



Friends of Kennet Newsletter

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■ End of Last Season

The end of the season saw a very successful and enjoyable evening of good company, food & drink at the Kennet Reception held at BBC Radio Lancashire which was part of the successful "Mad about Canals" promotion. This included the Sally Naden live chat show which had a lively discussion from a good cross section in the audience, Mike Clarke's heritage talk and an exhibition about the Leeds & Liverpool Canal.

Many thanks to all those who helped, and supported these events, but especially BBC Radio Lancashire, Gaye Gerrard, Mike Clarke and Lesley Yates.

■ HLF update

We have had 2 meetings with Annette (responsible for WOW) at BW in January/February who is completing our learning pack along with a meeting with Mike Carter (Boat Surveyor) who knows the history of Kennet and is helping us with a summary report on Kennet's condition for the Application. A "Kennet Handling Certificate" (see below) which also illustrates our commitment to Training is also being created. Although our original target date for submission of the application was February due to the "unexpected" we are now looking at some point in March.

■ Great News - BW Lease & Acquisition of Kennet

Early in January, BW offered to foreclose our leasing of Kennet in order for us to take early ownership – this has now been agreed, and we are expecting completion shortly.

■ A Big Thank You - Donations

Many thanks to all who have donated to Kennet since the end of last season – sorry this has not been an individual one. The donations received to date amounts to over £700 since the beginning of November compared to £1000 plus last year – so look to making a donation if you haven't so far - **please send a cheque payable to –**

Friends of Kennet, c/o 2 Cross Lane Mill, Bradley, Keighley, BD20 9QB

■ More Good News - Historic Ships Grant

After Christmas we applied for a grant towards Dry Docking Kennet for its Insurance Survey from the Historic Ships Register and have been successful with a grant of £1000.

■ Boatmanship

Many thanks to Ken Watson who is creating a "Kennet Handling Certificate" which will help us structure and manage the training of more "Skippers". This will ensure that we have a wider pool of volunteers who can be in charge for the expected increase in the requirement to move Kennet along the canal.

Let us know if you are interested in joining the ranks and we will keep you posted.



■ Start of the New Season

The new season will soon be upon us and the need to get Kennet de winterised and spruced up ready for our first event in April after a very successful 2010. The mooring at Greenberfield has remained ice free due to the Winterburn feeder which has proved that it is an ideal home mooring for Kennet.



■ Kennet Needs YOU!!!!

The season is starting with a short but hectic period of events from April to the beginning of June east of the Pennines, with a visit to Saltaire to feature in their World Heritage Weekend, the Skipton Waterways Festival and returning to Saltaire for their Arts Trail over the spring bank holiday weekend at the end of May. Obviously this entails a large amount of manning in a short space of time moving Kennet and at the events. Why not come along, enjoy the good company, take the helm, see the canal from a different perspective and meet people from all walks of life at the events.

Timetable:-

- 19th March Working Party at Greenberfield to de-winterise and spruce up Kennet
- Period 9th -14th April Move Kennet from Greenberfield to Saltaire over two or three separate days within this period.
- 15th - 18th April World Heritage event at Saltaire, Kennet provisionally open 10.00 to 16.00 daily
- 19th April Move Kennet from Saltaire to Skipton
- 30th April- 2nd May Skipton Waterways Festival, Kennet provisionally open 12.00 to 17.00 daily – **To help please contact Lynton Childs on 0128 2427950**
- Same weekend Liverpool Heritage Boat Rally – to be confirmed. This will involve a static display by the Leeds & Liverpool Canal Society
- 25th - 27th May Move Kennet from Skipton to Saltaire over one day within this period
- 28th - 30th May Saltaire Arts Trail
- 31st May Move Kennet Saltaire to Skipton
- 5th June Skipton Transport Festival – to be confirmed
- 6th June Move Kennet from Skipton to Greenberfield
- 18th – 25th June Move Kennet from Greenberfield to Burscough over three or four days within this period.
- 26th June Burscough Heritage Day – to be confirmed
- Move Kennet from Burscough to ???
- August Kennet at Worsley Dry Dock
- **- we will keep you posted**

Jobs for the Working Party 19th March:-

- Washing the deck
- Renewing rope on Sheeting
- Repairing Sheeting
- Splicing Mooring Ropes
- Internal Spring Clean
- Modify Gang Plank
- De winterise engine & run up
- De winterise Domestic Water
- Charge Batteries

If you are interested in helping at any of the above please give us a “shout” –

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