perfect way to start a relaxed and sociable evening.

Pam opened the night by introducing our new members to the Directors of the Board, along with our AWCC representative John Suggitt and our Licencee David Mason.

Although Eric Roberts (Land and Water Space Director) who does not drive at night, Catherine Jackson (Director without Portfolio), and our new Commodore Stephen Jackson, who were travelling back from Italy in their motorhome, were unable to attend, they all sent message of introduction and were warmly represented. Heather Stanley, our Company Secretary, spoke on Catherine's



Company Secretary, spoke on Catherine's behalf, while Vice Commodore Tim Smith spoke for Eric and Stephen — ensuring everyone felt connected and included.

Once the formalities were complete, the fun truly began! Our Quartermaster — and ever-popular Quizmaster — Bill Jewsbury took to the floor to host one of his much-loved quizzes. As always, it was lively, entertaining, and full of friendly competition, with plenty of laughs along the way.

Following the quiz, members enjoyed a superb spread prepared by Jan and Martin. The food was, as ever, beautifully presented and thoroughly enjoyed by all. On behalf of the Board and Members, a huge thank you to you both — you always help make it such a special evening.

We were delighted that nine of our twelve new members were able to attend, creating a fantastic turnout and a vibrant atmosphere throughout the clubhouse.

If you couldn't join us this time, don't worry — we'd love to see you at one of our weekly Friday social nights, which run all year round, or at any of our upcoming events. Keep an eye on your emails from our Postmaster and the notices in the clubhouse and workshop for details.

Here's to a brilliant start to 2026 — and many more fun-filled nights to come!



Our Dredger is going landside!

As you may know our dredger has had some problems over the last year. A couple of weeks ago it was moved to the entrance to the slipway where it could be looked at for an professional independent Engineering inspection. Unfortunately it started to sink into the mud. Eric, along with Gordon Smith and Tim Smith, made enquiries to have the dredger craned out of the water and put on dry land where the inspection and work could take place. An email was sent out on Friday, for members to come and assist trying to move the dredger from one side of the Arm to the other and we had an amazing response, despite the short notice, with over a dozen helpers turning up. So a massive THANK YOU to everyone who helped out, everyone worked well together with a real sense of camaraderie, which is what our great club is all about!



Keeping the dredger away from other boats



Pulling the dredger in and getting ready to tow with Geoff Lamb's Car and NB Sunbeam



Eric using the digger for propulsion with Martin watching on



NB Sunbeam getting ready to tow the boat

Thank you to Jamie Walker for the photographs

'Commodore Calling'



A quick hello and introduction from your new Commodore!

Hopefully some of you will already know me (and Catherine) from NB Aalin. Together with Tim Smith (NB Sunbeam) as Vice Commodore, we hope to make a positive contribution to the club.

The challenges of last year for cruising our wonderful canals maybe equally as challenging this year for us all but nevertheless plans can be made to cruise as the network allows for those of us that want to.

The NCCC is undoubtedly facing some challenges itself this year and it is both mine and Catherine's mindset to get involved as much as we possibly can to help 'steady the ship' and to encourage helping a positive and optimistic course for the Clubs future.

As your Commodore, I would love to hear about your cruising ambitions for the year ahead and if together we can develop some or part of those ideas into a Club Event for others to experience that would be great.

Last year myself and Catherine had a plan to head south ultimately to explore the Kennet & Avon canal but alas the breach near Bosley and then at Bollington put paid to that from the outset. We were blessed with fantastic Spring weather and we made the most of that spending time on the Upper Peak Forest canal and of course regular visits to Whiteley Green (gardening and tidying) on the Macclesfield canal. We eventually decided to head in the direction of Liverpool whilst we could still descend Marple Locks and as it turned out, we elected to divert from the Leeds Liverpool canal at Burscough and descend on to the Rufford Branch, then travelling along the tidal River Ribble to the Lancaster canal. It turned out to be quite an experience and adventure for us and a superb year of cruising, always having sufficient water beneath NB Aalin as the rest of the network struggled on.

