

# Friends of PRESIDENT

## STEAMING UP CHRISTMAS 2004

We would like to wish all the members of Friends of President  
A Happy Christmas and a Steaming New Year.

Dear Friends

Firstly I would like to apologise for the delay in getting this issue to you. This has been due to a number of circumstances, which would prove to be too long and boring to go through here. In the future it is our plan to produce three editions of 'Steaming Up' during 2005 and one bumper edition of '195' at the end of each season. We all welcome back Keith Rogers and Malcolm Nixon who will be producing '195' and Nigel Wood will continue the 'Steaming Up' news sheet. Neither publication can work without your contributions so get writing and swamp them **in paper or emails**.

The boats have had a very successful year and I would like to congratulate all the crews for their hard work and dedication. With this issue you will receive a copy of the outline boating programme for 2005. Richard needs your names as soon as possible to ensure that we can fulfil this programme - you are welcome and I am sure you will enjoy it.

Happy Christmas and a good road to you all for 2005.

David Powell Chairman



Steaming Under Tower Bridge May 10<sup>th</sup> 2004 - Photo Tim Lewis

### Advance Notice Annual General Meeting

This year the AGM will be held at the  
**Black Country Living Museum on  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon**

This will be followed by a buffet lunch (small charge). In the afternoon we plan to hold a crewing seminar for both existing and prospective crewing members.

On the Sunday we will be running one of our familiarisation days for new crew and accommodation will be available on Kildare and in the Brook Street flat. Further details in the New Year.

### Boating Programme 2005

As you will see from this years crewing sheet we have an interesting and exciting programme planned for next year. There are few things worth a few more words. We have been asked to carry the replica castings of the Crystal Palace from the Black Country down to London where they are to be erected on the site of the original Crystal Palace in South London. They were first seen on the BBC 'What the Victorians Did For Us'. We will then be running 'Fly' back to the Blisworth Tunnel celebrations arriving at midday on the Saturday. With the 'National' being at Preston Brook we are taking the opportunity to visit Northwich and President's rescue site via the Anderton Lift! Please let Richard have your completed forms back urgently.

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### Working Parties

There will be working parties throughout the winter please contact Ron Spencer 0161 980 3539 to volunteer.  
First one Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January

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