

(31st August 2011)

Repaint by Oxon Boat Painters.

We decided to have our 48ft tug style narrowboat repainted in May 2011 as the existing paintwork had deteriorated badly. To achieve satisfactory results it would have to be a 'bare metal' job.

Oxon Boat painters was the first website I visited and I noted they had repainted a boat belonging to a friend, this when viewed on previous occasions always looked good and he confirmed he was very pleased with the results.

'OBP' had a good estimating section on the website, for boats over 50 feet in length, I duly filled this in and a reply came back quickly with an estimate which was reasonable and within the rough charges set by others for similar work.

We arranged to visit them at Brinklow and check work in progress on another boat, this proved good and Chris and Mark arranged to visit our boat on it's mooring (75 miles from Brinklow) to check what work was involved and whether windows (or in our case portholes) needed to be removed.

A final estimate was prepared (not a great deal different from the earlier one), this included decoration, paint choices and colour schemes. We also had some extra work carried out including Blacking, welding, some internal scumbling and some slight changes to the colour scheme.

A convenient time slot was agreed for boat delivery and collection (it was finished on the agreed date!).

We arranged for several visits to check work in progress (pictures are posted on the internet) and found that the work detailed in stage payments was always completed to a good standard.

Chris has a good understanding of paint technology and helped us to avoid a pitfall with some poor quality paint supplied by a manufacturer (a quick change to Craftmaster was made).

Chris was good fun to work with (he paints great castles scenes) and helpful with lifts as and when necessary (although there is a bus stop on the road outside the yard with a good service to Coventry station).

Work started on the 18th July and was completed on the 31st August, I was advised to use dust sheets to cover the interior of the boat, but infact very little dust was found inside when we collected it.

Sign writing was carried out to a high standard by Dean Box who travelled up from Bedford.

We were very pleased with the result.

Mike Griffin – nb Albion Mills.