If members are interested to hear about some of our adventures we encountered along the way then please express your interest to me so that we can organise an event following this year's cruising season. If this proves to be popular, we can put on more events covering some of our other cruises. We've got plenty of photos to share with you that I'm sure members will find interesting and in some cases amusing.

Back to now and Spring is just around the corner. NB Aalin is booked in for some pre scheduled internal work with our Boat Builder, Andy Dence Narrowboats based at Stenson on the Trent & Mersey canal just to the south of Derby.

So this will be the very first cruise of the year for us and if you'd like to share this experience with us then you're more than welcome to join us!

Many of you will know the journey from High Lane to the end of the Macclesfield canal at Kidsgrove is truly beautiful and once on to the Trent and Mersey, the canal after Stoke on Trent naturally follows the course of the River Trent and is equally interesting and beautiful.

It will be a 'there and back' cruise for NB Aalin as there is so much work to do here at the Club but that's not to say you can't 'go your own way' at any point along the journey.

At the moment we are looking at departing the Arm before the end of March all things being considered.

The journey length each way is approximately 81 miles, 47 locks, 2 swing bridges and of course Harecastle tunnel.

It would also be nice to have a couple of local cruises during the summer months, making use of the BBQ at Whiteley Green, a trip down Marple locks to wind at Portland Basin and maybe a trip to Kidsgrove to wind at the junction with the Trent & Mersey canal. Details to follow in due course before maybe heading a little further afield again in the early autumn. Let's see how the network is holding up and what's realistically available.

I sincerely look forward to hearing your ideas and cruising ambitions for the year ahead and making a positive contribution to the ongoing success of our great cruising club.

Best wishes & good health for the year ahead.

Steve Jackson Commodore



Meet your new Chairman - Gordon Smith



It was a tremendous honour to be asked to serve as Chairman of the NCCC. I am still finding my way around the Club's systems and methods, learning as I go. However, I am acutely aware that the Club has been running successfully for 80 years, thanks in no small part to the enthusiasm and dedication of its members and volunteers. We take great pride in the fact that the Club is now owned by the members themselves, a result of the efforts of the previous Chairman and the guidance of experienced board members, fellow Directors, Officers and Regular volunteers for all their unstinting hard work.

Furthermore, I am pleased to note that the previous board volunteers have remained steadfast in their important roles, providing continuity and also may I extend a huge welcome to new board members and the growing team of supportive volunteers in our operations.

Personal Background

I currently live in Hazel Grove with my wife Debbie and am fortunate to have three grown-up children and seven grandchildren. Our narrowboat is moored on the Macclesfield Canal. Over the years, I have held various volunteer chairman and support roles, including with the Stockport Tadpole group (children under 16 with diabetes), the Stockport Epilepsy group for adults, the Electrical IET North West Region, and the Macmillan Cancer support group within Wythenshawe Hospital.

Approach and Commitment

Coming in with a fresh perspective, I believe this can be an asset to the Club. I recognise that there will be inevitably challenges / ups and downs, these are part and parcel of board work. Nevertheless, as volunteers, we share a common purpose, to ensure the Club's continued success and prosperity.

Professional Experience

I bring a broad range of experience, from hands-on electrical contracting to independent engineering inspection businesses. My work has spanned across commercial settings, banks, food production, heavy industries such as steelworks, hazardous chemical plants, sand and limestone quarries. While mistakes can occur, I have always found it essential to be open and upfront in addressing them.

Key Priorities for NCCC

With this experience in mind, I consider several areas to be top priorities for the NCCC in the next couple of months.

- Whitely Green, Breaching Matters
- Dredger Unit, which is a particularly dangerous piece of equipment
- Provide and maintain safe plant equipment.
- Fully behind the appointment of a Health & Safety officer

Together, we can form a highly effective team.

Members Family and Volunteer Contributions

In addition to our current roles, we recognise the vital contributions made by family members and volunteers are indispensable in a variety of roles, including organising events, undertaking maintenance tasks, overseeing safety, and engaging with members in supporting the NCCC.

Health and Safety

NCCC members and visitors have a duty of care and responsibility and should there be seen that there are concerns regarding safety this should be reported immediately to the NCCC Secretary. Send in a photograph through your mobile phone can speak a lot of words.

