

ATYC NEWSLETTER - MAY 2017

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

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of **Dennis Hill**. **Dennis**, A member of the Swan Radcot Club was also a member of TUGn, the EA's TNUF and a past chairman of RUGs 1 & 2. His funeral will be held on 25 May 2017 at 1415 hrs at the East Hampstead Park Crematorium, South Road, Nine Mile Ride, BRACKNELL, RG40 3DW.

Thames Customer Charter. The EA's 2017/2018 Customer Charter has been published and can be accessed through https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/attachment_data/file/61117/7-18_final.pdf. The Charter depicts the EA's responsibilities for the Thames as well as setting out what service can be expected at the locks throughout the year.

Battle of the Medway. In June 2017 Medway will commemorate the 350th, anniversary of the Battle of Medway with a spectacular river event and a series of exhibitions and activities. This iconic anniversary commemorates one of England's greatest naval disasters when the River Medway was engulfed in flames. In June 1667 the Dutch fleet sailed up the River Medway and caught the English unprepared. This daring invasion brought the Second Anglo-Dutch War to an end.

PLA Open Day. The PLA are holding an Open day on 3 Jun at London River House Royal Pier Road, Gravesend, Kent. Bookings for the tour of the Port Control Centre and their vessels 'Titan' and 'Maplin' can be made via <https://event.bookitbee.com/11999/port-of-london-authority-open-day-saturday-3rd-jun>

ATYC Meeting. The next ATYC Open meeting will be held at the **Penton Hook Yacht Club** on 12 Jun at 1930 for 2000 hrs.

EA in Purdah. The government's declaration of pre-election 'Purdah' has resulted in the EA cancelling all meetings with them. "Purdah" is a word of Indian origin. It describes the curtain once used to screen Hindu or Muslim women from the sight of men or strangers. According to the Concise Oxford Dictionary, the word is used figuratively to describe the Indian system of secluding women of rank from public view. The word has been adopted in English to describe the period before an election in which ministers, public servants, councillors and officials are expected to refrain from taking controversial decisions

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