

TOWLINE

THE NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS & SUPPORTERS OF THE DANNY.



THIS EDITION'S NEWS AND UPDATES:

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FULL STEAM AHEAD !

Welcome to a special Towline

We wanted to keep in touch during this very uncertain time and to give you news and reassurances about the current position of The Danny.

We are undergoing a period of change, but we are not on our own and are well-supported - which we thank you all for.

If anyone has any questions or wants to get in touch please email us and we will hope to help.

A message from our Chair Keith Levin

Firstly I have some good news for you which is great in these troubled times. We have recently heard from Mike Moran who is one of our Trustees and also a Director at Cammell Lairds, that our new propeller should be ready for transport from Teignbridge Propellers to Birkenhead. The plan is for the Danny to share a dry dock in Cammell Lairds with the Saint Helena and if all goes to plan, the Danny should be ready for release back to us by the middle to end of June. We are extremely fortunate to have Mike as a Trustee and I thank him for the help he and Cammell Lairds have given us.

Our aspiration is to be operational by 1st August. I stress this is a target date and we are very much at the mercy of the dreaded Covid 19 and in the hands of the government as to when restrictions are lifted or relaxed on social distancing and travel. We appreciate that most of our volunteers are over 70 as is the age profile of our passengers. Our overriding concern is the safety of both our crew and our passengers and therefore even if "our little steamer" and our volunteers are raring to go the brutal reality may well be that we shall be unable to resume operations until next year.

We are also fortunate that unlike many of the heritage railways at the moment we are financially secure and have sufficient funds to keep us going for the immediate future.

This is due to a combination of good financial management by our director, Andrea Ward, and by my Board of Trustees and predecessor Dan Cross, and to our good fortune and timing in that we have recently secured the release of the majority of the retention from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF). Our thanks go to Andrea for the many of hours of work she has put in to achieve this result which could not have come at a better time.

So my message is this: we are not about to go "belly up" but we cannot sit back on our laurels. The crunch time will come in about 18 months to 2 years when unless we have bridged the gap of around £60,000 per annum between our income and expenditure we shall be in financial difficulties.

May I thank all of you who responded to my request for fund raising ideas. We considered carefully all of your ideas. Many of the ideas were already on our radar but several were new and interesting.

Because we presently have money in the bank, the down side is that we are not eligible for the emergency grants and funding. We are also mindful that at the present time many are worried about their own financial situation and that of members of their family and those who have spare cash are likely to be more inclined to donate it to organisations such as the NHS rather than to a heritage steamship. For this reason the Board has decided that at present we should identify and target organisations to whom we can apply for grants other than emergency Covid grants for which we are not eligible and that we should defer any appeals to our members, volunteers and supporters until early next year when hopefully we shall have come out of the present crisis and pressures on all of us will have eased.

In the meantime one idea from our members that we are planning to implement is a "100 Club". For those of you are not familiar with a 100 Club basically it works like this. To join the club you pay a subscription of £10 per month and membership is restricted to 100. Each member is allocated a membership number from 1 to 100 and every month there is a draw which Andrea will carry out by means of a computerised random number generator to select a winning number. The lucky winner will receive a prize of £100 (or 10% of the income until we reach 100 members). Should the scheme prove to be oversubscribed then we will increase the numbers to 200 with bigger prizes. The only drawback is that under rules imposed by the Gambling Commission membership of a 100 or 200 Club is restricted to members and supporters of the Society and therefore any volunteers who are not members or supporters cannot join the 100 Club. Andrea will let all members know when the club is open to join and I would ask all who are eligible to support it.

I thank everyone for all of the hard work they have put in and continue to put in to keep our pride and joy operational and secure and I also thank all of you for the support you have given me in carrying out my role as Chair and in case you need reminding:



Introducing Our New 100 Club

May I remind all members of the Daniel Adamson Preservation Society (DAPS) that our 100 Club has now been launched. For anyone who does not know how a 100 Club works – here is the lowdown. It's very simple. There is a subscription of £10 per month payable by standing order to DAPS and each member of the club is allocated a number between 1 and 100. On the 28th day of each month at 12 noon a number is drawn by a computer driven random number generator and the member whose number is drawn wins a cash prize of 10% of the pool for that particular month up to a maximum of £100.

The winning number and name of the winner will be announced each month following the draw at 14.00 hours on 100 Club group email with a screen shot of the winning number attached. We already have about 20 members who have given commitments to join but we need to get numbers up to 100 or as near as possible to make the scheme a success.

It is a great way of raising much needed funds for the Danny with a chance to win a cash prize of up to £100 every month. So please email Sheila Leonard our membership secretary at Sheila.Leonard@danieladamson.co.uk and sign up.

Unfortunately, because of Gaming Rules the 100 Club is only open to members of DAPS, so as a member you are eligible to join this new scheme and help raise funds for the society.

