



## The Beverley Barge Preservation Society

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### Newsletter January 2012

#### An Exciting Year Ahead

2012 is already turning out to be an exciting prospect as we plan events and activities. By Easter we should have three vessels to manage and it will be important for members to actively engage and support the maintenance and crewing of the **SYNTAN**, **SUN** and **MERMAID**.

#### Skippers, Helmsmen and Crews

We are always interested to hear from members or contacts with experience who can offer support as crew for day trips and major events. It may be that you are keen but lack the basic training. A major development will follow from the decision of the Trustees to seek accreditation as a training institution. This means that we will be able to train and provide formal qualifications for navigation on the Beverley Beck and River Hull. Existing qualified skippers and those interested in taking up training are asked to contact **Tony Hardwidge** on **07960379523**.

#### The MV SUN

Provision of a weatherproof cover has meant better progress on fitting out the interior flooring and panelling in the **Sun**. We are working towards a launch date on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012**. The date has been chosen to meet a suitable high tide and this means an evening launch. Further details will be sent out to all members and included in the next Newsletter. Meanwhile regular working parties take place at the Beverley Shipyard on Sunday mornings starting at 10.30 a.m.. For further information about volunteer work please contact **Don Swindell** [don2@don2.karoo.co.uk](mailto:don2@don2.karoo.co.uk) or **Eddie Cunningham** [spfab@spfab.karoo.co.uk](mailto:spfab@spfab.karoo.co.uk).

#### The MV SYNTAN

Work continues to prepare Syntan for a busy summer season of events and trips. The wheelhouse has been removed for major repairs by Norman Hardy who created the original as part of the initial restoration. David Tulloch is working on repainting the engine room. There is always plenty to do in maintaining a 63 year old barge and volunteers are asked to contact **Tony Hardwidge** on **07960379523**.

#### The Diamond Jubilee – Beverley Beck – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

We are working closely with the Beverley Beck Boatowners Association to support the water festival they are planning to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. A procession of boats is planned on the morning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> June with stalls and a steam organ playing on Crane Hill Wharf and catering provided at the nearby Foresters' Inn and the Sloop Inn. We More details to follow the BBBA plans develop.

Events and Trips.

With the launch of the SUN and the availability of MERMAID we will be able to offer trips on the Beck and River Hull leaving the SYNTAN to provide a limited number of day trips and to participate in major events.

For trip bookings and information about the events listed below please contact **Tony Hardwidge** on **07960379523**.

**Beverley Folk Festival**

**Leeds Canal Festival**

**York River Festival**

**Hull Marina Festival**

**Weekend 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> June**

**30<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July**

**9<sup>th</sup> July to 24<sup>th</sup> July**

**22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> July**