



National Historic Ships e-News

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL HISTORIC SHIPS

Apply now for Strategic Development Fund

Last year, National Historic Ships gave grants totalling over £76,000 to vessel owners and trusts. We are pleased to say that the scheme is being repeated again this year. We will consider applications for:

- Attending conferences and workshops, through which owners can learn more about the conservation, management, and operation of historic vessels

- Developing personal skills by taking part in training courses and by working alongside traditional boat builders
- Ensuring the long-term sustainability of vessels by buying materials and equipment, surveys, conservation management plans, etc.

Check our website for full details.

Make sure you log on to the right site!

Our old website www.nhsc.org.uk has been taken over by an anonymous individual. It has our original home page, but none of the links work.

Unfortunately, a Google search for 'National Historic Ships' brings up the old site before our new one.

Please ensure that you select the correct website for us:

www.nationalhistoricships.org.uk



Western Belle goes north

Western Belle was built in 1935 by Fellows & Co. in Great Yarmouth. She had a long career on the River Dart before coming up to the Thames in 2000. The photograph here shows her tied up to the PLA jetty at Denton Wharf, on her way to Dover Weather permitting, she will leave the south coast on 14th July and arrive in Maryport four days later. Here she will be restored, and it is planned that she will eventually operate on Ullswater.

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New committee member for Scotland



Jane Ryder has been selected as the Advisory Committee's representative for Scotland. A qualified solicitor, Jane was for many years a partner in a specialist maritime practice in Edinburgh.

From 1995 to 2003, she was the Director of the Scottish Museums Council and was the Scottish

Board member of the Council for Museums, Archives and Libraries.

In December 2003, she was appointed as the first ever Charity Regulator in Scotland.

She has a long and active interest in historic ships and was a member of the National Historic Ships Committee, 1999-2003.

New to the Register

The following craft were added to the National Register of Historic Vessels during the last financial year 2007-08:

ASRP1218 (pinnace) ; *Atlas* (narrow boat); *Avon* (RASC Fast Launch); *Banstead* (narrow boat) ; *Bellatrix* (narrow boat); *Billy Bray* (Looe Lugger) ; *Britannia* (tug) ; *Capricorn* (narrow boat); *Concretian* (concrete barge) ; *Dove* (narrow boat) ; *Dredger 101* (dredger); *Edme* (spritsail barge); *FMC 138* (Joey); *Fountain* (water-carrying barge); *George Haig* (rescue motor launch); *Glad Tidings* (drifter); *Gwenna* (yacht); *Heather Bell* (narrow boat) ; *Henry Frederick Swan* (lifeboat); *Hunt's Kim* (Sheffield keel); *Hyperion* (launch); *Ilkeston* (narrow boat) ; *Johan* (ring netter); *Jubilee* (narrow boat) ; *Juno* (narrow boat); *Leo* (butty boat); *Lyonesse* (lugger); *Malus* (narrow boat) ; *MFV 74*; *Mindsweeper* (minesweeper); *Nansen II* (narrow boat) ; *Nerissa* (yacht); *Nomadic* (ferry/tender); *Nutfield* (narrow boat) ; *Nuthatch* (motor launch); *Orianne* (narrow boat); *Parbold* (Leeds & Liverpool canal longboat); *Penros* (RNLI lifeboat); *Perservance VI* (barge); *Phoenix* (rescue target towing launch); *Phyllis* (Humber sloop); *Saturn* (Shropshire Union flyboat); *Scorpio* (narrow boat) ; *Sculptor* (narrow boat) ; *Sickle* (narrow boat); *Skylark* (narrow boat) ; Southcliffe (Humber keel); *Spey* (motor canal boat tanker); *Spitfire* (canal tug); *St Just* (MFV); *St Vincent* (zulu); *Stanton* (narrow boat); *Syntan* (inland water craft); *The Floss* (barge); *TSR* (Harbour Defence Motor Launch); *Usk* (narrow beam tar boat); *Valeur* (landing craft); *Varlet* (tug); and *Voyageur* (Looe lugger).

Directory of Skills & Services to be put online

Thanks to everyone who participated in the survey organised by Hannah Cunliffe into facilities, services and suppliers throughout the UK which can support the maritime heritage sector.

Although the survey highlighted the limited repair facilities in the UK for certain types of work, it identified over 2000 practitioners in the field, or which 400 suppliers, facilities and services relevant to our sector have agreed to be put on our new web directory.

This directory will be available on line via our website in Autumn this year and will be maintained to ensure that all the information is right up to date.

Robin sets off for Lowestoft

On 14th June, SS *Robin* - the UK's oldest complete steamship - left her home in West India Quay in London's docklands for the first time in 18 years. Work on the Capital's new east-west railway threatened to lock *Robin* in for the next five years, precluding the undertaking of vital work on her hull. Fortunately, the railway builders, Crossrail have offered a £1.9 million loan to the SS Robin Trust to take the vessel to dry dock in Lowestoft.

The works on her hull should be complete in time to see her back in her home berth by the end of the year. She will then be locked in, but secure and stable.

Photo: David Kampfner

