



GWV Boat Building Newsletter – April 2009

Open Day

Thank you to everyone who visited our Open Day last month. The day was very well attended, and we heard some really interesting ideas for future boat builds. We are looking to hold a further Open Day later in the year.

New Additions to the GWV Team

We were extremely pleased to welcome Richard to our team at the beginning of the year, joining us as a cabinet maker. He has a wealth of experience in building furniture and antique restoration. Richard and his partner, Mo, had a sailaway plus from GWV last year, which they now live on at Evesham. Richard enjoyed fitting-out his boat, 'Imagine', so much that he's now working with us, and coming up with some fantastic new ideas!

We have also welcomed Archie to the team. Archie is John & Liz's new Patterdale Terrier, mischievous but great fun, who loves being at the workshop – *see below!*



'Spring Valley'

Narrowboat 'Spring Valley' will be launched during April. This boat is a new 'five star' hireboat for Excellence Afloat at Valley Cruises, sleeping up to six people. This is the third boat that GWV have built for the fleet. We're really proud of the finished boat, and are looking forward to cruising her to her new base at Springwood Haven, from her launch at Alvechurch.

Below is Spring Valley in GWV's workshops, being painted in the yellow, grey and black livery of Excellence Afloat's fleet.



Magazine Articles

Narrowboat 'Toddy II' is featured as 'Boat of the Month' in Canals & Rivers magazine, May issue, available to buy from the beginning of April. The article was very complimentary, and has some great photos of the boat. We will be adding a copy of the article to our website.

David Sargood, owner of Toddy II with his wife Lesley, is now writing for Canal Boat magazine. His article in the May issue discusses insulation in narrowboats, and the measures taken when Toddy II was built. David, a building surveyor, will continue to write for future editions of the magazine.

Crick Boat Show 2009

We will be exhibiting narrowboat 'Imagine' at this year's Crick Boat Show, jointly with Soar Valley Steel Boats who built the hull. 'Imagine' is a 65ft bespoke liveaboard, and has some interesting features, including an additional hydraulic steering system. Visitors to the show won't be able to miss her – she's painted in four different shades of bright pink and purple!

The show takes place over the second May bank holiday weekend, from 23 to 25 May, at Crick Marina, Northamptonshire. We look forward to meeting visitors.

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