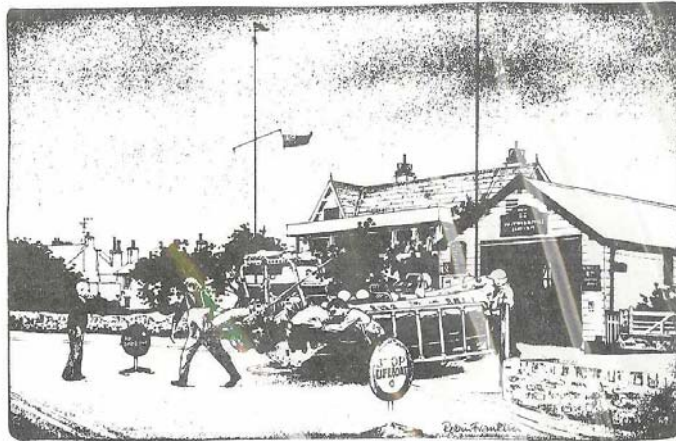


Himley Hall News Letter



HIMLEY HALL SAILING CLUB

Royal National
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WEST MERSEA LIFEBOAT STATION

**Naming Ceremony and Service of Dedication
of the Atlantic 21' Lifeboat
"HIMLEY HALL"**

at

THE LIFEBOATHOUSE, WEST MERSEA, ESSEX
on SUNDAY, 19th JULY, 1987
at 12.30 p.m.

*Summer 2010
40th Anniversary Edition*

Commodore's Report

Welcome to the summer 2010 edition of your sailing club newsletter. If you have had this delivered in the post you will have already noticed that it is a special bumper 40th anniversary edition. I had intended to intersperse anniversary articles in between normal club news but there are so many important articles for the current newsletter that I have decided to split it into two sections, one for current issues and the other for anniversary articles.

Special thanks go to Ray West and Dorothy & Mike Willetts who have put great efforts into supplying old articles, photos, films etc both for this newsletter and for display at the 40th Anniversary Party and for contacting the local media to advertise the club. Thanks also John Dillworth for supplying copies of his poems.

We're entering a very busy few months and once again, the Ladies Committee have been very busy organising the 5 Hour Race, the 40th Anniversary Party, and the Commodore's Day barbeque. Other social events are also being planned for later in the year. Please show your appreciation for their efforts by attending as many events as possible. Thanks also to Becky and Richard for organising the bowling evening which was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

A few months ago we sent every member a questionnaire regarding the proposed club development plan and it's rather disappointing to report that we've had less than a dozen responses. There is still time to respond and if you have lost your copy of the questionnaire, please contact me and I'll let you have another copy. Without knowing what you want it's difficult to plan the club's future.

It's pleasing to see that the number of members sailing on Sundays has increased slightly but there is still plenty of room on the lake for more sailors. If you don't fancy racing, don't forget that we can sail on Thursday & Friday Evenings, all day on Saturday & Sunday and at any time during the school holiday. The best advertisement for the club is people on the water. I have included an OD's checklist with this newsletter to assist newer OD's. A supply of these will be kept in the starter's hut.

Finally, thank you to all the committee members who have been extremely helpful in assisting me to settle in with my duties as commodore.

Tony Sutton.

Cover Picture: The order of service for the dedication of the Himley Hall Lifeboat

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IMPORTANT NOTICES

Free Sailing

It is recognised that free sailing during training courses is popular, particularly amongst newly qualified sailors who gain confidence from the fact that a safety boat is on the water. However, members should try to avoid coming into contact with trainees both on and off the water as this may interfere with the training course. There may be occasions where the senior instructor in charge of the training session may have to ask members to avoid sailing if there is a significant risk to the trainees, e.g. if the weather is bad or the trainees are practicing manoeuvres such as sailing without a rudder/centre board. The senior instructor will try to keep such restrictions to a minimum and, if possible, warn members in advance if free sailing will be limited. The senior instructor is in charge of the water whilst courses are in progress and members should abide by his wishes.