As with everybody looking forward to a great boating season.

Gordon Smith Chairman

‘Thought of The Day ; Fail safety and it will fail you’

Surprise Delivery for Mr Ian Spooner



A few weeks ago, Ian brought in some press releases about the volunteering work he had previously been involved in. Those who were at the Club on the Friday night found this incredibly inspiring – including our Vice Commodore, Tim Smith.

Ian explained that eight members of the Ticker Club at Wythenshawe Hospital had been honoured with the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in recognition of their outstanding dedication to volunteering. The award ceremony itself had taken place at the beautiful Gorton Monastery.

However, during a conversation with Tim, Ian shared how saddened he was that he had lost his medal at a funeral he had attended quite some time again, something that meant a great deal to him personally.

Then, on our New Members' Night on Friday 20 February 2026, a very special delivery arrived at the Club for Ian.

Our Licensee, David Mason, was asked to present an envelope to him. As Ian opened it, he was overwhelmed to discover that inside was a replacement Queen's Award medal. The emotion of the moment was clear for all to see – Ian was almost in tears as he asked where it had come from.

All we can say is that Vice Commodore Tim Smith never reveals his sources... but he was absolutely delighted to have been able to restore something so meaningful, and to put such a well-deserved smile back on Ian's face..



A Flipping Fantastic Pancake Night!



A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for Pancake Night on Friday 13 February — what a brilliant evening it turned out to be!

With **29 members** filling the club, the atmosphere was buzzing from the start. Laughter, chatter, and the delicious smell of freshly made pancakes made it a night to remember.

The evening was expertly hosted by the wonderful **Jan and**

Martin Tattersall — with Martin proudly taking on the title of “*The Pancake Tosser!*” Jan kept everything running smoothly by calling out orders as the queues formed, while pancakes were freshly made to order. When your name was called, you knew a perfectly cooked pancake was ready and waiting!



All the classic toppings were on offer, so everyone could enjoy their favourite combinations — whether sweet, simple, or fully loaded.

It really was a fantastic night, full of fun, great food, and even better company.

The photos are of Martin in action, showing off his impressive pancake-tossing skills!

A very special thank you to Jan and Martin for continuing to host this much-loved evening for our members to enjoy. We're so grateful for the time and effort you put in — it wouldn't be the same without you both!

Our New Tool Store

If you've looked back through a few previous editions of *Ditchcrawler*, you'll have seen the fantastic progress that's been made downstairs in the clubhouse — including the workshop, the new Wharf Office, and the new storage room.

The former office space has been empty for several months and, more recently, has simply been used to store some of the wooden tables. We're pleased to say that it's now being transformed into a dedicated tool storage area, giving us a much more organised and practical space for members to use.

We were incredibly grateful to receive a generous donation of tools and equipment from Sheila Barlow following the passing of her husband, Bob Barlow. It's a wonderful way for Bob's tools to continue being used and appreciated within the club.

Adding to this, Nigel Stanley kindly offered some heavy-duty wooden shelving that had been stored in his garage. Tim Smith and Gordon Smith collected the shelving from Nigel, and once back at the club, Tim — assisted by his "labourer" Gordon — carefully cut and adapted it to fit perfectly into the new tool storage area.

During the recent work party, they also began transferring items from Wharf Cottage, where they had previously been stored, into the newly prepared space.

More updates will follow soon, including details on how members will be able to borrow tools when needed. It's great to see another area of the clubhouse being put to such practical and positive use!



Happy Retirement, Sheila



I would like to pay tribute to Sheila Barlow, who, after many dedicated years, has decided to step down from her role as Fundraising Co-ordinator and Moorings Fees Assistant

Sheila has asked the Moorings Officer by sending out all the document for new moorings, and sending out the reminders and paperwork each year to the moorer's. Another one of the important volunteering roles within the club.

Sheila has successfully led the club's fundraising committee for more years than many of us can count. During that time, she has organised and delivered some truly memorable events — from the ever-popular wreath-making workshops to the wonderful flower arranging demonstrations (ably led by our very own Licensee, David Mason), and of course the always entertaining Race Nights.

