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OLDEST PAPERBOY IN THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE HITS 80!

Jack Bean celebrated his 80th birthday on May 29th. He was born in 1926 and has led a varied and colourful life. He served his country during WW 2 in the Merchant Navy between the years of 1943 and 1949. He met his wife Paula in New Zealand on one of his trips and brought her back to the UK with him. He lived in Hull and became a policeman in 1950. This lasted for 8 years after which he became a travelling salesman in 1958. In 1969 he joined the pub trade as a licensee where he stayed for 18 years until his retirement.

Jack had his first boat Pathfinder on the River Derwent and then decided to join York club. His second and present boat is Spring Song a Seamaster 8M. Jack and Paula have been members of the club for 18 years during which time he used his licensee skills and served as Bar Chairman for 5 years. He likes Country and Western music and is especially keen on giving recit-



Jack is still smiling.

als on his ukulele in the clubhouse.

Congratulations Jack.

We need your articles and thoughts. Please send to:
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Campaign for Red Diesel

As you may be aware the government has come down on the side of the campaign to apply for the derogation on red diesel to be extended beyond 2006. It would appear that the decision by the Eurocrats will be a case of horse-trading with the newer members of the EU.

These extracts show some interesting developments.

UK government prepares case for keeping red diesel derogation. 2006 March 17

The UK government has drafted a Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) concerning the expected results of ending the EU derogation that allows low-taxed red diesel to be used for pleasure craft propulsion.

The conclusion of the document

is "that the balance of advantage lies with retaining the derogation. Its removal would cause market distortion and would have significant compliance costs for both the industry and the Government."

In UK, high-taxed (white) diesel currently sells for about three times the price as red diesel.

UK is forming a common cause with the other EU member states that currently have such a derogation -- Belgium, Finland, Ireland, and Malta

Biodiesel to be tested on the Broads. 2006 March 3

The Broads Boat Hire Federation has announced a two-year project to test the use of biodiesel in pleasure craft. 40 boats, from a variety of hire fleets, will be run on fuel from

recycled vegetable oil, and the results will be compared with those of control boats using mineral diesel.

The biodiesel will be commercially produced by Global Commodities of Dereham, from waste cooking oil.

Previous research by Newcastle University on emissions from boats using biodiesel has shown a significant reduction in pollution. The use of waste cooking oil keeps it out of the sewers, where it can cause clogging and other problems.

The price of the biodiesel will be higher than that of red diesel, but significantly lower than that of white diesel. Discussions are underway with HM Revenue & Customs to confirm the applicable duty rate.

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The Presidents Piece

Firstly I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new editor of Porthole Lynn Mortlock who has kindly volunteered to undertake this important communication function, and to thank Sally Robinson for her past contribution in this role.

There are a number of pressing issues to update to the membership as follows:-

Beningborough beach.

The mooring prohibition announced by the National Trust (NT) at this important location is subject to challenge by me in the name of the Boating Association. This dispute is now nearly a year old the delay in reaching a solution being due to nil response by BW and thus far a slow response by the NT.

I have however recently received both written and verbal contact from the NT in what I regard as conciliatory terms. NT is reviewing their decision and there is to be a site meeting at Beningborough involving the interested parties on a date yet to be determined. I now therefore ask for at least one volunteer from the membership to accompany me on that occasion when announced.

In the mean time I would advise members if challenged when mooring at Beningborough to calmly assert their right to moor at the old ferry landing and gain access to the tow path. Alleged confrontation is said by NT to be the cause of the mooring ban any such suggestion should therefore be avoided in the run up to negotiations.

I would like to thank Christine Baldock for her help in researching the history of the disputed mooring which unmistakably is the

site of the ferry landing from Nun Monkton also the point at which the tow path crosses the river to Beningborough.

Cycle Track.

In order to be kept informed I have objected to a proposal by City of York Council to extend the cycle track which presently runs from the City Centre to St Oswald's road. The proposal which has not yet reached the formal planning stage is to extend the existing cycle track through the wet land area adjacent to the river as far as Landing Lane. The effect of this would be encourage an increase of cycle traffic crossing the approach to the club house where a number of near misses have taken place already.

Also an increase in the number of members of the general public frequenting the wetland area may well pose a security threat to the club and moored craft.

The Chester Boat Company (CBC).

As most members will now be aware the extensive efforts made to oppose the Chester Boat Company setting up shop in the most congested part of the river have come to nothing. The fact remains that CBC still have valid planning consent to establish operations as yet unspecified at Wellington Row. CBC have from the outset stated their intention to operate self drive hire boats on the river Ouse, because York Boat are licensed to have 13 such craft CBC will also demand to have 13, and Wellington Row immediately downstream of Lendal Bridge will be the operating base. As there is insufficient water at summer levels to operate from Wellington Row their stated intention is to

plough dredge the river bed disposing of the spoil into the deeper water off Wellington Row in the navigable channel. A similar operation is stated for the frontage of the City of York rowing club immediately upstream of Lendal Bridge.

