

The Mary Sunley Canal Boat

(Registered Charity No. 1044980)

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NEWSLETTER

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Since the newsletter in February most trips undertaken have been without incident apart from one during a thunderstorm they were under a bridge and found that a number of the interior lights were not working. Fortunately there were no mishaps. A thorough overhaul of the lighting system will be undertaken, probably during the closed season.



We are grateful for the services of all our volunteer crews in maintaining a reliable and safe trip for all our users. Also for the continued financial support from various organisations and people, in particular Macclesfield Lions and Rotary Clubs.

On Sunday 9th September we again took part in the Bollington Transport Extravaganza providing short (approx one hour) trips. Reports indicate that this was a successful day.

We are currently considering upgrading the galley (kitchen) and toilet areas, which are still the original and some 27 years old. Also, we are looking into automating the bilge pumps using solar panels to generate the power. It would appear that it will be necessary, from sometime next year, for all crew to have a "Boatmaster's" licence and we are actively trying to find a source of funding for training. Apart from the initial cost of training there will be an annual renewal fee for each licence.

As part of our own fund raising efforts are concerned we are holding a "Store Collection" on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd September at Sainsbury's in Macclesfield. Volunteer collectors are required and if you can assist, even for one hour, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mrs Lynette Cookson on 01625 426853.