

Dear Berth Holders

Autumn 2014

A Big Thank You! I would like to begin by thanking all of you for working with us and for putting up with the disruption and temporary arrangements this summer during the building of our new workshop. This has been an enormous task and investment for Cox's Boatyard Ltd and the planning has taken several years, but as I write everything is on schedule.-



Photo taken just before completion

I would also like to thank Barton Turf Adventure Centre for allowing us to use their field as a car park and trailer park, the residents of Barton Turf and the villages en route to the boatyard for tolerating the extra traffic generated by deliveries to the project and the contractors and project manager for working hard to keeping to the schedule and understanding what a very sensitive area we are in.

I am delighted to report that the new workshop will be completed as planned, apart from a few items which cannot be finished until we move in and the site is cleared by the contractors. Once we start moving in, we will clear away the shipping containers and re-organise the car park and boat

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storage areas. We will not move the woodworking machine straightaway, as we need to sort out the timber racking first. Please note that with the new workshop in place and the main doors facing the car park, parking will be slightly different, so please try to keep our working areas clear.

Winter Work. I would be very grateful if you would complete and return the attached form, so that we can successfully schedule any work that needs to be carried out over winter, prior to launching in spring 2015. We plan to start craning most of the craft on 27th October 2014. Please ensure you supply your current e-mail address as we are working towards sending out more bulletins and invoices via e-mail.

Bird-nesting Rafts. We are in the process of building three large GRP bird-nesting rafts for a bird and wildlife reserve in north Somerset, where low-lying land has been flooded to create a new wildlife-friendly habitat. We have been building this type of raft for several years, but these new ones have been designed to sit much lower in the water and the top tray will be totally filled using about 4.5 tons of stone to create a floating island.

Dogs. If you bring dogs to the marina or yard, please either keep them on a lead or under control, as there have been recent reports of villagers' pets being chased by loose stray dogs. Also please ensure you clear up after your dog and use the waste bin provided.

Norfolk & Suffolk Boating Association. This is an organisation that represents private boaters in many different ways, particularly in dealing with government agencies such as the Broads Authority. It negotiates and represents you on all matters to do with navigation on the Broads, from planning, dredging and moorings, to your annual toll, as well as on many other issues. We strongly recommend that you join NSBA now: the annual subscription is only £10 and application forms are available from our office. If you join you will also receive the 'bible of the Broads' – the Green Book – which contains everything you need to know about enjoying the Broads' waterways, including tidal information, regatta dates, etc.

Founder Consortium Member Dies. We are sorry to report the death of Jeffrey Wickham. He was one of the initial group of eight shareholders who took over the Cox's business in 1995 and several of his shareholder friends expect to be present at his memorial service in London. Jeffrey was a larger than life figure well known in the acting world and a great supporter of the work of the boatyard. Our sympathies go to all his family

All that leaves me to say is thank you once again for your patience and please enjoy the rest of the season!

Eric Bishop
Manager of Cox's Boatyard Ltd