

# E.B.C.4YOU

## THE COMMODORE'S ADDRESS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who helped to put on the Club's 'Open Day' held on 8<sup>th</sup> September.

It was very gratifying to see so many new members giving up their time to help and a big thank you also to the long-standing members that were involved.

Although it was not as well attended as previous years it was still worthwhile, raising a significant amount of money.

With regards to next year I would like to hear some new ideas from anyone that has some suggestions as to how we can improve in order to appeal to more people and increase the turn out in future.

John Ellis

## THE SECRETARY'S NOTES

A few of our members have suggested that we should send all members, copies of committee meeting minutes. The committee will consider it at the next meeting. Logistically it's not a problem as they could go out with E.B.C.4YOU

Strangely, I have been trawling through old minutes and it was only in 2009 that they were put on the notice board in the clubhouse. It would be good to receive members' views.

Mike Parsons

## THE HARBOURMASTER'S REPORT

As the boating season draws to a close we shall soon be thinking about winterising our boats and some will be sheeting their boat down. Apart from keeping the deluge of dead leaves off a boat I don't think there is much benefit to be gained. There's a greater chance of the boat becoming damp in the cabin as the vents won't be able to do their job. If any of you do sheet down please make sure that the sheet is well secured as every winter we seem to have sheets that have come untied and end up, at least partially, in the river.

I would like to thank those of you who gave up their time to rake out the mass of water weed resulting from the EA's surprise visit with their weedcutters, and those who have cut the grass and rebuilt several stagings during the season.

Thanks also to my loyal slipping crew who turn up every time I ask them. I am sure the bacon rolls that grateful boat owners cook for us after slipping has nothing to do with their eagerness to turn up! There is some late season availability on the slipway should anyone feel the need.

Ant Button



## A BOATER'S LOG

We did six boat trips for visitors to the Open Day on Tern VI and everyone seemed to enjoy the beauty of the river and spotting the wildlife. It is amazing how many people come back year after year and we even had one party asking to go with 'the two ladies'!! Apart from one gentleman who was a bit surprised to have Julie and me, no one else expressed concern! We even received a compliment on our three point turn! The visiting children enjoyed exploring the boat and steering. Ashley joined us on one occasion and gave us some history of the river, which was very interesting. It was also nice to spend time with our co boat owners Mike and Verina Henchy, who of course we normally don't see! All in all a lovely afternoon with the fabulous finale of the Hurricane fly past.

Joan Tiplady  
Tern VI



## THE EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Members have been wondering what we could do to change the Open Day, new and different rides, different stalls. How about a Ducking Stool? I can think of a few candidates!!!

I was wandering round near the mill pond today (17<sup>th</sup> September) and I saw an Egret. I know that they are more common nowadays and I have seen quite a few on the South Coast. Here is a piccie for those of you who haven't seen one before.

I have made this request before but we need somebody who could do a small piece on the flora and fauna of the Nene. Some will recall that Rod Sadler used to write an occasional piece called 'Nature Matters'. So, Volunteers please!!

The Editor



# OPEN DAY 2019

There were so many great photographs taken by Simon, David and Liz this year (nearly 100) that it was difficult to know what to put in E.B.C.4YOU so here is a random selection.



**Happy Boaters**



**The Ukelele Band**



**The Chefs**



**The Workers**



**Tilly**



**The Winners!**

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**Another Winner!**



**Spectators**



**Relaxing**



**The Bassman**



**Hurricane**



**Awaiting Passengers**

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