

OUT TO LUNCH - Bosham

It's still Autumn and again we use the boat as a midday water taxi.

Our club used to rally to **Bosham** regularly but visits seem to have been discontinued. Personally I miss the challenge of drying out against those wooden piles, so motoring round for lunch seemed a good way to remind ourselves of facilities there. Officially, berthing is under the control of the Quaymaster who likes to be telephoned in advance, but we took pot luck and found no-one challenged us or collected any dues.



In gentle breezes we threaded our way through moorings in the Bosham Channel, stopping and starting to avoid dinghies from Cobham Activities Centre and pausing to look fondly at our old yacht, the *Arpège* which we used to sail out of Emsworth Yacht Harbour.

The quay itself is faced with wooden piles, so



with our well-worn 'rubbers' outboard we came alongside to find depths of 3.4 metres at HW and plenty of ladders.



Bosham Sailing

Club is a very welcoming establishment but our destination was The Anchor Bleu, a local pub known for its seafood specialities. Sadly a recent change of ownership has done nothing for the quality of food or rapidity of service and we were grateful for a Sping tide that permitted us to stay long enough to reach the dessert course. Not without penalty however, for by the time we were ready to slip an afternoon breeze had set in raising a lively chop which was banging us uncomfortably against the wall and we were glad to get away. Lesson learnt.



Verdict: Attractive waterside eatery becoming complacent about its performance.

Tides on the day: HW Chichester 1455 ht 4.5m

Quay exposed to SW, dries to soft mud

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