

# On Board – October 2023



## The country has a new Monarch and the FCC celebrated in style

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*Janet and her daughter Helen enjoying "afternoon tea" after watching the Coronation of King Charles III in our very own Cinema at Hoo Ash Bungalow.*

## A Message from our Captain

As I started pulling On Board together looking at the events and pictures we have collated over the last six months and one theme stands out – Walking – haven't we all been super fit with all our walks – photos of our endeavours to come in the next few pages.

Yes, it's been a busy start for our 13<sup>th</sup> year. The AGM at the Clock Warehouse in Shardlow was well attended and then we enjoyed listening to the very talented Dan Toft. Breakfast the following morning at the Malt Shovel went down very well. Bernard and Janet organised a great walk around Calke Abbey in March followed by lunch at the Staff of Life in Ticknall. We went to Gunthorpe again over Easter and were lucky with the weather once more. We had a great cycle ride to the Ferry Boat Inn and a lovely walk along the river and over to Lowdhams Caravan Centre. A BBQ and a meal at the Unicorn – don't we live well. May saw the Coronation of King Charles III and the committee got together and organised a great week-end. We were all bowled over by Phil's Cinema and Sue's cooking and Bernard organised yet another walk for us which culminated in a very impromptu "cider" treat.

Whilst your Captain spent a month travelling over 3,000 miles in the motorhome the FCC got together at the Seaside at Beeston Regis for a very enjoyable long weekend over the May Bank Holiday.

Thanks for your company at our events and I look forward to seeing many of you at some more enjoyable activities in 2023.

Just to let you know that for our Charity Fundraising this year I have chosen the RNLI and the Samaritans. If you are unable to attend any of our events but would like to contribute please send a donation to Stan. Thank you.

**Captain Sandra**



*"Introducing our new Captain - Sandra"*



*"Short stop at Stoke Bardolph Lock cycling near Gunthorpe"*



*"Bernard and Arthur relaxing during our walk at Easter"*

## Useful Information

### Management Committee Meetings

The FCC Management Committee meet bi-monthly.

If you have anything you wish us to discuss, please contact any member of the committee and they will bring it up at the next meeting.

### Club Membership Leaflet

Club Leaflets are available for members to carry with

them for anybody who expresses interest in Joining. Please ask Sandra for copies.

### Associated Memberships

The FCC is a member of the IWA and affiliated to the Leicestershire Branch.

The FCC is also a member of the Association of Waterways Cruising Clubs and Linda has a reference copy.

This membership is useful should you be looking to moor at a fellow member's Boat Club - further details can be found on their website [www.awcc.org.uk](http://www.awcc.org.uk)

### Fifty Club Membership

Just to remind you that our Fifty Club now runs in line with the membership year with the Annual draws to be made at the next AGM.

## Pictures from Calke Abbey



*"Thanks to Bernard for organising the walk and for most of the photographs"*

## FCC CELEBRATES THE CORONATION

6 May 2023 saw the Coronation of King Charles III and the FCC decided to celebrate in style.

Phil and Sue kindly agreed to host the event at Hoo Ash Bungalow and the Committee organised a full weekend of activity.

Friday evening a number of units arrived in Coalville and we organised a Chinese Takeaway. Saturday morning was spent getting the marquee ready and the IT equipment set up in the fabulous cinema which Phil and Robert worked hard to put together for us.

We watched the Coronation from 10am and as soon as the Royal Family retreated to the Palace we brought out the food and then we had a scrumptious Afternoon Tea. Thanks to all the ladies who helped out and to Sue for her hardwork in ensuring all the food was ready for us.

Sunday morning Bernard had organised a lovely walk through Snibston Park and on the way back we called in with Phil and Sue's friend from their Allotment and he invited us ALL to sample his home made cider. Well, we were all ready for a drink and the cider was really nice.

Sunday night we watched the Coronation Concert in our new Cinema – what a wonderful mix of entertainers.

A great weekend had by all 25 people who attended.



