

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF SHIPWRIGHTS



“Encouraging the involvement of young people in the maritime world”

Education & Charities Report

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Charity Matters....!

At a Glance.....

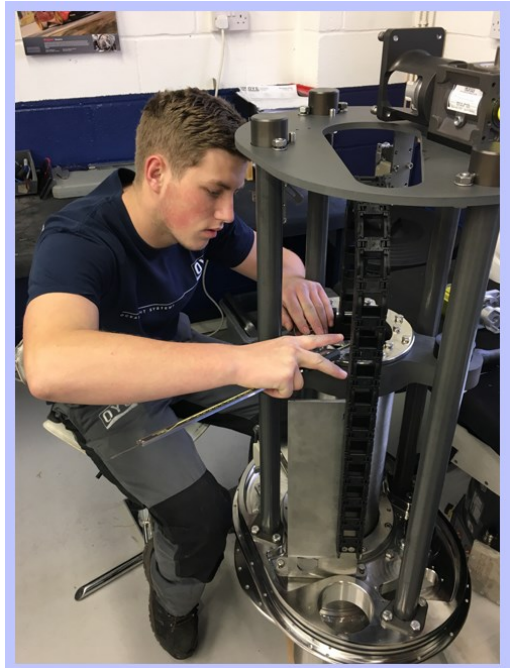
- £132,500 regular Charitable and Educational giving
- £50,000 support to the London Nautical School
- 5 Apprentices funded through over £40,000 of financial support
- 18 Queen's Silver Medallists attend Keilder course.
- Bursaries for 3 Universities studying Marine Engineering and Naval Architecture
- Bursary at the UKSA to support professional marine qualification.
- Billmeir Scheme supports 20 students
- Over 100 children supported for voyages on Tall Ships and the Jubilee Sailing Trust
- Shipwright funded onboard Glasgow's last sailing ship "Glenlee".
- Ongoing support for George Green School
- Shipwrights Lecture Programme at Southampton University for over 350 apprentices

Welcome to this Autumn 2015 update of the charitable activities of your Company.

This has been a busy and successful year for our Charitable activities and on the next few pages, you can read about them in a bit more detail.

We are delighted to have entered into a funding arrangement with Lloyd's Register Foundation to fund our Apprenticeship Scheme. This valuable funding has allowed us to

increase the number of apprentices we have funded to 20 and we are planning to double that number in the next two next two years. Thus far, the apprentices have been placed in small to medium sized enterprises in the Leisure Industry. We are looking to expand the variety of commercial fields where we can encourage small businesses to take on an apprentice. If you have any thoughts or ideas on this, they would be welcomed.



Island Ribs A case study

Island RIBs is a new business with a small team of 3 building Rigid Inflatable Boats in East Cowes on the Isle of Wight. They identified a young man to employ and asked for assistance from the scheme to help establish an apprenticeship within the company.

Lewis now travels once a week to Southampton City College to complete his qualifications alongside learning his trade with Island RIBs.

Alex Cottle of Island RIBs says;

“We are delighted that Island RIBs is now receiving support for its first apprentice, Lewis Wilde, from the Shipwrights Apprenticeship Scheme. The Scheme offers not only financial support in the form of wage funding for Lewis, but also access to many training and development opportunities. We are already seeing the benefits relating to Lewis' apprenticeship. We are very grateful to Paul Harris and all others involved.





Sea Cadets on "Thames Shipwright"

Charitable Giving; Standard Donations

Charitable giving is targeted to specific groups to ensure effectiveness and continuity. Every year we support the following organisations;

- City of London & London Area Sea Cadets
- Princes Trust
- George Green School

- RSMA Student marine artist prize
- City Sea Exchange
- Clyde Maritime Trust plus a number of other special projects such as replacing school minibuses and the Sea Cadets vessels maintenance .

We also support a number of worthy City causes such as the Lord Mayors Appeal and the annual National Seafarers Service. There are many more causes we would like to support but sadly we only have £50,000 so our challenge is to make this go as far as possible.



Universities Scheme

One of the Company's aims is to promote the training and development of young people to enable them to pursue a career in the maritime industry. The Shipwrights provide a grant to two students studying Marine Engineering at each of three Universities:

- Newcastle



- Strathclyde, Glasgow
- Southampton

The students not only receive a grant but have a local Shipwright as a mentor during their time at University.

In addition the Company awards an annual prize to the top student at each University.



