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Wipe your feet please...



The eagle eyed amongst you will have spotted the club's new boot scraper at the foot of the OD box stairs.

This simple facility has been introduced following the problems we have had in previous seasons with mud and bird droppings being walked into the club house and changing rooms.

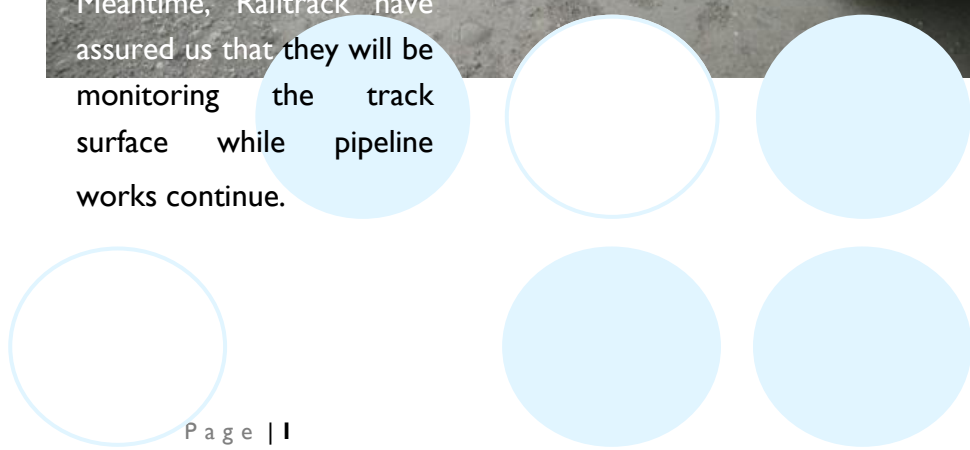
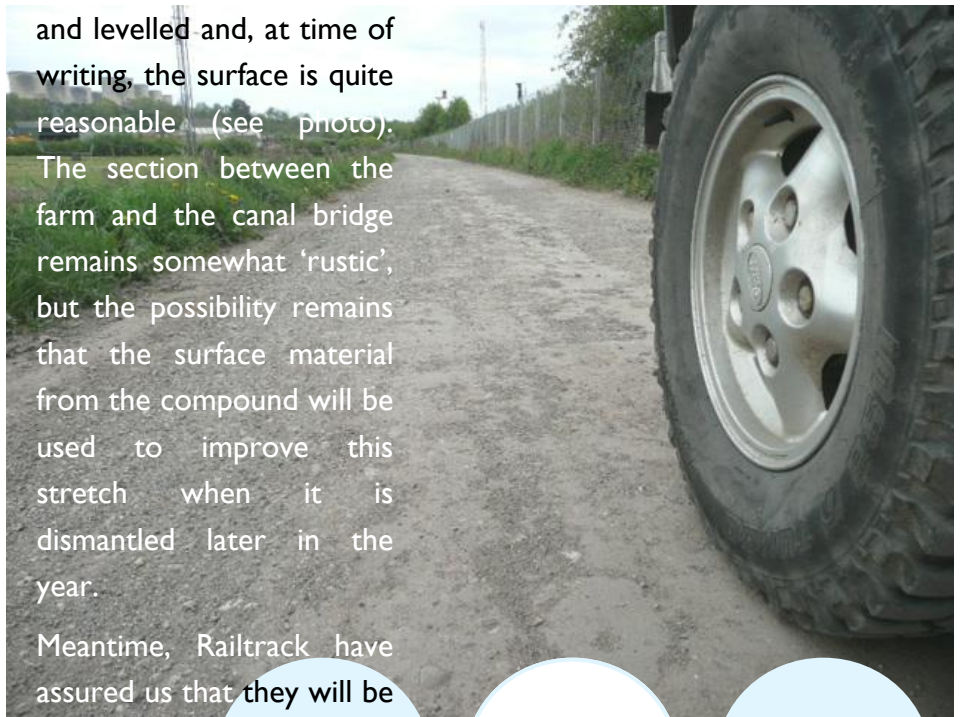


Gone! Yes – the cabin cruiser has finally been removed from the car park

Trent Lane Track Repaired

In a long awaited development, Carrillion (sub-contractor for the pipe laying works) have made significant repairs to the 'cart track' on Trent Lane between the end of the metalled road and Cranfleet Farm. All of the potholes have been filled and levelled and, at time of writing, the surface is quite reasonable (see photo). The section between the farm and the canal bridge remains somewhat 'rustic', but the possibility remains that the surface material from the compound will be used to improve this stretch when it is dismantled later in the year.

Meantime, Railtrack have assured us that they will be monitoring the track surface while pipeline works continue.



N12 Open Meeting – May 10th

From our anagrammatical correspondent Den Dark-dog



The first of this season's Midland Area National Twelve Open Meetings, at Trent Valley S.C. on May 10, was supported by no less than 19 boats. This is believed to be the highest non-Gill Series, non-'Sailing-Week' attendance in the Class for a number of seasons. This fleet comprised 4 'double-bottom' boats and 15 Admiral's Cup boats, the latter no doubt attracted by the award of a new trophy for AC boats, the Trease Tankard.

