



# ODCC Waterlog

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The journal of the Oxford Ditch Cruising Club

Welcome to this year's October issue. Sadly, as the nights draw in and the colder weather begins to make its presence felt we are already making plans for winterising and craning out, although we do still have the Christmas lunch on 11<sup>th</sup> December to look forward to.

## Commodore's Log:

A recent last minute suggestion led to four Oxford Ditch members and four other friends making the trip down to Southampton for the boat show.

We arrived at about 10.30 and spent the next five hours wandering the stands. No purchases were made, but we came away with lots of helpful advice for a couple of minor issues we have with our drive shaft.



Although it was suggested as an option at a meeting earlier in the year, it was not an official club excursion but it was good to meet up with Philip and Barbara Sachse, their German friends Karl-Heinz and Trix and also Jo and Kevin who are based close to us in Bath.

Faced with a lengthy drive home at the end of our visit, eight of us repaired to a nearby restaurant for refuelling. This was most welcome as Sue informed me that we managed to walk over six miles during the day.



*Stuart Francis*

## **Southampton Boat Show 2022** **Harbour Cruise.**

Whilst at the Boat Show we took the opportunity of a Harbour Cruise which gave us a view of the show from the water. As well as the new boats, there were some historic craft including “The Morgenster” a 48m Tall Ship built in 1919, a WWII RAF Aircrew Rescue Boat and a Landing Craft (see photos).



The Port is very interesting and has been a passenger and cargo port since Roman Times. Shipbuilding, docks and dry docks have been a feature since the Middle Ages and with the coming of aircraft, seaplanes and flying boats operated from Southampton Port.



The Titanic visited Southampton prior to her ill-fated voyage and Spitfires were built here during WWII.

## ***Philip Sachse***

## **Afternoon Tea at River Gardens**

At last the day of the Bank Side event was here. It was a bit chilly but no rain. Two boats and crews attended, “Cavas” and “Forever Young” plus other members attending by car.



Andy and Chrissie had everything prepared in advance, with chairs and tables on their lawn. The river views and location provided a wonderful venue for the eighteen people who attended the event.



The time passed quickly with conversations of people’s boating experiences this year and plans for 2023.

Sandwiches and wraps were the order of the day, washed down with liberal quantities of Prosecco and scones and cream or chocolate cake for afters.



## **Forthcoming Events**

6<sup>th</sup> November:

Annual General Meeting at the Moultsford Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Moultsford. This will be followed by a lunch nearby.

11<sup>th</sup> December:

Christmas Lunch at the Greyhound, Tidmarsh.

3<sup>rd</sup> January:

Oxford Ditch 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lunch at the Maybush Inn, Newbridge.

***Editor***

The afternoon was enjoyed by all and the request was made to hold a similar event in 2023.

***Philip Sachse***

## **New Members**

I am pleased to announce that we have recently recruited four new members to the Club, David and Brenda Allen and John and Debbie Milligan.

We welcome them to the Club and hope they will enjoy some of the events we arrange for our members.

***Stuart Francis***