While the Boating Association will oppose any further congestion on the river between the three bridges in central York, particularly self drive hire boats and the plough dredging operations, there is little realistic hope of success as everything that CBC has demanded so far has in fact been granted.

A passenger trip boat is reported to have lost control during a turn off the club moorings in early May, grounding fortunately on the opposite bank with no damage to YMYC member craft. As you will be aware there is an agreement, albeit verbal, for passenger trip boats not to turn abreast of the club and its moorings. Anyone with information as to date and identity of this near casualty please let me know.

Supervision of children in the club.

In light of a written complaint the attention of parents is drawn to standing order 15.

Parental or responsible adult supervision is required to avoid accident to children or others, and to prevent annoyance to those members who do not have children.

Glyn President Y.M.Y.C.

Commodores Corner

Dear Members

I'd like to belatedly thank you for your support in electing your new Commodore's committee with myself as Commodore, Bob Woodham (Sesimbra Girl) as Vice-Commodore and Chris Ashby (Alexandra) as Rear-Commodore.

We will be trying to make the coming season enjoyable for everyone. Many thanks to Tom Barker for his efforts for the last two years.

The 'Fitting Out' supper was well attended and all who attended enjoyed the first Rally of the season down to the Lock Island.

We are hoping to arrange a 'Barbie' evening again down on the Lock Island at the end of June, final details to be announced.

Happy and Safe Boating

Alan Ritchie

Diary of Events Not to Be Missed!



Reports from the Committees

BAR CHAIRMANS REPORT by John Worsdale

Hopefully the bad weather in the early part of the season is behind us, and we can look forward to some settled weather.

I am delighted to say that Mike from the King's Arms has agreed to take over the Stewardship of the bar. Mike is currently updating the cellar i.e. lines, pressure valves etc and making other improvements in the bar area which will benefit us all. Due to an omission by the printers here is a list of the full bar committee:

Jack Bean

Karen Worsdale

Karen and Ed Nutter

Dawn and Andrew Hart

Steven Savage.

HOUSE REPORT by Michael Robinson and Steve Savage

This year your committee is jointly chaired by Steve Savage and myself. We have been charged with the maintenance and improvements to the clubhouse. Not easy with our limited finances. We are in the process of obtaining quotations to upgrade the gable and rear elevations of the building. We are also looking to purchase leather furniture for the conservatory. The ideal colour would be blue. If anyone has any contacts to enable us to source this type of furniture would they contact me on my mobile—07921291392. Lastly may we thank Edward and Howard for refurbishing the external bench tables in front of the club. They were in desperate need of attention. We hope all members will make full use of the clubs facilities for their rest and libation.

Finally many thanks to Christine and David for their stalwart efforts in ensuring our premises are kept clean and tidy.

Moorings Report

Dear members. The visitors pontoon is needing a lick of paint and if anyone would like to help form a working party please let me know. It will be difficult to paint it all in one session therefore I would suggest we cordon off an area each weekend until we get it done. Any suggestions would be welcome.

As the season gets busier it would be helpful if members would moor close up to each other to avoid loss of space on the visitors moorings.

Happy Boating

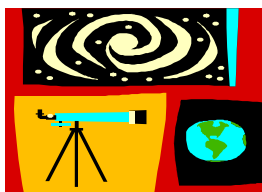
Terry Hattersley and crew.

With the warmer weather coming (hopefully) can members ensure that all rubbish is actually in the bins and not left on the floor. To attract vermin.

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Message from Jack and Paula Bean

Many thanks to all the club members who attended my Birthday Celebration on Saturday 27th May.

We really enjoyed their company and it made it a memorable time for Paula, myself and my family.

Thanks again Jack and Paula..

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Each Sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing. Enter digits 1-9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square. Good Luck!



And lastly

For those of us who intend to be making coastal trips in our boats it is a good time to consider some of the safety aspects that are involved. The first one I'd like to highlight is the Maritime Coastguard Agency's form CG66. For those who haven't already registered it's a straightforward record of you and your boats details, which can also include a photo of your boat, and makes any S & R operation more likely to succeed.

The form can easily be filled out on line by accessing www.mcg.gov.uk or by contacting the local office at: Humber MRSC, Limekiln Lane, Bridlington, E. Yorks. Tel. 01262672317

The information is kept in their database for two years and then deleted unless renewed following a reminder. The information is accessible by all the MCA's and so only one registration covers all sea areas.

Anyone who hasn't yet registered I would recommend they give it serious thought.

Alan Ritchie.

This is a trial format for Porthole. If you prefer the old format please let me know and I will be happy to revert back.

Cheers Lynn.