



Blisworth Marina



Upcoming Canal Events

- 9 July - Cheese & Wine Party with The Cheese Boat
- 24 to 25 July - Buckingham Canal Society - Cosgrove Lock Ransom and Canal Festival
- 31 July - Linslade Boat Festival
- 7 to 8 August - Blisworth Canal Festival
- 14 to 15 August - Foxton Locks Annual Gathering
- 14 to 15 August - Pirate Weekend at Stoke Bruerne Museum
- 20 to 22 August - Folk, Boat & Beer Festival, The Folly Inn, Napton Locks
- 21 to 22 August - Wild over Waterways at Stoke Bruerne Canal Museum
- 28 to 30 August - IWA National Festival, Beale Park, Pangbourne
- 11 to 12 September - Windmill End Boat Rally, Netherton
- 18 to 19 September - Tipton Canal & Community Festival
- 1 to 3 October - Village at War Canal Festival, Stoke Bruerne

We are pleased to announce that with effect from 1st July John Smith (*WB Octo Marini*) has been appointed to deputise on some weekends and while we are away cruising in September.

This will mean that Marina services will now be available seven days a week, including Bank Holiday weekends.

Opening hours will be 9am to 5pm, with an hour for lunch between 12 and 1pm.

As usual, if one of us is not in the office please ring the Marina number 01604-879827. The number is diverted to a mobile phone which one of us will have with us during opening hours.

The shed has now been erected and will be stocked with coal shortly. Not that we anticipate many Moorers needing any just at the moment with the weather we've been having!

All the grass around the marina is being professionally treated for weeds by a company called *Green Thumb*. This is a

year-long programme which will control the weeds and moss and improve the quality of the grass. The first treatment took place in early June. Unfortunately the immediate effect is that the weeds grow bigger at first, before dying down, and we were unable to do any mowing. Hence the proliferation of weeds you will have noticed.

The large piece of ground to the south side of the marina has been cleared and grass seed spread. We estimate it will take about a year for the grass to establish itself and we will then have a pleasant recreational area for barbecues and other activities.

The area beside bridge 48 in front of the building has also been cleared. We will shortly be putting a small table and chairs there for Moorers to sit and enjoy a cup of tea whilst watching boats go by.



The eagerly awaited ride-on lawnmower has arrived. When news spread of this exciting toy a queue of (male) Moorers formed, all wanting a ride. We are therefore selling tickets at £3.50 each for half an hour of mowing the lawns. Ladies go free.



Peter Moore test drives The Mower

Seriously though, with the combination of the weed treatment and the new mower the grounds will soon start to look much better. Thank you for your patience while we work towards these long-term improvements.

Silverstone Events

- 9 to 11 July - 2010
Formula 1 British Grand Prix
- 23 to 25 July -
Silverstone Classic
- 30 July to 1 August -
FIM Superbike World
Championship
- 14 to 15 August - British
F3/GT Championships
- 20 to 22 August -
Dunlop MSA British
Touring Car
Championship
- 11 to 12 September -
Autosport 1000km of
Silverstone (Le Mans
Series)
- 24 to 26 September -
MCE British Superbike
Championship

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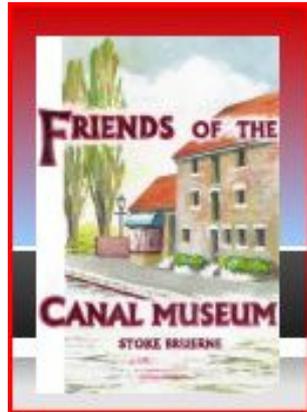
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Discounts for Moorers



The Marina has now become a member of the Friends of **Stoke Bruerne Museum**.

As a result, Moorers will be entitled to a 2 for 1 discount when visiting the Museum. Please contact Claire for a voucher.

Andy Howe (*NB Jadey Too*) works for **Yorks Coach Tours** in Northampton and has kindly arranged a 5% discount for over six people on any their trips.

They offer tours ranging from day trips to the sea to Continental trips, as well as London shows. Brochures with details are in the laundry or alternatively visit www.yorksexcursions.com to see a full listing of all their excursions.

Please contact Andy or mention that you're a moorer when calling 01604-890210.



Recycling - Free to a Good Home

When cruising we have often noticed the informal recycling centres that spring up at sanitary stations around the canal system.

Boaters leave items they are disposing of out of the bins and they soon disappear to continue a useful life on another boat.

The same thing happens in the Marina and everything from tins of unused to paint to Captain's chairs have been left in the laundry and soon found a new home.

We will be placing a large basket in the laundry for Moorers to leave items that they think may be useful to other boaters.



We are always looking for ways to improve the Marina for your enjoyment. Please do let us know your ideas and suggestions.

Wishing you enjoyable and pleasant cruising this Summer.

Kind regards

Mike Bragg and Peter Moore

Steve & Claire Williams

John Smith

FIRST AID COURSE Stoke Bruerne Museum

*Sat 10th July
Do you need to qualify?
9.45am - 4pm
£45 per person
Call
David Henderson
01604-862229*