



The Beverley Barge Preservation Society

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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

I must firstly begin with an apology for not supplying a Newsletter for August which was due in part to me being hospitalised and the resulting convalescence, and also in part to the lack of activity during August. However had I been feeling better I am sure I could have produced something to talk about but I can overlap somewhat this month and I thank you for your understanding.

September has seen our bid for a grant of £1000 from the Beverley Town Council being awarded, a big thank you to Brian Holmes who put our case to the panel and came out successful. This grant will be used to purchase equipment to further enhance our social history displays that have been compiled over the past year and exhibited on board the vessel.

This will consist of additional improved display lighting, audio equipment, visual display equipment and software and improved displays which will help to make a visit to Syntan a more enlightening, educational and enjoyable experience. We should also be able to use this equipment to catalogue and exhibit the huge amount of photographs we have accumulated over the years and which have been digitised by the staff at the archives department of the East Yorkshire Council.

We have also been working hard to try to better utilise the vessel whilst at her moorings and hopefully generate extra income. This is particularly important during the winter months when it is not practical to run trips. It also means that the vessel can be manned for these sessions by volunteers without sailing knowledge as the vessel is not going away from her moorings.

To try and achieve this great efforts have been made to promote the barge as a venue for businesses for use as a place to hold meetings or presentations, and also to make schools aware of the vessel and her use as an educational tool for local history.

Over the past few weeks several local companies and schools have been contacted inviting representatives to attend an Open Day aboard the Syntan on October 7th, to give them an opportunity of seeing for themselves the facilities available. Much time and effort has been put into this project and I would like to wish everyone concerned all the best in this venture.

Should any members wish to be available to help man the vessel for meetings or presentations or just to show visitors around we would love to hear from you.

Please get in touch; we look forward to seeing you.

That's all for the time being.

Bill Gillyon.