

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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Open Day

We celebrated over thirty years in Loughborough on May 16th and in spite of the mixed weather and competing events in Loughborough, we raised over £600, thanks to the generosity of our visitors.



We were very pleased to welcome the Mayor and the Mayoress of Charnwood, Cllr. Roy Brown and Mrs Gillian Brown, who toured the base and the boats with the General Manager, Charles Grace.



There were lots of stalls (on the left being prepared),



trips on our day boat *Symphony*...



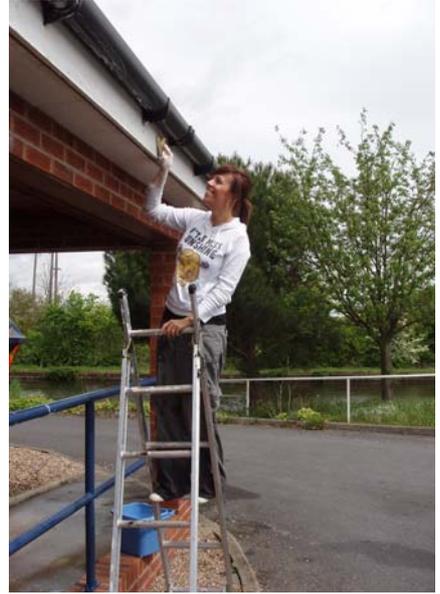
and teas served in our workshop, suitably converted for the occasion.

HSBC Community Partnership come to clean up

A working party – and that's the right expression – from HSBC Community Partnership came to help us get the base ready for our Open Day.



Two cleaned the outside of the building.....



two hacked and strimmed....



and Chris, who organised it all, mowed quite a bit. You all worked so hard - thank you very much!

Friday crew romance

The cake (below) sums it up nicely: Trevor Allman and Pat Greave, both members of *Symphony's* Friday crew, are engaged to be married! Trevor proposed to Pat at Ayers Rock whilst they were on holiday in Australia, and on their return they held a party for family and friends on *Symphony*, on a day when she was not about her usual business.



The food was magnificent and the couple worked very hard in the cabin...



and in the galley to ensure that everyone enjoyed themselves, and the groom-to-be steered the party safely home!

Donations

We extend grateful thanks to all our donors and particularly to the following who have given £1,000 or more since November 2008:-

Thomas Farr Charity

Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths

British Commonwealth Women's Club, Brussels

The Grey Court Trust

Sir John Eastwood Foundation

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The 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust

All your donations, large and small, will help to provide day trips and holidays in 2009 at a very low cost to a large number of groups and individuals who otherwise would have been unable to afford it. Thank you very much!

James Warren is riding his bike from Lands End to John O' Groats in aid of the Trust in June, so please sponsor him. He can be contacted on 07545 543692 or emailed at jameswarren163@gmail.com

Back page Round-up



Just to remind you that we did have a winter this year (this is *Serenade* in disguise)!

New engine for narrowboat *Melody*

After many years of hard work, *Melody's* engine had to be replaced during the winter. We were fortunate to secure a grant of £5,000 for the engine from the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, to whom we are very grateful.



This is what the engine room and propeller looked like before the change



The new engine and electrics (left) and the new propeller (right).



Trevor Allman, with the *Symphony* model at our stand at the Wymeswold Duck Race on 17th May, where we were their nominated Charity - another welcome fund raising event.



Please come to Whatton House on Sunday 12th and Monday 13th July between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., when the wonderful gardens will be open by kind permission of Lord and Lady Crawshaw. Serena Richards, another of our Trustees, will be selling her beautiful silk flowers to celebrate being awarded a Royal Warrant to H.M. The Queen - all in aid of the Trust. Refreshments will be available.

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