George Green School



Fairbridge Trust



City Sea Exchange

Shipwrights Lecture Programme

In 2011 The Worshipful Company of Shipwrights, with the support of the University of Southampton, laid the foundation for a series of Annual Lectures to be presented to apprentices, young shipwrights, students and graduates by invited industry leaders. The leisure boat industry in the UK is worth some £3.5 billion and a large number of companies, big and small employ a significant number of young people. The Shipwrights in con-

junction with Southampton University have developed an annual lecture programme that brings together apprentices of naval architecture and marine engineering to hear from icons of the industry. The programme introduces apprentices to designers and builders in a lecture programme that they would not otherwise have the opportunity of meeting colleagues in their industry. **The next lecture will be held in Southampton in October 2016—details on the website.**



The Shipwrights Lecture 2015

Queen's Silver Medal

The Queens Silver Medal was established in 1944 by King George VI and has been administered by the Shipwrights ever since. The programme calls for apprentices to be nominated from every known shipyard in the UK. The best are then selected by the Company to undertake a week's course and evaluation at Hawkhurst on Kielder Water in Northumberland in September each year.

The course is both physically and mentally challenging and is assessed by a team of professional instructors in personnel development. Assessors provide a detailed report for each apprentice

which is shared with them and their companies and using those reports a short list of six are invited to attend the Education and Charities Committee for a personal interview in early December, at the end of which the winners are announced.

For many this is a daunting task but for all it is recognised as a milestone in their development and for some a life changing experience. And its fun! The Shipwrights commit some £30,000 a year for the programme and host 18 young apprentices, both male and female on the course from both traditional boatbuilding and the leisure industry.



Fierce competition on Kielder Water



Staying afloat is more challenging!

Close association with our 2 schools

The Shipwrights have had a long association with George Green's School in London's Docklands and Past Prime Warden William Everard is the Shipwright's Governor there. We are currently looking to provide assistance to the school in a variety of ways, including the provision of musical instruments.

Our association with The London Nautical School is shorter but no

less important. The Head of Nautical Studies that the Shipwrights fund at the school was awarded a MBE in the New Year's Honours list for his contribution to Maritime Education and voluntary service to Maritime Safety. Our association with both schools goes to the heart of our ambition to encourage young people to consider a maritime career.



Engineering apprentice through Berthon

The Billmeir Scheme

The Shipwrights' Company Educational Trust dates back to 1899 but was combined in 1957 with another set up by the late Jack Billmeir CBE, a shipowner and Prime Warden of the Shipwrights Company in 1962. The Billmeir Scheme now provides grants for technical education and training. Over £25,000 was awarded in 2012/13 to 15 individuals to support them in

their training at one of the schools teaching modern (e.g.GRP) and traditional timber ship and boat building. Five Bursaries were awarded in 2012/13 to students at Strathclyde, Southampton and Newcastle Universities studying marine engineering and naval architecture and to the UK Sailing Academy for a student to gain a sea going marine engineering qualification.



Traditional boatbuilding skills

Outdoor Bursaries

The Shipwrights' have been long time supporters of The Tall Ships Youth Trust and Jubilee Sailing Trust. In 2015, we have added the Ocean Youth Trust of Scotland and donated almost £30,000 to the three organisations to enable them to provide unique sailing experiences to youngsters. Every year nominations are sought for young people who are financially or socially disadvantaged to enable them to partici-

pate in voyages and sail training courses with both the Each Year the Shipwrights fund up to 200 young people and the scheme has produced measurable results in terms of personal development.

"I would recommend this experience to anyone and hope I can sail with the Jubilee Sailing Trust again. Thank you."

"once in a lifetime opportunity for me"

Comments from beneficiaries



And Finally.....



The Shipwrights are proud that the Lord Mountevans, a former Past Prime Warden of the Company, was elected as Lord Mayor of London in November 2015. The Shipwrights arranged for Hamble Yacht Services to build an Ark which joined the parade on the day of the Lord Mayor's show. The Sea Cadets, pupils from George Green's School and the London Nautical School manned the float. The Ark was donated to Oakfield Primary School in Totton.



How to Contribute

The shipwrights' charitable funds are an accumulation of donations from shipwrights over the years and we must do what we can to maintain and grow them for the future. The Shipwrights Ark Appeal needs your support and we encourage you to either increase your charitable donations or better still leave a legacy to the company in your will. You will be assured that your donations will be a lasting contributing to the growth of young people in the trades and profession you enjoyed in your lifetime. Thank you.

Laura Bugden - Chairman

Education & Charities Committee



One Shipwright has undertaken to cycle across Africa to raise money for the Ark Appeal. Douwe Cunningham is cycling the Tour D'Afrique and we wish him the best of luck. To sponsor him, please visit the Ark Appeal page of our website:

www.shipwrights.co.uk/charity/the-ark-appeal

Our Prime Warden Deputy Doug Barrow, organised two fund raising events in 2015: a dinner on board HMS Victory and a day for Shipwrights and their families at the Historical Dockyard Chatham, where Victory was built. Between them the two events were attended by in excess of 130 people and raised over £5000 for the Ark Appeal. The Prime Warden even managed a spot of gardening!

If you have any fund raising ideas, please do contact the Clerk



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