**February 2021**

**E.B.C.4YOU**

***THE COMMODORE’S ADDRESS***

**First and foremost on the behalf of the Committee and members of the club** I would like to thank John Ellis for his long service as Commodore (also thank you to Sarah for allowing the disruption to family life). John has spent a lot of time and dedication into the smooth running of the club over the last 6 years, but felt it's now time to handover the tiller to someone else.

I will endeavour ,with the help and guidance of the members of the committee to maintain the standard John has set, continuing the success of the club as it is one of the most friendly and welcoming, in the nicest location on the river.

John has offered along with Ant Button and me to remain at the forefront of negotiations with Elton estate regarding a new lease.

Thank you once again for all of your input over the years. The very best wishes from us all. *[more news about lease, see over. Ed]*

**Mike Brown**

***THE SECRETARY’S NOTES***

**If you have already read the minutes of the last meeting** you will be aware that there is no AGM meeting this year. However, the annual accounts, 2021 fees and list of committee members for 2021 are attached. You will see that John Ellis is no longer on the committee and that Mike Brown our new commodore has paid tribute to him on behalf of us all and that Simon Atkins has taken on the role of Treasurer. Thanks Simon!!

There are two vacancies on the committee and so if anybody wishes to join and can get two nominations, we could co-opt them at the next committee meeting.

The Accounts cannot be audited until March but if anybody wants to see further details before, we can also arrange that.

Finally as a small measure of goodwill, we have decided to rescind membership fees for 2021. Mooring fees are still payable of course as we have to pay our rent to Proby Estates and utilities. We are still in the process of negotiating our future lease but that should be resolved this year.

**Mike Parsons**

***THE TREASURER’S ACCOUNT***

**Thank you to Mike Parsons** for keeping the club accounts in great order over the last year, it has made my job taking over as the treasurer much easier. I've managed accounting for my own business for 21 years so it seemed logical to volunteer as the new treasurer!

I'd appreciate it if members could use bank transfer if possible for paying this year’s fees, don't forget to use your name as the reference. I can be contacted by email: treasurer-ebc@outlook.com or by phone 07595 362270.

**Simon Atkins.**

***WELCOME ABOARD!***

*Luke Upton*

***Milo***

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**A.N.R.C.**

**Those of us who are members of A.N.R.C. need to pay our fees and also those for 2020. If you need further details please contact ANRC direct or talk to Ron Smith on:**

**01832 272533 or** **vilandi.ron@hotmail.co.uk**

***GOOD NEWS!!!***

**After long and at times difficult negotiations lead by John Ellis with the support from Ant Button and myself**, it gives me great pleasure to announce that we have been offered a lease far better than the initial one offered by Elton Estates. As we edge towards the start of a new season we can be sure for the next 5 years we have a lease without any break clause and no increase in rent even with additional land for the new car park, the only concession required by the Estate is that the Club contributes the sum of £500 pa towards the upkeep of the access road. As it appears the annual cost according to the Estate is £4000, the negotiating team think this is a reasonable request considering there will be no rent increase for the duration of this lease.On behalf of the Club thank you once again John and Ant for all your time and input.

The pollarding of the trees on the south bank will resume as soon as possible. Work on the new Car Park will also commence in the very near future. Work parties will be required for both projects and Ant Button will inform everyone as to and when volunteers are required to assist in these activities.

Looking forward to a positive future for the Club. Happy Boating!

**Mike Brown**