



ODCC Waterlog

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The journal of the Oxford Ditch Cruising Club

Welcome to this year's July issue. Now that life is getting back to normal and we have a little more freedom to circulate, it is refreshing to be able to report on the Club's activities.

Commodore's Log:

With the new season now underway, the Club met at the Milestones Museum in Basingstoke in early May for an extremely pleasant visit.

We spent a very enjoyable five hours there, which included a light lunch at the café on site.



Stuart Francis

Chinnor & Princes Risborough Rail Trip

This trip went ahead as planned on a sunny but breezy Sunday afternoon.

For anyone who hasn't been before, the museum is relatively compact, although well laid out. Old houses, shops and streets blend well together inviting you to explore odd corners.



The steam train left Chinnor station at 3:30 for a pleasant run through the countryside to Princes Risborough, before returning to Chinnor an hour later.

They have even managed to reproduce a seaside pier, together with slot machines.

There was plenty of time to catch up with other members' activities since we'd last met and to enjoy the delicious cream tea. Nothing was too much trouble for the staff on the train, making for an enjoyable trip which we'd like to repeat at some time in the future.



Chinnor station is quite small and quaint, but it does boast a gift shop and all the volunteers who help run the railway were most helpful.

Sue Macdonald

Afternoon Tea at River Gardens, Purley

Please note that our afternoon tea at 26 River Gardens has now been moved to 24th Sept 2022.

It is a new venue for the Club and our thanks go to Club Members Andy & Chrissie for inviting us. We shall be running a quiz and a tombola.

Weekend away

Unfortunately, the weekend away to the Isle-of-Wight has had to be cancelled this year due to those interested being unable to attend on the available dates.

We are now looking ahead to next year and we are hoping to arrange a date for this event, sometime during May.

Oxford Ditch Cruising Club 70th Anniversary Lunch

On January 3rd 2023, the Club celebrates it's 70th anniversary, and a proposal has been made that we organise an anniversary lunch at the Maybush Inn at Newbridge where the inaugural meeting of the Club took place.

We will keep you posted as this plan develops.

Brooklands Museum Visit

Just a quick reminder that the trip to Brooklands is coming up on 10th August. Our last visit there was in 2019 and there was so much to see that we are going back to catch the bits we missed last time!

Editor

Red Cross Appeal for Ukraine

As most of you will remember, following the waiver of the 10% surcharge on our meal at the Cunning Man, the Club sent a donation to the British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal.

We have just received the following from the Red Cross, together with a letter of thanks addressed to the Club C/O our Treasurer:



The image is a poster from the British Red Cross. At the top left is the British Red Cross logo (a red cross) and the text 'BritishRedCross'. At the top right is the slogan 'The power of kindness'. The central part of the poster features a photograph of a man with a mustache and long hair, wearing a red Red Cross jacket, holding several blue water bottles. Behind him is a white tent with a Red Cross logo. To the right of the photo, the words 'Thank you' are written in large white letters on a blue background. Below the photo is a red banner with white text: 'Adam, 34, is a former Red Cross volunteer providing aid to those fleeing Ukraine. He's being a medical nurse, and it's a bit of a busy time for him, but he's glad to help.' Below the photo, the text reads: 'This is to recognise the wonderful achievement **Oxford Ditch Cruising Club** for donating **£50.00** for the British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal. This valued donation will provide practical, medical and emotional care to people in crisis. Your kindness will help to save lives and will bring happiness to many.' At the bottom left, there is small text: 'The British Red Cross Society, Incorporated by Royal Charter 1864, is a charity registered in England and Wales (204484), Scotland (262277), Isle of Man (1152) and Jersey (344). Registered Office: 100 Broad Street, London E14 4JF.' At the bottom right, there is a logo that says 'I ❤️ ODCC'.