

TSCC



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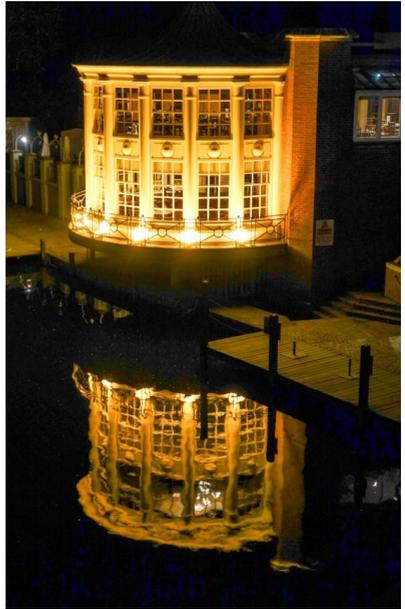
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Chairman's Log



The **Fitting Out Supper** at the Mitre Hotel in Hampton Court was a new venue for us and a resounding success.

Members kicked off the evening with a drink or two in the comfortable lounge whilst some of the hardier types ventured out on to the riverside terrace. The spacious private dining room allowed members to mingle easily and catch up on all the latest news. Both food and service were excellent and on the strength of this we have booked the same venue for our Annual Dinner in November 2018. Yes 2018! We like to plan ahead! A big



thank-you to George and Janet Barber for heading up the organisation.



In May we enjoyed a jolly evening of tasty cheeses and highly quaffable wine. Our brains and memories were once again tested by a challenging quiz conceived as ever by George and Jan. The lucky (or was it knowledgeable?) winner took home a Fortnum and Mason hamper previously won at the Fitting Out

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Cover Photo: Silver Jubilee Cake; TSCC excursion -Paris by night. (PS)

Supper by Wendy and Terry Simpson-Smith who donated it back to the Club for another occasion.



The highlight of the evening was a presentation by **Mark Faulkner**, an Advanced Paramedic and Ajax Scouter, which left many in the room for the first time truly confident that if they had to administer CPR they could do so confidently and without fear. Likewise, Mark clearly demonstrated that using

a defibrillator involved no more than following a failsafe set of voice instructions. At the end of the presentation Mark answered questions and debunked a number of myths. CPR and defibrillators save lives – and now, as well as our own defibrillator, the Club also has well over 30 members who know how to use it.



Elaina's team won the quiz.
Janet presented the prize.



On a pleasant day in June, 51 members of the Club including four founding members, gathered in Mark and Jackie's garden for a champagne strawberry tea (well Prosecco actually!) to celebrate **the Club's Silver Jubilee**. Beyond the happy camaraderie, we enjoyed sumptuous sandwiches – and scones - and strawberries – and a celebratory cake baked and iced by Jackie.



Founding members Paul and Emily Richardson cutting the Jubilee cake.



But the real icing on the cake was a wonderful little jazz band whose members were much the same age as the rest of us and who serenaded us throughout the afternoon with a jolly selection straight from New Orleans. All in all, a delightful



afternoon. A big thank-you to Jackie and those who helped with the set-up and preparation. Also many thanks to all those who were there at the very end and who amazingly managed to return the garden to its former state in little more than half an hour!

By far the biggest event of the past three months was undoubtedly our **escorted tour of Paris** at the end of June. The 47 members and friends who boarded Eurostar unquestionably had a terrific time with masses of activities crammed into a long weekend: a coach tour of Paris by day and another by night, a visit to Versailles and another to Montmartre, dinner and a spectacular show at Paradis Latin for some, and a first class group dinner for those who opted out. And there was even free time to explore further or just chill out. Our hotel was in a superb location right next to the 'Covent Garden' of Paris with rows of restaurants where members could sit outside in the glorious sunshine and eat, drink and watch the Parisians promenade their way along the broad and colourful walkway between the restaurants. But the superstar of the trip was Andy – our Tour Manager. Andy was a self-taught encyclopaedia of Parisian knowledge and French history who had been escorting visitors for 30 years. On the coach he made full use of every single moment to help us learn, understand and get the very most from our time in Paris. When we again boarded Eurostar at Gare du Nord we were tired, but happy in the knowledge that we had together enjoyed four fantastic days in Paris.

