

Friends of PRESIDENT



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All items for inclusion in the newsletter to be sent to the editor, contact details above.

Help raise funds for Friends of President

By searching the internet using <http://fop.easysearch.org.uk/>
Current total : £87.90p from 9,419 searches

By shopping online via <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fop>
Current total : £607.99p from 30 registered supporters

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

Editorial

Welcome to the latest and slightly delayed edition of 195. It was delayed because our President and Chairman were meeting with the Black Country Living Museum to sort out plans for the boats. Nick's account follows in the President News section.

Included with this newsletter is your official notification of our AGM next month. The agenda and accounts are at the end. Look forward to seeing those that attend.

There are still some members that haven't sent their membership renewal to me, this will be the last 195 that you receive if I don't receive your renewal.

President News

Update on *President's* outstanding maintenance

Today, March 2nd, Dave Powell and myself had a meeting with the museum with the objective of confirming the outstanding work and how it could be funded.

Items of work discussed: -

Docking and Inspection of *President's* bottom and any work needed

Prior to the meeting, Dave had done some investigations and we proposed the following solution, which was accepted.

President will be picked up by Laurence Williams, on his way back from Ellesmere Port after Easter, and taken to the Grendon Dry Dock at Alvecote Marina. Once there the boiler and ballast will be removed and *President* docked. The bottom will be inspected and any remedial work undertaken. This work will be funded by FoP. We may also take the opportunity to start the preparation of the cabin paintwork ready for later painting.

Painting

We are still looking at solutions and hope to have some news shortly.

Boiler Work

This is the item that is currently on hold and the main reason of today's meeting. We have already had quotes and identified where the work will be done, and are just waiting for funds to become available. Whilst the Museum do not have the funds currently, they have now allocated one of their Development Team to focus on finding the necessary external funding for this work.

They are very positive that they can raise the funds and we discussed what added value we could offer to any sponsors, the initiative kicked off by Will Derbyshire with the JCB Academy to try and involve six form students from the college in the maintenance and running of *President* is an example of what we can do.

We also discussed the need to pass on the skills we have learnt over the years to new members to ensure the future viability of Friends of President.

We have set a provisional target of being in steam at the Museum for the Boaters Gathering at the end of September. Dave will liaise with the Museum with details of previous funding sources.

This does mean that there will be no boating programme this year, but we intend to have the sales stand at Crick and hoping we can plan some attendance at Braunston.

Fundraising

The total amount raised by the crowd funding organised by David Powell was £441.75p.

The amount raised so far by easyfundraising and easysearch is £695.89p, split between easyfundraising (£607.99p) and easysearch (£87.90p).

Membership Matters

Two more new members have signed up during February, welcome to you both.

628 - Paul Stanley, Birmingham 629 - Sebastian Edwards, Walsall

If you haven't renewed yet, please do so. This will be your last 195 if you don't.

Museum News

Have you ever fancied walking on hot coals? The museum are organising a charity firewalk on Thursday April 20th. Full details can be found on the BCLM's website, follow this link:-

<http://www.bclm.co.uk/events/charity-firewalk/3730.htm>

Other News

An article in the latest Towpath Talk says that funding has now been secured for a conservation programme for the FMC butty *Northwich*, based at the National Waterways Museum Gloucester. Once the work has been completed, the boat will be preserved in conditions that allow her to be displayed for the enjoyment and understanding of museum visitors.

On a personal note, I was on the crew of *President* when she towed *Northwich* to Gloucester in 1988, doesn't time fly.

Competition Result

I did receive two correct answers to the petition about what was wrong in the photo of *Kildare's* cabin side. To put those who didn't spot it, the answer is that the fleet number is wrong, the 276 should be 274.

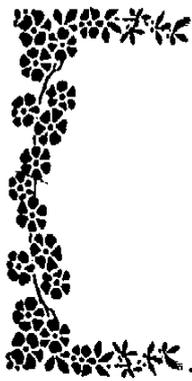
Well that's all for a shortened 195 this month. Please bear in mind that if the boats aren't going anywhere there won't be any trip reports, so I'll need other items to fill up 195 each month. No items - no newsletter.

A quick one-liner that I read the other day that appealed to me:-

Just seen a dyslexic Yorkshire man wearing a cat flap.

That's all for this month

Neil



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Annual General Meeting

Saturday 22 April 2017

14:00-15:30 in the Stables Café AT THE BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the 2016 AGM
3. Matters arising
4. Other Formal Motions Received
5. Chairman's Report
6. Engineering Department Report
7. Membership Report
8. Black Country Museum Report
9. Financial Statement
10. Sales/Fund Raising
11. Election of Officers and Committee for 2017/2018

Officers

President
Honorary Vice President - vacant
Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Chief Engineer – (will be appointed by the Museum)

Committee

5 other members

To include: Crew and Membership Secretaries

12. Any other Business

Please make every effort to attend and let the Secretary, Janet Ramsay, know whether or not you intend to be at the AGM. All replies regarding attendance should be sent to her by email at fopsecretary195@gmail.com or by post at 34 Beech Terrace, Preston, PR1 8DQ

If you have any matters which you would like to raise in Any Other Business, please send an outline of the topic to the Secretary. Formal Motions should also be sent to the Secretary as should nominations for either an Officer or member of the Committee. All items should be sent by email or post to the addresses given above and should be received by Saturday 8 April 2017.

FRIENDS OF PRESIDENT

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st December 2016

General Account

	2016		2015	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Subscriptions	1511		1515	
Crew Contributions	219			
Interest received	45		119	
Easy Fundraising	108		75	
Transfer from boat account	4000			
		5883		1709
Expenditure				
Membership of other societies	86		74	
Printing postage stationery & general expenses	173		170	
Boat fittings and consumables	3915		2888	
		4174		3132
Surplus		1709		-1423
Accumulated balance brought forward		4636		6059
Accumulated balance carried forward		<u>6345</u>		<u>4636</u>

Boat Account

Income				
Donations fundraising events and sales		2216		3664
Expenditure				
Cost of fundraising and sales	714		1579	
Donation to BCLM			9250	
Transfer to general fund	4000			
		4714		10829
Surplus/deficit		-2498		-7165
Accumulated balance brought forward		7495		14660
Accumulated balance carried forward	£	<u>4997</u>	£	<u>7495</u>

Summary of Funds

	£	£
General account	6345	4636
Boat account	4997	7495
Engine appeal account	-2087	-2087
	£ <u>9255</u>	£ <u>10044</u>

Represented by:-

Barclays/Standard Life Bank account	4225	7179
National Westminster Bank account	4697	638
Unity Trust	-	1570
Stock of goods in hand	333	657
	£ <u>9255</u>	£ <u>10044</u>

I hereby certify that this Income and expenditure account is in accordance with the records and information

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D. Morton ACA

21/3/17

Date