These events have consistently been well supported, hugely enjoyed by members, and have required an enormous amount of planning, time and commitment behind the scenes. Sheila's hard work, organisation and enthusiasm have played a vital role in bringing members together while raising valuable funds for the club.

This year, Sheila has decided that it is time to take a well-earned rest from the role. While we completely understand her decision, she will be greatly missed. The club owes her a sincere debt of gratitude for her dedication, energy and many years of service.

On behalf of everyone at the club, thank you, Sheila — your contribution has truly made a difference.

You have also become such a good friend to many people at the club, past and present.

With heartfelt thanks, Pam Russell

A Brave Haircut for a Wonderful Cause - Sponsorship Appeal

And there is still time to donate



Ruth Smith, our Finance Director, has taken the very brave step of having her hair cut much shorter so that she can donate it to the Little Princess Trust.

This fantastic charity provides free, real-hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment or other medical conditions. They also fund vital research into childhood cancers, helping to develop kinder and more effective treatments for the future.

It costs around £700 to make just one wig. So alongside the haircut, Ruth decided to try to raise some funds to help cover the cost of providing wigs to the children who need them. She set up a fundraising page, and there is still time to contribute:

<https://fundraise.littleprincesses.org.uk/fundraising/ruths-fundraising-page1083>

Read more about the charity by going to the website below
<https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>

Ruth had her big haircut on Thursday 12 February and would like to say a massive Thank You to everyone who has donated to her Just Giving page and helped turn her hair donation into a free real hair wig for a child who has lost their own hair.

Ruth is delighted to say that, thanks to your generosity, she has exceeded her

target of £700 which is the cost of providing one wig. The total currently stands at just over £1000 but it is not too late to donate.

See the new hair cut on the next page....



Ruth very much appreciates all your support. It has definitely made her much braver when she was sat in the hairdresser's chair!

She would also like to say a big thank you to Erin at Peers & Co In Romiley for helping her feel confident enough to face the chop!



On top of all that, Ruth loves her new look and hopes to show it off to you all at the Fitting Out Supper.

Thank you all for your kind and generous donations.



Thank you!

Ruth Smith

for kindly donating your hair

Your wonderful donation makes a real difference to children affected by hair loss

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Feedback on recent events
Christmas Party, Brass Bands and Friday Nights
Mo and Ian Spooner - Lazy Days

Our Christmas Party may have been a little smaller than we'd hoped, with around 30 people joining us, but what a fantastic night it turned out to be! We enjoyed a lovely meal and were treated to a brilliant performance from the wonderfully talented Lynn Lacey. The evening was full of singing, laughter, and dancing — a great atmosphere all round.

The Brass Band Night was another real success. Although member bookings were again on the lower side, we were delighted to welcome plenty of visitors, filling the room and creating a lively buzz. It certainly turned into a great night for the bar too!

Friday evenings have been a bit quieter lately, but we are hopeful that as the weather improves, we'll see more friendly faces coming along to join us.



Welcome
to our
New Members

- ◆ Alan Timblin - NB Suzanne Melody
- ◆ Julie Walker - NB BobLynne
- ◆ James Walker - NB BobLynee
- ◆ Christ Wardle - AWOL

- ◆ Peter Sockett
- ◆ Ann Louise Black

- ◆ George Brooks - NB Pheonix (Associate to Full Member)

North Cheshire Cruising Club's Fitting Out Supper

Join us for a evening of entertainment with
Ian Frankel
Singing a mixture of 60s, 70s, 80s
and 90s music



Saturday 7 March 2026

£20.00 Per Person



Supper catered by Reflections



**Hot Pot and
Apple Pie and Custard
(or cream)**



Succulent meat and gravy topped with potatoes that are tender underneath and crisp on top served with pickled red cabbage and seasonal vegetables.

Vegetarian Hotpot option available by pre-order only

To book

Put your name on the list in the function room, or
Email : postmaster@nccc.org.uk / Contact Pam Russell on 07806 267012

Cancellation Charges will apply

If you cancel from 2 to 7 March, or do not attend the event, you will be charged the full price per person



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Carole's Memories of Prunella Scales

It was so sad to hear the news of the passing of one of the country's famous faces – Prunella Scales in 2025

Best known for her unforgettable role as Sybil in *Fawlty Towers* and for a distinguished career spanning many iconic West End productions, **Prunella Scales** was one of Britain's most cherished actresses.

