

# On Board

## The Newsletter of the Peter Le Marchant Trust

Providing day outings and holidays on waterways  
for people of all ages with any kind of disability or serious illness



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## More years than miles

This intrepid band – the “Symphony“ Friday crew – are undertaking a coast-to-coast walk in aid of the Trust, from St. Bees in Cumbria to Robin Hood’s Bay in Yorkshire. Their combined ages total 321 years, whereas the walk is a mere 190 miles. They are doing it in two stages and sponsorship will be warmly welcomed. Please give them the support they richly deserve and in so doing help us to continue providing the day trips and holidays for those who so badly need them.



From left to right: John Beadsmoore, Trevor Allman, Pat Greaves, Lawrie Tillen, Margaret Gilkes

## “Serenade” - a major refit

You wouldn't recognise her from last year - not on the inside, anyway! As the before-and-after pictures show, she has undergone a transformation which will make her brighter, safer and more comfortable for her passengers.

As well as the unstinting efforts and long hours put in by Chris Morton, her Skipper, this refit cost £8,000, and would not have been possible without the generosity of our donors, including 3Ms Healthcare Co. who started the ball rolling with a donation of £3,000. The work done will last many years, but we still need donations to fund the trips, which we continue to charge at a very low level in order not to exclude any group who need our help. *(see page 2 for the evidence)*

**Galley:**

Before.....



..... and after



**Forward Toilet:**

Before.....



....and after



**Main Toilet:**

Before.....



...and after



**Main cabin:**



Before...



....during....



.....and after

Mock-up of bunk partitions:



Chris Morton adding the finishing touches:

## A warm welcome to Tim Rolph

The Trust is delighted to welcome their new Trustee, Tim Rolph.

Tim works at Buckingham Palace as a Research and planning officer in the Queen's Private Office and has a stunning CV. When he was at Cambridge he met a friend of Sir Francis Le Marchant and has been friends with Francis ever since.

His first job was for the English-Speaking Union as a Cultural Affairs Officer, coordinating international cultural and educational programmes. He then became the Arts Partnership Manager for one of the Prince of Wales's Charities, an arts organisation raising money from the Private Sector. This involved helping arts organisations in their application for sponsorship while at the same time forming relationships with potential sponsors, assisting them to see the value of offering sponsorship. He has worked with prestigious galleries such as the Tate, as well as with small theatre communities and understands how organisations, business and marketing work.

Now at Buckingham Palace he supports the Queen's Private Secretaries, helping to plan the Queen's programme – where She goes and who She sees, managing large scale events given by the Queen and providing background research to assist the planning as well as briefing on current affairs and constitutional issues required for the event.

For six out of the eight years of his career, he has worked with charities. Charities need money and cannot function without fund-raising. Tim knows how to build relationships between charities and their sponsors, a vital part of fund raising. The Trust will have much to gain from his expertise and from his calm and engaging personality. We hope that he will become a fan of canal-boat travel and its therapeutic effect on our thousands our passengers.



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### Donations

We extend grateful thanks to all our generous donors and particularly to the following who have given £1,000 or more since November 2007:-

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All your donations, large and small, will help us to provide day trips and holidays in 2008 at a very low cost to a large number of groups and individuals who otherwise would have been unable to afford it.

# Back page Round-up

## Peter Le Marchant Trust

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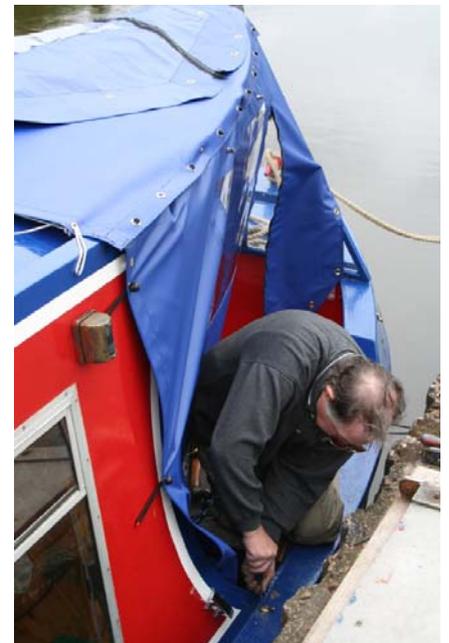
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### “Melody”

...was starting to look a little shabby, so she has been given a face-lift, including new toilets and a new fridge, curtains and cushion covers, as well as bedding. Because his boat was in such good shape due to his tender care, Ray Fairbrother, the Skipper of “Symphony”, has worked very hard through the winter to effect this transformation, for which the Trust owes him immense thanks.



Ray putting the final touches to the new cratch cover



Ray fixing the electrics on the forward lift

No, she's not on wheels (top left) – she's being slipped for her annual painting!



The 3Ms Healthcare Pensioners return from a sunny day out on “Symphony”.