Keith Levin
DAPS Chairman

CAPTAIN STUART WOOD'S LOCKDOWN QUIZ

A quiz on flags - answers on back page

1. What is the technical term for someone involved in flags?
2. How many flags make up the International Code of Signals?
3. What is a swallow tail flag?
4. How many swallow tailed flags in the ICoS?
5. How many triangular flags in ICoS?
6. What is the name for those parts of a flag nearest to and furthest from the flagpole or hoisting line?
7. What is the term for the wooden device used to haul the flag up?
8. What is the name of the pair of metal or nylon devices used to haul up a flag?
9. What is the name of the flag consisting of the Union Flag surrounded on all four sides by a white margin?
10. What proportion of the Red Ensign does the Union Flag occupy?
11. What is the name of the line used to hoist a flag?
12. Danny's Red Ensign is defaced. What does that mean?
13. How many stripes are there on the US flag? And what colours?
14. What colour is the cross on the Swiss flag?
15. What colours are used for the Cornish flag?
16. How many country flags make up the Union Flag?
17. How many stars are on the Australian flag?
18. How many stars are on the New Zealand flag?
19. What defacement is carried on the ensigns of ships of the RFA?
20. Other than the Red Ensign what flag would be flown by a pilot boat?
21. Why was the Stars and Stripes seen on the moon so much ridiculed?
22. At Trafalgar Nelson was Vice Admiral of a Squadron of the Fleet. What colour?

KEEP IN TOUCH

We hope to be cruising again very soon, in the meantime we wanted to still bring you news and keep in touch, as much as we can, we hope you enjoy this special edition of Towline.

Should anyone want to keep further in-touch you can follow us on Facebook for news and ideas of things to do during lock-down.

There is also a whats-app group for volunteers. Email enquiries@danieladamson.co.uk if you would like more details.

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AVAILABLE - EMAIL
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Colour-in The Liver Building as sketched by one of our volunteers Alan McKittrick





THE DANNY



A STEAMSHIP
EXPERIENCE
— WITH A —
Unique Story



SUPPORTERS SCHEME

The Daniel Adamson Steamship can be found on the North West Waterways and has been a project involving the community for more than 20 years

The Danny is your own 'Little Steamer'. She is free to visit, thanks to the generous support we receive from donations. Your support cares for her and allows her to give a unique maritime experience to our many visitors. Your support means we can offer free learning and education sessions for local school children. Your support means we can keep The Danny cruising on our local waterways as a piece of living heritage. We need your support to make sure that everyone has access to this important community and heritage steamship. By joining our Danny Supporters Scheme from as little as £5 a month you are helping to keep the story of the Danny alive, her history, restoration, conservation and operation.

How you can make a difference: Every donation - no matter how large or small - makes an impact.

Your contribution will:

- Support the ongoing conservation on the engines and structure, preserving them for future generations.
- Unite primary school children and older volunteers to work together sharing stories and learning from each other.
- Purchase art materials for our free family workshops - helping young children develop their creativity and connect with the Danny.
- Enhance the interactive displays and enable accessibility for visitors with additional needs including BSL, videos and Autism Friendly workshops.
- Bring socially isolated people together, interacting with our dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to keep the Danny operational.
- Take The Danny out to those who cannot come to us via talks and presentations.



PLEASE DONATE TO SUPPORT OUR PROJECT FOR MORE DETAILS GO TO
www.thedanny.co.uk or email enquiries@danieladamson.co.uk

Quiz Answers!

Captain Stuart Woods Lock Down Quiz on Flags

1. What is the technical term for someone involved in flags?

Vexillologist 1pt

2. How many flags make up the International Code of Signals? 40 1pt

3. What is a swallow tail flag? Rectangular/square flag with a cake slice cut out of the fly. 1pt

4. How many swallow tailed flags in the ICoS? 2. Code A and code B. 1pt

5. How many triangular flags in ICoS? 3. 1pt

6. What is the name for those parts of a flag nearest to and furthest from the flagpole or hoisting line?

Hoist (near) and Fly (furthest) 2pts

7. What is the term for the wooden device used to haul the flag up? Toggle. 1pt

8. What is the name of the pair of metal or nylon devices used to haul up a flag? Inglefield Clips 1pt

9. What is the name of the flag consisting of the Union Flag surrounded on all four sides by a white margin?

Pilot Jack. 1pt

10. What proportion of the Red Ensign does the Union Flag occupy? 25% 1pt

11. What is the name of the line used to hoist a flag? Haulyard or halliard. 1pt

12. Danny's Red Ensign is defaced. What does that mean? A standard ensign carrying an authorised badge or badges in the fly.

1pt

13. How many stripes are there on the US flag? And what colours? 13 in total. 7 red and 6 white. 2pts

14. What colour is the cross on the Swiss flag? White 1pt

15. What colours are used for the Cornish flag? Black and white 1pt

16. How many country flags make up the Union Flag? Three. 1pt

17. How many stars are on the Australian flag? Six. 1pt

18. How many stars are on the New Zealand flag? Four. 1pt

19. What defacement is carried on the ensigns of ships of the RFA? Horizontal gold anchor. 1pt

20. Other than the Red Ensign what flag would be flown by a pilot boat?

Horizontal red over white halved. 1pt

21. Why was the Stars and Stripes seen on the moon so much ridiculed?

Because it appeared to be windblown. 1pt

22. At Trafalgar Nelson was Vice Admiral of a Squadron of the Fleet. What colour? White. 1pt

Total (Possible 24)