Free sailing may also be allowed during racing subject to the agreement of the OD. If free sailing is allowed, members should again avoid interfering with racers and listen out for instructions from the OD. Novices will be told when the safety boat is coming off the water and they are advised to stop sailing until the safety boat returns. The OD's will have the final decision as to whether free sailing is allowed but members should take into account the weather conditions and their skill levels before deciding to sailing.

Club Security

We have recently has a case where a mobile phone has been stolen from the gent's changing rooms. On the same day, the door to the ladies was also left open by mistake. Can you please ensure that the changing rooms are locked when you are the last one to leave (but make sure that you don't lock anyone in).

Traffic Restrictions

The park warden has notified us of the following traffic restrictions

Sunday 9th May

British Mini Day. There will be a traffic management system in operation on the gates. Both the Main Gates and the West Gate (nearest the club house) will be in operation to get traffic into the event quickly and, in order for sailing club members to not be driving against the flow of inbound traffic on the central drive, I would be grateful if you could inform them that they should enter the park via the West Gate if arriving between 0800 and 1100 hours. Exit from the park will still be via the Main Gates. These timings are intended as a guide as the actual times will depend upon the traffic flows at the time.

Sunday 16 th May	Dragon Boat Racing. No Sailing
Sunday 6 th June	Girl Guide Leaders Day. The park will be closed to the public on this day but the club is helping with the event.
Sunday 13 th June	Songs of Praise on Hall lawns so possibility of heavy traffic.
Sunday 27 th June	British Armed Forces Day on Hall lawns so again the possibility of heavy traffic.
Fri 2 nd - Sun 4 th July	Dudley Performing Arts Festival in park so may be a little noisy!
Sun 11 th July	Cancer Research UK 'Race for Life. There will be two runs taking place, one at 1100 and one at 1500 hours. There will be a traffic management system in operation on the gates. Both the Main Gates and the West Gate (nearest the club house) will be in operation to get traffic into the event quickly and, in order for sailing club members to not be driving against the flow of inbound traffic on the central drive, I would be grateful if you could inform them that they should enter the park via the West Gate if arriving between 0930 and 1100 or between 1330 and 1500 hours. Exit from the park will still be via the Main Gates. These timings are intended as a guide as the actual times will depend upon the traffic flows at the time.
Sunday 5 th September	Classic Vehicle Show in park so a lot of traffic with possible delays.
Saturday 6 th November	Bonfire. The park will be closed all day on Friday 5th and Saturday 6 th and until 1.00pm on Sunday 7 th .

Alan R Peace
Senior Warden
01384 817825

Training Report

We have recently begun the new season with a Level 3 course in advanced seamanship. Its prime function is to bring all potential Instructors up to Level 3 standard and under the new R.Y.A. requirements; they can be officially promoted to Assistant Instructor. This is a new venture at Himley and the course is full, the majority of trainees being potential Instructors.

Although this course is seamanship skills, there are other Level 3 courses available- such as racing, spinnaker handling and performance boat sailing.

There are other additions, such as First Aid, we run these courses as necessary, we do have space on the next course which we hope will be starting fairly soon if any Club member would like to take advantage of the course £30.00 plus Book £10.00. Lunch, teas & coffee are provided free.

Contact Mary on 01902 341754 or email - marykharris@btopenworld.com

This year we are starting the season with our full compliment of boats, 4 Wayfarers, 2 Enterprises and the 420.

As you can see from your sailing calendar the usual 2 courses at Level 1 / 2 are being run. We still have a few spaces available on the Spring one and a number of places on the Autumn course. Club members do get a cheaper rate £55.00 or £60.00 for non members. This year we have 6 juniors training for stage 1 / 2 at the beginning of July.

David Harris

Wind

- Whether it's a gale or a breeze depends on whether you were out in it or not.
- There's always either not enough wind or too much wind.
- The wind is never there when you need it.
- It's easier to sail where the wind wants you to go than where you want to go.
- The wind will always be ideal for sailing when you're at the office.
- There's always more wind at the bar afterwards than there was on the water – a Force 4 at sea is a Force 8 at the bar.

