

NOVEMBER 2010 BLOG



Getting the vote in

WSN Director, Alec Lewis and his team were hard at work yesterday as Balmoral competed to win £50,000 on ITV People's Millions contest. Over a thousand leaflets were handed out at a roadshow held alongside Balmoral at

Bristol yesterday. The ship was lit up and flags, bunting and posters all helped to persuade an interested public to vote. Meanwhile, ITV screened our team of volunteers hard at work and showed the ship out to sea with passengers aboard. Our team will be aboard the ship tonight to hear the result and to learn if the £50,000 prize has been won. Tune in to ITV West Country tonight at 6pm for the result!

Back in Steam

The fires were lit and steam raised once more in Waverley's boilers last week (just in time for the cold weather!) Testing was undertaken to assess the condition of the boilers. Good news! No defects were found. Waverley's boilers are now kept in steam throughout the winter to keep the ship warm and preserve the internal fabrics. Check back here soon for details of Waverley's winter work parties



Turning-to at Bristol

Volunteer work parties started on board Balmoral at Bristol last week. A good turn out was reported and work began straight away. The ship is 'open' for work on Tuesdays and Fridays until Christmas and from mid January onwards. New members are always welcome, whether skilled or un-skilled, and fear not the cold weather - the central heating is switched on! Keep up with progress by reading these pages regularly.

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All at sea

Captain Andy O'Brian, usually in command of Waverley or Balmoral, answered an SOS from our friends Stena who operate the ferry 'Caledonia'. Having undergone familiarisation training last year, Andy was able to stand in as Second Mate in a week which started with strong winds and ended with some really cold weather. Andy is now back to

his day job of planning timetables for Waverley and Balmoral's 2011 season.

Education, education, education

Company Safety Officer, Maria Mackinnon, who joined the Waverley Excursions team earlier this year has been taking part in training at Warsash Maritime Academy. Maria told us the course included practical workshops to enable her to act as lead auditor for onboard audits.



Friend at Sharpness

Operations Director Ian McMillan visited the Sharpness Shipyard yesterday for a meeting with the dry-dock team who carry out the repairs on Balmoral each spring. Ian found the team very busy with two historic ships under repair in the dry-dock. The Lundy service vessel Oldenburg was on the blocks for her annual survey and

bottom repaint and was sharing the dock with the tug St Thomas. Oldenburg is often to be seen, from the decks of Waverley and Balmoral, as she makes her way from Bideford or Ilfracombe to Lundy Island

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