



Friends of Kennet Newsletter

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Update

After too long a break (sorry) we have plenty to report. Since our last newsletter Kennet has undergone a major change with the following works completed:-

New Service Modules & Display/Media Units. Generator / Invertor / Charger / Battery Bank and 240volt electrics.



We have replaced the hold superstructure with new steel work, latches and roof boards to give a more traditional look. Work is now almost complete on the repainting of the topside and signwriting, in the livery of Canal Transport Ltd, Liverpool which will give Kennet her own new identity. After the new sheets have been fitted, Kennet will come out of Snaygill Boat's New Wide Beam Dry Dock on **Monday 21st May – a day for your diary – come and have a look.**

The New Look

Although Kennet will have a new identity on the outside, there is still much to be done on the inside. First is the completion of new stairs for public access and a 12volt lighting system, followed by all the many jobs left to establish the interior into a welcoming venue for the public and volunteers alike. All this to be complete along with the displays before Kennet leaves Greenberfield for her re-launch/public debut at the Burscough Heritage Weekend.



Kennet Re-Launch to the Public - A major date for your diary

23rd June at Burscough Heritage Weekend

Kennet will start a new chapter in her history. It is 65 years since she was built at Yarwoods and entered service with Canal Transport Limited, Liverpool.

You could say that this is the start of her "retirement" but we are looking for this period to be much more. The new chapter is to develop Kennet's learning facilities while on her travels to establish our goal of an interactive floating museum by 2014.

On the Day

- 10-30am – Photo calls
- 11-30am – Official opening and VIP reception
- 1-00pm to 4-30pm - Open to the public
- 5-30pm – Friends of Kennet "Get Together"

Sunday 24th June

11-00am to 4-00pm – Open to the public

Monday 25th June

Visit by Burscough Primary School



SUMMER SEASON

→ 21st & 22nd July

→ August

→ End of August

→ 7th - 8th September

→ 14th – 16th September

Preston Riversway Festival – if you want to take part telephone – 0779308862

Kennet visits Liverpool Docks

Joint event with Red Rose Forest – Pennington Flash

Burnley Waterways Festival

Joint open weekend with the Hyndburn Heritage and Community Group

→ We are also looking at other potential short stops on route to broaden our connections for future years.

Thanks

As you can imagine to achieve all what we have in less than a year there has been a great number of volunteer hours – Approx 4000 to date. There are obviously too many to mention by name but they all know who they are – A BIG THANK YOU.

We would also like to thank our Suppliers of Services for going the extra mile –

Paul Lorenz – Bedord Basin

Marine Surveys Ltd.

Worsley Dry Docks

Keir Baxter & Debbie

Merritt & Fryers Ltd

Pennine Cruisers

T. E. Services

Snaygill Boats

Acetarc Engineering

Dyson Doors

Running Costs

Although we have received our HLF grant which has made the Kennet Project achievable (for which we are very grateful) it is important to appreciate that all the running costs for Kennet are being raised through the Leeds & Liverpool Canal Society / Friends of Kennet.

What are the running costs? - £3600 per year or £70 per week

How are we to achieve this? – Donations, Sponsorship, Grants from other sources

Do you have a connection with a business, organisation, local council or other potential donors/sponsors?

Please contact –

Email: friendsofkennet@gmail.com

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Donations (checks payable to “Friends of Kennet”) to-

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

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