



GREEN DIAMOND CLUB

THE LAST HURRAH

We have now booked The Honourable Artillery Company, Armoury House, City Road, London, EC1Y 2BQ, as the venue to hold the last Green Diamond Ball! See third page for details:

**Saturday 26th
October 2024**

**The
Honourable
Artillery
Company
(HAC)**

**£25
(Members)
£85 (Non-
Members)**



UPDATE AS TO WHERE WE ARE... Message from the Chairman:

WATER SKI BOAT

I am pleased to report that after a few time wasters and scammers, the Ski Nautique boat was sold last month. We achieved the price of £13,495 but we did have to pay over £800 in making the trailer safe as Midlands Nautique said that it was not road worthy and they had their own reputation to consider! In addition, there were advertising costs and 5% commission paid to Midlands Nautique who sold it on our behalf.

The boat has now gone to a new owner in Essex and we sincerely hope she behaves herself.

CANAL BOAT

TARA had her last trip out on 21-22 October 2023. We were onboard with the Kavanaghs and as the hours through Sunday were passing, the pain in my heart grew. She is now in Whilton Marina with the broker. You can view details at <https://www.whiltonmarina.co.uk/used-narrowboats/details/7598.aspx>.

It was a sad day saying Good-Bye to TARA but I am sure that lots of Members will agree that we have had lots of fun weekends chugging along the network of canals for many years.

As I write this, to date we have had over 4000 on-line viewings and 10 key requests (physical viewings on site) and we have just accepted an offer of £47,500 which is subject to survey so fingers crossed.

There is a huge demand for narrow boats at the moment with many young couples and families considering them to be a permanent home as rental prices are so high and it is difficult for many to get onto the property ladder. It is a couple who have made the offer with the intention of making TARA their permanent home. We hope that the sale goes through and they enjoy their new home.

THE FINALE CELEBRATIONS:



The HAC is a very impressive and fitting venue to hold the event and I would like to say “for us to go out with a bang” but this may be inappropriate for this location!

Amie is in the very early stages of organising the event but please do put the date in your diary and if you would like to book a table, please contact Amie at amievjames@gmail.com or **07732 179493**. If you would like to attend as an individual or couple, please also contact Amie as we want give as many people as possible the opportunity to attend this very special event and we will find space.

We are still finalising the event costings but we anticipate the tickets to be priced at:

Members £25 per person

Non-Members £85 per person

CHARITY DONATIONS:





It is our intention that all surplus funds left in the bank account will be paid to charities. We still welcome suggestions for organisations to support; please send your proposals to amanda.james@acjames.co.uk. Whilst we all have causes we are passionate about, please do keep the suggestions relevant to the ethics of the Green Diamond Club.

WHATSAPP GROUP:

Jayne Carroll has kindly offered to set up a what's app group for members to keep in touch with one another, organise events, make announcements etc. If you would like to join the group, please text Jayne with your name and phone number to: **07703 284465**

STANDING ORDERS:

Despite our efforts to change Membership subs to Go Cardless, there are still a number of Members paying their subscriptions by Standing Order, many payments of which we are unable to identify as to whom they have come from. Go Cardless has now been cancelled so if you were paying by this method, no further funds will be taken. However, if you have a Standing Order Arrangement in place, we cannot stop the funds leaving your account as you are in control of this. Please therefore ensure that you cancel any arrangement before 1st January 2024.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year!

With very Best Wishes

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