



Galley Radio



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Front cover.

Statesman towing Anita Monti

False Bay, South Africa. 1971

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Chairman's View

15th December 2016

As the year comes to a close it's a good idea to remind ourselves of what we have achieved.

I feel this has been a very important year for us in relation to getting the United Towing and Salvage Society and the memories of the United Towing Company in front of the general public.

We have had coverage of events and United Towing Company history in the "Hull Daily Mail" both hard copy and digital versions and the international publication "Lekko International".

The Veteran's Weekend in East Park in July.

The History Centre display in October.

The Hull Maritime Museum display which runs from 1st November 2016 to 26th February 2017.

Considerable work went into putting on these events, it was nice to see a number of members also helping with the veterans weekend, which was a big display.

It would be true to say that all of these events have been well received by the general public and it is our intention to continue them this coming year.

Website – We launched our own web site with a members section which everyone has said they like, this will continue to be developed to give greater content. (Paul Escreet of SMS Towage generously sponsored the site).

We also received our professionally produced story boards which have been used effectively in our exhibitions. These were sponsored by MRN Digiprint, Hessle.

Rob Langton of MMS Shiprepair has once again kindly provided further sponsorship of the society.

We have increased our merchandise range with the addition of pens and t-shirts, both of which carry the society's registered trade mark - "Pull-for-Hull", which has now been officially approved.

I gave a talk to the board of Trinity House in September and showed them a proof of our history books. They were very impressed and generally very supportive of what we are trying to achieve.

We have presented the first copies of the United Towing history to Martin Taylor at the Hull History Centre and they are now being read and enjoyed by the visitors to the centre. This was a big job and they have turned out really well and were kindly sponsored by Bob Carver of Chapel Street, Hull.

Our membership continues to rise despite the sad loss of friends through the year, and renewals were almost 100%.

The society produces interesting publications for its members, which continue to improve in content, being the "Bollard Pull" and "Galley Radio"; I think these are well read by members.

We have however been experiencing increased costs in providing these benefits and as such have reluctantly decided that the membership fee from 2017 will be £15 a year. I think you will all agree it is still a small sum for the benefits membership provides.

We have had visits from a number of members from overseas this year including our oldest member, Albert Smith who now lives in Canada. It was good to see them and that they took the time to attend the socials speaks well of the society and of United Towing.

In conclusion, I feel we have had a tremendously successful year, only possible due to the fantastic effort put in by the committee members who have worked tirelessly for the society, but more importantly as a team. This together with the support of the members through attendance at our socials and merchandise purchases, together with sponsorship support, has combined to allow us the progress we have made throughout the year.

Keep it going.

On behalf of the Committee and myself we would like to wish you all the very best for Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Regards,

Mike

Committee meeting of The United Towing & Salvage Society

Meeting held on 5th December 2016
at The Kingston Hotel, Trinity House Lane, Hull.
Meeting opened at 14:15 hrs.

Members present;

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

Matters arising.

- 1 Mike commented on the latest issue of Bollard Pull and it was agreed by all that it is improving greatly.
- 2 A Chairman's Statement is to be included in the next Galley Radio to say how the society has progressed since it's start and also that, unfortunately, due to the cost of printing Bollard Pull and Galley Radio the membership fee will have to increase to £15 annually. That will come into effect from the next Annual General Meeting that will take place in March 2017.
- 3 Pete Elsom has agreed to run the society's website and will be joining our committee. Chris Cannon is to put Pete as our administrator of our website.

A mention is to be made in the Galley Radio about members posting photos and comments on the website.
- 4 Mike is looking into the viability of holding an exhibition of Yorkshireman at Bridlington. May not turn out to be worthwhile but firstly to get the reaction of the Bridlington council and also the existing Maritime Museum there.
- 5 Pete had some concerns over Charlie Noble's book after phone calls and emails from unknown family members who were interested in obtaining it. It was agreed that Charlie needs to put in writing his desires and sign the book over to the society to halt anyone being able to put it into print. This the society is hoping to do at a later stage with the full blessing of Charlie and Val Noble.

Sponsorship/Fundraising.

Lottery funding is still at the forefront of Mike's mind who is hoping to get a case together in order to apply. He is planning on seeing Martin Taylor at the History Centre for any contacts who could help. Also Jane at the CVS on how to put it together.

Next meeting:- Monday 2nd January 2017 at 14:00.

Hull Maritime Museum exhibition.

As everyone is aware we have an exhibition on at the Hull Maritime Museum. From the feedback we are getting from the museum there seems to have been a lot of interest from the general public. Certainly the history leaflets that we've left on display have all been taken and as I write need to be replenished.

We have been asked by the museum to dismantle the exhibition on Monday 27th February, so if you've not been yet then that's the deadline.

Alterations to the Kingston Hotel.

At our last social on 7th December it was mentioned by Leah (the barmaid) that the long awaited alterations to the pub will be undertaken in the first week of January. (So it isn't just Hull CC that cannot get things completed in time for the City of Culture). Obviously if that is the case then our social meeting on 4th January will be questionable. We will endeavor to get the truth of the matter at our next social on 21st December. Whatever the outcome an email will be sent out to all members advising when we will next meet.

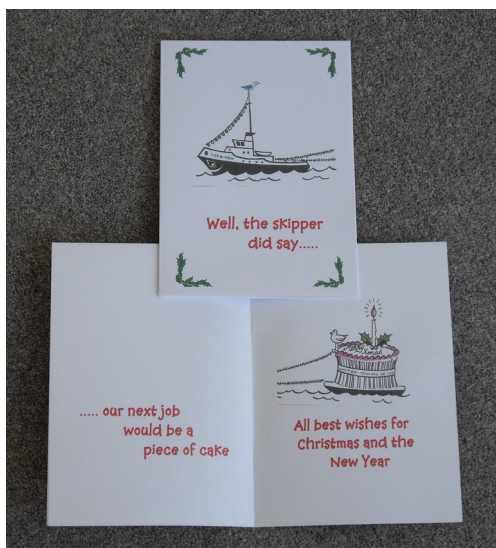
Last minute Christmas shopping.

It's getting late now, not much time left for buying last-minute presents for your wife / partner / dog. Order now and you (might) just receive your order in time for Christmas. Please order from our website or get in touch with any of the committee members.

Christmas cards

60p each or £2.50 for a pack of 5.

+ postage.



Mugs with society logo.

Photo mugs with *Statesman*, *Lloydsman*
Euroman or *Salvageman*.

£5.99 Each + postage



Mugs with tug particulars.

Photo mugs with *Statesman*, *Lloydsman*
Euroman or *Salvageman*.

£5.99 Each + postage



“Pull for Hull” t-shirts.

Support Hull in their City of Culture year.



Available in black or white,
sizes M, L, XL, XXL.

£8 + postage.

UTC lapel badge
£2.50 each + postage



Baseball cap
Fits any head (except Flamborough)
£7.50 + postage

Floppy hat
Dog not included!
£7.50 + postage



"Pull for Hull" pens.
£2 each + postage