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Editorial

Mike Chamberlain (*Paper Moon*)



There was consternation at the club recently when it was pointed out that the Environment Agency had removed the concessionary licence of £10 to transit from the Wey to Teddington lock in order to access the main canal system. I took the trouble to look up the source of this change and found it in the lengthy Consultation document published last July. In a part of the document setting out the principles of the proposed changes I found this reference to the River Wey cleverly hidden at the end of the section.

“3.3.1. Short period registrations

We propose to:

- *move from bandings to an area-based charge as described in section 3.1*
- *introduce a 1 day registration for unpowered open boats*
- *introduce a flexible 15 non-consecutive day explorer registration for unpowered open boats*
- *remove the need to register annually for boats not kept on the water*
- *introduce a temporary transit registration for unregistered boats being moved solely for winter storage, repair, delivery and trial trip or demonstration, including boats under tow*
- *remove the ‘Wey transit’ currently offered on the River Thames “*

An impact statement showing how each of the proposed changes affected boaters omitted any mention of the impact on the Wey navigation.

The outcome report published in December showed approval for the approach to short term registrations but no mention of the Wey.

While we understand that there have been appeals to the EA it seems that there is no option but to face paying up to 5 times the original fee for a transit. This seems not only unfair but rather underhand.



On a happier note , your Editor was very pleased to receive the award for the best Club Magazine. I can at last claim to have equalled the achievement of my mentor Kathryn Dodington.

*Mike Chamberlain (*Paper Moon*)*

Cover: Brian Clarke presents our Editor with the winner’s trophy awarded by the Association of Waterways Cruising Clubs for the club Magazine ‘By The Wey’

Navigation News *Tristan Brown*

The sun is out, the wildlife has woken up and the Navigation is feeling like it is coming alive once again. Every day I am out on or along the Navigation it fills me with pride to see the way that so many people are interacting with this special stretch of river. From our fantastic community of boaters, kayakers and paddleboarders to walkers and cyclists, to name a few, it is so apparent that this navigation means so much to so many.

Works Update:

Both the Maintenance and Lengthsmen's teams have been working hard to ensure that the Navigation is ready for another busy season. From strimming and clearing the banks and tow paths, to greasing lock gates and weirs, they have been working tirelessly to keep the Wey running smoothly and looking as picturesque as we have all come to expect.

Over the coming weeks, there will be works to improve the towpath around the Addlestone area with the team then coming back to Guildford and starting bank repairs along Ferry Lane.

This year will also unfortunately see the continuation of the Ash Die Back programme where a number of Ash trees will be removed due to the effects of the fungus. Removing trees is not something that we are ever keen to do unless we must for safety reasons and so with the hopes to offset this



Tristan Brown

programme, we will also be aiming to plant an additional 200 trees along the Navigation as part of the Queens Green Canopy Programme.

Here at Dapdune Wharf we are looking at ways to engage with different audiences and so we are expanding our offer. Firstly, and aimed at connecting the younger generation with nature, we will be starting 'Wey Explorers' where families will be able to collect pond dipping and bug hunting kits before exploring the grounds and looking at what interesting creepy crawlies they can find both in the water and along its margins. Although we obviously hope that this will be a fun activity for the children it is also being done with the intention of fuelling the

Navigation News

Tristan Brown

connection with the River Wey for generations to come. Secondly, in addition to the Kayaks and Paddleboards that can be rented here, there will also soon be the option of hiring self-drive boats allowing people to explore the area between Stoke Lock and Millmead Lock. Again, we are hoping that once they have experienced the joy of taking a boat along the Navigation, they will become future boaters and moorers who will look to join our community.

With the increase in the number and variety of users that we are seeing on the Waterway, this year, in addition to the usual maintenance and looking after projects, we are also aiming to set up a working group that will be tasked with creating concise and accessible posters giving the river users the key information they need to not only navigate this waterway safely, but to also help maintain the good relationship between our user groups. We are hoping for representatives from all the major groups who will work together to give a balanced set of instructions keeping the river safe, enjoyable and a harmonious place

Upcoming Events:

There are numerous events coming up at Dapdune Wharf that will provide fun for the whole family. Below is a selection but please see our website (nationaltrust.org.uk/riverwey) for more information.