From "Between the Sheets" by Barry Waters & James Pond

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Social Secretary's Report

A successful Bowling evening took place last week – our thanks to Becky and Richard for organising it on behalf of the Ladies Committee.

We are soon to be celebrating our 40th Birthday – Friday 11th June at the Woodfield Sports and Social Club [where we held the A.G.M.].

Do you know of any former members who we can contact about this 'DO'? If so, please get in touch with Dorothy Willetts on 10384 832510.

Format:

- A general chat – meet former members
- look at a couple of DVD's /photo display a buffet supper
- anything else you would like
- a Birthday Cake [a big one]

We can accommodate 150 people in the room help us to fill it. cost £5.00 per person.



As this is the celebration of 40years of the sailing club I have organised a special commemorative mug [you may already have seen the news flash] and may already have mugs

These are dishwasher proof and look good costing £4.00 please order now and you can collect from our house or R.N.L.I. day on 8th May

Details of the Club barbecue are attached to the newsletter and even if you cannot come down to the Club during the day you can still join come to the barbecue Tickets are £16.00 for family 2 adults 2children under 16 or £5.75 Adult £3.00 child under 16 – Cheques should be made payable to :-H.H.S.C. Ladies Committee and sent to Yvonne Nock, 11 Plantation Lane Himley DY3 4LL

all tickets should be paid up front to assist our Catering There will also be a Raffle all profits will go to R.N.L.I.

Commodore's Day is Sunday 20th June and we shall round off the day with the Club Barbecue similar to the one organised for the R.N.L.I. a news flash will come out after 8th May

Mary Harris

Notice Board

For Sale

Vinta windsurfer, complete, ideal for learner or to take on holidays, a donation to the club's RNLI sponsored sail and it's yours. Tel Ray West on 01902 753986

For Sale Enterprise no 4321

Wooden hull painted Wedgwood blue with varnished deck and interior. Alloy mast and boom. All in sound, useable condition, complete with sails, buoyancy bags, boom over cover, launching trolley and many new fittings. £450 ono.

Contact John Prosser, 07985490229 or annandjohn@blueyonder.co.uk

Also some sailing gear: 2 buoyancy aids, wetsuit, ankle boots (size 9), jacket and gloves. £65 the lot. Will consider splitting for a good offer



If you have anything you would like to buy or sell or have any announcements you would like to make, please contact me and we can place a free advertisement in the HHSC Newsletter

Tony Sutton

In the Beginning there was John Clarke

By Ray West

One cold and damp evening in January 1970 I made my way to Himley Hall to attend a preliminary meeting to see if there was sufficient interest in starting a sailing club using the Great Pool.

It all started when I was working in Wolverhampton and had many dealings, professionally, with John Clarke, an architect working for the Borough Council. During our coffee breaks it became apparent that John was a keen sailor and prior to the selling of Himley Hall and grounds to Wolverhampton and Dudley Borough Councils in the early 60's by the National Coal Board, John, who at that time was working for the Coal Board and was Sailing Secretary of the Coal Board's Sailing Club using the Great Pool. Due to the Coal Board relocation, John changed jobs and moved to Wolverhampton Borough Architects Department.

Realising that there were several ex Coal Board sailing club members without a club, John set out in 1967 to see if a private club could be formed at Himley. He collected names for a petition, he asked the RYA for their help and wrote many letters over a long period to Dudley Borough, who at that time maintained the grounds of the Hall and after many rebuffs, John succeeded in getting the Borough's agreement to the formation of the club.

His next task was to see if there was sufficient interest from local sailors. John approached many people and this is where I came in, because during our conversations I mentioned that I had an interest in sailing, starting in Hong Kong harbour during my National Service days in the mid 50's and continuing in a small way with a friend in a Firefly dinghy on South Staffs SC water at the old pool at Gailey. I was now one of several people John had spoken to who had expressed an interest in the formation of the club. John had the foresight to approach interested people with a view to forming a steering committee, my profession was Quantity Surveying which John considered to be ideal for treasurer, which at that time included membership secretary, so armed with several interested people and a basis of a steering committee, John decided to hold a preliminary meeting at the Hall and he advertised the date and venue.