*Afternoon Tea*



*Our Cinema*



*Sampling a local cider  
brew during our walk on  
Sunday morning*



## MUSIC WEEKEND AT CHECKLEY

Six units convened at the New Broom in Checkley near Uttoxeter early July for a Music Weekend organised by Jim and Sandra. Friday was a scorcher of a day and we sat outside with tea and cake until it was time to eat and then we walked down to the pub for a Quiz.



On Saturday we had a great walk through the fields and over the styles to Lower Tean where we stopped at the Dog & Partridge for a drink but the pubs didn't welcome dogs and as we had Molly with us we all unanimously decided not to go in.

Fancy a pub called the "Dog & Partridge" not welcoming dogs ....



In the evening we enjoyed a number of music acts from our friends Dan Toft, Tony and Jaxx, Craig & Caroline, Jim O'Neill, Steve Bowdery, John Roden and Craig Egan and some supporting acts – most people you will have seen over the years at our other events.

And we had the premiere of Bernard playing his harmonica and despite being nervous he did really well.



Some pictures of the acts and we were pleased to raise £120 for the two Captains charities over the weekend.



*Enjoying lovely food at the Bull's Head*

## AWAY IN THE PEAK DISTRICT

Unfortunately this week-end didn't turn out as expected as Sandra and Jim's motorhome had to go into the garage and wasn't ready for the weekend. The weather wasn't good either but those who did go to Monyash managed to go on a lovely walk down the Lathkill Dale. In the evening Phil & Sue and Jim and myself drove to Monyash and joined everyone at the Bull's Head pub in the village on Saturday night for a really nice meal. The Monsal Trail still calls but maybe next year now.



## MYSTERY TRIP TO .... BRISTOL & GLOUCESTER

Once again a great Mystery Trip this time organised by Robert.

Thirty Six people attended this year's Mystery Trip and we were well looked after again by Roberts Coaches.

Our first venture was on a boat around Bristol harbour – who knew Bristol had so much water and so many branches off the main Avon with some wonderful buildings and places to eat and be entertained. We all thoroughly enjoyed the trip and the few hours we then had to explore Bristol itself.

A lovely stay was had at the Bristol Grange Hotel before we travelled on to Gloucester and had a great day looking around Gloucester Docks and Gloucester Cathedral.

This was topped by a lovely Sunday dinner at the The New Inn – a lovely mediaeval styled Inn and Hotel dating back to the 15<sup>th</sup> Century.

Thanks to Robert for all his hard work in organising the Mystery Trip.



*Bristol Grange Hotel*



*Gloucester Docks*



*Gloucester Cathedral and three very happy looking visitors resting after a very interesting organised tour around the cathedral.*



*New Inn Hotel –  
where we had our  
Sunday Carvery in  
Gloucester*



### 50 Club Winners

March 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Annual Prize Draw £75

Barry

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Prize Draw £45

Arthur & Joan

April 2023

Pete Hawkins

May 2023

Jim & Sandra

June 2023

Jim & Sandra

(Well we do have 6 balls)

July 2024

Stan & Linda

August 2024

Jim & Sandra

September 2024

Hilary Shaw

## Future Events

### Skittles Night – Barrow on Soar

**18 November 2023**

Our Annual Skittles Evening at the Soar Bridge Inn.  
Please let Linda know whether you wish to attend.

### Barn Dance

**2 December 2023**

For a change this year we have decided that our Christmas Get together will be a Barn Dance and not a formal sit down meal.

It will be held at the Charnwood Arms in Coalville and there will be a band and a Caller and a meal at a cost of £25.

Fancy Dress will be the dress code and I'm sure we all have jeans and a check shirt or similar which will suit if not a more elaborate costume.

If you would like to attend please let Linda know and send £25 per person to Stan.

### New Years Day Meal

**1 January 2024**

The Hunting Lodge in Barrow on Soar has been booked for our New Year's Day Meal.

If you would like to attend can you please let Linda know.

### Winer Walk

**4 February**

Details to be Advised

MANY MORE EVENTS BEING PLANNED BY THE COMMITTEE – IF ANYBODY HAS ANY IDEAS OF SUITABLE EVENTS OR VENUES PLEASE LET ONE OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS KNOW!

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