



"Run by the Members, for the Members"

The Small Boat Club Kingston-upon-Thames An Annual Review of 2023

2023 - 'That was the year that was' ...a quick round up of some of last year's happenings...

January...

After several month's of illegal occupation, Warwick Salzer's flotilla of pedaloes finally departed the island.



The club held its 2023 New Year Lunch on January 21st at the Tide End Pub, Teddington



February...

Thames Water announced their consultation phase on river water extraction at Teddington. The change.org petition against this scheme currently has 29,802 signatures...

March...

Working parties were held on the 5th and 26th. Our Commodore led by example...



while others got on with more pressing matters



There was an excellent fitting out supper at Canbury Pavillion on the 11th, with great thanks to Gail & Nathalie for their delicious curry.

April...



Dom & team installed 'Deflection boom MK1'

May...

The Environment Agency Enforcement team paid *us* a visit – and found 12 of our boats without a licence being displayed ☹️

June...

The Family Fun Day was held on the 11th June, with much larking about by parents, children and dogs alike, and fun face painting by Sharon M-W.

July...

The island loo was cleaned out by Mahler Group Services...a brave team member draws breath ...



and just in time for the Club's Summer Party...which was held on July 8th... a few pics from the SBC WhatsApp page...



August...

Simon and Sussan took Lata Dar up river and enjoyed good weather and tranquil settings..





La Luna joined a small flotilla from the Mid Thames YC and Albany MYC for their cruise to West India Dock



September...

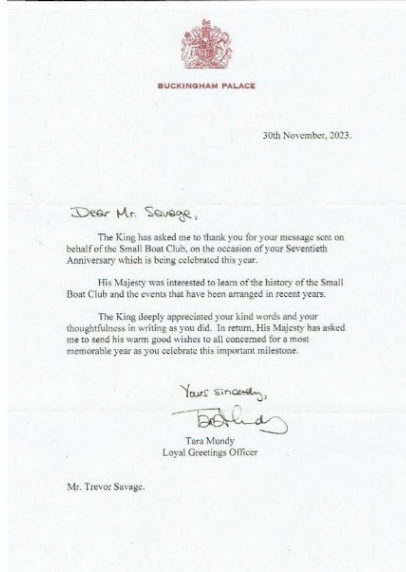
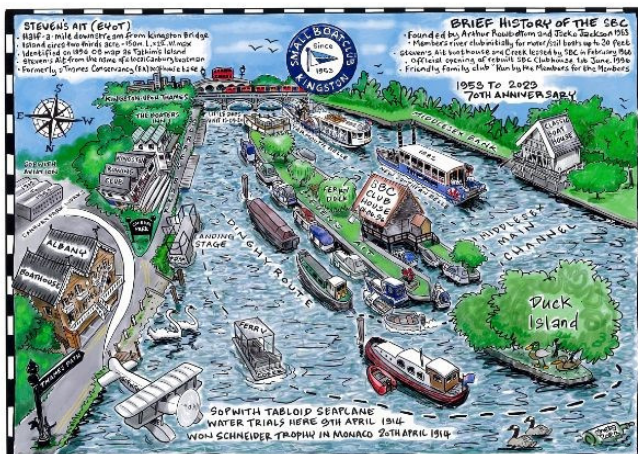
August's trip down river inspired such confidence that "La Luna" was off again, this time with Jen & Ollie on "Blue Moon"; Simon, Sussan & Sharon on "Lata Dar"; Mick on Margaritaville; Vaughan and crew on "Dotty Doo"; with Linda's "Flying Visit" keeping them company.



And then it was the 9th of September...The 70th anniversary Platinum Jubilee celebration combined with the Commodore's Cruise



And who can forget Trevor's fantastic contributions...



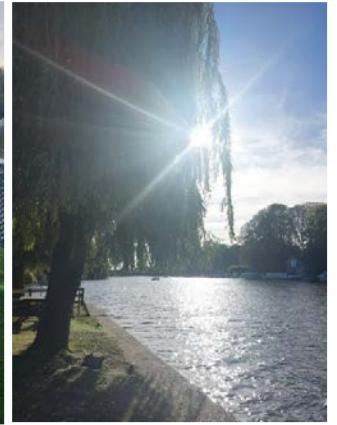
...including a message from His Majesty The King (received in December)



...Although La Luna was back at St. Katherine's *again* for the Classic Boat festival

October...

Autumn working parties under Dom's direction took place to tidy up after the summer, building a canoe rack and putting everything to bed..



although work was curtailed by the first of the Autumn high river levels...

November..

Mick, Jen and Ollie completed their RYA first aid course...



...there were fireworks at the Lensbury

And a well attended and lively AGM and prize giving on the 25th





December...

Christmas celebrations....



... 'and then it's bl**dy January again!'
(with apologies to Flanders and Swann's
'A Song of the Weather')



A belated Happy New Year to all, and here's to our 71st year.

Look out for your next newsletter coming out in February 2024.

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