

Moorers Newsletter

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Springwood Haven Marina

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vivupbenefits.co.uk



BoatLife Live

ABC attended the very first BoatLife Live show at the NEC from February 17th - 20th. BoatLife Live is a place to bring together the boating community and kick start the 2022 boating season.

We had over 1600 people through the boat over the 4 days and are expecting lots of bookings as a result.



Careers With ABC

ABC Leisure Group provide many job opportunities across various areas of the business from boat building and engineering to office based roles. If you want a change of career, keep an eye on our vacancies.

Apply now - everythingcanalboats.com/careers

Water Safety Training At Gayton

Firefighters and members of the Prevention Team had been rolling out 'Waterside Responder' training in conjunction with the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and on Friday January 14th NFRS went along to Gayton Marina to deliver a session for our marina staff.

Waterside Responder was originally trialled in the Tyne and Wear area, where five potential drowning victims were rescued between 2018 and 2020 as a result of the training delivered by firefighters.



The training was warmly welcomed by John Sadler, the assistant manager at Gayton and one of 11 who took part in the session.

He said: "The impact that just those couple of hours of initial training can have could be crucial in saving somebody's life."

Read More at the link below

www.northantsfire.gov.uk/2022/01/17/marina-wsr

Change Of Scenery

There are limited mooring vacancies across the company if you fancy a change of cruising scenery.

You can find the details on the website below. Don't forget that as a moorer with ABC Leisure Group you can stay in any of our marinas for two weeks per year for free - we would recommend that you **call ahead to arrange** as it is subject to space.

everythingcanalboats.com/moorings

Social Media

Check out our facebook page for **ABC Leisure Group** and **ABC Boat Hire**. Follow us for updates on the latest news and events. You can also find us on Twitter, Instagram and TikTok.



CRT Open Days

Canal & River Trust are running a series of open days in February and March.

You'll be able to walk along the bottom of a drained waterway, see the working industrial heritage up close, hear from the teams involved and find out more about CRT's essential work to keep the nation's history flowing.

There will also be a series of Virtual Open Days for those who are unable to attend in-person. For more information, visit CRT and search for 'Open Days'.

www.canalrivertrust.org.uk

BMET Training

25 of ABC's technical employees became qualified BMEEA-certified Marine Electrical Technicians recently.

The course provides the skills needed for installation and maintenance of electrics on boats and was arranged by British Marine.

Electric Boat

ABC are currently designing an all electric day boat.

This will be built at Springwood Haven Marina with the assistance of Onboard Energy.

The batteries will be capable of powering the boat for a full day of cruising.



Did you know we build our own boats?

The steel shell is constructed at Tardebigge where it is painted and the engine installed. The boat is then moved on the canal to Alvechurch where the remainder of the boat is fitted out.

The boats are specifically designed for continual operation by the busy hire fleet. As well as boats for the various fleets we operate we have built boats for the Girl Guides, the BBC and the Royal Navy.

Storage

We ask that all of your belongings are stored on board your boat or in a company provided storage container which is available to hire for £3.10 per week.

Please contact your marina manager if you would like one.

Prepare For The Season

Please ensure your boat is fully prepared for the coming boating season. Make sure you're stocked up on all the essentials and have everything you need to travel around the cut.

- **Make sure you've got plenty of gas, coal and/or logs which are available at great prices from the marina every day.**
- **Equipment check!** Make sure you've got everything you need such as your windlass, mooring pins, piling hooks, bow and stern ropes, hose etc.
- **Full tank of diesel** - Ensure you're topped up before you head out.
- **Hull blacking** - Give your hull a refresh before you start the 2022 boating season. Ask at reception for prices and availability.
- **Servicing** - Make sure your engine is up to par. We can service your engine so you're ready for cruising.

Get 20% off with the voucher on the back page and book your boat in today!

Hire Boat Handovers

Have you ever wondered what goes on with a hire boat handover?

