



Thames Sailing Barge Trust Newsletter

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PARISH NOTICES

EDITOR: please send all contributions by email to editor@bargetrust.org or contact me on 0775 243 5742. I would appreciate anything for December by about 20 November. Please also note that I do not dispatch the newsletter. Any corrections to names and addresses should be notified to Brian Dawson.

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AGM

Just a reminder that the AGM is on 28 November 2009 at 11.30 a.m at The Little Ship Club, Maldon. There is an optional lunch afterwards - and the chance to meet the committee and other Trust members, and learn the latest on the appeal for funds for Pudge.

2010 Subscriptions

These are of course due on 1 January but I am getting a plug in now as early payment always helps the cash flow planning. The rates are £30 for full Maritime Members, £45 for couples, and £15 for Veterans and Associates. If you would like to pay by standing order (not Direct Debit as costs do not permit) please let me know and I will arrange it. I can be contacted on iqcsecurity@netcom.co.uk or 01353 614096. Please send cheques to 8 Birch Close, Ely, Cambs CB7 4TJ. Thank you in anticipation of your prompt response.

PUDGE DIARY DATE:

24 April 2010.

Trust member Richard Johnson of Iken Hall Farm, Suffolk has stepped up to the mark and is arranging a very special evening. 24 April 2010 is still subject to confirmation but the venue is one of the most secret and beautiful places in England. His own barge, Dinah, is moored there, and Snape Maltings can be seen through the rushes across the river Alde. Richard says "We can't just put our hands out for grants, or expect the hard-worked committee to do all the work. We, the members, have to be imaginative". Richard is making no charge for the venue or all his or his staff's hard work, and he has engaged a splendid speaker, music and a buffet. Accommodation is available at considerable discount for members wishing to make a weekend of it. Watch this space for further details.

PUDGE FINANCES

There is not much to report at the moment other than to tell you that the Appeal Fund now stands at £20,500 thanks to donations that are still coming in. As I reported before, this fund is "ring-fenced" as regards routine Trust expenditure but with an estimated £100,000 to £120,000 to find, we have work to do and as will be reported further at the AGM, our Fund Raising efforts are now enhanced by the establishment of a small team thanks to members volunteering to help. It would seem unlikely that Pudge will be in commission next season but we are looking at a number of possible static uses which will help to fund the necessary maintenance in the meantime. As always we will do our best to keep you informed on progress, but of course, the Appeal Fund remains very much open if you feel able to contribute.

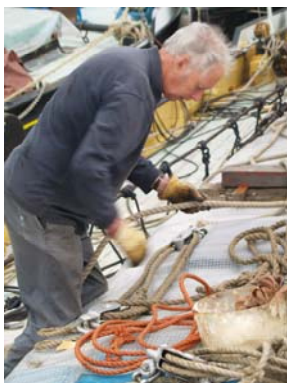
Brian Dawson.

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WHERE ARE THE TROPHIES?

I know these things shouldn't happen - but they do! The fact is we have lost track of some of our trophies. These are given for prowess at photography or at writing prose or other services to the Trust. If you have one of our trophies please contact me or any member of the committee or bring it along to the AGM. If you have taken any barging photographs lately that you think may be worthy of an accolade, bring them along to the AGM, after which we shall have a photo judging session.

Gary Butler



WINTER WORKING WEEKENDS

NOV	1	14/15	28/29
DEC	12/13		
JAN 2010	9/10	23/24	
FEB	6/7	20/21	
MARCH	6/7	20/21	
APRIL	3/4/5 Easter	17/18 rig out h/w 15.00	24/25 Shakedown sail

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

John Morgan wrote to advise us of the Greater London Industrial Archaeological Society (GLIAS) www.glias.org.uk which occasionally has matters of interest to the Barge Trust. On 16 December there is a magic lantern show "A Short Journey Down the Thames" by the Rotherhithe & Bermondsey Local History Group: www.kingstairs.com/rotherhithe. Responding to Ruth Groves's letter in October (issue 61) he replies "Anyone that is curious about the history of the TSBC/TSBT will find answers in the booklet "The Golden Chaffcutter". I am sure there are still lots of copies left for sale. The author, David Wood, has encyclopaedic knowledge of the history of all barges right up-to-date, and could tell you what happened to all the barges formerly owned by the Trust."

MALDON REGATTA

Thank you very much to all those who helped make the Maldon Regatta a most enjoyable day. To those who could not make it: perhaps we will see you next time. Cash raised by the Barge Trust at the Maldon Regatta was as follows:

Tea & cakes	£163.20
Peter Roberts' books	£ 44.50
Slop Chest	£151.60
Donations	£199.10
TOTAL	£558.40
Supplies for teas, coffee lunches	-£ 29.24
TOTAL	£529.16

Best Regards, Vince

CHARTERS AND TRUST SAILING FOR 2010

Andrew Berry and David Gibson have started to plan for next year's sailing programme. Unfortunately Pudge will not be available next season, so Centaur will be used for both Charter and Trust sailing; more information about Centaur's schedule over the next month or so, but if you want to charter on specific dates, it is best to contact David sooner rather than later. It is a sad fact of sailing life that even in a recession, operating costs continue to rise, and accordingly we have increased Trust sailing and charter rates by around 4%. Hopefully some of the additional income will find its way into the Pudge restoration fund.

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