We arrived at the Hall early and waited to see what interest there was. It wasn't long before people started arriving and in fact we were inundated with local sailors and others who thought they might like to take up sailing. John had hired a large room, but every seat was soon filled and there was standing room only in no time. After hearing suggested proposals for the club there was a unanimous vote to go ahead and form the club. The meeting agreed to John's suggested steering committee with a view to starting the club in early 1970. John was the club's first secretary, a post he held for many years. At the end of the meeting, I recall as the first treasurer, being showered with money from the enthusiastic future members.

The names of the original steering committee are engraved on the commodore's scroll fixed to the wall on the left hand side of the galley opening in the clubhouse. At the commencement of sailing in spring 1970 we had well over 100 members, which we maintained for many years, oh for the same numbers today

The above is just a brief insight of the very early days of our club, but you will have gathered that the club owes a great debt of gratitude to John Clarke who through his perseverance convinced Dudley Borough that a sailing club was needed in the area and that club should be Himley Hall Sailing Club, the rest is history. (John, who lives in Wall Heath and must now be in his mid to late 70's, is still sailing, at his original home club Colemere Sailing Club in Shropshire).

**The Naming and Dedication Ceremony for the new Atlantic 21 Lifeboat
HIMLEY HALL**

will be at the Lifeboat Station, West Mersea commencing 12.30 p.m.

Sunday 19th July 1987

The Lifeboat will be named by Mrs Dorothea Willetts,
Commodore, Himley Hall Sailing Club.

The Dedication Service will be conducted by
the Reverend John Swallow, Rector of West Mersea,
assisted by Mr Peter French.

The Band of the 1st Battalion The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders
under Bandmaster, W.O.I Lamb
will play, by kind permission of the
Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. G.A. Neilson

A Garden Party, from 1.00 p.m., at Elm Tree House,
will include a Buffet Lunch.

Tickets are £3.00 and will be reserved for you to collect
from the Lifeboathouse from 11.00 a.m.

R.S.V.P. To The Hon. Secretary

The Saturday Sailors

Many, many years ago, 'bout 1983,
there were three dinghy sailors who came to Himerlee.
They all were Mirror owners and to hone their skills, you see,
They joined the Himley Sailing Club to sail the Himley Sea.

Now these three Mirror sailors, they sailed on Saturdee,
For racing on a Sunday was not their cup of tea
as each had other things to do of high priority,
so Richard, John and Roger, they cruised the Himley Sea.

On windless, sunny summer days you'd often find these three
drifting on the water and lost in reveree.
As they pondered on the meaning of life's rich tapestry
they would marvel at the wildlife as they sailed the Himley Sea.

Grebes came and herons came and geese came annually,
to intrigue the Mirror sailors as they swam and dived so free.
Seasons came and seasons went yet still, so happily,
Richard, John and Roger, they sailed the Himley Sea.

One Saturday, last summer, the Met. Men forecast showers
but one that came at three o'clock it lasted hours and hours.
The trainees packed up early and went home for their tea
But Richard, John and Roger they got wet on Himley Sea.

And now dear Himley reader as you scan this 'poetry,'
you might expect the story to include some tragedy
like a capsized or a grounding, gales blowing fiercely
but no, that just is not the case, because my friend, you see:

these Mirror men are cautious men who'll sail for years, maybe,
if their boats remain seaworthy and their joints arthritis-free.
So if you ever need a change from racing hectically,
join Richard, John and Roger as they sail the Himley Sea.

John Dillworth.

“Did You Know” a few facts about the early days of the club

By Ray West

The clubhouse when we started the club did not have electricity or water, we cooked by Calor gas and all water was brought in bottles

The toilet accommodation consisted of two partitioned areas in the corners of the Bosun's stores under the clubhouse, each containing a chemical toilet. One of the duties of the Officer of the Day was to dispose of the contents by digging a hole in the ground away from the clubhouse after each race day.

