

Beckside News

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Welcome to the Spring/ Summer Newsletter of the Society. It has been a long cold and wet winter with works to the boats affected severely by the weather. However the major works to Syntan including a dry-docking to Syntan were carried out in 2011-12, so the winter maintenance tasks have not been too great this year. The new season is now underway with Syntan having had her first trip on April 22nd.

Trips on Mermaid

Following some minor modifications to the vessel Mermaid is now available for use. It is intended that she is used for turn up and go trips on the Beck and short pre-booked runs on the River Hull, and hopefully later in the year for training members of the Society and others

Membership for 2013-4

The Barge Syntan will be open every other Sunday from Sunday 28th

April 2013 between 11 and 3 for members and the public to see the barge. Subscriptions for 2013-4 are also due. This is also an opportunity to discuss how you may be able to contribute to the society through volunteering. A number of opportunities exist, for maintaining and running the boats, showing visitors around the boat or supporting the vessel when she is away. Please complete a volunteers form (circulated with this newsletter) so that we can record your interest. Please also confirm your membership details. If you have an e-mail address please let us have this as this is a free means of disseminating information to members and we are currently trying to ensure that our lists are accurate. Finally, if you pay income tax please complete the Gift Aid Section as we may be able to recover the tax on your donations including membership.

Progress on Sun.

Sun has recently gone to the Mobile Marine (MMS) Shipyard in Alexandra Dock in order to have her superstructure fitted. In the meantime work has continued on wiring, windows and doors to the front partition and the fitting out of the front cabin. Plans are also being drawn up to ensure that in the short term the vessel can be used for some trips and to ensure some income comes into the Society. Due to the generosity of East Yorkshire Motor Services we have obtained seating for use on Sun, which will facilitate this. A number of



applications have been submitted for grants to allow completion of the vessel. More news in the next newsletter.

Volunteers?

The Society is still needing to recruit a replacement Secretary, to act as a Trustee and to support the meetings of the Society and deal with correspondence and general administration. We have been fortunate that Jeremy Hartill has taken on the role of Minutes Secretary and hence this reduces the workload. In addition we have a vacancy for a Trustee following Tony Hardwidge's decision to step down from this role and as Deputy Chair. If anyone is interested in these roles, or would like an informal chat please contact Iain Campbell via the barge.

Officers of the Society

Chair – Iain Campbell

Treasurer – Brian Holmes

Trustees – Bill Cooper, Eddie Cunningham, Bill Gillyon, Alf MacLean, Jennie Pinchbeck, Stuart Pinchbeck, .

Skipper – Tony Hardwidge

Membership and Assistant Treasurer Pat Hardwidge

Maintenance Officer – Dave Tullock

Publicity – Barry Freeman

Minutes – Jeremy Hartill

Crewing on the Boats.

One of the ways that you can be involved in the Society is through crewing the vessels. Syntan normally has a crew of 4, the skipper needing to have an MCA Boatmaster's qualification. Sun will probably have a crew of 3 -4 people, with a skipper with a minimum of RYA Inland Waterways Helmsman and Mermaid a crew of 2 -3 with the Skipper with a minimum Inland Helmsman Qualification.

Visitor Moorings on the Beck

Work is nearing completion on the installation of Service Bollards on the Beck. This will provide 4 visitor moorings with an electricity and water supply, as well as providing the Society with with the long-awaited services for both Syntan and Sun, which should reduce or eliminate the need to run the generator whilst moored. At the same time the formal mooring agreement for the Society's vessels to moor at Cranehill Wharf is being finalised.



Syntan in Print

Since the last newsletter photographs of Syntan have appeared in the following publications

Waterways World – June Edition – article on River Foss

IWA Bulletin – Beck Tidy

IWA East Yorkshire Newsletter Wolds Waters re Beck Tidy

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