

New Year Letter to ANRC Membership 2023 0101

Dear All,

Another year gone and it seemed to me to be one without much enjoyment. We celebrated the Queen's 70th jubilee and then lost the Queen. It seemed to me that most organized functions were poorly attended. It seems as though people were still worried about Covid and then prices started to rise and everyone was concerned about making their money last, all things considered a difficult year. For the clubs and associations on the rivers and canals getting members to help with organizing and running events has been particularly difficult. It appears as if ten percent of members are doing the work for thirty percent of members to enjoy. I want to thank my committee and all the club committees for working hard through the year and trying to tempt non-participating members to join in. I know how hard you all work. We all like our "club way of life", not all for the same reasons; some like cheap moorings, some like the camaraderie and some like getting help with boats from friends who know what to do, but without all our members' help and participation our way of life cannot continue. It costs a lot to run a club and if the members don't do most of the work free of charge someone will have to be paid, and then prices go up and very soon a club becomes a marina? Last year at least three of the locks on the river broke down mid season, let us hope in 2023 the river stays open, the sun shines on us all and more of you get out on your boats. Please support your Club and the ANRC.

Happy New Year to all

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