Apart from the brickwork and floor tiling the changing room block was designed and built entirely by club members and from memory cost about £3000.00, £1000.00 of which was a grant from Dudley Borough.

The hillocks you see outside the clubhouse were constructed by Dudley Borough to act as a bund or dam to avoid the village of Himley being flooded in a great storm

The club house used to be the Earl of Dudley's boat house, built in the 1920's, the large doors on the pool facing side of the clubhouse opened up to allow his boat to be stored, there is still water under the floor of the Bosun's store and classroom. If you look at the waters edge on the Himley village side of the starter's hut you will see stone foundations which was the location of the original boat house before the present club house building was built

Apart from myself there are only two current club members who were founder members back in 1969, they are Mike Willetts and Bill Nock.

During a race in the early 1970's our Rear Commodore, Ron Dolby had a fatal heart attack whilst on the water, sailing with his Son. You will find one of the club's trophies named in his memory.

In 1970 Mike Willetts was winning races with his Mirror dinghy No 7954, yes, the same boat he is winning races today, which goes to prove you do not need “state of the art” boats to win

(his great skill and experience may have helped!!!!)

The Social committee organised dances about twice a year in the 1970's at the Lower Gornal British Legion club and we could always guarantee selling 200 tickets.

Tony Mountford, a club member in the 1980's used to send his very young daughters out onto the water in Optimists in all weathers, giving tuition from the bank. I recall they were not very keen at the time but one daughter Penny (now Penny Clark) represented Great Britain in the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Unfortunately she did not return with a medal but it is a great honour for the club to be her first stepping stone on her way to the top.

40th Anniversary Edition

An extraordinary general meeting of the club was held in the mid 1970's to change the club's constitution to restrict the numbers of boats of any one class to 30. This came about because of the dominance of the Mirror fleet which had 31 boats and rising. The general committee felt that without that restriction the club could be taken over by Mirror or other boat owners who could change the constitution to allow only a few classes of boat, which the majority of other clubs did at that time, thus losing the club's original intention of allowing all classes of boat membership.

In the late 1970's the club started an annual sponsored 24 hour sail in aid of the RNLI, it was the club's main charity event and proved very successful. In recognition of the club's hard work over many years, a lifeboat was named after the club and was stationed at West Mersea in Essex. We are still raising money for the RNLI with a summer event each year, the total raised to date now exceeds £90,000.00



Dorothy & Mike Willetts with the name plate from the Himley Hall Lifeboat presented to them by the RLNI on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Picture Gallery 1 (All Pictures by Ray West)



A wet Ray West after 1985
Commodore's Day dip – Libby & Chris
Harris in the background



Debra & Robert West with Kim &
Karen Paterson 1974



Clywedog Sailing Club 1985 – Club
Members from left to right: Mary Jones,
Lorraine Danks, Reg Jones, Pat West,
Debra West & Richard Jones



A wet Mary Harris on Commodore's
Day 1990

Can you find the boat class

By Ray West

Another quiz to fill the Newsletter. In each of the following sentences there is the name of a well known class of boat, the name might be contained in one word, or spread over two or three words. In each case the letters are continuous. The best of luck. Send your answers to Tony Sutton, the answers will be in the next Newsletter, there will be a prize for the winner.

Example Are you going to take **her on** the slide?HERON

He's off to the Costa del Sol on Sunday

Do not terminate your employment yet

Why don't you teach that cad etiquette?

We can see all Ark Royal's flags waving

John is the banjo king of the band

Keep up that pace running

The chosen car was a Toyota

If in doubt say yes

You should come to the party

He only gives sweets to nice people

They say only Scots quibble at the price

Multiply the answer by ten

Who was that Olympic oarsman?

