



The Consuta Trust

The advancement of education in the history of steam launches, by preservation, maintenance and exhibition of the steam launch **Consuta**

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Dear Supporter,

Heritage Boat Museum – Beale Park

Progress is slow, but at least it gives us time for a thorough appraisal of what we are planning.

The evolution of boating on the Thames during the 19th century was revolutionary and will be a fascinating tale to tell.

We've had a comprehensive topology survey with heights and tree specimens marked up and a Flood Risk report from the EA, Tony has made an excellent 1:200 scale model of the site plus building.

To see the plans and latest news please look at the Consuta website home page:- www.consuta.org.uk and click Future Museum. We intend to keep this updated with progress.

Autumn steam outings since the last newsletter (ie since early September)

The answer is there haven't been any outings, very disappointing. There were several very nice sunny days, but then the river was in flood, and there were a few days when the boards weren't out (hard to believe I know) but then the weather was dull or even drizzling.

We finally had to choose a date for the Consuta craneout fully expecting that it would be wet and miserable, but not a bit of it, lovely and sunny; in case you are wondering, yes the river did have red boards out on the Goring Whitchurch reach.

We had a good turn out of helpers for the craning, thank you, and everything went very smoothly. A most pleasant social occasion with no problems; always a relief for me. The squeaking we had heard on the old trailer earlier had been diagnosed as brakes binding due to rust stiffness on the rod and lever pivots used; the problem had soon been sorted. This time the boiler remained in Consuta so the lift was the full 4.5 tons. Our second task was to lift the Beale Park Shallop onto its trailer; those who were hankering after a boat trip had a bit of fun paddling the Shallop to the slipway.

Consuta's hull had a bit more than the usual chalk grime on one side; someone suggested this had built up and been burned on by the hot sun – when was that then?? Anyway she is all clean now and is temporarily parked by the cottages opposite the cowshed, to be moved inside shortly when there is room.

A quick appraisal of our coal supplies indicates that we probably have enough coal left over from our 3 ton supply to steam Consuta throughout next year. The coal is excellent stuff and is now most economical, however much of reserves will be due to lower usage this year.



Photo:- a 1:200 scale model of the museum and surrounds



Launch Builder **S. E. SAUNDERS,** and Engineer.

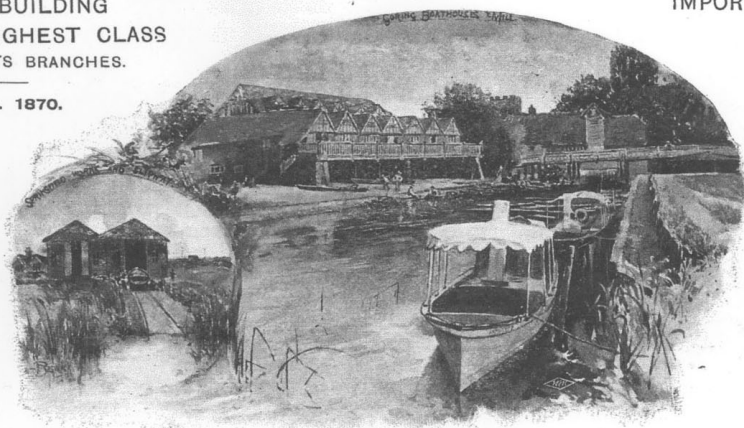
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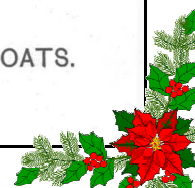
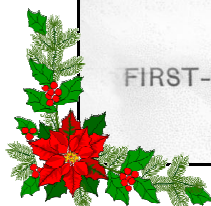


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The Consuta Social

Colin and Lucie Henwood would like to welcome all supporters of The Consuta Trust
To the Henwood & Dean Boatbuilders workshops at

Greenlands Farm, Hambledon, Saturday 9th February 2013 – Midday to 3:00pm

I'm told there will be plenty of interesting things to see, plus good food and drink.

Crisps, dips, olives etc.

Local Aberdeen Angus casserole with seasonal vegetables.

(vegetarian option available)

Surprise desert

Cheese and biscuits

Wine, local beer and soft drinks - Coffee/tea

Booking form below. Please completed the form and send with your payment cheque (payable to The Consuta Trust) to:- 19 Mill Bank, Kintbury, Hungerford, RG17 9UW

All bookings to be received before 1st February.

Any queries please contact:- Brian Smith tel:- 01488 658795 or email:- brian.smith@consuta.org.uk

Consuta Social Buffet

Booking form

Meals including drinks cost £17.50 per person. Number of meals required =

I have enclosed cheque payable to "The Consuta Trust" for = £

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Vegetarian option - how many