9th July: Puffing-a-Wey

The Steamboat Association of Great Britain returns to provide a colourful spectacle on the River Wey Navigation with their magnificent steam-powered craft.

16th-17th July: Big Camp

This is a great opportunity to discover if camping is for you. Pitches will be set up on “the island” here at Dapdune Wharf and this is a great introduction to camping for families with campfires, BBQ’s, bat walks and boat trips.

17th September: Wey River Festival

See the Wey in a new light by spending the day at Dapdune, enjoy the stalls, children’s activities and street food before sitting back and watching the illuminated pageant go past.

Various Dates: The Wey to the Past

We are also running a series of walks throughout the year that will explore the local history of the area. For more information and dates on ‘The Wey to the Past’ please contact the Navigations Office. I hope to see you all along the river over the coming months and am excited to experience my first season as General Manager.

Warren Farm Weekend July 2022

Byfleet Boat Club trip to Warren

Farm Saturday 2nd July and Sunday

3rd July

Warren Farm Moorings are freely available to club members between noon on a Friday until 6.00 pm on Sunday evening (and bank holidays). These mooring are 2.8 miles (4.5 kilometres) away from Byfleet Boat Clubhouse, through one easy lock (Pyrford Lock). There is no electricity or ablution facility at Warren Farm, but there is a lovely grassy bank with shade for mooring. See the rule book for more details about Warren Farm.

We are arranging a club event leaving the club house at 11.00 am on Saturday 2nd July. We will barbecue for lunch from 13:00 onwards at the Warren Farm moorings. We will set up a suitable fire, BBQ grid, BBQ tongs etc. Please bring your own meat and drinks. We will also provide a selection of green salads, BBQ potatoes, rolls etc.

This event is being planned to accommodate day visitors. You will need to arrive at Warren Farm from the waterside, so canoes, paddle boarders, boats (big and small) are all welcome to join. Please bring a picnic blanket or camping chair for your comfort.

The afternoon will be relaxed and social. For those who choose to stay overnight, we will continue with



fireside chat, toasted marshmallows and evening snacks.

On Sunday, we will have a communal breakfast before setting off to go further up the river or back to the club. Swimming in the river is popular at this time of year, so feel free to bring suitable swimming attire if you want to take a dip.

If you need any special arrangement to join us, please contact Andrew Williamson (07448 979653) or Cathy du Plessis (07833 118286). If you have not enjoyed an event with the club in a while, **please join us – let us know how we can include you.**

Honeymoon on the Caledonian Canal

Jane and Mark Ryland (*Tudor Rose*)



Jane and Mark gave a presentation of their trip on 18th February. We thought it was so good that it deserved an article in BTW. Ed.

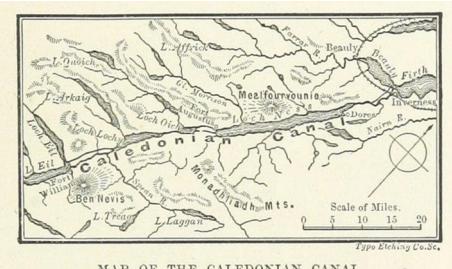
Jane and I bought our boat Tudor Rose in September 2017 pretty much on a whim. We were walking down the Wey Navigation as we often did and just above Walsham Gates found Narrow Boat Dame Ducane moored up. We quickly got chatting with the then owners, Peter and Sheila, who invited us aboard to take a look. We were both smitten and immediately continued our walk down to Pyrford Marine where we met Chris Bennett. Chris found us Tudor Rose and just six weeks later we took ownership. We have not looked back since and love our watery life on Tudor Rose (Tudi), the amazing boating friends we have made and the mix it gives us with our land-based home near Hatton Garden in Central London



Tudor Rose

Our wedding was originally planned for 15th August 2020 but when the first Covid lockdown hit we made the difficult decision to delay until 14th August 2021. This proved the right thing to do in the end as the wedding would not have gone ahead as we planned if it had been in 2020.

