

## 1963

The limekiln was demolished, the building reroofed and the ground floor converted to living accommodation. Collings moved in and named it Abernyfer.

## 1975 July

The first meeting of 'Newport Boating and Sailing Club' was held. There were 214 Members. A 'Boathouse Foundation Appeal' was launched and loans and grants sought. In September the first Rule Book was produced.

## 1977

Norman Thomas was appointed Steward, later Manager, on February 21, 1977 and remained with the Club until his retirement in 1999. His first week takings were £63 and his 'record' is £17,000!

## 1967

'Steering Committee' formed and produced a Constitution for a 'proposed boat club at Parrog'. A plan for a Clubhouse to be situated on the site of the present shelter, at a cost of £7000, was drawn up. Nothing came of this.

## 1976

The Club opened for business on April 17, 1976 (some say April 23). It was open from 6pm to 1030pm every day including Sunday. The entrance to the Club was where the outside sign now is and there was a door from the bar to what is now the entrance porch. The space on the south side was used as kitchen, coal and beer store. Five Honorary Life Memberships were conferred. Dillwyn Miles was Member Number One.

As further Life Members were recruited, the original Founder Members became known as Founder Life members. There were 87 Life Members plus 363 annual members by the end of 1976. The annual subscription was £5 with boat parking fees of 50p per annum.

Sailing and canoe instruction were held on the river with sailing races in the summer. Many members donated equipment including boats.

## 1980

The Club owned seven boats and two canoes. Six boats were available for hire by Members (£5 per tide) with no charge for the use of the canoes. A total of 21 trophies were donated or purchased, many of which are still competed for.

## 1974

William Collings dies and the property passes to his wife Gladys Collings who dies intestate

## 1981

The old kitchen and small cloakroom on the ground floor (south side) were converted to a single room

## 1975

Abernyfer put up for auction. On April 28 a meeting of 'Boat Club members' was held at the Llwyngwair Arms. It was agreed to try and purchase the building for up to £12,500 maximum. Dillwyn Miles visited various bodies seeking grants. Auction held at Fishguard Church Hall on May 15, 1975 attended by Dr Bignall, Mayor; Tony Marchington, Commodore; Morton Tucker, Secretary and Dillwyn Miles. Tony Marchington did the bidding. There was considerable hesitation at £12,500, but the Club continued and got the storehouse for £14,300. The group adjourned to the Llwyngwair after the auction and persuaded Tom Haswell, landlord, to become the first steward.

## 1982

The County Council delegated control of moorings to the 'Afon Nevern and Newport Harbour Moorings Association'(sic)

## 1985

The building was reroofed.

## 1987

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The upper floor was made usable and a new staircase installed.