



NEWSLETTER

December 2005

Progress! The Ipswich Maritime Trust was founded in 1982 by a group of enthusiasts keen to “further” local maritime matters. The Trust remained a small group until 2 years ago when it was decided to widen membership and our activities. Now we have nearly 120 members and increased the number of functions arranged for early next year to 5.

With our greatly increased membership we are looking for people to give a little of their time to help the Trust. As you will see from the enclosed AGM paperwork, we are hoping that at least 2 new members will join the Council, the appropriate paperwork for nominations is included. As a “committee”, the Council meets around 6 times a year at The Waterfront Centre. If you would like to become involved with the work of the Trust, you will be most welcome.

We need a Company Secretary - to help fulfil our charitable status.

As well as arranging lectures, exhibitions and functions we are currently working towards the establishment of a “Maritime Display Centre” within the Cranfield Mill Redevelopment (to be known as “The Flour Mill”) and now have presented the design for this to the developer. Also, we now have a growing artefact collection in our shipping container on the Dockside and a new member has kindly volunteered (and received training) to collate our collection.

Our “Party on the Pickle” last September was very well supported and there is every possibility that “Pickle”, through the efforts of the Trust, will be offered a permanent berth in Ipswich Dock alongside “The Flour Mill”.

For the Winter/Spring of 2006 we believe that a “widened” programme including a more social event would be appreciated by our members, so we have planned 5 evening functions including a very entertaining Shanty Night. Details as follows:

- **Friday, January 6th. IMT AGM** (+“Ha’penny Breeze) At the Pin Mill Sailing Club.

7.30pm. See AGM Agenda for advice on parking at Pin Mill.

Data (enclosed) relating to the AGM includes:

Agenda, Previous AGM Minutes, Chairman’s Report, Nomination form for new Members of Council.

Following the AGM (as an incentive to attend!) **the film “Ha’Penny Breeze” will be shown.** This commercial feature film was made at Pin Mill in the early ‘50s. It tells the tale of efforts to establish Pin Mill as a Yachting Centre after WWII and features several local people as well as actors, sailing and the hamlet as it was over 50 years ago. No charge for members or guests - the latter necessarily being banished to the Club Bar for the duration of the AGM (1st. part of the proceedings!).

- **Friday, February 24th. The Pin Mill Shanty Group “High Watermark”.** At the Steamboat Tavern, New Cut West. A thoroughly enjoyable social evening is guaranteed. The group is greatly entertaining and do a great deal more than sing shanties! Come along and join in. Again, no charge for members or guests. **7.30pm onwards.**

- **Wednesday, March 15th. Jim Lawrence on “My Early Days Barging”.** Jim has spent his lifetime sailing, trading and racing Thames Barges. His talk promises to be both interesting and entertaining. Booking recommended*. **7.30pm.** at the Lecture Theatre, Ipswich Library, Old Foundry Rd. £2.50.

- **Wednesday April 19th. Dr. John Blatchly on “Orwell-side Estates and their owners”.**
Our river is lined on both sides by great estates and houses. A fascinating subject indeed!
7.30pm. at the Lecture Theatre, Ipswich Library, Old Foundry Rd., Ipswich. Booking recommended*, £2.50.
- **Wednesday May 17th.** At the Lecture Theatre, Ipswich Library, Old Foundry Rd. Subject and speaker yet to be decided. We shall advise details in the next Newsletter - but keep the date open.

* To reserve seats for talks at the Library, please telephone Des Pawson on 01473 690090
or e-mail him at: knots@footrope.fsnet.co.uk

Subscriptions for 2006 are now almost due. These will be the same as this year at £5.00 for single membership and £7.50 for joint. It would be greatly appreciated if you would make your payment by Standing Order. As an incentive, those who sign up for this method of payment will get a “free first lecture”. Renewal details and Standing Order form attached.

Finally, YOUR ideas and suggestions for the Trust’s activities will be much appreciated what would YOU like to see the Trust offering? Subjects for lectures, visits, functions, events, etc. Call Mark Grimwade on 01473 787210 or write to me at

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We look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming events and take this opportunity of wishing you a Very Happy Christmas and Fair Winds for 2006.