



News

News Update 15th June 2025

Dear Friends

Here's an update since we attended the Harbrough '75 event last weekend.

Nutfield & Raymond at Foxton

In spite of the rain on Saturday, overall, we had a successful weekend at Foxton, and *Nutfield* took part in the Saturday cavalcade to Market Harbrough. However, as the crew were winding the boat to bring her back to join *Raymond*, a bolt sheared in the gearbox leaving us without reverse gear. We managed to get a tow, so the boats are together but they have had to remain at Foxton until the gearbox is repaired. Dave Ross from Brinklow Boats Services is coming out tomorrow (Monday) morning, so fingers crossed he'll get *Nutfield* up and running again.

The plan now is to move *Nutfield & Raymond* down to Crick on Wednesday, with a possible stop at Husbands Bosworth for children from the local primary school to visit the boats, and to move them on to Braunston on Thursday morning. This will get them back in time for *Raymond* to go into the wet dock on Friday morning for further repairs and painting before the rally.

Braunston Historic Boat Rally

And talking of the rally, don't forget it's on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th June. *Nutfield & Raymond* will be taking part in the opening parade starting at 11.00 on Saturday morning. And there will be another parade at the same time on Sunday. In between times, we have been asked if we can offer trips on the boats in return for donations so, depending on the uptake, *Nutfield & Raymond* may be on the move several times over the weekend.

Over 90 historic boats are expected to attend this year's rally so there will be a lot to see, as well as a good chance of a trip on *Raymond* – although, regrettably, not on the Saturday opening parade as we are usually inundated with guests. Plus, of course, we'll have our extensive sales area by the arm, with lots of things to buy.

So, it promises to be a good day out and, if you come, do please stop by the stalls or the boats and say hello. We'd love to see you.

25th anniversary gathering at The Boat House

As of today, 16 FoR members have said they'll come and, with a similar number from The Narrow Boat Trust, it looks like we'll have a reasonable turnout. *Nutfield & Raymond* and *Nuneaton & Brighton* will be tied at the pub, and both pairs will do a boat trip in the afternoon for those who want to go.

So, if you haven't told us yet but would like to come do, please, let us know. Although, if you don't decide until the day, you'll still be very welcome.

Latest events schedule

I have attached the latest issue of this year's Events Schedule. A number of members have already pledged their help with various activities later in the year, but we urgently need help this week with moving the boats back to Braunston, so if anyone can help with that, can help at the rally, or indeed with anything else later in the year, as ever, please let us know.

Next month

As I promised in the last newsletter, I will aim to issue a full edition of *FoR News*, complete with pictures, sometime in the week beginning 7th July.

With kind regards

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