

# Friends of PRESIDENT



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### **Help raise funds for Friends of President**

By searching the internet using <http://fop.easysearch.org.uk/>  
Current total : £89.65p from 9,599 searches

By shopping online via <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fop>  
Current total : £646.51p from 31 registered supporters

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

## **Editorial**

A brief 195 this month just to update on a few things. Firstly our chairman, Nick, has taken over as Membership Secretary, but as yet nobody has shown their head above the parapet to take on the editor's job. As I mentioned last month, the September edition is the last that I will be producing, including the print edition for those not on email.

If you feel that you would like to become the editor, please contact me. It doesn't have to be a monthly edition, it could be every two or three months, but it is something that I feel we should have to keep members informed. If I could I would have continued but I need a break from it for a time. So please consider the role.

## **Work Parties**

This was received from Dave Stott half way through July, with later alterations.

Hi gang. Whilst we are still waiting for news of funds for the boiler there is a work to be done on *President*.

We have been advised by Ade –he replaced *President's* shoeing and recaulked the boards, that he is concerned that there are signs that some of the bottom boards may be going soft which is the start of rot from the top of the boards. Therefore on his advice we are going to remove the ballast, pressure wash the boards and paint the inside of the hull. Ade will then inspect and report any concerns. The boards will then be treated with a water based chemical which should eliminate any fungi etc that cause wood to rot.

The boiler room and the engine room require painting. The first coat of grey has been applied.

I intend holding work parties on Thursdays and Saturdays for the next few weeks. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you notify me if you can attend a given work party and also to please check your emails before leaving home in case it has been cancelled.

Also security at the museum has changed. External locks have been changed and the tensor cards which operated the electric gates and barrier have been withdrawn.

Nick has negotiated with the museum to enable us to issue keys to KEY personal – this will be done over the coming weeks. The new “key fob “ which will operate the vehicle access gates will be held on *Kildare*. I apologise if this change causes problems when you attend a work party but it will sort itself out very quickly.

Now dates. Thursday 20th July, Saturday 22nd July, Thursday 27th July, Thursday 3th August, Thursday 10th August.

Please let me know if you can attend and always check your emails before attending. ( Sorry I'm not into face book etc etc)

best wishes to all

Dave

I'm not sure how much of the above has been completed because I have not received any reports.

## **Fundraising**

Still no change to the easysearch figures, these haven't altered since the May edition of 195. So the only increase is in the easyfundraising figures. This has increased by £2.70 this month, bringing the total to £646.51p.

## **Membership Matters**

We have one new member to welcome this month:-

636 - Michael Abbott, Bristol.

## **Media mentions**

*President* and the Friends of *President* are mentioned in the reports of the Braunston gathering in the latest editions of *Towpath Talk* and *Waterways World*.

Also in an advertising feature in the centre pages of *The Tillergraph* for different boatyards, Oxford Cruisers are using a close up photo of the stern ends of *President & Kildare*.

## **Other News**