



21st Birthday Edition Newsletter 2014

Funding News

Since our last newsletter we have received grant funding from Cumbria Community Foundation (£3,700 Comic Relief fund) and a very generous grant from Lloyds TSB Foundation of £20,000 to be spread over two years. We have also received another £500 donation from the Rothera Family Charity Trust. A contribution of £500 has been donated by James Cropper plc and £1,000 from Lakeland Ltd, both for our Recipe Book project. Another donation for this has also come from a 2nd successful application to Cumbria Community Foundation (for £1,398) so the book has been printed. (see paragraph below)

Boats and New Equipment



Over the winter months the maintenance team were busy again every Tuesday working on the boats and making improvements. The Whammel boat, May Dora, which has an electric engine, now has a better battery system and will carry two batteries to give us more running time.

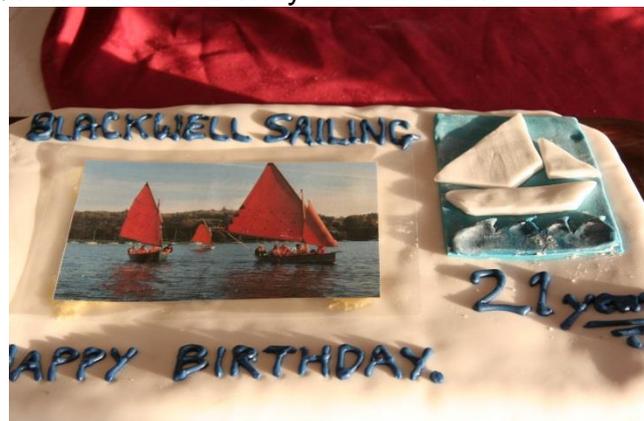
Another boat, Frieda, needed a new top to her mast. The red Access boat, Ultra, has had her electric hydraulic system serviced and we have purchased our own sip/puff control, thanks to a generous donation from

Janet Lefton. Whammel boat Joanna had a new mainsail made (see picture) and we started the season with the new canoeing equipment funded last year by the Windermere and Ambleside Lions.

Birthday Party 20th June at 7pm

Thanks to Windermere Lake Cruises we had a very special boat party on Teal. This is the steamer that has twice taken the Queen on board. They said that if we sold enough tickets to our sailing members we could have a big steamer this time and thanks mostly to Joyce's "hard sell" approach (!) and the co-operation of both day and residential services we sold a total of 175. We had a glorious mid-summer evening with sunshine throughout so everyone had a great time.

The ticket price covered the cost of a hotpot supper and a piece of birthday



cake (see picture). Music was provided by Dave Emtage and Brian Davison who played some popular numbers on guitar and bass and invited our sailing members to have a go at singing through the microphone. Some people preferred to dance or chat while watching the scenery glide past. The party was also a “book launch” for our recipe book that was delivered just in time by Badger Press.

Flotilla Day

As part of our 21st Birthday celebrations we also had a Saturday sailing day with a picnic further up the lake at Hodge Howe. We called it the Flotilla Day because we



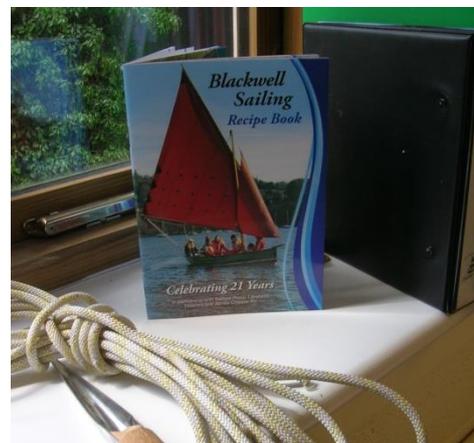
borrowed a few extra boats in addition to using our own: Tony’s Lune Longboat, Peter Truelove’s Scaffie and David’s Nimrod. Spaces were available for people to sail with a parent or carer and some family members arranged to meet us at the picnic spot where we provided strawberries and ice cream.