We were married at Guildford Registry Office with the reception and evening celebrations at Pyrford Marina. Steve at Pyrford Marina was amazing in arranging with Tingdene head office for the required approvals and helping set up for the big day. Even the weather shone bright on our wonderful day with family and friends.



Honeymoon (cont'd)



Why the Caledonian Canal for our Honeymoon? We decided to have our Honeymoon in the UK as there were so many travel restrictions due to Covid19. Having already delayed our wedding for a year, we didn't want any travel issues for our Honeymoon.

We both love boats and our waterways and spend more than half our life afloat. Jane kept on talking about Scotland as she spent much of her childhood there. We watched Tim and Pru on the Caledonian Canal and we knew that was for us. Decision made.

We drove off to Scotland on Monday 16th August

accompanied by our two dogs, Jess the Staffy and Bella the Springer Spaniel. The girls go everywhere with us. We stayed overnight at Gretna Green at the Gretna Inn. This is highly recommended if you are travelling North.

A lovely pub and just £37.00 bed and breakfast including a supplement for the dogs.

We picked the boat up from Lagan Lock. The manager there was most surprised that we had hired their smallest boat for two weeks. Her words were "you will be divorced by the end of it" My reply "was that we spend more than half our lives living on and working from our narrowboat. We will be fine". We loved the little Kingfisher and definitely made the right decision.

The manager asked "what do you have planned for your trip" My reply was "the boat is pointing towards Lock Ness, I guess we will go that way. As with almost all our life, Jane and I make the scantiest of plans and things always work out splendidly.

We did head off towards Inverness and I think the photos tell the rest of the story. We had a splendid two weeks of almost unbroken sunshine and virtually no midges. We returned



Honeymoon (cont'd)



Sandy Piper with Mark and Jane

to Lagan in the middle of the holiday to have the boat serviced and took the opportunity to drive the highlands for a couple of days. I would highly recommend that.

The Caledonian Canal is amazing. Incredible scenery. Wonderful people. The lock keepers are a real highlight. They are mainly ex London police officers and we definitely shared their

sense of humour.

We made a particular friend of "Sandy Piper". Our first night after handover we could not work the loo on the boat. Jane collared a chap who was walking down the jetty who helped us make a temporary repair. He then said "you had better get the boat yard staff to sort that out in the morning" It turned out that Sandy is a professional bagpipe player who lives nearby and happened to be passing. He just helped out.

Sandy said to call him when we came back through Lagan, which we did. He came down to the boat at sunset, shared a glass of champagne and serenaded us with the pipes. He even invited us back to his home to meet his wife. What a lovely man and a great memory.

Inverness was a revelation. Our vaguest of plans had us turning at Inverness for the Westward leg. We ended up spending two days and nights there. It's a beautify city.

Neptune Staircase is a true engineering wonder. Seeing the *Lord of the Glens* rising the staircase is a sight to behold. She was built to just fit into the locks and looks like some sort of prehistoric monsters as she creaks and groans her way up.

While in the West I would jump the train to Mallaig. This is the Harry



Fort Augustus flight

Honeymoon (cont'd)



Neptune Staircase at Inverness is the longest staircase lock in Britain, lifting boats 64 feet (20 m). It consists of eight locks, each 180 feet (55 m) by 40 feet (12 m), and it takes boats about 90 minutes to pass through the system.

Potter line but don't bother with the very expensive trip train, the local train takes the same route, runs more frequently and is a small fraction of the price.

The EA and CRT could learn a bit from the Cally. The maintenance is exemplary. The services are first class with spotless showers, washing machines and tumble dryers at many locks. We are used to *Tudi* being on a 6A electric hookup when in our marina. It was incredible to find 16A, 32A, 63A and even 63A three phase supplies available at many places. These are largely for the deep sea yachts transiting from the North Sea to the Atlantic which are a splendid sight.

If we had any recommendation other than definitely add the Cally to your

must do list, is, do it slowly. You can do end to end in a week but will miss a lot of wonderful experiences. Take your time. Two weeks is only just enough.

