



Association of Nene River Clubs
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ANRC AGM Report 2021

Captains Report

As I write this report for the 2021 AGM, I am pleased both the travel restrictions for using our boats and the waterways have been lifted. Although we can't stay on our boats until 12 April at least we can start to visit them and use them for day travel. The Strong Stream Advice has been lifted and today, the sun is shining with an expected high of 21 degrees.

It certainly has been a challenging time for us all, with such long periods of lockdown last year and this, I'm sure like me you will be glad when some normality returns.

As you are probably aware by now, the rally postponed from 2020 has once more been postponed until 2022. The good news however, is that Middle Level Watermen's Club, have kindly agreed to host it in May 2022. We did consider possibly holding it later, when there was less uncertainty, however, the preparation involved by the host club, has to guarantee we can hold the Rally. Moving this to later in the year, would also impact on our summer boating trips, which could attract less attendance.

The Brain of the Nene annual quiz could be staged later and we are considering a possible date in September, giving us a chance to get together once more.

We are pleased to have been in discussions with the EA regarding the registration fees, their compromise was not to introduce the proposed recalculation method until 2022 and maintain the same as last year for 21/22. We have also seen the introduction of the Anglian Pass, as a means to travel on both the Middle Level and the River Cam, following the introduction of registration fees on the Middle Level.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Captain of the ANRC during the past 3 years. Last year I was appointed as Vice Commodore at Middle Nene Cruising Club and subject to nomination I could be Commodore from the end of September. I don't believe in spreading my time too thinly and having completed those 3 years, feel it is time for someone else to take the ANRC forward.

I would like to thank all the Committee and Club Reps for their commitment and support during my time in office, I just couldn't have done it without them all. This is a truly great group of members and clubs, having formed in 1962; it really has shown itself to be a great source of friendship and fun for all on our beautiful river.

I can remember all the rallies I attended, with some great themes to enjoy. In the past we have had some famous people attend, including Ernie Wise and Geoffrey Hughes, who

could be heard playing a guitar and singing. This was a little before my time, but there are still photos showing them.

I hope you have a good boating season and Jeannie and I look forward to seeing you on the water.

Adrian Cleave

Membership Secretary

As the Covid Pandemic continued and clubs were forced to lockdown for long periods, the committee decided to set the individual sub for the year at the reduced fee of £5. In January membership packs were circulated to clubs including membership cards and boat stickers along with renewal forms which need to be completed due to data protection regulations. Members and clubs were emailed reminders of renewal details. With clubs still in lockdown renewal has been slow but with restrictions soon to be lifted it is hoped membership will pick up.

To date we have had 34 individual members renewed and rather disappointingly only 3 clubs. (A gentle nudge to those clubs who have not renewed).

Jenny Sullivan

Secretary Report

As Secretary of the ANRC during lockdown there has not been much to report this year. We have though as a Committee had a number of Committee meetings on Zoom throughout the year and hopefully as the lockdown is gradually lifted we will be able to have some in person in the future. I look forward to the time when we can do this and also meet up with other clubs for events.

Brenda Harris

Treasurer's Report

Enclosed are the ANRC accounts, as you can see there is not a lot of changes. We haven't had any to spend any money this year. We have increased our surplus by £225, we have had an expenditure of £1170 with an income of £1303 from memberships. We would like the members to look at the accounts and send us an email if you agree with them.

John Harris