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LUNCH TALK ON “RACING AROUND THE WORLD IN GREAT BRITAIN II” by IAN WORSLEY



Our guest speaker for May was Ian Worsley. His talk proved an illustrated and entertaining account of his sailing adventures, whilst crewing Great Britain 11 in the 1977 Whitbread Round the World Race, including circumnavigating Cape Horn.

He had previously worked for many years in the City of London and felt he needed some excitement in his life . . . he certainly found it!

This was all out racing for nine months, with sailing undertaken at breakneck speed in some of the most inhospitable waters on the planet. Ian ended up as First Mate. The race stopped at the ports of Cape Town, Auckland and Rio de Janeiro before returning to the race start and finish point in UK. There were serious accidents, man overboard, lightning strikes and damage to gear and sails , all had to be overcome whilst fighting to maintain race position.

Whilst aboard, Ian filmed the action for the BBC sports programme Grandstand, which showed the footage at the end of each leg.

The novice crew must have been well directed by the First Mate as the yacht completed the race in Portsmouth, as part of what became an experienced and respected winning crew!

WALK AND LUNCH, THE THREE HORSESHOES, LALEHAM, 4th JUNE 2024



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A warm but overcast day was the climate for the eleven walkers who met at the Three Horseshoes public house in Laleham for the June walk and pub lunch. Once again Colin Greasby put us all to shame by cycling to the venue from Hampton.

After the obligatory photograph, we set off towards Staines passing firstly “Dial House” - a fine three-storey Queen Anne house - that displayed a sundial blocking one of its windows, on past All Saints Church where all the Earls of Lucan are buried – except one – and also where Hilary and Martin had their banns read out. We continued along Staines Road to the water pumping station where 200 million gallons of water are pumped from the Thames to Queen Mary Reservoir every day. We then made our way to the River and onto Penton Hook Lock, crossed over two weir bridges which led us to Penton Hook Island where we followed the footpath all the way around the circular island and then back onto the Thames Path heading for Laleham Park passing the site of what was once Laleham Abbey but now, sadly, a car park and private housing estate.

On reaching Laleham camping and caravan site we crossed over Laleham Park and headed back to the Three Horseshoes where we were joined by two extra diners and enjoyed excellent company and delicious food before heading home and Colin getting “back on his bike”.

FUTURE EVENTS

FRIDAY 28th JUNE: **SUMMER PARTY**, Tamesis Club, Trowlock Lane Teddington TW11 9QY

TUESDAY 2nd JULY: Walk/Pub Lunch, TBC, Mike Fraser

TUESDAY 16th JULY: Club Lunch, Speaker: Jenny Mallin,
“Life behind the scenes at BBC Television Centre”
