



The Beverley Barge Preservation Society

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APRIL NEWSLETTER

Well, here we are again with another sailing season almost upon us and work is being carried out to spruce up the barge and make it as good looking and welcoming as possible.

A few dates for your diary.

We will again be hosting our own Becksides Festival on the weekend of 29th and 30th May with a variety of stalls, games and, of course, the fantastic 'duck race'.

Other events for you where Syntan will be in attendance:

Brigg Welcome Weekend:	21 st – 23 rd May
Stainforth Boat Festival:	25 th – 27 th June
York Festival of Rivers:	10 th – 25 th July
Strawberry Island:	17 th – 19 th September

Departure dates and times from our mooring in Beverley Beck will be confirmed at a later date – and are of course dependent on tides. Attendance at the Sea Shanty in Hull is in doubt as the organisers are considering changing the dates and these may clash with our stay in York.

We are always pleased to have any of our members, new and old, come with us to any of the events and hopefully get involved with helping us out with such activities as manning our stalls.

On another note the social history displays on the Syntan are close to completion. These will help visitors to gain an insight into the development of Syntan as a local resource, Becksides and its people, and the work carried out with the tannery. Improvements and changes to the displays will be ongoing. If you haven't been to take a look please do so. A big thank you to everyone involved in putting the display together.

We also have a team involved in fund raising who meet regularly to look at new ways to raise much needed funds, especially during the Winter months when our income from charters and special events dries up. This is a vital part of our work in order for us to continue developing the facility and making it a great attraction to the people of the area. If any member has any new ideas for improving our coffers and/or would like to help with our fund raising please call us or come along to one of our monthly meetings.

I would like to remind all members that the time has come to renew your membership of the Society. We are extremely grateful to all loyal members and very much hope that you will continue to support the good work we do. Renewal can be made by visiting the Syntan or by sending a cheque to us payable to 'The Beverley Barge Preservation Society'. Many thanks.

Finally – our AGM is on Thursday 13th May (7.30pm on the Barge). You will be very welcome.

Bill Gillyon