

ROYAL OBSERVER CORPS



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# NEWSLETTER

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM AND FOR MEMBERS

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**June 12th.** Was the date for our 'Seaborne' adventure as Gary could be heard quoting and following a dodgy day, weather wise, all turned out well, with even a bit of a sunset to complete.

Just under forty attended including welcome 'neighbours' such as Jenny Morris and Dave Edwards.

The trip started from Devizes Wharf at about 19:30 and following a 'safety briefing and introduction by a Trust Volunteer, proceeded generally in an easterly direction collecting the fish and chips on the way. With plentiful condiments a tasty supper was enjoyed by all along with the liquids available from the bar.

The boat turned in a winding hole just beyond Devizes Marina and returned at the same leisurely pace as outbound. (We were overtaken by canoeists, cyclists, joggers and even walkers).

During the trip the usual swindle , sorry draw, was held, for two bottles of wine which were won by Gary and June s guests. A total of £40.00 was raised towards the group fund of which £10:00 was donated to the Canal Trust.

We arrived back at the wharf at about 21:30 and dispersed in the usual slow fashion to all points of the compass.

I think everyone enjoyed the evening and thanks must go out to those who spent time and effort organising the evening. These included Captain Pugwash (AKA Tony Peach whose original list was edited several times, and who failed to initiate his quest for the 'Golden Rivet') June, I believe, had input as did Brian Davis and of course our Canal Trust Liaison man Ron. (My apologies to anyone not mentioned and an edited list can be added next issue.)

A few photos of the event:-





**We have all heard of June's new toy and when available, pictures will be published but be aware, it is smaller than Gary's.**

**Pictures received herewith :-**



## ROCA NEWS

At the AGM on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June an era came to an end when our own Tony Peach stood down as President. Tony has always been at the forefront of things ongoing in 14 Group and my earliest recollection of him 'in office' was as President of the 14 Group Officers Mess. He has always represented those he represents with some passion and I'm sure there will be some relief at the top on his 'retiring'. Tony Maatz has taken the President's role with Brian Harries taking over as Chairman.

Tony tells me that there is nothing to report from the AGM.

I have agreed to represent the north part of the group on the ROCA Committee and hope to present your views as Tony always has before.

## Diary Dates

10<sup>th</sup> July Next Meeting at Beckhampton

July 21<sup>st</sup> Broadway Tower

July 28<sup>th</sup> RAF Cosford Model Aircraft Flying.

Aug 4<sup>th</sup> Post BBQ

Thought for issue : Doris Day once said 'The really frightening thing about middle age is the knowledge that you will grow out of it.'



**The 'Monday Gang' of St James , Bratton** paid a visit to the Butcombe Brewery in Bristol, recently and as the picture shows the usual imbibing took place.. I just hope the ale was good, as the vicar had given dispensation to actually drink it, as opposed to just sampling.

