



November 2021 Newsletter

Dear PMBHA members,

The marina is much quieter now winter is here but we are still hoping for the odd nice day to get out onto the water. Your committee has been busy and we have some news, in spite of it being the “off” season. We have “met” with the marina management and discussed all the issues of relevance to berth holders, including dredging and the new security system. The Hafan have just issued their latest newsletter (<https://www.hafanpwllheli.co.uk/more/news>) which covers the latest on dredging and the new security system and so we won't duplicate them here. We are working with Wil to help with the roll out of the new security system. The marina management will allow some time to see how the system is working before introducing the fobs so please let us know if you have any comments and we will pass your feedback on to them.

Many thanks to all the berth holders who filled in our 2021 customer satisfaction survey. The results are very interesting and quite positive I think, in terms of people's attitudes towards the marina services. Especially positive is that 76% of people have no intention of leaving the marina. The marina management now have the results which will help them with their forward planning. We have attached the survey results to this newsletter.

Underwater camera

Many thanks again to those who volunteered to be trained up to use the underwater camera, the box made for it is now finished. We will make contact with you to arrange training on a convenient date and when the weather has improved. The marina water is so murky at the moment it would be impossible to see anything!

Boat accident report

I wanted to make you all aware of a report of a marine accident, that was circulated recently by Barry Davies. It's an incident where a combination of factors, including an elderly boat, inexperienced skipper and unclear navigation instructions; combined to cause a tragedy. Although it happened in Cornwall, I think something similar could easily happen here. The link to the report is here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/norma-g-report-published>

News of Peter from “My Helen”

I know that many folk have been asking about Peter from the boat “My Helen”. He lived on the marina for many years but has now moved to a care home where he seems to be settling in well. Ruth & Bohdan would like to share an extract from a letter from his son to them and a recent photo of Peter:

“Dad is continuing to improve physically and is very well cared for.



He is eating well and has a good appetite. He continues to settle and is beginning to spend some time with other people in the home which he was not comfortable with to start with. He even enjoyed a session of bingo recently! I have attached a new photograph. He looks much healthier than when he left the boat, and very different in appearance having had a haircut and removed his beard. He has talked to the carers about living on a boat but is convinced it was something that happened about 20 years ago. Now that

the care-home Covid rules are beginning to relax arrangements are being made to get him some new glasses and a hearing aid; both will, I am sure, add significantly to his quality of life.”

Don't forget to prepare your boats for winter

If you are leaving your boat on its berth during winter make sure it's ready in case of storms or icy weather. Secure or remove your sails, tighten halyards, check your fenders and make sure mooring lines are tight. Think about your tap water – we forgot to drain it one year, to our cost!

Other regular issues concerning the marina, such as fees, car parking, bike storage etc, are still being progressed but there is nothing new to report this month. Don't forget to check out the website, all the news (and more) is there: <https://www.pmbha.co.uk/>

Happy boating everyone!

Best regards

Jenny Moss (Chair) and Committee Members of PMBHA Interim Committee