



ATYC NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2019

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

Boaters Beware! The moorings at the Hampton Court Palace are now managed by the parking organisation District Enforcement. The notices, which are few and far between, require boaters to register with DE on **arrival** – failure to register will incur a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) of £100 (reducing to £60 if paid within 14 days). There is anecdotal evidence to show that a number of boaters have already been hit with a PCN. I have asked DE to place more notices along the moorings.

Marlow Mooring Fees. It appears that Marlow are now charging £14 for a night stop – this makes it the most expensive non-marina mooring on the river. At least in a marina for a couple of pounds more you get a pontoon mooring and electricity thrown in.

EA to Continue with the Thames. The decision has been made not to transfer the EA's inland waterways at this point in time. The Environment Agency will therefore continue to retain responsibility for these inland waterways and their assets. To support a sustainable future for these waterways, the Environment Agency will be developing a long term funding and business plan, and will be supporting the delivery of the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan.

Lock Stairs. It has been evident that many of the lock stairs are not being cleaned. The EA have issued instructions to the keepers to clean the stairs as weedy stairs can be very slippery and anyone falling will have a nasty injury. Please let me know by email where and when members note that the stairs are not being cleaned.

ATYC Rally. This year's Rally will be held in the West India Dock on 24 – 26 Aug over the Summer Bank Holiday; details will be sent to clubs shortly. There are a number of attractions and functions being planned. The popular Ladies training will be run again this year with single and twin shaft boats available and qualified non-husband instructors

Trees. Once again as summer progresses overhanging trees are becoming more and more of a problem. It seems that the EA will not clear branches unless they are a hazard to navigation and even then, are reluctant to attend to trees on non-EA land. Member experiencing problems are requested to send me photos of sections where the trees are a hazard and I will take it up with the EA

PLEASE DISTRIBUTE WIDELY TO YOUR MEMBERS AS WELL ON YOUR NOTICE BOARDS

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