Together with her beloved husband of more than 50 years, Timothy West, who sadly passed away in November 2024, she co-starred in the much loved *Great Canal Journeys* on Channel 4. From 2014 to 2019, the couple delighted audiences as they travelled the waterways of the UK, sharing their warmth, humour, and deep affection for one another.

Prunella was diagnosed with vascular dementia in 2013 and passed away at the age of 93, leaving behind an extraordinary legacy in British theatre and television.

One of our members, Carole Ratcliffe, has kindly shared this photograph of Prunella and Tim taken during filming in Worsley some years ago.

A lovely reminder of their time on the canals and the joy they brought to so many. Thank you Carole



Volunteers Needed!



We are also seeking volunteers to help with work on the wharf.

While this is not a formal board position, any time you can offer during the week to assist with work on the Arm would be greatly appreciated.

If you're able to help, please get in touch with the Board.

Meet the Newest Face Behind the Bar



Let me warmly introduce you to the newest friendly face behind the bar — Rachel, who has also recently joined us at North Cheshire Cruising as a member on NB Poole.

Our wonderful team continues to grow, and Rachel will now be working alongside Bill Jewsbury, Rob Shaw, Catherine Jackson, and Pam Russell. It's fantastic to see our club family expanding with such great people.

If you've ever thought about getting involved, we would absolutely love to welcome you. Please come and have a chat with me — I promise you'll have fun and be part of a great team.

Looking forward to seeing you soon

David Mason - NCCC Licencee

Celebrating Our Four-Legged (and Feathered) Friends



Our pets bring so much joy to our community, becoming part of the Cut family. Many members love having their furry, or feathery companions with them, sharing adventures and making friends along the way. While they may not have a membership card, they always leave pawprints (and

footprints!) on our hearts.

In the last quarter of 2025, we said goodbye to some very special friends who crossed the rainbow bridge:

- ◆ **Eric Roberts' Toby**, a faithful Manchester Terrier often seen around the Arm, who brightened everyone's day with his loyal companionship.
- ◆ **Adrian and Linda Hambleton's parrot Frank**, whose cheerful calls could often be heard from their boat, bringing smiles to all who met him.
- ◆ **Our own George, our cat**, (only added as I always talk about our cats) a beautiful shorthaired white and stripey cat who filled our hearts with love and purrs.
- ◆ **David Mason's Rosie**, the beloved Alsatian, who even as our Bar Manager's companion, always commanded attention and affection whenever she visited the bar.

Each of these wonderful pets brought laughter, love, and light to our community. Though they may no longer be with us, their memories will always bring warmth and smiles.

Let's celebrate them for the joy they shared and the friendships they helped create.



Weekly Events

- ◆ Friday Night Social in the clubhouse 7.30pm till late - open all year
- ◆ Sunday lunches on until Easter 2026 .

Monthly Events

Monthly Work Party 10am to 1pm or later

- ◆ Saturday 14 March
- ◆ Saturday 11 April
- ◆ Saturday 9 May
- ◆ Saturday 13 June

Social Events

- ◆ Saturday 7 March - Fitting Out Supper
- ◆ Saturday 22 March - Race Night (TBC)
- ◆ Saturday 29 August - August Bank Holiday BBQ

External Events

Crick Boat Show - Britains Biggest Inland Waterways Festival

Trade and preview day Friday 22 May
Show days Saturday 23 to Monday 25 May
Crick Marina, Crick, Northamptonshire

<https://www.crickboatshow.com/tickets/>

Some Happy Memories of Ruth Sellars

Heather and Nigel Stanley



Ruth was one of the very first members Nigel and I met when we joined NCCC all those years ago — and what a wonderful introduction she was to the club!

Our very first social night will always stay with us. Nigel and I were sitting on our own when, across the room, we heard the unmistakable words: *“Get over here and sit with us!”* That was our first encounter with Ruth — direct, welcoming, and impossible to ignore! From that moment on, we were warmly gathered into the group and became regulars at their table.