All of ABC's marinas that operate hire boats are a quality assessed boatyard. This is a third party audit of the marina carried out by the British Marine Federation to ensure the highest standards of safety are maintained. All hirers are sent a link to a handover video before they arrive at the marina.

Once they arrive at the marina the guests are instructed in all aspects of the boat, including the internal features and how to drive. There is a handover certificate to make sure all guests are given the same instruction. The marina teams will only let the guests go once they are happy they are safe to proceed.

To watch our handover video, go to the videos section on our website
abcboathire.com/more-information/boaters-handbook/our-videos



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Stoppages

Please check out the Canal & River Trust website for any stoppages or restrictions before you start cruising.

www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/notices

Foxes Afloat

Colin, Shaun and Otis, better known as Foxes Afloat, are exploring Britain by narrowboat publishing new episodes every week.

Their latest episodes cover the Scottish Lowlands onboard our very own Wren class. Each episode is around 20 minutes long featuring Glasgow, Edinburgh, the Falkirk Wheel and more.

As a moorer **you get 25% discount** if you hire a boat from us, including holidays from Falkirk.



Watch now on their YouTube channel - www.youtube.com/c/FoxesAfloat

**25%
Discount**



Cruise on a different canal with your moorers discount.

If you would like to cruise on a different canal that you can't access easily with your own boat, such as the Scottish Waterways or the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal, you can, by using your moorers discount of 25%* off one of our hire boats.

We have 15 start locations across the UK and boats for up to 12 people.

To find out more, go to www.abcboathire.com and to book with your discount, call our friendly team on 0330 333 0590.

*25% discount applies to boat hire only



See us at Crick in June

Britains biggest inland water festival is back for 2022 from Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th of June.

We will be there showcasing everything ABC from boat sales, boating holidays, engineering services and more. If you're heading to the show, find our stand and come and say hello.

Find out more at crickboatshow.com

ABC Charity Contributions

ABC Leisure Group support multiple charities and events through our employees with sponsorship and other contributions. Below is a selection of the charities and groups we supported in 2021.



Crohns & Colitis UK

We gave a monetary donation to participants of The Great North Run for Crohns & Colitis UK.



Leicester Children's Cancer Ward

We have donated a day boat hire trip from Gayton Marina to the wards raffle.



Motor Neurone Disease

We gave a monetary donation to participants of The Great North Run for Motor Neurone Disease.



Macmillan Cancer Support

We donated a day boat hire from Kings Orchard for RaffleDay.



The Italian Job in support of Chances For Children, Buttle UK

ABC Director Edward Helps and wife Sue took part in The Italian Job in support of Buttle UK who have raised almost £3 Million from the event over the years. The event involved driving around Europe in a Mini of any age raising money as they go.

Thinking Of Selling?

Visit us online
www.abcboatsales.com

2021 was a great year for Brokerage.

We experienced an unprecedented level of demand for second hand boat sales across our marinas, so if you're thinking about selling your boat, get in touch with us today.



As predicted 2021 was a record year for brokerage.

The market is very buoyant and there is still a high demand for boats and as a result we are always looking for new boats to sell.

Contact us using the details on the back page, or pop into your Marina reception to discuss selling your boat with us

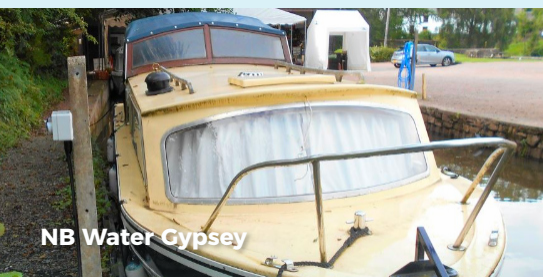
— Charlotte Ginger, Office Manager

Some of the benefits of selling with ABC

- ✓ Competitive commission rates
- ✓ Virtual tour of your boat online
- ✓ Modern website advertising your boat
- ✓ Your boat **advertised in 15 marinas**
- ✓ Fully staffed open 7 days a week
- ✓ Adverts in national canal publications
- ✓ E-mail campaigns to thousands of buyers
- ✓ **4 months free mooring** while on brokerage
- ✓ Helpful, professional and trained staff
- ✓ Regular social media posts



NB Freedom



NB Water Gypsy



NB Echo



NB Melody

Over
120

Boats sold
in the last
12 months

50%

Of our
boats are
currently
Under Offer

If you're thinking about selling your boat, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us to see how we can help you.