*Here's wishing those with boats some great cruising -
and everyone else a fantastic summer.*

Mark Marriott

A Good Egg



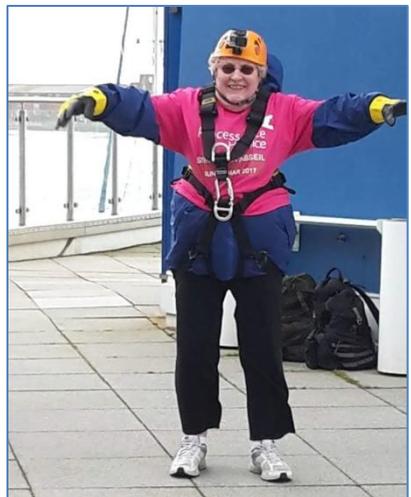
This is TSCC member Barbara Long posing for her camera shot at the top of the **Spinnaker Tower**, Portsmouth ready to abseil down 94m to raise money and promote the profile of the Princess Alice Hospice, Esher. This is one of the scariest things she has ever undertaken and she was shaking when she reached the ground, and it was only then that she realised that it is one of the highest single rope abseils in the UK. Although the weather was

dry and sunny the wind was buffeting her about, which was pretty scary and it did feel like quite a few hours that she took coming down but it was only nine minutes. This is the last time that she feels she will attempt something like that again although she did mention wing walking.

Barbara was nominated on Absolute Radio and interviewed for being a **Good Egg!!!** They wanted to know about the abseil and she won £500 Co-op vouchers. So she is officially a Good Egg who shops at the Co-op.

With the support of all her friends and family Barbara raised £1008 for just a 9 minute scary ride, and overall the Hospice raised £25000 for the whole weekend.

A great achievement Barbara.



TREFOIL GUILD AWARDS



Pictured is Betty Gosling receiving her Gold Voyage Award at Trefoil Surrey West AGM.



Her daughter Diane has also achieved her Gold Voyage Award.

There are three Voyage Award levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each level has its own badge and certificate. The Voyage Award is designed as a personal challenge.

Trefoil Guild is a branch of Girlguiding and its members agree to support the guiding ethos - including the pledge to help other people. Many members pass on their skills and knowledge to local guiding units, from helping Brownies work towards a badge to preparing older girls for a camping adventure. Many members are unit leaders or helpers in Girlguiding units.

Our congratulations to Betty and Diane.

WELCOME ABOARD!

TSCC extends a warm welcome to new members:

**Diane and Peter Marriott
And
Marion and Paul Norman**

We wish them lots of fun and friendship with the Club.



TSCC in Paris – outside the Hotel Ibis in Bercy Village



SUMMERTIME IN PARIS

After the excitement about our summer trip to Paris, it was time to join Eurostar. Whether we boarded at San Pancras or Ebbsfleet, because of our number, it felt as though TSCC had almost taken over a complete carriage of the train. Our tour guide Andy introduced himself to everyone - little did we know just how efficient he would be. From our arrival at Paris all the planning and organisation done by Mark and Jackie became apparent. On arrival at our hotel in Bercy Village check-in was fast and efficient.

After resting in the very comfortable rooms after our journey many explored the village and local park. The hotel was in a prime position with the Metro so close and many varied restaurants and artisan shops to visit.

Everyone met in the hotel bar late afternoon to get together for pre-drinks before our Friday night dinner arranged at a local restaurant. Off we tramped to the very Parisian restaurant with a private dining area upstairs. As our meals had been pre-ordered it just meant copious bottles of wine were placed. All the food came out quickly and efficiently and everybody enjoyed very tasty dishes, particularly a speciality of the house from the Aveyron region called Saucisse Aligot. This turned out to be far more than bangers and mash as it was plated with a theatrical flourish from a large serving dish. A marvellous evening was had by all with lots of chatter and laughter and after the short walk back to the hotel already looking forward to the next day.



After a good night's sleep and a very substantial continental breakfast Andy gathered everyone together to join the coach for the first part of the day. As the weather was still very warm the air conditioning was much appreciated. We thought on our journey from Gard du Nord that Andy was very knowledgeable.



During our comprehensive sightseeing

tour of the city passing virtually all the famous landmarks such as L'Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Champs Élysées, the Louvre and the River Seine he gave so much interesting information. Even though many roads were shut-off for various events Andy and our driver seamlessly found alternative routes so we did not miss anything.

From the City tour we made the short drive to the village of Versailles where we had a few hours to visit the village, the Château and gardens. As many members had visited before and saw the two hour queue for the Château, most made the decision to explore and have lunch in the beautiful surroundings, including the gardens and boating lake. As an added extra we were able to see many of the splendid displays of fountains with the corresponding music which happens on a daily basis.

After the heat of Versailles, it was back to the hotel where a surprise had been organised for Rita who was celebrating her 80th birthday.

Jackie had baked and transported a marvellous cake for the occasion, together with candles. All members raised a glass and voiced Happy Birthday for her special day. Think she was relieved she escaped having the bumps!



