

## Update on the club's location

As many of you will be aware it was hoped there might be a possibility of our club returning to Beale Park after the departure of the person who put us out. It has become apparent that in the short term there is no way back to Beale Park. The new management are focused on ideas to make the park pay and despite speaking directly with them to explain our connection with the park and additional attraction we can bring with the Beale Park Model Boat Show they have not been forthcoming.

We have been very fortunate in finding new water at Hi5 with a very welcoming host. While being a commercial organisation they have given us access to their lake with very little restriction this year and at the moment it is unlikely they will hold any events in the area we use but be aware there is a remote possibility of the occasional change to our calendar. Tony contacts Hi5 every Wednesday to check the lake is okay for use at the weekend.

Access to the water has been made possible using the floating pontoon which allows for the seasonal water level variation, but we are aware some members are not comfortable using it. To provide more secure access a platform supported on posts is under construction. It will be 8' wide X 13' long and can be adjusted in height as the water level varies. This will provide a fixed deck that will be lower than the pontoon and it will have the boat lifting winch attached. **As ever if you are not comfortable on the current pontoon please just ask another member to launch and recover your boat.** The pontoon will be retained as it can also double as a maintenance platform for pruning the overhanging willow etc.

Hi5 has given us almost exclusive use of the area we operate from but it is in need of some maintenance to tidy up the leaves and twigs that have fallen over the winter, Alan Whitbread will be asking for volunteers in the near future.

The published calendar is in use, organised activities are taking place, and where applicable scoring to find the season's winners and runners up.

Looking ahead the winter evening meetings will hopefully be held at Hi5 as they have kindly offered the use of a room on site.

**MTMBC Committee**