

## Wrotham takes to the Water



The choice for Wrotham Centre was a trip on board the Princess Pocahontas from Gravesend to Greenwich. She is part of daily life in West Kent as she meanders up and down the Thames carrying out all sorts of duties for the surrounding community.

We had already booked the weather with the Most High and looked forward to doing our duty as part of this important launch.

We had been allocated three very special guests in the shape of Charles Marchant and his wife Valerie and also Katherine Fender from the MSF who were all welcomed aboard by W. Bro Dave Lucas, the Wrotham CIO.



Off we went up the Thames taking in sights like the never-to-be-forgotten underside of the QE2 Bridge and the Thames Barrier.

The Millennium Dome was the next major landmark to be seen along with a fine piece of architecture that at first glance looks like a mad pile of scaffolding, but on further inspection you can see a standing man at every angle you look at it. We then arrived at Greenwich and were treated to an explanation of the various parts of Greenwich College where Charles Marchant had spent many years.



At this point we turned round which was the signal for the viewing of our PGM's statement and address, where everyone took the news of the total amount he wishes us to raise as a preliminary figure for the Festival in great spirit, and with confidence that we will reach it early.

After a filling buffet and plenty of watering from the bar we arrived back at Gravesend with no injuries or drownings.

All had enjoyed the trip and will always remember where they were on the Festival Launch day.

