

## FRIENDS OF THE HEREFORD BULL

### Bulletin – April 2014

In September last year the Trow bulletin concluded by saying:

*“This month the trow team and the Sea Cadets will roll up their sleeves and clean and preserve the trow for the winter... In May next year we expect the trow to take part in the River Wye Festival. For 2014 we have plans which ... will see THB based in Hereford on the River Wye, in the public eye, accessible to businesses (to make a bit of money we hope), and to the public (ditto); useful to the Sea Cadets both of Hereford and of Ross, and accessible not only to them, but also to other groups of young or disadvantaged people.”*



On 1 April 2014 *The Hereford Bull* was lifted out of Drummonds Dub by Richard Rogers of Leominster Crane Hire, using beams generously provided by Mercian Lifting Gear. It was taken by Andy Boyle on one of his A.B.E. trailers to KGD Industrial Services' unit on Orchard Lane in Hereford. Huge thanks are due to Ken Davies for so generously lending us space under cover. It would otherwise have been far harder, if not impossible, to prepare the trow for its next commitments.



The trow team indeed rolled up their sleeves, both this month and in October last year, and got stuck into d.i.y. maintenance. Every inch has been washed and scrubbed. Nielsen's have re-caulked the decks and repaired a small area of underwater damage to the hull. The hull and bilges have been repainted with bitumen. All the rest of the woodwork has been re-treated with different grades of deck oil. THB is now gleaming.



At 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 29 April we will lower *The Hereford Bull* into the River Wye just beside the Victoria Footbridge to the King George V playing fields. So a Wye Trow will return to the Wye for the first time in about a century. BBC Midlands Today and Radio Hereford & Worcester expect to cover the event.

After one or two trips for press and invited guests, we will concentrate on taking up a newly-laid mooring some way downstream from the old road bridge, and on getting the trow ready to play a part in the Hereford River Carnival on 3 May. We have some very promising plans for a new Hereford base for the trow and for several good and worthy uses for it. More about these in a future bulletin.

If you would like to see *The Hereford Bull* being launched onto the Wye, Victoria Bridge would be a good vantage point.

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