I invited Mother in law to tea on Sunday

In summer, maids wear pretty dresses

When we come to the sign Ethel, turn right

He is the top person in his field

Jakes trellis is covered with beautiful roses

Those clothes would incur lewd comments

Tell me what boat he is on

I've been caught by radar ten times

Subo sung in Great Britain's got talent

Picture Gallery 2 (Pictures by Mike & Dorothy Willetts)



West Mersea Lifeboat men with HHSC Members - From left to right: Lifeboat man, Fred Whitehouse, Pat West, Dorothy Willetts, Mike Willetts, Jean Whitehouse, Lifeboat man, Ray West



Dorothy launches the Himley Hall Lifeboat 1987



The Himley Hall Lifeboat



At Sea

Saturday Sailors - An Epilogue.

You've heard of Saturday Sailors, those Mirror sailors three,
Richard, John and Roger who cruise on Saturd'y,
Well here's a sorry sequel to the tales of Himley Sea
warning of the perils waiting those not quite ready.

It happened that two newcomers came down to join those three,
Richard, John and Roger, who sailed the Himley Sea.
Bold Chris and Bob had 'done the course' and then came down to see
how they could get some practice as they cruised the Himley Sea.

One windy day in autumn, our new men they set sail
in Chris's Mirror dinghy, two on board, all set to bail.
The wind it blew so very hard that they could barely tack
and they gybed uncontrollably when gusts caught them aback.

Now Richard, John and Roger, stood in the dinghy park .
They watched the waves and gusts of wind beneath the clouds so dark.
They studied the conditions and weighed up the risks calmly
and decided not to sail today upon the Himley Sea.

Then sure enough it happened as our Sat'dy sailors feared,
A gust of wind caught Chris and Bob as to the lee they veered.
Their dinghy it did capsize, in waters deep and cold,
and in the drink went our two, new, Sat'dy sailors bold.

But Chris and Bob did then employ their new found training skills
and though the bad conditions would defy the strongest wills,
they dropped the 'main' and threw the sheet and fought to climb aboard
until at last their battered barque from the deep it was restored.

Alas the sturdy Mirror, though afloat, was not unscathed
the boom had split and so, by just the jib our friends were saved
as slowly, and with heavy hearts, they sailed back to the park,
Richard, John and Roger thought," Blow that for a lark".

The moral of this story: Though hard-sailing you would try,
then if you wish to stay afloat and keep your trousers dry,
when wind's force six and clouds are black and waves full inches three,
join Richard, John and Roger, and WATCH the Himley Sea!

John Dillworth

Founder Members Dedication

By Ray West

In the early 70's one of our founder members (I'll call him Colin) was so enthusiastic and dedicated to sailing that even if he had a house fire on a Sunday morning, the clearing up would have to wait until after his days sail, he would not miss his sailing for anything.

At the time his wife was heavily pregnant with their first child and I can recall the ladies saying that looking at her size she would probably be having twins. Yes, you have probably guessed by now that Colin's wife went into labour early on a Sunday morning. Not being put off by this, he agreed to take his wife to the local hospital before going sailing. He duly delivered his wife to the hospital, spoke to the midwife, took a note of the telephone number and agreed to telephone during the day.

Colin arrived at the sailing club quite early, rigged his boat and had plenty of time to assist the OD with rescue boat engine and opening up of the starters hut. There was still some fifteen minutes before the ten minute gun (it was ten minutes at that time, it has now changed to five minutes) so Colin thought he would go down to the nearest telephone at the Café by the entrance gate to telephone the hospital (no mobile telephones in those days). He managed to get through to the midwife and was overjoyed by her words "You are the Father of a bonny bouncing boy, wife and baby doing well, **but** 'phone back later". Colin rushed to the water's edge to tell his fellow sailors of his good news. He had come prepared with whisky and cigars which he promptly handed out.

He completed the first race, so missing his coffee break he again went to the Café to telephone the hospital, being greeted with the words "You are now the Father of a pretty girl, wife and baby doing well, **but** 'phone back later" This was great news so everyone had a whisky tot with their coffee. After the second race had finished he again went to the Café to telephone the hospital only to hear "You now have a second Son , wife and baby doing well, **but** 'phone back later". You will have guessed that everyone had another tot of whisky with their lunch. Before starting the final race of the day, Colin, feeling a little under the weather, telephoned again, to hear that he now had three Sons and the same final phrase "**but** 'phone back later".

