

### Floating Bridge 6 July Update

**Current Charges on the Floating Bridge are as follows:**

Floating Bridge	Current	
	Card	Non-card
Foot passenger - return	1.00	1.50
Saver cards	2.00	
Car, van, tractor, m/c & sidecar, caravan, trailer (single)	2.00	2.60
Lorry - single	7.00	9.00
Motorcycle - single	1.20	1.70
Large vans, minibuses, and pick-ups	2.70	3.30
Extra late night service	38.00	

**Current usage from January to June 2018:**

	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	April	May	June	Total
Foot passengers (total)	23,950	22,691	27,174	30,530	45,670	44,109	148,454
Foot passengers (paying)	17,462	16,437	19,098	20,570	29,862	28,073	101,640
Vehicles	9,183	7,323	12,041	14,391	16,190	17,374	60,312
Hour operated	474	334	474	452.5	474.5	476	2,209.5
Hours operated as a percentage of scheduled hours	98.54%	76.96%	98.54%	97.31%	98.34	94.25%	93.99%

## Remembering Dave Todd

I am writing to inform you of the sudden passing of Dave Todd 'Toddy' on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June. As I'm sure you can appreciate, this news has come as a huge shock to us all, and the sense of loss felt by his crewmates, friends and many passengers is quite overwhelming.

Toddy joined the Floating Bridge crew in July 2014, and he quickly established himself as an integral part of the team. He was immensely proud of his role and quickly realised that working on the Floating Bridge is a privileged job and immersed himself in all matters Floating Bridge. Nothing was too much trouble for Toddy, he volunteered for additional duties, such as organising the huge numbers of foot passengers on Firework Night, and working Christmas Day. Mind you, I think he enjoyed the Christmas kisses from the ladies!!!

More recently, Toddy had played an instrumental role in training our new recruits, so it is fitting that his legacy will continue through knowledge and wisdom being handed down.

Away from work, Toddy was honoured to be Vice-Chair of Ryde Royal British Legion and a founder member of the Veterans' Breakfast Club having served in the Scots' Guards for many years. He worked tirelessly in promoting the activities of British Legion, and even took rare time away from the Floating Bridge to fund raise for the poppy appeal aboard his old stamping ground on the Wightlink ferries. His work was acknowledged by the Royal British Legion who presented Toddy with an award for his fund-raising activities.

For many, it will be difficult not to feel downhearted by our loss, but Toddy would not have wanted that. He was a larger than life character in every sense, who always had something to say, often indulging in light-hearted banter to keep everybody in high spirits.

I'm sure when the crew and passengers are aboard the Floating Bridge on a quiet evening, should Scotland have (unusually) beaten England, you might just hear the dulcet tones of proud Scotsman telling anybody who might be in earshot that he was 'living the dream.' Mark Downer, Operations Manager, Isle of Wight Council

