

WATERWHEELS



Formerly Handicapped Anglers Trust

Newsletter of The Wheelyboat Trust

Suzuki Marine sponsor this year's Alan Faulkner Memorial Award



The Wheelyboat Trust is delighted to announce a major boost to the profile of its flagship annual award with the news that this year's Alan Faulkner Memorial Award is being sponsored by Suzuki Marine.

Created in memory of the Trust's Founder President, the award is presented annually at the CLA Game Fair to the game fishery that provides disabled anglers with the most outstanding service, facilities, opportunities and access. Past winners are Stonebridge Trout Lakes, Yorkshire and

Eyebrook Trout Fishery, Leicestershire.

This year's prize to the winning fishery will be one of Suzuki's super reliable 5hp 4-stroke outboard motors, worth more than £700. Fishery nominations are now being sought so to nominate your favourite fishery please complete the attached form and return to the Trust. Forms can also be downloaded from the website www.wheelyboats.org. Everyone nominating a fishery will be entered into a draw for a £50 gift voucher. The closing date for nominations is July 7th.

As well as being a fitting memorial to the Trust's Founder President who conceived the idea of the Wheelyboat, the award is intended to highlight the needs of disabled anglers. The Trust's Director, Andy Beadsley, said, "We are very pleased that Suzuki are sponsoring the 2005 award. Their input will undoubtedly help raise the award's profile and encourage more fisheries to provide suitable access and facilities." Suzuki Marine Division Sales & Marketing Manager Richard Whittaker said, "Suzuki is pleased to support The Wheelyboat Trust and the work they do in ensuring the sport of fishing is available to all anglers."

The Suzuki small outboard range, from 4-15 horsepower, has attracted a strong following amongst anglers, due to the quiet running, low emissions and 4-stroke fuel economy. In common with the rest of the 2-250hp range, they offer excellent value for money.

Mk II Wheelyboat 'specials'



Two special Mk II Wheelyboats have recently been built to accommodate specific needs at lakes in Devon and Northern Ireland. Roadford Reservoir in Devon has just taken delivery of a 20' Wheelyboat (pictured) which is 5' longer than standard. As well as being available for trout fishing, this 'stretch' model has been designed to take up to 10 people, including several wheelchairs, for pleasure boating and nature watching trips. It has been eagerly awaited, not least by Tavistock's Molly Owen Centre. Molly Owen's Rex Harpham, a keen boatman, has generated a lot of interest locally. He recognises how beneficial boating is for Molly Owen's residents, most of whom have learning difficulties. Funding for the project came from The Hedley Foundation, Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales and the Environment Agency

The other boat is a standard Mk II with built-in batteries and charger and has been delivered to Corbet Lough in Co Down where Banbridge District Council received European grant aid to provide disabled anglers with access to the lough. The Wheelyboat lives in its own purpose built boat house and will be available through the local angling club for trout fishing. The built in power pack removes the need to haul heavy batteries to and fro each time for charging. Instead, the boat's on-board charger plugs directly into the mains.

For Wheelyboat bookings telephone either 01409 211514 for Roadford Reservoir or 023 4062 5039 for Corbet Lough.

Celebrity Pike Match raises funds for Mk II

Tim Small, owner of Lechlade and Bushyleaze Trout Fisheries in Gloucestershire, organised a pike match on Bushyleaze lake last November to raise funds for a Mk II Wheelyboat. More than 30 people enjoyed a fun fishing day with pig roast dinner and goody bag giveaways including a specially commissioned sweatshirt sponsored by Cooper Croydon BMW. Everybody was entertained by the antics of celebrity anglers Chris Tarrant and David Seaman. Some 30 or so pike were caught but none of the 20 pounders reported to inhabit the lake. All the participants paid £100 for the day and the balance of funding for the Wheelyboat came from Awards for All and the Environment Agency. To book the Wheelyboat phone Tim on 01367 253266.

Funds urgently sought

Please help the Trust continue its valuable work by sending a donation. Expenditure continues to exceed income, a situation that cannot be sustained. The Trust brings much pleasure and independence to many people and an increase in its revenue is desperately sought. A Gift Aid form should be attached, otherwise one is available on our website. Please help if you can. Many thanks indeed.

'Clarissa & The Fisherman' launch Dearnford's 'Greenheart'

On a bright but windy day in April, country sports stalwart and celebrity chef, Clarissa Dickson Wright, joined well-known angler and scientist, Dr Malcolm Greenhalgh, to launch Dearnford Trout Fishery's new Mk II Wheelyboat, named 'Greenheart' after the early rod-building material. The Wheelyboat project at Dearnford, near Whitchurch in Shropshire, forms part of a major development programme which will also provide a new fishing lodge as well as the new home for the National Angling Collection – the museum of angling.

