

Friends of PRESIDENT



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Current total : £72.07p from 8,020 searches

By shopping online via <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fop>
Current total : £498.01p from 30 registered supporters

Website : <http://nb-president.org.uk/>

Editorial

Welcome to the latest edition. I was pleased by all the responses to the anagrams that I set last month, more than any other competition that I've put in, but everyone said that they had figured out which canals they all were. So I've made it more difficult this month, more later.

Did anybody spot the BCLM and *President* in BBC's Victorian Bakery series? You never know when or where things may appear.

If you have ever wondered what got the committee into boating and FoP, we have a new series starting this month with our Chairman. Rest of committee take note, you will be getting a request, or you can send me your entry before then.

Kildare News

Email updates from Dave Stott for the last two work parties.

Sat 16th January - in attendance Tony Tibbins, Alan Ward, Steve Kirk, Nick Haynes, Bob Crompton and grandson Nathan, and me.

The focus of the work was the floor. Whilst all the boards are now cut and fitted, the various units had to be positioned to determine where the lift out panels would be cut. When this is complete – hopefully next Saturday all the boards will be lifted and the cut edges will be sealed before the final positioning and fixing. The lift out sections can then be removed during the winter to allow the bilge to breathe.

Next things on the list - all the electrical circuits to be installed, the galley to be fitted and plumbed in, the new water circuit and filtering unit fitted, new cooker fitted, fridge fitted, crew kit storage unit fitted, bathroom fitted and plumbed in, side cloths re-sealed, back cabin fitted out, etc, etc, etc.

Then we start on *President* which is looking very sad!!!

Dave Stott

Sat 23rd - in attendance -Tony Tibbins, Steve Kirk, Jim Garrett, Dave Upton, Chris Walker and me.

The focus of the work was cleaning all the saw dust and drying the bottom. All the floor boards were then sealed where they had been cut. Steve cut the last cut out of the floor in the bathroom area. To explain – each floor board, 11 of them, will have a lift up section to enable the bilge to be inspected and to enable air to be circulated during the winter months. The next task will be to secure the fixed boards. Then the fitting out can start.

Dave Stott

The next work party will be the 6th February. As you can see from the above, there is still a lot of work to be done before the boats can be used, so if you would like to help, please let Dave know, I'm sure he would be pleased to hear from you. If you haven't attended one before, it is a good way to get to know the boats and meet some other members.

Fundraising

The usual methods have brought in an extra £9.23p during January, so the total now stands at £570.08p

I have asked in a couple of previous editions of 195 whether anybody had any suggestions for fundraising, but nothing has been received. So here is one of mine.

A calendar showing a year in the life of *President*, with a photo, or photos, of somewhere the boat had been during that month. With trips to Liverpool, Crick, Braunston, Audlem and weekends at the Museum, there is plenty of scope for the photos. There is also the preparation for the start of the season, training weekends and the removal of the boiler towards the end of the year.

Obviously it wouldn't raise any money until next year, the calendar would be for 2018. It might be possible to find sponsors to cover the printing costs, maybe a prize for the best photo(s) for each month and overall.

If any member has any views, suggestions, or even photos for January, let me know and it can be discussed at the next committee meeting on 24th February.

Committee Profile

Name:- Nick Haynes Position:- Chairman since 2010

First Boated:- 1976, hire boat, Gailey to Chester return.

Joined FoP:- 1989 – funded by left over beer kitty when boating with the then Membership Secretary.

First Crewed :- 1992 – trip back from Nottingham to the Museum., Captain Eddie Oades, Driver George Hopkins, Crew Keith Norfolk, Steve Downing.

Joined Committee:- 2000 as Membership Secretary.

Most Memorable Experience:- 2012- Must be everything to do with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Pageant. From being part of the Staffordshire organising Committee, getting the boats ready, trip down to London, the actual Pageant itself and then the trip back to the Museum. Then to cap it all we carried the Olympic Torch.

Crewing 2016 (from crewing secretary, Chris Walker)

Thank you to all members who have responded promptly and volunteered to crew this year.

Predictably there have been many more volunteers than required for the trips to Liverpool and Audlem, and very few for the more regular trips! I will be contacting some members shortly to see if they can perhaps alter their dates to an alternative trip.

I have been contacted by some members who have expressed great enthusiasm for crewing but have not sent a completed form yet!!

I am aiming to publish the initial crewing list week commencing 14th Feb so that crewing members can firm up their diaries for this year.

As you may be aware FoP are looking to encourage more members to join us, and to this end we have an advert appearing in the March issues of *Waterways World* and the IWA magazine *Waterways*.

The two skills training weekends 9th/10th and 16th/17th April are for potential new members to see what is involved and for any existing members who wish to get a bit more experience before crewing on one of the trips. If interested, potential new members come along for one of these days to see what is involved, it may encourage them to join us.

Is there someone you know who may like to join? Ask them to get in touch with me if they want more information.

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Membership Matters

Welcome to our first new member of 2016 - No 610 - Steve Swailes, Hertford.

Cheque payments have been arriving during the month, please don't forget if you are going to pay by this method but haven't done so yet. PayPal facilities were available on our website again recently but some members have said that they are having problems with the site, so you might find it available.

Once I get a copy of January's bank statement I will know who has paid by standing order. The complete list of those that have paid will then be sent to the crewing secretary, Chris, so that he knows whether any volunteers for this year haven't paid. So if you want to crew this year, make sure you pay your subs.

Website News

More problems are being experienced by some members, so as I said earlier, PayPal may be available again.

Anagrams

A lot of members let me know that they had solved them all, and no-one failed, or at least owned up to it. Just in case you didn't solve any of them, the answers are below:-

Fleeced shirt - Chesterfield	Gnaws red tern - Grand Western
Legendary snowy tins - Wyrley and Essington	Nine men wail - New Main Line
No pushier rhinos - Shropshire Union	Nun in jet cow - New Junction
Old rails enveloped - Leeds and Liverpool	Rain on dung - Grand Union
Switchboard manger miner - Worcester and Birmingham	Told fancy herd - Forth and Clyde

Going by the number of claimed successes, I obviously didn't make it hard enough, so I've got another list of ten anagrams, this time each one has more than one canal name. As before, the word 'canal' does not appear. Good luck.

more hens brand advancements	no mandatory tangent men then
gnat undertaken hand ban move	brass pigs lend internet work
walled woman sails nasal line	nonstop adventurers tap font
lad undid idiotic chairwomen	lamplight antenna moan gallon
metalworker elevates day flap	forwarding debts casts wafer

That's all for this month - **Neil**