Ruth reminded me so much of my mum, who had sadly passed away before we joined the club. She spoke her mind, said exactly what she thought, and never worried too much about whether it ruffled feathers — that was just Ruth! If you didn’t like it... tough!! It was all part of her charm.

I’ll always smile at the story she told me about going out to find herself a little “handbag dog” — and coming home with a greyhound instead! That sums Ruth up perfectly.

She was a familiar and much-loved face at Friday night socials and club events. On Sunday lunches, she was our wonderful “toastie lady,” always ready with something hot and tasty — served with a generous helping of banter on the side.

There were so many evenings filled with laughter, especially when John Fenton and Jim Ling were teasing about the “old bag” and the “broomstick.” It was all taken in good spirit — although they both regularly received a playful dig back from “The Boss” herself!

I loved sitting with Ruth, listening to her stories and sharing news. When my great-niece Lyla was born, Ruth sat and listened so patiently as I chatted on about her and proudly showed off photos. She was always genuinely interested and full of warmth.

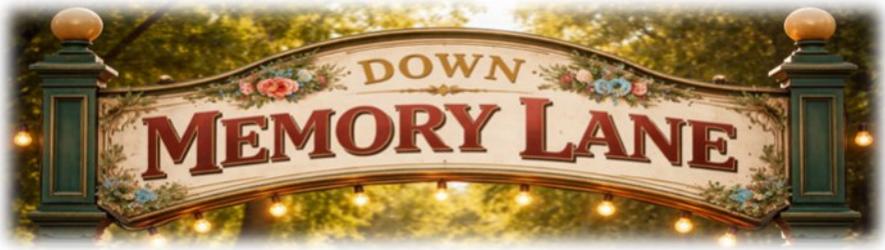
Ruth was a very dear friend to so many — Sheila Barlow, Gill and Jim Ling, Mo and Ian Spooner, Pam and John Fenton, Pam and John Suggitt, Bill Wilkinson and his daughter Sally and many others. She had that rare gift of making people feel included, valued, and part of something special.

Ruth, you brought laughter, honesty, warmth and friendship into our lives. You will always hold a very special place in our hearts.



These two pictures were taken at the 80th Anniversary of North Cheshire Cruising Club a few years ago. I have taken many photographs over the years of which Ruth was included, but these are two of my favourites.

Heather Stanley



Thank you to Bryan Roberts for this images from his archives.





Share Your Adventures Around the Cut!

Have you explored the beauty, charm, and hidden gems around the Cut? Whether it was a peaceful walk along the banks, a memorable day out with friends, or a surprising discovery you stumbled upon, we want to hear from you!

We're inviting all members to share their photos and stories from their travels around the Cut. Your memories — whether funny, inspiring, or simply breathtaking—help bring our community together and celebrate the unique experiences this area offers.

Here's how you can contribute with photos: Snapshots of landscapes, wildlife, historic spots, or candid moments along the Cut, stories: Short anecdotes, reflections, or even tips for others exploring the area

Every submission helps capture the spirit of our community and the adventures that make the Cut so special. Selected stories and photos may be featured in our upcoming newsletter or community gallery.

So grab your camera, dust off those old travel journals, and share your journeys with us. Let's celebrate the Cut—one story and one photo at a time!



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 Office - 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-services/>

Thought of The Day : Fail safety and it will fail you

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

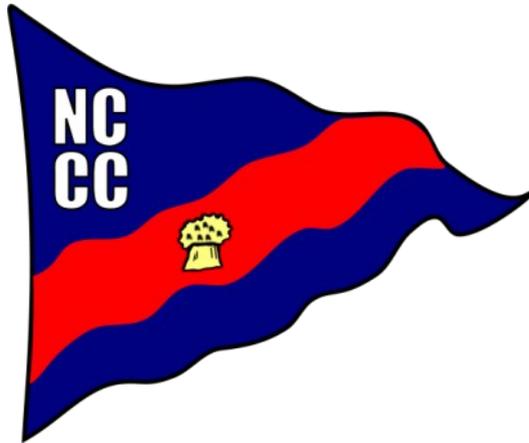
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