Sadly our lovely Jess passed away soon after our return to Pyrford. She was almost 17 and a happy active little girl right to the end. I'm sure she held on so she could be with us for our wedding and honeymoon and then slipped away peacefully. She is a special part of our memories of the fantastic Caledonian Canal.

Canalway Cavalcade Steve Kennedy (*Narnia*)

Three boats from the BBC went to the IWA cavalcade in Little Venice at the end of April this year. Year. They were :-

Tros Yr Afon Phil Gaskell

Tristan III James and Tina Osborne

Narnia Steve and Vikki Kennedy.

BBC Member Greg Beardsall was also at the cavalcade with his scout boat which is usually moored in Paddington, so we met him there.

The Cavalcade ran from Friday the 29th April until Tuesday 3rd May. So our aim was to arrive at the event during the afternoon of Friday 29th. As the trip involved a spell on the tidal Thames, (from Teddington to Brentford), our timings were largely dictated by the timing of high tide at Teddington.

Unfortunately, or fortunately, depending on whichever way you look at it, as high tide was at 1:30 in the afternoon, it meant our trip was going to take longer than might be expected.

The three boats left together in a mini flotilla from the BBC at 2pm on the Tuesday .

A major benefit, was that all the boats are relatively small; *Tros Yr Afon* at 32 ft, *Tristan III* at 36 ft and *Narnia* at 30 ft. This meant that all three boats



Entering little Venice

could go into the locks at the same time, which dramatically helped spread the workload and speed the process up.

We had a leisurely cruise down to the Thames on Tuesday afternoon and moored up opposite Desborough Island at Manor Park moorings, which were free for one night, provided that you use an on-line app to register your boat location.

Our intention was to take the short walk to Shepperton, and have something to eat at the Kings Head. Unfortunately they weren't serving food, so we went next door to the Warren Lodge hotel which turned out to be very nice and we had a very pleasant meal at a reasonable price.

On Wednesday morning, we set off around 9 am, with the intention of getting to Teddington around midday.

Canalway Cavalcade

We went through Teddington at 12:30 and had an uneventful but pleasant trip to Brentford.

(We had to book our lock passage at Brentford more than two days in advance.)

We knew beforehand that it would be too late to start to tackle the 10 locks leading up to and including the Hanwell lock flight, so we stayed in Brentford basin on the Wednesday evening.

On a dry Thursday morning, we negotiated the 10 locks to Balls Bridge where we did a quick visit to Tesco prior to turning East on the Paddington arm of the Grand Union.

We had all arranged to stay in Willowtree Marina on Thursday night (about 2 miles from Balls Bridge, £30 per boat per night) and arrived there mid Thursday afternoon, allowing us time to relax before going for a very pleasant meal at the "Lock and Quay" restaurant which is in Willow Tree Marina. The Marina had been taken over by new management the previous week. It's hard to say at this stage, but it looks like they are going to spruce things up a bit. Those of us who'd been to the Lock and Quay key before noticed a big change. It is now quite up market and a very nice restaurant serving lovely food, if a little pricey.

On Friday we left at 9 am in convoy and did the 10 lock free miles to the



The Pool from Rembrandt (J Osborne)

Calvalcade, where the organisation was extremely good and we were shown immediately to our prearranged mooring spots on the bank at Rembrandt Gardens.

I'm not sure how many boats turned up, but I would guess around 100, all decked out with bunting looking very colourful in the spring sunshine. The event is very well attended by local people and there was plenty of activity around the various stalls and watching the events and listening to the bands that were playing on the floating bandstand.

There was a busy beer tent too, which is open to the public but was reserved for boating crews only for the boater's quiz on the Friday evening.

We took part and were very pleased when we achieved a creditable third place.