Hodge Howe belongs to Windermere School and we are very grateful to them for giving us the use of such a good venue. And again we had a very good sunny day.

The Recipe Book is finished and has now been printed. It has 21 recipes for our 21 years afloat and we are asking for a donation of £2.50 per copy. It tells the story of Blackwell Sailing and also includes a paragraph of each of the groups who sail with us regularly. They have all contributed a recipe.

Many thanks to Barbara, Maria, the Badger Press and the sponsors already mentioned. They have worked very hard to make it a very special and well considered little book. Maria has organised the selling of it at various locations over the summer months and has put together a good display stand to catch people’s eye as they come out of the supermarkets.

If you like to do your Christmas shopping early (!) why not buy a pile of them and use them as small gifts or stocking fillers? We have received some



very positive feedback and the recipes are very good. Margaret Gambie kindly made us a large batch of *Blackwell Chutney* (see page 7 of the book) which sold out within a week!

Limited Edition

On a Friday in May the sailing group from WOSP were joined by Patrick and Emma from the Westmorland Gazette who sailed with us, took some pictures and asked everyone a lot of questions. The reason for this was to do another magazine article for Limited Edition (The last one was in 2007). The article about us was published in their summer edition. The best thing about it was they had put a picture of us out sailing - two Whammel boats - on the front cover! The WOSP sailors were very proud to see their pictures in the magazine and all rushed round to the Gazette's office where they could pick up their free copies.

David and Richard's sail of the coast

On the Bank Holiday weekend of 24th – 26th May David and Richard completed their sponsored sail of the Cumbria coast. They launched the boat at Whitehaven and sailed north, past Silloth and into the Solway Firth to spend the night on a mud bank!



Over the three days they experienced both extremes of wind and weather. David's boat, Quetzal, which has now sailed all the way from Arnside to the Solway, coped well on this final leg of the trip and this time nothing was broken. If you would like to



give a donation to sponsor this achievement you can either give it in at Blackwell Sailing or go to the Virgin Money Giving website put *David Hall* and then find *David and Richard's Page*. So far approximately £1,500 has been raised. Many thanks to all who have contributed.

The Vital Group's sailing and camping weekend.

Joyce's notes:

After some last minute changes to the venue the group gathered

here at Blackwell Sailing on the afternoon of May 31st to prepare for this annual adventure. Impact International kindly offered us, at short notice, the chance to camp again at Crag Wood near Brockhole. The sail to our campsite was just right and we arrived there at about 6 o'clock. After setting up our tents we had a barbecue. Some live music provided by Mel, Kristienne and Jane.

It was a very nice evening and we were able to enjoy the sunshine sitting on the beach until the sun went down over the mountains. It stayed warm and sunny for the rest of the weekend and although there was not so much wind on Sunday the sail back to Blackwell sailing was very pleasant. We had, of course, managed to fit in a good hearty breakfast before our return!

Advertisement: Blackwell Sailing Fleeces

Again these good quality garments are for sale for the very reasonable price of £16 with our famous logo on and a choice of three colours: Navy, Royal Blue and Grey. **Please try one on at Blackwell Sailing to get the right size and give the money to David or Lyn.**

Visitors from Abroad

On 8th July we had a sailing session for the group from Rienteln in Germany (who come as guests of WOSP in Kendal). They last came several years ago, just before we moved into our new building so were amazed at the new facilities. They had an exciting sailing session too, because there was a good wind and they almost forgot about the football for a while! We had to promise that they would be finished in time to get back for their world cup match against Brazil. More recently we have welcomed Rhys Humphry who lives in Australia and Miaomiao He who is from China.

In September we look forward to welcoming the group of children from Belarus for another sailing session. These children came sailing with us for the first time last year and have support from the charity Friends of Chernobyl's Children. We are not so used to having a group of such lively, smaller children and we will need to borrow some more lifejackets that are not too big for them.

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