

Notes from Hi Ya Meeting

1st November 2023

The meeting was attended by 16 of our volunteers.

Training

After 4 more passes at the weekend, we now have 26 CCBM qualified crew. One more person will take the practical on 11th November having already taken the theory quiz.

Next stages are to ensure that the standards achieved are maintained. Plans are in place to produce our own training videos using different members of our own crew. These will be uploaded to YouTube with links from our website.

The training programme has evolved, and a formal syllabus is in place with structured lessons.

Skippers are reminded to record helm hours.

A question was raised about new volunteers helming at festivals and Santa trips. It was agreed that as we have to run to a tight timetable experienced helms should run these trips. All crew are reminded that as long as you have a skipper with you, you are welcome to take the boat out for practice. It was suggested that going through Vines Park turning at the Barge Lock and Winding Hole under the Railway Bridge gives really good practice of all manoeuvres that are carried out when making trips. Please contact Lynda to book Pamela May out if you intend to do this.

Finally, the Crews who have taken the CCBM wish to thank Ralph and Paul for organising all our training.

First Aid Training

More of volunteers attended our latest First Aid Training.

Reports back from those on the course said it was excellent, well delivered and had good content. The course is especially tailored for us, we now have a good number of First Aid Trained volunteers. The Pamela May Volunteers – Roles, Qualifications and Training document will be updated and can be viewed from the Volunteers section on our Website.

Ian and Emma Williams have agreed to regularly check the First Aid box on board to ensure the contents are in date and correct quantities are present.

Heater

Andy will put instructions for the heater in the start up folder. The maintenance team will look at moving a table and siting it next to the heater to prevent passengers possibly getting burned.

Bookings/Crewing

From late November through to 21st December we have Carols Trips booked. There are some places for Crew and Hosts that still need to be filled. Please have a look on Dropbox or contact Jim or Lynda if you can't access Dropbox if you can help.

A plea for ice cream tubs from Lynda so that she can freeze the mince pies.

Wanderer

All being well we will be able to have the use of Wanderer. Work parties will be half days and will hopefully include weekends. David B will email our volunteers to see who can help clear overhanging branches and sight lines. As James is our only CRT approved helm we will have to work around his availability.

Bench and Sign

A concrete pad and wooden surround have been put in place by bridge 17. Margaret will contact Wychavon Parks Manager to discuss supplying bench and reinstating the No Mooring Sign. Additional temporary signs are going to be printed and placed at the mooring.

Website

The site is being routinely updated.

Please let Mike or Jim know if you have any suggestions for items to be included.

Volunteer Get Together

As December is a very busy month, we will be having a Get Together in January. More information to follow.

Motor Drive Key

The motor drive key is bent. Skippers are reminded to take the key out when passengers and crew are using the steps. A key will be cut so that we have a spare.

Boat Clean and Decorate for Christmas

A team of volunteers will be cleaning the boat and putting the decorations up ready for our Christmas Trips.

On 8th December we need to load Pamela May ready for our Meet Santa Trips. She is out on a trip that day and the crew have said that they will help with this but if you want to come along you will be welcome.

Water Supply

We will ask Wychavon if we can put in our own water supply to the yard. If they have no objections, we will investigate cost.

Articles

Margaret is in contact with the Charities Commission regarding the changes we wish to make.