



Galley Radio



The newsletter of The United Towing & Salvage Society

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Welcome to the fifth edition of Galley Radio.

The committee have been very busy this past couple of weeks, the main reason being our forthcoming display at the Veteran's Weekend that is taking place at the end of this month, 30th & 31st July in East Park, Hull.

We are also following up on more potential sponsorship deals, most notably through the Lottery Commission. The Chairman and Treasurer have a meeting with them on 22nd July.

Another notable item is that we expect our website to be live very soon, probably in early September, a message will go out to everyone when this happens.

We held a committee meeting at our usual watering hole, the Kingston, on 4th July. Here follows a condensed version of the meeting minutes.

Minutes of Committee Meeting of United Towing & Salvage Society.

4th July 2016

Held at Kingston Hotel, Trinity House Lane, Hull.

Present; Mike Hussey (Chair), Eddie Barker (Treasurer), Pete Bass (Archivist), Marlene Whitlam (Secretary).

Apologies; Ray Scott (Membership)

Matters Arising.

1. No further progress with the flagpole. This is put on hold as other items have priority at the moment.
2. Web page is almost up and running. Consideration has to be given to postage costs of any items ordered online.
3. Further to a service held at Holy Trinity Church for the Englishman lost at sea with her crew during WW2, it was agreed that a Roll of Honour should be permanently placed in Holy Trinity. This will be looked into later in the year.
4. As the society's aim is to eventually have a small museum, Eddie suggested a pop-up shop could be a start. A short term let would have to be at a peppercorn rent and the cost of rates would also have to be considered (possible a sponsorship?). Mike has appealed to Trinity House and is presently awaiting feedback from them. Depending on what they have to say we will then re-assess.
5. Two small items of additional merchandise were discussed. Mike has seen some quality pens and Eddie brought in samples of postcard sized photos of tugs that could prove popular. Some text could be added on the back of each photograph.
6. Mike and Eddie visited HOTA with a view to borrowing the model of Salvageman for the veteran's weekend. The model was considered to be much too large and heavy to be transported for viewing for just two days so will not be used.
7. Member input was discussed with regard to getting volunteers, especially for the veteran's weekend. At least three bodies are needed at all times in the marquee in order to supervise the models, answer questions, give information, "tell the tale" and sell merchandise. An extra meeting was called to take place at Eddies home on Thursday 7th July to discuss the finer points of the weekend.

8. The history boards were left to be discussed at the Thursday evening meeting.
9. The blue plaque at UTC old office is to be held in abeyance. A considerable amount of cash is needed for this which we are not able to commit at present.
10. Mike reported that the cost of the printer we had in mind was £709 and we would be approaching the Lottery Commission for funding for this.
11. To differentiate between our two publications;
 - Bollard Pull would contain items of history.
 - Galley Radio would give news of future events, ongoing items and member news items.

Membership Report

The present number of members is 69.

Newsletters / Calendars

1. Galley Radio will go out in a few days time.
2. Eddie brought in a sample of the 2017 calendar and it was agreed to use normal paper throughout as against a photo paper cover.

Fundraising

Mike got a lead from Hull CVS regarding applying for a grant from the Lottery. Mike & Eddie are applying at an interview on 22nd July 2016.

Next meeting. Monday 15th August 2016, 13:00 at Kingston Hotel.

Appendix.

Mentioned at the Thursday 7th meeting.

Mike had received a reply from his Trinity House enquiry which had been passed on to Mike Outram, the Estates Manager of Trinity House. This was an offer to meet to view properties.

Mike had also liaised with the printers regarding the history folders. The two original folders would now need to be in six parts they inform us, not at all what we want.

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As mentioned above, we desperately need volunteers to help man the stand during the Veteran's Weekend. If you have a couple of hours to spare and would like to get involved please get in touch with any of the committee members, details below.

I'm hearing that it's a really good family day out. Even if you are not able to commit to helping out it will still be good to see you and your family at the event.

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