

Derby Motor Boat Club - 1964-1965

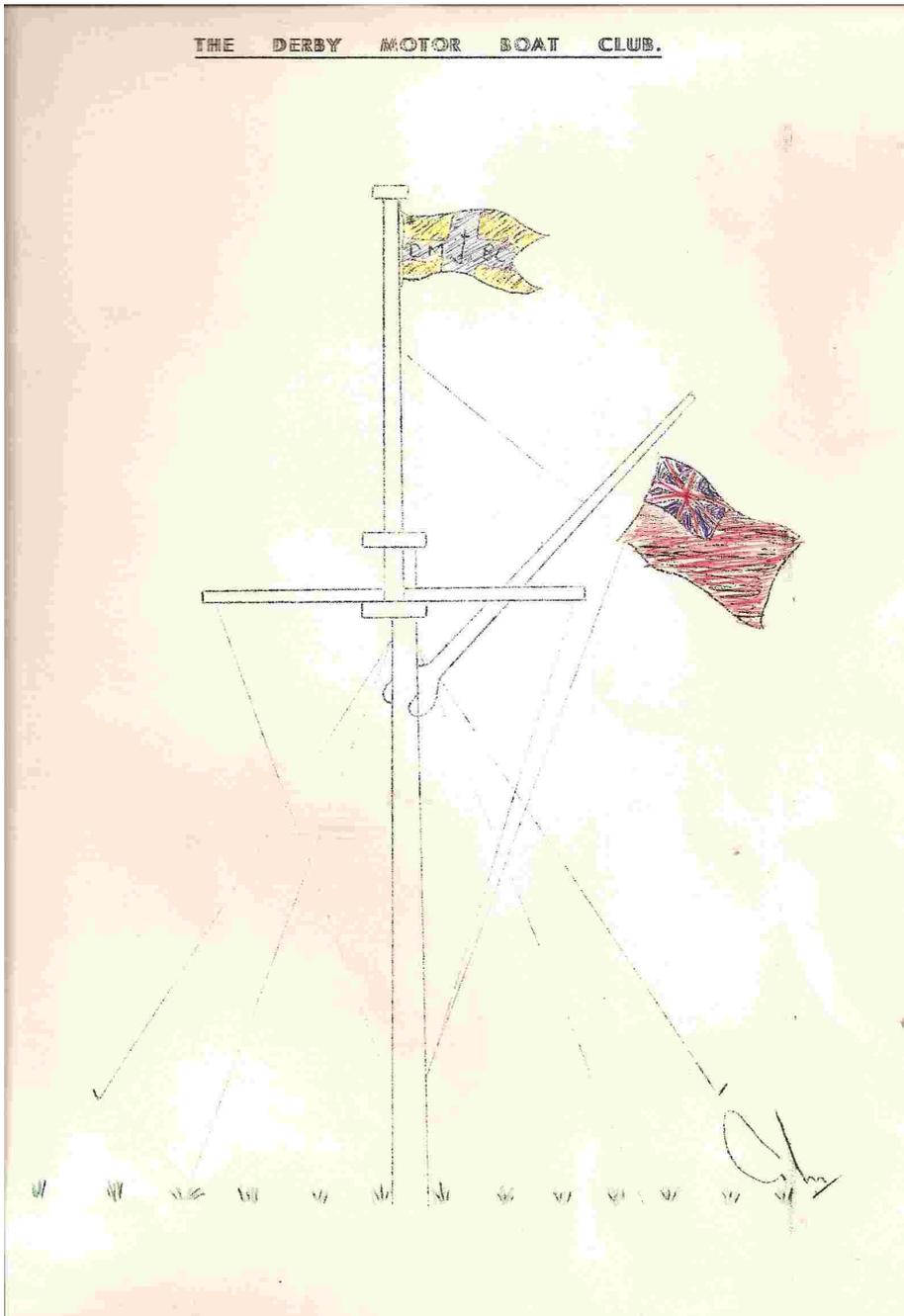
1964

H S Lowe was elected Commodore.

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1965

Extract from "Derby Motor Boat Club History Jun 1965", Cover page:



The contents of this document have been extracted and various parts can be seen under the relevant years of the DMBC history pages.

Extracts from "Derby Motor Boat Club History Jun 1965", pages 4 & 5:

"PROFILE OF DERBY MOTOR BOAT CLUB PERSONALITES.

Leonard Ebbins was born very young, and for 25 years gave his services to the tending of Sawley Lock. He was born at Muskham near Newark, and served on apprenticeship at the building of Cromwell Lock, where his father met a tragic end by drowning during the construction period. Cromwell Lock of course gave Nottingham an efficient egress to the sea.

This early contract with the Waterways, governed Len's career after that, and in due course he graduated to being the Skipper of a Dredger on the Trent and the experience so gained, has always been freely and gladly given to all river users, and not merely to members of the D.M.B.C. He retired in 1961, and with Mrs. Ebbins who was Newark born, live in a very pleasant house in Newark, surrounded by their delightful copper, brass and Toby jug collection, which the older members of the Club will remember.

Len of course being both physically and mentally sound, still manages to put in a 4 hour day, but can often be found taking a busmans holiday, by thumbing a lift on passing barges from Newark Town Lock to Gunthorpe Lock. It seems you can't keep a waterman away from the river. It can be reported that Mr. & Mrs. Ebbins are in good health, though Mrs. Ebbins eyesight gives certain cause for concern. Len had a nasty operation some two years ago, but has recovered well.

They have one daughter and a grandchild, who is of course spoiled at every opportunity. Their only regret is that as their son in law is the Town Clerk of a Midlands town some distance from Newark, and perforce has to live there, meetings are too infrequent.

May they both be blessed with many more years of health and happiness together."

"DORANDE'S' LOG CONTINUED.

The Joint Rally with the 'Caravan Club'

A joint rally was arranged with the Caravan Club and the following boats proceeded from Sawley to the rendezvous at Thrumpton.

'Westwood', 'Deva', 'Peggy O II', 'Jinda', and 'Dorande'.

The Caravan people turned up in force and 'moored' their caravans in a field, the boats then moored to the field. Saturday afternoon was pleasantly spent by visiting each others boats and caravans and the boats running up and down the river with caravan crews in large numbers. In the evening parties were formed - going off in sundry cars to some hostelry - other parties filled the saloons of various boats.

On the Sunday morning the boat trips up and down to Beeston continued and later the fleet returned to Sawley being given a hearty send off by the caravan crowd in the field.

It is hoped to arrange a similar meeting in the near future.

We trust this little history is of interest and we will take an early opportunity to give you further extracts from 'Dorande's' Log.

June, 1965."

