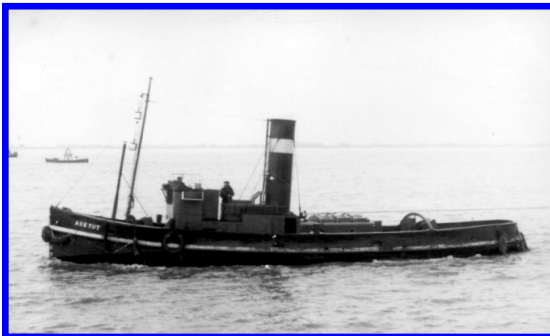
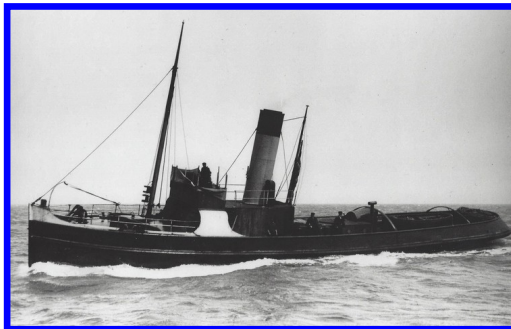




Galley Radio



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Veteran's Weekend

As you're all aware we had a stand at the Veteran's Weekend in East Park on the weekend 30th & 31st July.

The event proved to be a resounding success with lots of interest shown in the society by the general public. Since then Pete has been kept very busy communicating and emailing photos to a number of people who had had relatives working on the tugs years ago, one even as far back as the "*Edith*".

We had a very impressive display of models as well as our story boards featuring plenty of historical events from the history of United Towing from it's formation through to the Falklands conflict.



We also managed to raise £300 from sales of merchandise, (particularly Mike's pens). That has more than covered our costs and made us a small profit.



Mike "Arkwright" Hussey manning the shop.
The public didn't stand a chance!

Our thanks to all who helped out at the event, particularly Marlene who kept us well supplied with bacon butties and coffee.

Minutes of committee meeting (Extract).

**Meeting held on 15th August 2016
Kingston Hotel, Trinity House Lane, Hull.
Meeting opened at 14:00**

Present

Mike Hussey (Chair), Eddie Barker (Treasurer), Pete Bass (Archivist), Ray Scott (Membership), Marlene Whitlam (Secretary), Nev Gray.

Apologies

None, all committee members were present.

Matters arising.

1. Veteran's weekend.

Our exhibition held at East Park for the Veteran's Weekend was very successful and was enjoyed by all. It created a lot of interest and Pete has dealt with numerous enquiries from the public over the past two weeks.

2. Society information packs, SMS tugs.

With a view to keeping the Society going by bringing it to the attention of the younger tug crews working for SMS, and with the approval of Paul Escreet, 10 packs are to be put together - one for each for the tugs in the SMS fleet. Each pack would contain a copy of Bollard Pull, Galley Radio, one of the Maassluis trip, Society objective, postcards, Veteran's weekend photos, membership forms and letter of introduction by the Chairman. At this point Eddie suggested an article by Paul Escreet would be good for the Bollard Pull - how he was connected with United Towing Co., and then establishing the SMS company.

3. Website.

Our website will be live on 1st September, 2016. Mike is keen to have a t-shirt to go on the site and a picture of one that had been put together was passed round. All agreed it was excellent and Mike will go ahead and order.

4. History Centre books.

Mike to speak to Martin Taylor regarding these also about an exhibition at the Centre.

5. Election of new committee member.

The Committee are eager to expand. Nev Gray is a keen member of the Society and very knowledgeable and it was a unanimous decision to take him on board without portfolio.

6. Aural histories.

Mike had spoken to Danny Betts who was willing to do the speaking for the aural history for the History Centre. Pete also suggested Gary Bales. Mike to pass on these names along with others mentioned by Eddie.

Membership report

We currently have 71 members.

Newsletters, calendars

Eddie has already started the next Galley Radio by putting together an article and some photos of our exhibition at the Veteran's Weekend. Points of interest from this meeting will also be included.

Sponsorship-fundraising

1. A 'paid-up' bill for £372 was passed to Eddie. This was for the story-boards to use at exhibitions. They did not cost us anything as it was a sponsorship deal.

2. In order to give Mike more time for fundraising, Ray is to take over the memorabilia ordering etc. side of things as discussed previously. Ray happy to do this and Mike to introduce Ray to the printers etc.

3. Mike to order more pens (we had sold out at the Veteran's weekend) and order the t-shirts. Eddie is to look further into the copyright of slogans.

Exhibitions

Pete suggested making up our own story-boards. Suitable white sided board or strong card could maybe be sourced, cut to the size and with our logo at the top, similar to the ones we already have. Pete could then blow up info on the Humber and river tugs including tugs of T. Gray & Co., Premier Tug Co. and Humber Towing Co. etc. for the Maritime Museum exhibition. Pete was to take this in hand and asked Mike to get in touch with Hull Daily Mail to get permission to use photos and articles from their publications.

Any Other Business

1. Eddie suggested another trip to Maassluis next year.

2. Mike asked if anyone would be interested in a trip on one of the SMS tugs and Mike to follow this up.

3. It was thought it was time for another reunion, probably in September/October. Mike to see Dennis Shakesby and Chris re location etc.

Actions

Mike to order pens and t-shirts.

Mike to follow up trip on tug trip.

Mike to follow up History Books.

Mike to follow up aural history speaker.

Mike to see Martin at the History Centre.

Mike to contact HDM about content for history boards.

Mike to do letter of introduction for SMS packs.

Mike to introduce Ray to memorabilia producers.

Eddie to check out copyright information.

Eddie to make up SMS packs.

Next meeting

14:00 Monday 12th September 2016, at the Kingston Hotel.

Society website.

As mentioned in the committee meeting minutes, our new website will be live on 1st September. The member's section will be live a few days later, around 8th September.

After registering on the site members will be able to access all areas of it, as well as renew their memberships and buy from the online shop etc. all through the society's Paypal account. Because of this we strongly urge members to set up their own Paypal accounts. This is very easy to do online and negates the need to enter bank details each time you buy online, therefore it is safer to use for all your other online purchases, providing the option to use Paypal is offered by the seller.

The general public will only have access to a limited amount of the content of the site.

The setting up of the website was kindly sponsored by Paul Escreet and SMS.



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