Events Diary July - Dec2022

(subject to change please check Noticeboards)

July

Sat	02	10.00	Trip to Warren Farm	
Sun	03	10.00	Trip to Warren Farm	Cathy du Plessis
Sat	16	10.00	Trip to Chilli & Cheese Festival at Stoke Park	Steve Price
Sun	17	10.00	Trip to Chilli & Cheese Festival at Stoke Park	Steve Price
Wed	20	19.30	BBC Committee Meeting	Commodore

August

Wed	17	19.30	BBC Committee Meeting	Commodore
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Day	Date	Time	Activity	Contact
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September

Fri	16	18.00	River Wey Festival Boaters BBQ	Rodney Wardlaw
Sat	17	10.00	River Wey Festival	
Wed	21	19.30	BBC Committee Meeting	Commodore

October

Sat	01	09.00	Rowing Boat Laying Up	Commodore
Sat	15	09.00	Working Weekend	Steve Price
Sun	16	09.00	Working Weekend	Steve Price
Wed	19	19.30	BBC Committee Meeting	Commodore
Sat	22	19.30	BBQ or Take Away at Clubhouse (in lieu of 3 rd Friday)	Steve Price
Sat	29	17.00	Trip to Walsham Gates for Ripley Fireworks	Steve Price

Events Diary

(subject to change please check Noticeboards)

November

Wed	17	1930	BBC Committee Meeting	Commodore
Fri	18	1930	3 rd Friday Talk – TBD	TBD
Sat	26	17.30	BBC Illuminated Parade	TBD

December

Sat	10	19.00	BBC Christmas Party	TBD
Wed	21	1930	BBC Committee Meeting	Commodore
Fri	23	1700	Carol Singing	TBD

Cavalcade (cont'd)

Steve Kennedy (*Narnia*)

Our team was supplemented by some friends of James and Tina, who had a boat at St.Pancras Cruising Club and were able to help us on the quiz round which was exclusively related to the London Canals. (we got 10 out of 10 in that round)

On Saturday we all had various visitors including the Commodore Brian and his wife Claire from the BBC. There was an open mic event in the beer tent on



Tros yr Afon's winning display

Saturday evening. It was not particularly well attended, but there was a constant stream of people wanting to play instruments or sing songs. (Mostly folk music.)

On Sunday evening at 9.00 pm (when it was nice and dark) one of the highlights of the weekend took place, the Illuminated boat parade. There were around a dozen boats, three of which were exceptionally well decorated.

One of them was our own Phil Gaskell on *Tros Yr Afon*.

To our absolute delight, Phil was awarded the "Best Illuminated Boat Award", which we found out about on our way home the next day.

Well done Phil, a truly deserved victory. We look forward to seeing that again at our own illuminated boat parade at the club in November.

For the whole weekend, the weather was extremely good which boosted the crowds and really made the whole event very enjoyable.

We had all bought a weekly CRT pass and so we left Paddington on Monday at noon, to travel together to Willow Tree Marina for the Monday night.

After a substantial amount of phoning around over the weekend, Phil Gaskell had managed to secure



Tristan and gang (photo: Gill Shaw)

Cavalcade continued:

a passage for us all through Brentford Lock on Tuesday afternoon. This gave us plenty of time to get to Kingston for the evening. It was a bit of a squeeze on the Moorings at Kingston but because our boats are small, we managed it.

We spent a very pleasant last evening together in Kingston and the next morning we set off for the BBC. We arrived back mid afternoon, and the last thing that James said as he and Tina passed the BBC to head towards Pyrford, was how lucky we had been with the weather, and indeed we had. However, James spoke too soon. Within 20 minutes of that statement the heavens opened, and it poured with rain. That was a very small price to pay for what was a really fantastic and enjoyable trip. I am looking forward to next year.



Steve and Vicky at Brentford

Claims to Fame:

Last issue I asked for your unexpected appearances in print. Rodney Wardlaw replied:



Going up Cookham reach a man took a photo and won 2nd prize !!



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*This was our last boat , an advert for the Basingstoke Canal
The other boat is Yum Sing , Ian and Betty's, on one of the club's outings up the Bassie.*

Third Friday talk by Tristan Brown

Brian Clarke (*M'Lady*)

Tristan Brown the new General Manager for the National Trust came to the club in March.