The Wheelyboat will provide disabled anglers with access to the entire lake. Its steep banks all the way round meant that providing suitable bank access would have been a difficult task and the Wheelyboat was the most sensible solution. The project was funded jointly by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund (EAGGF) of the EU and DEFRA through the Northern Marches – England Leader+ programme and by the Environment Agency. The Wheelyboat will also be available for nature watching and pleasure boating especially for disabled children. The launch also included the presentation of a powered wheelchair to the fishery by the Helsby Golf Club to assist with access from the fishery car park to the Wheelyboat. For further enquiries and bookings, telephone 01948 665914.



Left to right—David Boyce (England Leader +), Sir William Lawrence (Heart of England Tourism), Clarissa Dickson Wright, Dr Malcolm Greenhalgh, Jane Bebbington (owner of Dearnford with husband Chas), Andy Roberts (Environment Agency), Chas Bebbington, Andy Beadsley (Wheelyboat Trust)

Dowager Duchess launches new Mk II demonstrator

In front of a large crowd of well-wishers at the Chatsworth Angling Fair in May, the Dowager Duchess of Devonshire launched the Trust's new demonstrator Wheelyboat. It is the 16th Wheelyboat to be funded by the CLA Charitable Trust (the charitable arm of the Country Land & Business Association) and will help The Wheelyboat Trust promote its work at shows and events all over the UK.

In a tribute to the Duke of Devonshire, who had launched the Trust's previous demonstrator Wheelyboat three years earlier, the boat has been named 'The Andrew Devonshire'. He was a patron of The Wheelyboat Trust and had close connections with the CLA.

Shows like the Chatsworth Angling Fair provide the Trust with an important platform to demonstrate the benefits of the Wheelyboat. They provide an opportunity for potential venues, users and sponsors to see the Wheelyboat in action and appreciate how simple it makes life for disabled people on water.



Pictured with the Dowager Duchess are (left to right) Andy Beadsley (Wheelyboat Trust), Peter Geldart (CLA Charitable Trust) and Danny Peet (Wheelyboat Trust)

Our most grateful thanks to the following for their recent generous support:

Environment Agency, Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland, Mactaggart Third Fund, CLA Charitable Trust, Northern Marches England Leader +, West Dunbartonshire Council, 29 May 1961 Charitable Trust, Lord Barnby's Foundation, Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust, George John Livanos Charitable Trust, Grocers' Charity, Robertson Trust, Astor Foundation, Raymond & Blanche Lawson Charitable Trust, Tim Small, Bernard and Gill Cribbins and Lechlade pike match attendees, Awards for All, Cooper Croydon BMW, Laurent-Sperrier, Svendsen Sports UK, Masterline International, Today's Flyfisher, Drennan International, Skrettings, Roger Tomlinson, Phil Davidson, Scobell Charitable Trust, David Laing Foundation, Ormsby Charitable Trust, Land Securities plc, Scotbelge Charitable Trust, Lionel Wigram Memorial Trust, Good Neighbours Trust, Cotton Trust, Thompson Fund, Ormonde Charitable Trust, McCabe Family Charitable Trust, Securicor Charitable Trust, PALS Fishing Club, Leicestershire Police Flyfishers, CM Keyser Charitable Trust, Norman Family Charitable Trust, Mobility Roadshow, Southern Water plc, Mr J Loudon, Chigboro Fisheries, Fly Dressers Guild Rotherguild Branch, Ifor Jones, Maurice Melhado, Dr KF Marshall, Russell Spencer, Mr KA Young, Sir Max Hastings, Sue Hiatt, and all contributors to last autumn's Waterwheels appeal.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Recent Wheelyboat arrivals:

Mk IIs to Lechlade and Bushyleaze Trout Fisheries in Gloucestershire, Dearnford Trout Fishery in Shropshire. Special build Mk IIs to Roadford Reservoir in Devon and Corbet Lough in Co Down. Refurbished Mk Is to Willington Trout Fishery in Derbyshire and Carman Trout Fishery in West Dunbartonshire.

Wheelyboats coming very soon:

Mk IIs to Wimbleball Reservoir in Somerset and Eyebrook Trout Fishery in Leicestershire. Refurbished Mk I to Fontburn Reservoir in Northumberland.

Some projects in hand:

Mk IIs to Lake of Menteith in Stirlingshire, Lockwood Beck in North Yorkshire and River Thames at Chiswick. Refurbished Mk I to Chigboro Fisheries in Essex.

Environment Agency provides invaluable support

The Wheelyboat fleet owes much of its rapid growth over the past two years to the generosity of the Environment Agency which has provided funding for all of the following projects. The EA believes in the principle of access to angling for all and is to be applauded for the help and encouragement it provides to organisations like ours that provide disabled anglers with the facilities they need to participate fully.

New Mk IIs: Tal-y-llyn (x2), Llyn Trawsfynydd (x2), Llyn Nantlle, Llyn Cefni, Llyn Brenig, Carsington Water, Bewl Water, Bushyleaze Trout Fishery, Dearnford Trout Fishery, Roadford Reservoir

Refurbished Mk Is: Willington Trout Fishery

Details of all these venues are available on the Trust's website www.wheelyboats.org or from the Director on 01798 342222.

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