



**WEST LONDON  
MOTOR CRUISING CLUB  
NEWS AND NOTICE OF AGM**

February 2007

**Notice of AGM.**

**The Annual General Meeting will be held on board Weslon on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30. The clubroom will open at 7 o'clock.**

**Committee Nominations.**

Nominations to the committee should be sent or handed in to any committee member at least 14 days before the AGM. You may use the attached nomination form. Committee membership is voluntary. No fees or attendance allowances are paid. Membership entails attending about 10 meetings during the year. If you would like to be on the committee please come forward, whether you have specific ideas on how to improve the club or simply can afford a little time to help it run smoothly.

**Trustees.**

The terms of the lease require us to have at least two trustees and not more than four. There are currently three trustees and hence one vacancy. Please let the committee know if you would like to discuss being a trustee.

**Members' Items for the AGM.**

Any items of business or questions for the AGM should be notified in writing to a committee member at least 14 days before the AGM.

**Working Party**

The spring working party is being planned for the weekend of 31<sup>st</sup> March/1<sup>st</sup> April. If you cannot attend on the working party weekend, it is quite acceptable to do a specific task at a more convenient time; please phone Ray if you wish to arrange this.

Please make sure someone records your presence at the working party as the usual charge for not attending will be made.

**Save Our Waterways**

You have probably seen reports in the press that DEFRA has reduced the grant-in-aid to British Waterways and the Environment Agency. These cuts could result in a loss of £60 million from the maintenance and upkeep of our waterways over the next 5 years. There have already been a number of protest gatherings – the next organised protests will take place all over the country on the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> March. For details see: [www.saveourwaterways.org.uk](http://www.saveourwaterways.org.uk).

Please support the local event at Paddington – Trevor can provide information. If you have not signed the petition, please see Trevor about signing a paper copy, or sign it online at: <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/SaveOurWaterways/>.

You could also write to your MP – to see which MPs have signed up to the early day motions, see: <http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/Default.aspx>.

158 MPs signed EDM50 and 210 signed EDM90.

**Red Diesel**

As of 31<sup>st</sup> December last, the UK's derogation on red diesel ended. It seems it is now only a matter of time before we are required to pay much higher excise duty on diesel for boating.

**NOMINATION FORM**

FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE WLMCC COMMITTEE FOR 2007/08:

Person Nominated:	
Signature:	
Nominated By:	
Signature:	
Seconded By:	
Signature:	
Post Nominated For (Optional):	

**Working on Boats.**

Thanks to everyone for keeping the noise levels down during 2006. Please remember, if you intend to do any noisy work, you should arrange with Ray to move your boat to the appropriate part of the site, and observe the agreed hours of work which are:

8am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturday. No noisy work is permitted on Sundays.

**Licences.**

All members should be aware of the rule requiring boats to be licensed through the club. Members who have not complied with this rule will receive a bill for an amount equal to the lost commission of 5% of the licence fee. Members whose boats remain unlicensed without good cause are liable to be expelled from the Club.

**Keys.**

Keys to the moorings must not be given to non-members except with written agreement from the committee. If you are having work done on your boat, you are responsible for the safety and actions of anyone doing work on your behalf, and you should be present on the moorings whilst the work is being done.

Note that if the gate padlock is changed at the working party, new keys will be issued in exchange for the present keys.

**Rubbish.**

The rubbish skip is provided for the convenience of all members. However, it is to be used ONLY FOR BAGGED DOMESTIC WASTE FROM YOUR BOAT. Under no circumstances are other items such as old fridges, batteries, fluorescent lights, engine parts, engine oil or gas cylinders to be put in the skip. Under the Environmental Protection Act, we are required to follow correct procedures for disposal of waste. Placing noxious waste in the skip may be an Offence under this Act, and any member doing so will be held responsible for their action. Members with transport should take any such waste to the appropriate Council collection point; members without transport should arrange help with disposal.

**Notice Period.**If you are thinking of moving your boat from the Club, please give as much notice as possible. The mooring agreement requires 3 months' notice; members leaving without giving this notice are liable for 3 months' mooring fees in lieu of notice.

**Web Site**

Club information is available on the WLMCC web site at [www.wlmcc.org.uk](http://www.wlmcc.org.uk)

**Programme of Events**

March 3-4	AWCC protest against the DEFRA funding cuts
March 17	WLMCC AGM
March 31- April 1	WLMCC Working Party
April 16-20	Newquay and Cornish Explorer £224 inclusive. Details from Trevor.

**Contact Information:**

Social Programme, New members, Use of crane	Commodore: Trevor Gillam 020-8866-9581
Mooring matters, Working party, Boat safety certificates	Harbourmaster: Ray Handley 020-8933-9166
Mooring fees	Treasurer: David Mann 01327-830793 <a href="mailto:david@wlmcc.fsnet.co.uk">david@wlmcc.fsnet.co.uk</a>
Licence renewals	Franco Iadicicco 020-8902-3539
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