We had a great turnout to hear Tristan on one of his first engagements with users of the Navigation. Tristan is a Marine Biologist by education and has been involved with outdoor activities such as diving and climbing aligned to conservation for the last 16 years. He joined the National Trust in September 2021 and has had a steep learning curve to understand how the NT operates and getting to know the team. He outlined some of the achievements in 2021 including:

Triggs and St Catherines lock gate replacements

Bank replacement work at Send and downstream of Pyrford

Reprofiling of sand bars and silt at Sutton Place, Bowers, Stonebridge and Unstead weir

The return of EA to address the Pennywort challenges

A successful Wey Festival and spooky family fun run

Dredging Newark and Town Lock

Walnut Tree bridge replacement

Clearing up after storm Eunice

He also discussed some of the plans for 2022, including getting out and re-engaging with the various stakeholders, and looking to expand what is offered at Dapdune, maybe longer boat trips, hampers and stay

and play family groups. Tristan has a background in the commercial world of recreation and is bringing this thinking to the National Trust. He also mentioned the introduction of electric boat hiring from Dapdune and restarting the Stand Up Paddle board hiring via third parties. At this point he also mentioned that he is himself a paddleboarder!

He then opened up proceedings for questions and he was open and honest in recognizing some of the challenges he and his team face with subjects such as Paddleboard users, kayak users and boaters having different expectations, limited number of NT staff to police safety and rules, towpath usage by pedestrians, bikes and even electric bikes. He finished with a short piece on water quality of the River Wey, a topic he is clearly very knowledgeable about, and said that the data they have from a measuring point at Pyrford suggests that the water quality has not deteriorated for the last 10 years, although it's an EA area of responsibility he said that he will see what the NT can do to support.

Overall the impression was of an energetic, forward thinking person who understood that there were a number of challenges for him and his team. He was positive and had the beginnings of a vision for the Navigation. We invited him back next year to hear how he had progressed.

Photo Competition 2022

Cathy Wooden (*Miffy*)

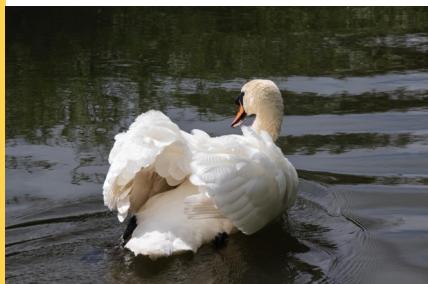


This year's subject is river and canal flora and fauna. Entries should be uploaded to the club website by **30th September**. A maximum of three entries per person.

The competition will again be judged by the Woking Area U3A Camera Club which probably has a few hundred years of experience between the members!

The judges will be looking for originality, sharp pictures and composition. Your pictures may be on any aspect of the subject.

Your pictures should be at least 1MB in size.



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A Day in the life of No 7

Nigel Prior (*Hasty Cloud*)



Dreaming of a nice sunny weekend cruising up and down passing the time away, splashing here, cruising there, “Hey who woke me up” . a rude awakening with the noise of chains sliding through my rings. As I started to drift towards the jetty I knew the weekend had arrived “Help help I’m leaking ” where is this water coming from? As our friendly boat handler looked in “Don’t look worried” I heard someone call from the workshop, “I’ll get the mop and bucket and soon dry these boats out, from that downpour last night”. It was our caring repair fixing man **Robin**, showing how it is done.

After a nice polish up I feel ready and looking forward to a nice day. It was a quiet morning, number 6 went out twice and once went number 4, “When will it be my turn” I cried and as if by magic, the sun came out and a large crowd appeared wanting three boats. I think our stewards didn’t know what had hit them, deposits here, oars there, life jackets

on the little ones. As my rope was untied I’m getting all excited, hoping that I can take my group of experienced rowers up and down the Wey “Can someone please tell the rower he is sitting the wrong way”!! , “No only one can row at a time thanks”!! shouts an onlooker; Boy o boy it only took ten minutes to get under the bridge only to find this narrow boat waiting to pass. A panic set in, and then changed to giggles, as they didn’t know what to do, and I was steered into what I would call grass floating on the water in the shallow depths. A close encounter indeed, I’ve got your number, as a blue metal boat went past with the comments from the man at the back saying **“Yes I just missed them M’Lady”**

A little rest I had back at the club when this dashing “out to impress” guy and his new found girlfriend decided to spend a romantic time together. But what started out didn’t end up, as she looked very disgruntled and damp around the edges, as he was sitting in the back taking in a few rays. The jetty was the best sight she saw all day, well I guess equal opportunities should only go so far. My last trip of the day came when a family of four and “a dog” jumped aboard and off we shot. I was quietly impressed as both oars moved in synchronization like poetry in motion. I do hope tomorrow brings as much fun as today has been.

