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The Summer edition

And at last we are having a proper one, sunshine, warmth, days and days without rain, even Capt Col has had to break out his shorts.

First of all a big thank you to all of you that said you liked reading of our adventures and would like us to continue with the Chronicles, so here we are again.

A special visitor, brought by royalty.



On Sunday the 3rd of June we were moored and open in Parbold. We had a phone call from the skipper of a pair of hotel boats. There are a few pairs of these bots that travel the canal system, and provide a different sort of holiday, travelling along the canal in the luxury of a hotel with staff to cook your meals for you, usually fully inclusive. This pair are “Duke” and “Duchess” and on this part of the trip from Liverpool to Manchester they had a rather special lady aboard. Hence the phone call to arrange for the pair to moor alongside “Emma Maye”

The lady in question was Glenys, the lady who back in 2009 knocked on Carole’s boat roof in Riddlesden in West Yorkshire and asked if she had any wool for sale?

At the time Carole only had aboard the wool she was using for creating the knitwear she was selling.

Glenys suggested Carole should consider selling some wool as knitting was becoming popular again and there were not as many local yarn shops about as there used to be.

Riddlesden is not too far along the canal from Bingley where J C Bretts winding house is, so Carole and Colin obtained the first supplies of yarn from there a few days later...and so “The Wool Boat” was born.

All thanks to Glenys.

So the way forward of not being as active in the yarn selling is working out quite well. Carole is finding more time to read and to work on her personal knitting projects, and is even planning to learn how to crochet properly.

But she continues to carry on producing her ever favourite, her own design of a Boatmans Gansey, this one in J C Bretts "Ocean Blue" shade of acrylic yarn. It was modelled by one of our boating mates, Craig.

This one is now available from stock, though with the weather, it may be a while before someone needs it to keep warm.



Col has been able to get out and about more with the camera, and has had some success with one of his train pictures, a football special, yes they still do run some. This one ran from London to Burnley for a Premiership game at the end of last season and Col had a pic of it published in Rail Express.

A comparison of two Temperature blankets 2017 and 2018 at six months

Carole has now knitted the first six months rows of her temperature blanket for 2018 and people asked how it was looking compared to last years, so we put them together.

This picture show's this year's blanket and the one from 2017, at the same stage. Because Carole is doing things a bit differently, using stocking stitch rather than garter stitch this year's blanket is turning out to be longer.

So last year's blanket is on the left and 2018's on the right.

You may not believe it because of the prolonged dry spell but this June's average temperature was the same as 2017, at 18c.



We of course are not neglecting the yarn side of our life, and recently took on a new delivery of "Opal" sock yarn. These are the Opal 4 ply yarn, drawers on the 20.6.18 on The Wool Boat.



This a German yarn ideal for knitting socks with, though good for other 4 ply projects as well. We now have about 35 different shades of this yarn in stock, so not all visible in the drawer's. When you come to visit the Wool Boat we won't have room to display all the shades so please ask and we'll get them out. £8.00 per 100 gram ball.

You may have also heard that part of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal is due to close to boat traffic from the 30th of July. This is of course because of the lack of rainfall again, this was the state of Foulridge upper reservoir which feeds into the part that will be shut on the 3rd of July, and even the sheep are taking over. As we have decided not to go too far this year we shouldn't be affected by this....yet ☺



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Colin and Carole, moored near the Running Horses pub on the Leeds and Liverpool near Maghull Sunday 22nd of July 2018.