He made it back to the waters edge in time to hand out the last of his whisky and fell into his boat. I don't think he could remember how he followed the course or even finish the race. He managed to get out of his boat and without thinking, he made his way to the telephone box again, falling over twice on the way. He dialled the number but in his drunken state he dialled the wrong number and instead of getting the hospital he had dialled Himley Cricket Club who happened to be playing at home that Sunday. "Whatss the possission now" he slurred, the voice at the other end answered "They are all out, the last one was a duck" after which he fainted. This is a true story folks!

HIMLEY HALL SAILING CLUB

NEWSLETTER no. I

May 1970

Dear Member,

This is the first of a series of newsletters which will be issued at intervals in order to keep members in touch with events at Himley and, possibly, as a means of expressing your views. (Volunteers for the job of Editor will be welcomed!)

Firstly and most important, there will be a meeting of members on Wednesday 20th. May, 1970 commencing at approximately 7.30p.m., in Room no. II at Himley Hall. The agenda will be:

- 1) To approve adoption of the present Acting Officers and Steering Committee as substantive for the remainder of the 1970 Season and to co-opt further members to the Committee and form any sub-committees considered necessary at this time.
- 2) Open discussion on likely development of the Club and organisation of details of matters arising.

This is your Club and this first meeting, apart from being a good opportunity of meeting your fellow Club members, is the time to let us have your ideas and suggestions as to how the Club might develop, (even criticism will be welcomed!) so please make a special effort to come along. If you are unable to attend, please convey your thoughts via a fellow member or drop me a line. (I apologise in advance for the rather short notice, but we thought it advisable to hold the meeting before the Spring Bank Holiday week.)

You will see from the Club Rules that the Boathouse is available for members' use. The keys are kept in the gatekeeper's hut and must be returned there at the end of each day (there is a letter box provided for our use when the hut has been locked up. The gatekeeper is in attendance during the hours of opening to the Public and from the times advertised for the issue of fishing permits) It will be seen that the Boathouse, by the nature of it's construction, is a potentially high fire risk. Members are, therefore, requested to exercise extreme caution so as to avoid the risk of fire. No cooking appliance, etc., other than equipment officially installed by the Club Committee, may be used in any part of the Boathouse.

We have been asked to clarify the ruling on the conveyance of boats from the Club car-parking area to the lakeside. The field between these points has recently been regraded and seeded and is not yet properly established. For the time being, therefore, we must not take cars past the Club car park and boats must be manhandled from this point to the launching-point in the dinghy compound by trailer, launching trolley or by carrying. The difficulties involved in this arrangement are fully appreciated by your Committee and we hope to be able to overcome this problem in the not too distant future. The latest information is that our boat-parking problem will at least partially be solved in the near future.

The Corporations' Joint Committee is intent, quite reasonably, on preserving Himley Hall grounds as a Public amenity and our full co-operation generally to this end, as Club members, will obviously be appreciated, particularly in this, our first trial season.

May we please draw your attention to the Rules generally, in particular to the question of boat registration and insurance. If you have not confirmed details of your boat and of it's insurance, will you please do so without delay. The Corporation reserve the right to inspect any policy (either Club or individual) on demand.

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We end on a lighter note with a challenge to any budding graphic designers in our ranks. You are invited to submit your suggested design for a Club Emblem. The scope is wide open and the form of presentation, theme etc., is left to the individual. (local historical associations come to mind, for instance) Bear in mind that the Emblem, in addition to appearing on the Club burgee (in the ratio of 2:1 triangular, fly to hoist) will also be used for Club letter-heads, car badges, the Club tie, etc. Entries, which should be sent to the Hon. Sec. by the last day of June, will be judged by the Committee and a small prize will be awarded for the design adopted.

GOOD SAILING !

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Wall Heath,
BRIERLEY HILL, Staffs.

John Clarke
Acting hon. Secretary,
for The Committee.

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