



# Friends of PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

2008 is well under way and things are beginning to happen at FoP. As you will see this year we are going to attempt the 'Below the Sea Tour' again, it was very disappointing to abort last year's trip so we have decided to try again. Please help Richard by letting him know when you can crew the boats.

With this letter you will be getting notice of the year's AGM. We are sorry that you have not been given more notice, owing to technical problems we have had to bring the date forward by a couple of weeks. The committee has had major problems over the past few months especially in the communications field. We would like to ask if there is anyone out there who could help producing our Newsletter. We aim to produce four editions a year, one of which is the annual '195'. The time needed is not great but we feel we need a member who will concentrate on this task rather than have other duties.

Next year is a very important one for our beloved 'President' - 100 years old. We would like to plan a great year for the boat, which in turn will create a lot of publicity for the Museum. We will be kicking off the 2009 celebrations on the May Bank Holiday with a party at the Museum. We will be going to the Braunston Boat Gathering in June. For the rest of the year we would like to get your input so following the AGM we are hold a workshop so you can give us your ideas. Let's make it a year to remember!

Please try and make it to the AGM and I look forward to seeing you then.

Best wishes

David Powell  
Chairman

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A further update from your Secretary.

You will find enclosed the following documents:

**Membership Renewal Letters**

Please check your details, if you have an e-mail address, please let me know as we are then able to provide last minutes communications to you.

If you currently don't pay by standing order, please think about it. It saves both you and me a lot of hassle every year.

If you don't intend to renew your membership, then I would appreciate early notification so I don't keep sending you reminders.

**AGM Agenda**

Please let me know if you are able to attend by returning the slip at the end of this letter.

**Boating Programme**

This both provides information about this season's programme as well as soliciting details of who want to crew and when. Please return to me with your AGM responses or directly to Richard Thomas.

And finally:

As our new Sales organiser, I had a request from Neil Ratcliffe to include the following:

In the next mailing to the members, is there any chance of including a request for photos that could be used for display purposes on the stand at events.

I am planning a new look stand and more photos would be nice, of the boats in use or laid up when being worked on, both for President and Kildare.

Either brought to the AGM or sent to me.

\*\*\*\*\* Detach and return to Nick Haynes \*\*\*\*\*

**AGM Response**

Name:

I will/will not be attending the AGM on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at BCLM

I will/will not requiring a buffet lunch