

Friends of President

Newsletter

PRESIDENTS 90th BIRTHDAY

January 1999

BOATING PROGRAMME

1999

22nd-28th May	BCLM - Braunston
29th-31st May	Braunston Boat Show
31st May-5th June	Braunston- BCLM
21st August	BCLM-Gloucester
21st-27 August	Gloucester- Worcester
27th-30th August	National Waterways Festival
30th Aug-4th Sept	Worcester-BCLM
25th-26th Sept	BCLM Boaters Gathering

**Crew needed for all these trips
and the BCLM's Canal Alive Week-
ends please send your form to**

WORKING PARTIES

Not of jobs need to done so working
parties will be held on the Weekends of

6th & 20th February

6th & 20th March

Accommodation available on Friday
and Saturday nights.

Contact Ron Spencer

0161 980 3539

Your boats need YOU!!!

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL MEMBERS OF FRIENDS OF PRESIDENT

On behalf of all members of the committee I would like to wish fellow members a happy and prosperous 1999

This coming year is yet again a very important one for the boat and our society. It has been a poor year for communications and I am sorry we have had a break in the publication of 195. We now have a new editor in Geoff Dean who has taken on the roll of publicity officer. Geoff has been working on an edition of the magazine and this will be published in the early part of the new year. Every captain should have nominated an official contributor for each trip, however there are many gaps. If you have copies of any articles you have produced that have not been published please let Geoff have a copy. Likewise if you wish to contribute anything to 195 your efforts will be most welcome.

As you can see by the boating programme, we are only planning two trips involving full crewing for just five weeks. In the past year we have found it very difficult to crew the boats and this has meant cancelling some trips and running with very light crews on others. By reducing the number of trips and giving plenty of notice we hope you can take part this season. The Black Country Living Museum has dedicated this year to canal events and we are therefore hoping to man the boats every weekend from Easter up to the Boaters Gathering on September 25/26th. A number of these weekends will be organised as familiarisation events for new crew members. Further details of this and other events will be published in the forthcoming edition of 195.

As usual, before we can use the boats a lot of work has to be done. The bulk of our efforts this year will be on Kildare. A new floor is needed together with a rearranging of some domestic items and the electrics. Both boats are due to be docked at Bradley sometime in April when the hulls will be cleaned and blacked. We will also take the opportunity to inspect the hulls and cure the slight leak on Presidents swim. You are needed to help get this done!

The design of the new engine is moving along steadily and with a bit of luck and a lot of hard work we should be talking about building and then fitting it in the near future. We must not lose sight of the fund raising efforts as we are going to need a lot of dosh - any ideas please contact me.

Finally, I would like to thank all those members who have worked so hard in the past year to keep the boats in the good condition they are in and in advance thank those who are going to volunteer for the working parties and as crew over the next year.

David Powell

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President Web Site

Malcolm Nixon has done some sterling work on a Web site for F.O.P.

Although it is not complete yet he hopes to keep adding to it. It can be found at:-

http://www.users.surfaird.org/~nixonm/president/p_home.htm

Thankyou Malcolm