

## Summer Outings

### *River Thames Trip aboard m.v. Princess Pocahontas*

*Capt. Mike Weston*



Following our Society's very successful river trip in June 2001 aboard the m.v. *Princess Pocahontas*, [for a description of this cruise see the December 2001 Newsletter], Joan Liggett was persuaded

to do a repeat trip this summer. So on June 18<sup>th</sup>, on an average summer day weather wise, 28 members of the Society once again set sail from Gravesend on this fine little vessel. On this



*Queen Elizabeth II Bridge - Dartford River Crossing*

occasion numbers were not sufficient for us to charter the vessel, as previously we had done, for our sole use. Consequently we shared with normal day trip passengers the amenities of the vessel, which in no way detracted from the enjoyment of the day.

Instead of a straight cruise up to Chelsea Bridge and return, extra stops were made at the Tilbury Landing Stage and at Greenwich Pier in both directions to pick up and drop off passengers. This added interest and variety to the trip.

The same very articulate captain from our last voyage was still in command, so once again passengers were given a full and highly descriptive commentary of places of interest as we passed them.

It is always a difficult decision to decide whether a trip, which has been very successful once, should be repeated again. I am sure others who were on this outing would agree with me that second time around this trip from Gravesend to Chelsea and back lost nothing through being repeated. Thank you Joan.



*Riverside Cranes*