There was still more to come after everyone had supper nearby as we had a further tour organised. Even though we had our City tour in the morning, Paris by Night was just as exciting, such as seeing the eternal light under the L'Arc de Triomphe. Amazingly, Andy had even more information about the famous

sights. The culmination of the tour took us to steps overlooking the Eiffel Tower with time to spare so that we could see the hourly illumination of lights, truly amazing.

Halfway through our visit and everyone was excited to see what was planned for the next day.

Judy Bowles

Day 3 already! An action-packed day started with a visit to *Montmartre* which is dominated by the hugely impressive *Basilica Sacre-Coeur*. Across the street is the *Place du Tertre* where the legends of 20th century art used to roam. Now it's filled with watercolors, portrait sketchers and caricaturists but still has some of the old magic.

There followed a cruise on the River Seine - a welcome time to relax and enjoy the scenery before some free time prior to the evening's activities.

In the evening the group split with some going to the *Paradis Latin* where they savoured the spectacle of an authentic Parisian cabaret in the heart of the Latin Quarter. Known for its dazzling costumes and saucy acts, the

Paradis Latin has been a part of Paris culture since it was founded in 1803 at the behest of Napoleon Bonaparte.



The meal, the champagne and the very attentive service were all perfect. Everyone had a great time.

The other part of our group went to La Promenade Restaurant - a modern interpretation of a traditional Paris bistro recently opened by two very hard working young men, Mathieu and Bruno. Everyone had a very jolly



time and enjoyed the very good food and wine.

The final day came all too soon and after a group photo-call, Sally presented our Tour Manager - Andy - with a well deserved token of our appreciation (the hug was a bonus!).

Our special thanks go to Jackie and Mark for organising such an enjoyable and memorable event.





Joyce Lundberg

We had the pleasure of knowing Joyce for many years as a member of Weybridge Mariners and, in the last few years as a member of TSCC. They loved boating and the company that went with it. Joyce was a very smart lady – always immaculate in appearance and a loyal friend. Unfortunately, in the last couple of years she had to deal with losing her husband Vic but also having to have one of her legs amputated plus a form of cancer of the blood. She was a very courageous lady and took it all in her stride, never complaining, and accepting what life dealt her (these were her own words). We were lucky to see her very shortly before she passed away and had a lovely conversation about old times. We shall miss her very much.

Sally Holdaway.

Ronald Judd

We were very sorry to learn of the passing away of Ron Judd in June. He had been working on his boat and had a fall sustaining severe head injuries from which he never recovered.

Ron joined TSCC probably about 20 years ago, certainly before he moved from Sidcup to Peacehaven. Many of us recall that Ron took on the job of Assistant Lock Keeper at Limehouse Marina, staying on *MV Nepos* when on duty. It was very frequently Ron's welcoming voice that greeted us from the lockside after we had cruised down from Teddington as a Club.

After leaving Limehouse earlier this year he moved his boat back to the River Medway, moored up just outside Chatham Dock Yard at Thunder Bolt Pier. Unfortunately, and with bitter disappointment, he had to close his Boat Training School for Inland Waterways because the Medway is tidal.

Ron was buried at sea.

Save the Date!

Next year we will be returning to the peaceful and picturesque northern **Norfolk Broads** for another week of fun and adventure afloat. We will again be hiring our boats from Herbert Woods in Potter Heigham and highlights of the week will include a welcome barbeque, a mid-week get-together dinner and our usual Gala Awards evening. The cruise will take place from:

Thursday 10th to Thursday 17th May 2018.

Save the dates! And if you fancy coming but would like to share the boating, start thinking about who might like to join you.

Mark

Change of Venue for 2017 Annual Dinner

*We are pleased to announce that this year's Annual Dinner will now take place at **Ristorante Sorrento in Tolworth** rather than Casa Mia in Hampton Court.*

Because it has the same ownership, we can look forward to the same excellent food and service but in a larger venue with space to gather for a drink before the meal and space to move around and mingle later in the evening. The date remains unchanged:

Monday 13th November 2017. Make sure it's in your diary!

TSCC Programme for 2017

All dates and events are subject to change

July 26-30 Wed-Sun	Cruise to Hurley
August 25-28 Fri-Mon	ATYC Rally
September 16 Sat	Chatham Dockyard Salute to the 40's
October 13 Fri	Murder Mystery Evening
November 13 Mon	TSCC Annual Dinner
December 10-12 Sun-Tues	Pre-Christmas Weekend Away (Suffolk)



La Promenade
Restaurant



Deux hommes sur
le Metro



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