

## ATYC NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2024

This is the ATYC Newsletter which will be sent out to Clubs on a regular basis for onward publication to all club members. 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**

**Peter Hasler RIP.** The death has been announced of Peter Hasler a well-known member of the Bray Cruising Club. Peter cruised extensively in his green coloured boat 'Dandy Regent' both in home and European waters. He was a BSS examiner and very much a leading light in the early days of the Scheme and had a vast knowledge and understanding of the requirements. Additionally, he was a long time treasurer of the ATYC and a Vice President. Our thoughts go out to his wife Dot and family and his many friends.

**Hampton Riveira Owner Jailed.** A bullying property tycoon who devastated the lives of his clients in a £3.5 million luxury houseboats fraud has been jailed for 12 years. Myck Djurberg, 64, sold a "dream" of first-class living on a marina resort at the Hampton Riviera, convincing customers to hand over hundreds of thousands for luxury houseboats. However, he was selling the houseboats with residential moorings but there was never planning or other permissions for the moorings and houseboats on the Thames without a residential mooring are virtually worthless.

**EA Wins Action.** The Environment Agency (EA) says it has successfully brought the action against a number of boaters who have moored continuously below Sunbury lock. A judge found those who overstay deprive others of their rights to pull ashore and "change the character" of the river. The EA said it was forced to take action as a "last resort" after a series of complaints and years of failed efforts to persuade boat owners to move voluntarily. EA manager Joe Cuthbertson said he hoped the boat owners will move before "enforcement action becomes necessary"

**Basingstoke Canal At Risk.** Shortfalls in funding from local councils and other sources have resulted in a £120,000 shortfall thus placing the canal at risk. The canal, which runs from the River Wey to just the other side of Odiham – but not to Basingstoke, was opened in 1794, closed in 1932 and reopened in 1991. The canal has always been short of water especially in the upper reaches and navigation is controlled by rangers through the locks usually on a pre-booked system.

**Annual General Meeting and social event.** This will be held on Monday 15th April at the Thames Motor YC Hampton Court, starting at 7:30.

After the AGM business, there will be a talk by Maria Herlihy Thames waterways manager followed by questions from the floor.

This will be followed by the social event with snacks and drinks from the club bar.

This event is open to any member of our member clubs but you are asked to notify us in advance of how many will be attending so that we can properly cater for you . Please notify ATYC events through the website.

### **Diary Dates**

Summer Rally 24 - 26 August 2024 at West India Dock, London booking details to be announced but see website for details.