

# The Beverley Barge Preservation Society

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## Beckside News

April - June 2017

It has been rather a long period of time without publishing and circulating a newsletter, most of our activities have been posted on social media and our website but we are aware that not all of our members have access to this. The Society has now decided to resurrect the seasonal Beckside News to summarise the activities of the Society and give you an insight into our plans for the following season. Here goes.....

Members and Volunteers have been busy all year maintaining the vessels which included putting Syntan into the drydock.....



.....before



during.....



.....after

**BBPS and Humber Keel and Sloop Preservation Society** held a joint open day on Saturday 8th April 2017. Everyone had chance to visit the historic boats on Beverley Beck meet the crews and have a chat.

The vessels open to the public were:

*'Amy Howson' – Humber Sloop – built Beverley 1914*

*'Comrade' – Humber Keel – built New Holland 1923*

*'Syntan' – Barge - built Paull 1949*

*'Sun' – Mud Hopper/Maintenance Boat – built Goole 1960*



**Sun** trips have been very successful so far this year and plenty of bookings for the rest of the season. The open trips have become very popular resulting in the Society having to include some more dates.

On the 9th September we have 8 left.



East Yorkshire Motor Services have kindly donated some more seats, this time we have fitted them in **Mermaid** and intend to run short trips along the Beck on the

first Sunday of every month



throughout the summer.....



We had the pleasure of welcoming aboard **Syantan** Judy Saunders and her 97 year old mother Betty Grimes on Sunday 4th June 2017. Betty is pictured here using our newly installed stair lift.



The stair lift was purchased by the Society and fitted by our members.

A big thank-you to the WJ Group who are supplying us with new shirts for our crew members which will be available for a photo shoot very soon.....



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### Future Events:

The Society will be supporting the N.U.R.S.E. Charity Raft Race on 22nd July 2017 where **Sun** will be present serving Tea & Coffee.



**Syantan** will be attending the Hull Folk Festival between 21st and 23rd July 2017 at Hull Marina and the Folk Sail at the Yorkshire Waterways Museum, Goole between 29th and 30th July 2017.



The Wheelhouse on **Sun** is undergoing major refurbishment.



All the Vessels have new flags and bunting kindly donated by one of our Trustees.



**Members Meetings** are to be held aboard **Syantan**, who will be moored on the Beck at 7:30pm on the following dates:

- 13th July 2017
- 10th August 2017 (AGM)
- 14th September 2017

*Everyone is welcome aboard.....*



Party time aboard **Syantan** in May 2017



# 2017 WORLD BARGE PULLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Barge Pullers from around the World

are invited to

**Beverley Beck, HU17 0GG**

on

**Sunday 24th September 2017**

**10am - 4pm**



Teams of four men, women or mixed will compete against each other to pull **MV Syntan**

from a standing start for a distance of 200m and pull themselves into the record books.

**Fastest Team - £200**

**Best Fancy Dress - £100**

Preparations are well under way for this years World Barge Pulling Championships. Teamac have donated £500, D3 have donated the paper for the promotional leaflets and Sure Powder Coatings are allowing us the use of their photocopier. Stall holders are being recruited for the event and we are pleased to have Fabricraft and Rageddy Sam as confirmed. We also intend to ask local businesses to adorn the Beck with banners (for a fee) to help raise funds for the maintenance of the vessels. All funds from the raffle will go towards wheelchair access for Sun.



## Raffle Tickets

£1 each available now on

## Syntan

Beverley Beck, HU17 0GG

every Sunday between 11am - 3pm

## Win a Day Trip

for twelve people on

## Sun



*plus many more prizes to be won*



A big thank-you to S & P Fabrications for donating the £200 prize for the fastest team.



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## How can you help?

As a charity we are dependent on the efforts of our volunteers. The Society is proud of its achievements and we wish to share them with other people not least because one of our aims is to educate the public. To this end if there are volunteers on the barges we will always allow people to look round the vessels if it is safe to do so. Syntan and the other vessels are open to the public each Sunday during the summer between 11am and 3pm. In order to ensure the comfort and safety of both volunteers and the public, we endeavour to always have at least two members on the vessel at any one time.

We therefore need volunteers to open up the vessels, show visitors around and answer questions both about the vessels and the activities of the Society. You do not need to know all about the vessels, you will soon learn the answers to most of common questions asked and newbies will be teamed up with the more knowledgeable volunteers until you are confident to take the lead role. A rota is present on Syntan so please pop along, show your support and add your name to the rota.

No matter how many volunteers we have we still need funds to maintain the vessels and The World Barge Pulling Championships is aimed at this. We are having cotton tote bags printed, which should be on sale from 1st July 2017, Stall holders are donating £5 each and we aim to target local businesses to erect their banners for a fee of £50 each. Tea and coffee will also be available. We have also organised the printing of raffle tickets, the main prize being a trip on Sun for twelve people - we now need help to gather raffle prizes from any contacts our members have and also sell as many as we can. Funds from the raffle will be solely for the purchase and installation of passenger lift on Sun allowing disabled people and their carers to enjoy a trip down the river.

Each trip must have an appropriately certificated skipper and a competent crew. Syntan will normally have a crew of four, Sun three and Mermaid two. why not volunteer for this as no experience is required, you will learn from the Skipper and the other crew members and also have a great day out.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Iain Campbell

Chairman