With our commission rates including VAT, we remain competitive without compromising on service.

BEER FESTIVALS

SPRING Festival
May 20th - 21st

AUTUMN Festival
Sept 16th - 17th

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Alvechurch Marina, Scarfield Wharf, Alvechurch, B48 7SQ



Signage

Our brand new 'tourist' sign for
Springwood Haven is now up!

Up And Away

Sooty Swift on its
way to the NEC for
the BoatLife Live
boat show.

Welcome to our new Marina Managers

Stefanie Evans

Stef has worked at Goytre Wharf for over a year where she started as the administrator.

She grew up near Brecon, and after some years away has located herself in Abergavenny. Stef has 20 years' experience of working in hospitality and tourism including 5 years of working on privately owned super yachts, involving crossing the Atlantic 6 times and going to the Galapagos islands, cruising around South America, the Caribbean and the Mediterranean.

Hobbies and interests include caving, kayaking / canoeing / stand up paddle boarding, mountain walking and travel.

Jon Booth

Originally from Milford Haven in beautiful Pembrokeshire, West Wales I have moved around a good bit with work, always customer facing roles. In 2004 my wife Lyn and I moved to France where we spent a fantastic 9 years. The pull of family and the arrival of more grandchildren was however too strong and we came

back to the UK in 2013. We've kept our small terraced house in Normandy and continue to renovate (10 years so far so no rush).

Having been brought up by the water and a keen boater, narrow boats and sea going, I was pleased to get a job at Upton upon Severn Marina and then a couple of years later the manager's job at Aberystwyth Marina on the Welsh coast where I stayed for the best part of five years. With a craving to get another narrow boat, Lyn and I were delighted when I was offered the manager post at Kings Orchard. The team at Kings Orchard are a great team and I received a good welcome. I'm sure we will only grow and improve the business going forward.

Kevin Matthews

I started out in the motor Industry, a long long time ago, firstly as a Technician, then through sales and ending up as a Group Aftersales Manager, with a short spell in Higher Education. When the opportunity arose to become a Marina Manager at Springwood Haven, being a live aboard boater, I jumped at it and the rest is history.

Andy Jones

A long time ago, sitting by the canal at Lapworth fishing with my Grandad, I was fascinated with the boats cruising up and down. I was hooked. In 1983 I purchased my first cruiser called Charlie Farley.

The boat was moored on a buoy on the tidal Thames, which was always a challenge to get to, so after a year was sold. The years passed by, and boating was put on the back burner owning wise, but with work colleagues we spent the summers cruising the cut on narrowboats. Finally in 2012 my wife and I purchased a 57-foot narrowboat called Kotare which is the New Zealand name for a Kingfisher. We lived on her for five years until sold at ABC Blackwater. I have worked for Black Prince and Crest Narrowboats and been part of a couple of TV programmes associated with the canals.

I joined ABC at Blackwater Marina as an Administrator until taking up the position of Manager at Alvechurch Marina on the 31st of January. I look forward to working with the team and customers at Alvechurch to continue to build on the branch successes.

Win a £100 ABC Voucher

To be in with a chance of
winning, send us your best
Spring boating photo.
E-mail your entries to
info@abclg.com
before 31/3/22

Marina Contact Details

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Alvechurch Marina

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Anderton Marina

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Blackwater Meadow Marina

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Fazeley Mill Marina

Coleshill Road, Fazeley, Tamworth, B78 3SE
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Gayton Marina

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Goytre Wharf

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Grove Lock Marina

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