



# Friends of Kennet Newsletter

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## ▶ HLF update

The application has now been completed and was submitted to the HLF on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April after the usual last minute collation of data. We are now all on "tender hooks" waiting to hear the outcome which is usually within 10 weeks of the application being submitted. We have applied for a grant of £49.9K which is part of a total spend of £63.5K over a three year period. It should also be noted that HLF required the projected amount of volunteer input over the 3 year period. This amounts to 1723 man days valued at £148.8K based on the HLF's recommended hourly rates. As you can see we have now committed ourselves to the future of Kennet and are looking for your continued support in this venture.

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## ▶ Acquisition of Kennet

We are now the proud owners of Kennet following the formal transfer of ownership from British Waterways to The Leeds and Liverpool Canal Society on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

## ▶ Donations

Donations are still slowly coming in and we have received over £500 from visitors at the first two events of the season. The amount of money required each year just to keep Kennet afloat is £5,000 per year – so please make a donation if you haven't done so this year.

- please send a cheque payable to -

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



## ▶ Saltaire World Heritage Weekend

A very successful start to the season after 2 beautiful days cruising Kennet from Greenberfield to Saltaire. Plenty of water but still managed to get stuck in the head gates at Hirst Wood Lock! This problem stems from an enlargement of the paddle size and in order to fully open the gate the gate paddles must be closed. The number of visitors over the 4 day event was in excess of 850 with a wider cross section of the public attending. During the week end a short film was made and this can be viewed by visiting [www.llcs.org.uk](http://www.llcs.org.uk) Mike Clarke gave a successful and interesting, well received illustrated talk on World Heritage and Canals as part of the Friday evening reception to launch the week end.

## ▶ Skipton Waterways Festival

Another weekend of good weather (albeit windy) which saw Kennet returning to this annual event. Visitor numbers were slightly down on last year, but still topped 1100 which was excellent over the three days. It is clear that the word is being spread about Kennet with visits from Canal Boat Experiences and the Lady Teal Hotel Boat who are both promoting Kennet to their customers and the wider public through the web.



## ▶ Liverpool's Spring on the Waterfront

Although Kennet was unable to attend this event which replaced the proposed Liverpool Boat Show the Society had a stand fronted by Richard Carpenter which publicised both the Leeds & Liverpool Canal Society's focus on heritage and the Kennet Project.

## ▶ Thank You

A big thank you to all the many volunteers that have manned, moved and maintained Kennet in order for the season to get underway and enable the public to enjoy the heritage of Kennet and the World of Canals.

## ▶ Moving Forwards

After these successful events we now look forward to the Saltaire Arts Trail, Burscough Heritage Week and the Weekend Festivities at Crooke. After this Kennet goes to Worsley Dry Dock for a three week period for Survey, appropriate remedial work and hull blacking. In the event of the HLF bid being successful this will also mark the start of Kennet's refurbishment.

### **Timetable:-**

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| → 19 <sup>th</sup> May (Thursday Evening)                           | Move Kennet from Skipton to Bradley   |
| → 21 <sup>st</sup> May (Saturday)                                   | <b>Working Day at Bradley – 10am to 4 pm</b>  |
| → 24 <sup>th</sup> May (Tuesday)                                    | Boat Safety Certification at Bradley  |
| → 27 <sup>th</sup> May (Friday)                                     | Move Kennet from Bradley to Saltaire  |
| → 28 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> May (Saturday – Monday)       | <b>Saltaire Arts Trail – 11am to 5pm</b>  |
| → 31 <sup>st</sup> May (Tuesday)                                    | Move Kennet Saltaire to Bradley   |
| → 4 <sup>th</sup> June (Saturday)                                   | Move Kennet from Bradley to Greenberfield   |
| → 14 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> June (Tuesday - Sunday)       | Move Kennet from Greenberfield to Burscough   |
| → 20 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> June (Monday – Sunday)         | <b>Burscough Heritage Week – School visits Monday to Friday. Saturday &amp; Sunday open to Public</b> |
| → 26 <sup>th</sup> June (Sunday evening)                            | Move Kennet from Burscough to Crooke  |
| → Dates to be confirmed   | <b>Working days to strip out Kennet's Hold dependent on HLF success.</b>                              |
| → Dates to be confirmed   | Move Kennet from Crooke to Worsley  |
| → 31 <sup>st</sup> July – 21 <sup>st</sup> August (Sunday – Sunday) | <b>Kennet on dry dock at Worsley</b>  |

***If you are available at any time to help please contact us-***

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