Despite the very strong winds of the previous week, Sunday morning started completely windless. After a half-hour delay, Race Officer Ken Goddard gambled on a sustainable breeze picking up and got the fleet away on a short course in the lower reaches of the river, ie between the Scout's Activity Centre and the bottom mark. The fleet was split into 4 flights and two heats per race (Helms stay with their own flight of 4-5 boats for all races and sail against the other three flights in turn).

The wind direction from the South-East led Ken – with gritted teeth - to choose a downstream start and not surprisingly there was a bit of a pile-up at the downstream mark. First to extricate herself in Heat 1 was Sue Jones in N.3263, followed by John Sears (N.2957) and David Peacock (N.3518). However Sue was unable to hold her lead and the finishing order was the above three in reverse order. In Heat 2, one of the oldest boats, N.2765 (Tom White), and N.3217 (Philip David) got away well and finished in that order. N.3411 (Gerald Copsey) was third. (Tom's boat was a China Doll, built by Ken from a kit and launched at the club in March 1974). Also making a promising start in third place was Ally Britton, crewed by Ann. Unfortunately they slipped down the fleet thereafter, leaving Gerald Copsey in third place.

For the final race – after an excellent lunch - the wind remained very slight and from the same direction, but to try something different, Ken decided on an upstream, running start and added an additional buoy in the mouth of the Cranfleet Canal. This might have worked well but in Heat 1, a large double-width barge also decided to go for the mark as well. Some boats extricated themselves from this situation rather better than others, particularly those of David Peacock and Paul Turner with Christine Marshall (N.3157). David Peacock went on to win the race but Paul unfortunately slipped down the fleet. Second in this Heat was Gerald Copsey and third, Tom White. In Heat 2, John Sears won this comfortably from Philip David and Chris Day.

Finally a word about the Trease Trophy. Ken Goddard writes, 'Dickie' Trease was a much revered member from the early days of the National 12's. Dickie passed away some years ago. In the last few months I was contacted by Dickie's daughter, Jane, to say that she had found some old prizes won by Dickie and wanted to pass them back to the club. Among these was an un-engraved pint pewter tankard and I thought it would be fitting to make this the new trophy and name it after him.

The Final Results were,

1st and Trent Valley Challenge Trophy – David Peacock & Kai Loudon, N.3518 (Paradigm 2 design)

2nd and Trease Tankard for Admirals Cup Boats – Gerald & Tanya Copsey, N.3411 (Baggy Trousers)

3rd Third Overall and runner-up for the Tankard – John & Mark Sears, N.2957 (Pipedream)

4th Tom White & Maria Gidley, N.2765 (China Doll)

5th Philip David & Anthony Copsey, N.3217 (Baggy Trousers)

INVITATION



Your presence is requested at the annual

TVSC SUMMER BALL

On the evening of

SATURDAY JULY 4TH 2009

RSVP

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Committee Notice: Bunkroom Space

Two part-share vacancies have arisen in the Gentlemen's bunk rooms.

The Committee invites expressions of interest in these vacancies from active sailing male club members.

Registrations of interest should be addressed in writing or by email to the Club Secretary, Mr Rob Sloane:
rob.sloane@trentvalleysc.org

Applications will be considered at the July Committee Meeting.

"What the OD saw": Mr Andy Hunter and new member Mr Lou Newsome, Sunday Racing 26th April 2009



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Calendar for May into June

Date	Sailing event	Race Officer	Asst Race Officer	Other events
Sun 24 May	Junior Racing (2)	G. Browne		
Thu 28 May	Racing	J. Tilley		
Sat 30 May	RYA Training Day (2)			
Sun 31 May	Merlin Rocket Open Meeting - 1100 Start (No Club Racing)	M. Haynes	S. Lawman R. Cawley	
Mon 01 Jun				Committee Meeting
Thu 04 Jun	Racing	R. Britton		
Sat 06 Jun	RYA Training Day (3)			
Sun 07 Jun	Racing	A. Hunter		
Thu 11 Jun	Racing	G. Dalby		
Sat 13 Jun	RYA Training Day (4)			
Sun 14 Jun	Junior Racing (3)	P. Ferguson		
Thu 18 Jun	Racing	P. Browne		
Sat 20 Jun	Assistance from members required – contact James Clark			Summer Working Party

From our Stewards

Hi all

It has been decided to try and give more value for money and deliver meals that members enjoy most, we are asking you to let us know what your top 6 meals would be for Twilight Suppers.

Once the results are in we would then rotate those 6 meals so you would always know what to expect and allow us to better budget and cater last minute for any late comers. The list, however, will not be laid in stone and can be altered according to any change in tastes.

So please spare us 5 mins to email us and give us your top meals ...even if you can only think of a few they will all count. Don't forget puddings too!

Thank you

Jeanette & Les

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Send me stuff..!! Thank you to this month's contributor. Deadline **9th June**

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