



GALLEY RADIO



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A very warm welcome to 2016 to all our readers. I hope that you had a lovely Christmas and had a Happy New Year. If your resolution was a dry January you are now well and truly over it! 2016 is shaping up to be a very busy year for the United Towing and Salvage Society and we hope that there will be something for everybody. In the future the Galley Radio will be limited to fewer pages and will just concentrate on giving the latest news etc.



We have been thinking for some time about ways to publicise the Society and the Kingston pub on Trinity Square where we hold our social meetings. Landlords Mark and Lisa have been very good to us over the years. If you have been there you may have noticed the big flagpole above the door facing the square. We wondered about having the Society flag flown from it. At the moment the square is in total upheaval as they get ready for the City of Culture 2017.

The Square and Holy Trinity Church is going to be a real focal point for the celebration of the arts and the City of Hull. The Kingston pub is in a prime spot to benefit from this. We had been wondering about how we could refurbish the flagpole as there is no halyard at the moment.

In the end, with the permission of Mark and Lisa, we contacted Marston's Brewery and met the local representative. We outlined what we wanted and argued that it would be good for the pub as well as the Society. The local 'area manager' saw the potential and agreed to pass this on to the next level. I'm not sure whether that is the recycling bin, but we will follow it up and hopefully will have more to report soon. We already have a flag to fly and it would be good to see it flying from such a handsome flagpole as the one at the Kingston Hotel pub.



The old United Towing Offices on Nelson Street are now owned by a law firm that specialises in marine matters. Society member Nev Gray contacted them following a local history open day, to see if they would be interested in having a commemorative plaque. The partners of the firm Myton Law agreed and the wheels were put in motion. The plaque has been produced and looks magnificent. We are now trying to set a date for the handover. It will only be visible when inside the offices, but we are hoping that the presentation will make the press.



We now have more than 60 members. United Towing and Salvage Society members can be found the length and breadth of Britain, from Cornwall to Scotland, and on a couple of other continents too. If you know anybody else that may be interested in joining please let us know and we can contact them directly, or please pass them the membership form attached with this Galley Radio. Hopefully all are aware that our Honorary President is Charlie Noble MBE, but I thought I would give a list of a few other names on our books. If there is somebody you have lost touch with and wish to reconnect then please drop me a line and I will pass on your details to them as we cannot give out personal details directly.

Alan Wild, Brad Wild, Russ Wild, Ray Jordan, Peter Elsom, Barry Rhodes, Keith Stork, Michael Murphy, Keith Boulton, Nev Gray, Sam Grannon, Leonard Wystoff, Geoff Johnson.

If you have any letters or other things that we could publish please send them along to the address given at the end of this 'Galley Radio'.



We have reached an agreement with Hull Maritime Museum that they will sell some items of merchandise with the Society's artwork on it. This will help raise the profile of the Society as well as funds along with the museum. They are not in the shop yet so don't rush out with your money just yet. The first items will be mugs I understand but other items will become available such as limited edition badges. Let us know what sort of things that you would like to have available to purchase. If you have a bit of a flair for design how about coming up with a theme or image that could represent the Society and be added to all our merchandise like a branding or unifying theme on mugs, T shirts, caps, key rings badges etc etc.



You may have seen this magazine in the past. I don't think it is for sale in the shops though. There are two editions, one in Dutch and an International Edition and they alternate months of production. As it is an International publication it will be seen all over the world. As tugs are popular all over the world too we are hoping that our piece that will be in the next publication at the end of February will publicise our Society far and wide and we hope to recruit several new members on the strength of it. Job van Eijk, the editor, has been extremely helpful and will also introduce us to other societies and publications that will spread our cause even further.



At the very beginning of the 'official' Society we sought a grant to help us set the ball rolling. Hull Community and Voluntary Services were very helpful in guiding us along the route of writing a constitution etc and also in sourcing the initial funding. We applied for, and obtained £150 from the Sir James Reckitt Fund. You will all have heard of James Reckitt of Reckitt and Coleman but maybe not know that he set this charity up in 1921 for the public benefit, especially the people of Hull and East Yorkshire. He built libraries and was the first President of the Sailors' Children's Society. He died in 1924. We have to submit a report on how we have used the grant and how it has assisted to meet our aims and objectives. If they consider we haven't used it wisely they can ask for it back! I'm sure they will find us well ready for a busy second year.

Contact us on email at utandss@gmail.com or call Tony Porter on 01482 898717.

**REMEMER THE SOCIAL GET TOGETHERS AT THE KINGSTON PUB,
17th February, 2nd 16th 30th March, 13th 27th April, 11th 25th May.**



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

For official use only.
Membership No:

Mr/Mrs/Other: First name:

Date of Birth: Surname:

Address:

 Postcode:

Home Tel: Mobile:

Email:

Signature: Date:

Area of Interest (United Towing Tugs - Other Tugs and Maritime Interests).

Society bank details. (Membership fees etc.)

Bank: Account name:

Sort code: Account no:

The collection of these details is primarily so that we can register you as a member, this information will be stored on a database & may be used for future marketing of events for the society. By ticking this box you are confirming acceptance of this and of the constitution of the society.