Club News and events

AGM

Approximately 30 members attended the AGM on 3rd April.

The Commodore presented a summary of Club activities, membership demographic and finances. A discussion on how to attract new members resulted in some suggestions about advertising both physically and on line. (e.g. Branded gazebos are being purchased)

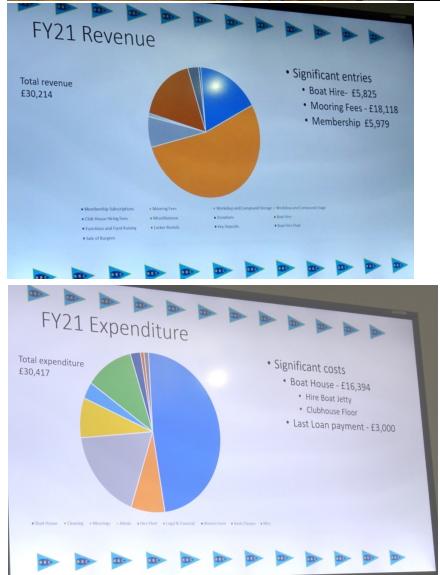
Election of Committee

After having had a very successful few years as our lead on maintenance matters, Steve Martindale has decided to step down. Steve was thanked for his work. Steve Price has offered to replace him. The remaining 10 committee members were re-elected, James Osborne will resign at the next AGM and his replacement is being sought.

Finance

A special resolution was passed to change the renewal payment due date from 1st January to 1st February as this makes the end of year financial close-out easier.

The Committee were thanked for their achievements last year.



Club News: Jubilee celebrations



Thanks to Cathy du Plessis for organising a popular Jubilee tea (Claire Clarke)



Some Club boats moored at Windsor for the Jubilee salute (Suzanne Wilson)

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Steve Price organised a great St George's Day BBQ (Steve Kennedy)

We are back!



Byfleet



Parish Day

Saturday 16th July 2022

at Byfleet Recreation Ground, Rectory Lane KT14 7LZ

After an absence of 2 years plans are well under way for this year's Parish Day, which we are planning to make bigger and better than ever.

Please come and join us and have a great day. See Nigel and Jo Prior if you can help on the day at the Byfleet Boat Club Stand

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Jubilee tea at the Club (C Clarke)

So its now summer again. Have you noticed that the British always comment on it being summer, its probably because the weather doesn't always support it!

The Boat Club and the River Wey are getting busy. I have noticed the Clubhouse becoming more vibrant with people congregating and chatting in front of the club at weekends and on many days during the week. It is great to see our members using the clubhouse as a social meeting place.

We have just had a great Queens Platinum Jubilee weekend with members celebrating both in the Clubhouse and on the river at Windsor. There are many more events over the summer which I hope members will enjoy.

The introduction of duck food, lollies for children in rowing boats and even dog biscuits for passing dogs, usually

with their owners, is helping the club engage with the public in a positive way and build a reputation for being a friendly bunch of boaters out to enjoy themselves.

Since the lockdown there has been a massive increase in the use of the river and it is important that we play our part in helping maintain the enjoyment of the river for all. I attended a revamped commercial users group for the River Wey hosted by Tristan Brown, the new National Trust General Manager. This group brought together all of the businesses who use the river including the Boat Hirers, Paddleboard hirers, canoe hirers etc with the aim of better understanding each others challenges and finding ways of operating together. The key discussion was about how we jointly educate everyone who uses the river so that we avoid problems and confrontation and we as Byfleet Boat Club need to play our part.

I hope everyone has a great summer on the river and at the club and if we see things that we consider as unsafe or wrong, please assume that it's a lack of knowledge and quietly help users understand and enjoy the river safely.

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