

## ATYC NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 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**

**MPs visit Elmbridge.** Details are a little scarce but it seems that Dominic Raab and Therese Coffey (Defra Minister) visited Elmbridge and were briefed on the mooring situation. A recent count showed that there were 116 unconsented (better known as illegals!) moorers between Hurst Park and Desborough Island. There is no information as to what actions would arise from these visits

**CRT Funding Reduction.** The Government has this week announced a long-term funding settlement for the CRT for the period from 2027 to 2037, to follow on from the current grant agreement. While CRT has welcomed a further long-term commitment to the nation's historic waterways, the amount awarded represents a steep reduction in its funding in real terms over the ten-year period. According to CRT this will equate to at least a 40% reduction of funding in real terms compared to recent levels. The current funding, which has been fixed at £52.6m per annum since 2021, is already failing to keep up with inflation and the physical toll that more frequent severe weather is having on the waterways' infrastructure.

**Belling Gas Hobs Danger. Owners of boats with a Belling gas hob installed after May 2019 are being urged to stop using them and to disconnect the gas supply due to a fault with the gas supply elbow joint. Details of which models are affected can be found on the Belling website**

**EA's New CE.** Philip Duffy was appointed Chief Executive at the Environment Agency vice Sir James Bevan on 3 July 2023. Previously, Philip was Director-General, Growth and Productivity at HM Treasury. He does not list boating as one of his interests!

**ATYC Members Meeting.** The next ATYC members meeting will be a new format with just a few business and update matters followed by talk from an EA manager on Thames issues with a question and answer session. This will be followed by a social period with clubs interacting with each other. Tea and coffee and bar open. Friday 13th October at The Windsor Yacht Club with details being published on the web site shortly. Open to all club members with a 1930 hrs start.

**2024 Ball. The** Early Spring Ball 2024 will take place on Saturday 24th February at the Richmond Hill Hotel with drinks on arrival, a live band, an after dinner speaker and more for Just £65pp!. Full details will be published on the web site soon.

**2024 ATYC Rally.** We are hoping to stage a rally over the August Bank Holiday and will make an announcement when matters are agreed.