

The Mary Sunley Canal Boat

(Registered Charity No. 1044980)

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NEWSLETTER

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Enclosed please find Booking Form and Brochure for this year. You will be pleased to see that the suggested charges remain the same as last year. This despite a number of increases in our expenses. For example we have been invoiced with a 12.5% increase in mooring fees and have been advised of a proposed increase in licence fees of 9% this year and the following two years. Apparently these increased charges from British Waterways are because the grants/subsidy from the government's Department for Environment and Rural Affairs (Defra) have been severely cut. Also we are having to pay more, like most organisations and people, for fuel and oil. Other costs which we have to face this year is the requirement for all our volunteer crews to have a "Boatmasters Licence" by September this year; another distraction from our normal objectives. Therefore, next year, we expect to have to increase the suggested charges.

As well as trying to maintain the boat to a high degree the committee continue to improve the facilities for the benefit and comfort of all passengers. In this regard we would appreciate feedback from you, the users, with suggestions for the committee to consider. Perhaps you may like to volunteer to assist, or join, the committee to put your suggestions forward.

Our Annual General Meeting will this year be held on;

Wednesday 2nd April 2008

at 11.30 am, followed by a buffet lunch

at 10 Lark Hall Close, Macclesfield

by kind permission of our chairman Mrs Cookson.

To assist with the catering if you wish to attend could you please let Mrs Cookson know in advance. Telephone 01625 426853. Everyone is welcome to attend.