



ATYC NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2023

This is the ATYC Newsletter which will be sent out to Clubs on a regular basis. It can be used as an ATYC Club Noticeboard and can carry such items as a Club's major event or a short news story. Contributions should be sent to me. Happy reading and stay safe.

Mike Chambers

Calor Gas Shock. Calor Gas have suddenly announced that as from 1 Feb they will no longer supply, exchange or refill either the 3.9 Kg (Propane) or the 4.5Kg (Butane) cylinders. Some stockists still have a few of these cylinders for exchange/refill. Apparently, refunds on these cylinders cannot be obtained if the original agreement (F167) cannot be provided. Calor recommend using the next size up as a replacement but for most cruisers these bottles are too high. **Flogas** do supply a 4.5 Kg (yellow) Butane bottle which is similar in size to the Calor bottle. Another alternative would be to switch to Camping Gaz - both of these options will require a regulator change.

No Visitors to Limehouse. It would appear that Limehouse Marina are not accepting casual visitors for 2023. The reasons are unknown.

Admiralty Chart Delays. The withdrawal of Admiralty paper charts is to be delayed until at least 2030 to allow for the development of digital alternatives

Old Water for New. Thames Water will set up a new abstraction point between Teddington Weir and Hampton Court to take between 50 megalitres and 150 megalitres per day out of the river Thames. It is not clear what this would look like. This water will be transferred through a new pipeline to an existing tunnel that runs beneath London and then on to reservoirs in the Lee Valley to supply homes and businesses in the east of London and beyond. The water taken out of the river will be replaced by treated effluent which will be pumped into the Thames further down the river towards Teddington Weir. This water will come from the Mogden Water Treatment Works in Isleworth, which is set to undergo a multi-million pound redevelopment and expansion. Getting the treated sewer water from Mogden to the Thames near the weir will involve building a new 15km pipeline. Thames Water says these schemes, which could be completed by 2030, are the fastest and cheapest option to increase the amount of water needed to meet future demands. Other proposals include efforts to cut down on leakage and the building of a new supersize reservoir south of Abingdon in Oxfordshire.

Sunbury and Osney Dry Docks Closed In case this notification had been missed, following the completion of a recent review regarding the dry docks at Sunbury Depot (Surrey) and Osney Depot (Oxfordshire), the Environment Agency has decided to close these facilities for the foreseeable future.

Diary Dates.

27 – 29 May 2023 – ATYC Rally at Temple Island Meadows, Remenham near Henley on Thames.