



MMA CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER October 2022

Those who have ventured down to the dinghy park recently will be aware that the Folly Inn refurbishment is proceeding apace. In particular the scrubbing piles slipway area is being prepared for the new shower block and toilets. The new base for the taxi office is in place on the north side; the MMA offices remain unchanged other than for some restriction in access. Greene King plan to reopen on 1 November but we shall just have to wait and see if the autumn weather changes this.



Members will recall that at the AGM on 11 April 2022 you were advised that *"MMA accounts for 2021 are still being prepared for auditing. This process has been delayed due to unforeseen incompatibility issues between historical and current versions of Excel used for accounting. These problems are being resolved as a matter of priority with the help of the President and will be submitted for audit as soon as possible."* I am pleased to tell you that the accounts have now been accepted by the auditor who reports that all is in order. The accounts need to be formally agreed at a General Meeting and submitted to the Charity Commission. You will have received either by post or e mail the notice and agenda for an EGM to meet this requirement to be held on zoom on Monday 17 October. A copy, including the zoom log-in information, is attached to this newsletter. The final accounts will also be circulated before the meeting. Your support would be appreciated.

Talking of meetings; date for your new 2023 diary: MMA AGM, Monday 3 April 2023. Details to follow.



The final programmed gathering of dinghy sailors and kayakers for the year took place in warm sunny weather on 17 September. Some 5 scows and a mirror dinghy enjoyed a pleasant sail together. Last season we acquired the flags needed to run slightly more formal racing, and hopefully next season we will see a further increase in small family dinghies joining in. We currently have some unclaimed mirror dinghies that we intend to dispose of once the formalities of "abandonment" have been completed. Prices are likely to be extremely affordable even in these straitened times and a perfect way of getting children or grandchildren afloat.

When you applied for a dinghy parking slot this year you agreed to the Conditions of Use including *"All dinghies must be of seaworthy condition"*. A casual

stroll around the dinghy park identifies a number of craft that I would hesitate to launch on the East Cowes Esplanade Paddling Pool let alone the sea. If you are unable to maintain your craft in a seaworthy condition please consider disposing of it and making your berth available for somebody currently on the waiting list.



I have again been contacted by the manager of the Folly Inn to complain that “the car park was full of MMA vehicles and there was nowhere for her customers!”. Please remember that MMA has no absolute right to park vehicles adjacent to the dinghy park. Please display your MMA parking sticker and respect the rule of no extended parking without the specific approval of the pub management.

Finally, our Social Secretary, Mary, hopes to be able to arrange an evening gathering at The Folly before Christmas. Hopefully more details next month. Meantime we all look forward to experiencing the long-awaited pub refurbishment.

Sea Water temperature at Lee on Solent is currently 17.41° It's still warm enough for some late-season outings before securing the boat for the winter. Before heading out don't forget to check the radio batteries; make sure somebody knows your schedule, and prepare Plan B in case all changes.

Stay safe!

Peter Jackson
Chairman
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