

## **2008 AUTUMN/WINTER NEWSLETTER**

All too soon we have entered the third quarter of the calendar year and are already on the approach to Christmas. None of us will need reminding that this is a tough time for the Industry and that the situation will have the knock-on effect of making our task of fund-raising far more difficult. The work of the Lighthouse Club must continue though, and any positive suggestions and/or offers of assistance will be greatly welcomed.

Since our last newsletter we have been to Pride Park Derby for the Gentlemen's Evening, which everyone enjoyed enough to dig deeply and generously into their pockets. Over £3,000 was raised for Club funds that night.

The Boat Trip in July was another successful event and although the weather was a little damp everyone found that their 'welcome aboard' drink and the following Happy Hour took their mind off the rain. Some wonderful raffle prizes had been donated; Julija Greaves and her assistants sold tickets and Vice-Chairman Edward Pollard presided over the draw. Jenny Maxwell also raised money by offering slices of her delicious home-made and (appropriately for a floating event) rum-flavoured, cake in exchange for a small donation; altogether £850.00 was raised from the event. Pete is already working with the Nottingham Princess to organise a special celebration on July 5<sup>th</sup> 2009 for the trip's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so book now to avoid disappointment. Those who can't remember what happened at the event in 2008 can check the photos on our website (see Website heading below). A special thankyou to Edward, Pete and Julija who put so much effort into making this event go swimmingly!

Robert Skinner reported that the golfers amongst us (and those who like to think they are) had a great day at Mickleover in October, somehow managing to scoop a sunny day for their event. Congratulations to all prize-winners, with a special mention of three players from HW Martin Traffic Management; Mark Sludds (best individual score 42pts), Gerry Crerand & Harry Johnston (best pair). The severe economic climate forced some changes to our sponsors and we are grateful for the support of Groundforce-Shorco, Matthew Montague (MMA Design Ltd), and JC Balls and Sons. The course and hospitality at Mickleover were excellent and it is planned keep the same venue in 2009.

The Christmas Lunch on December 5<sup>th</sup> 2008. is 'new venue, new menu' and this year it will be held at the Crowne Plaza (formerly the Royal Hotel). The change has been well-received and the committee is pleased to report that it is a sell-out already, with 400 people set to attend.

### **AGM**

And so to 2009. Put the date of the next AGM in your diary (when you get it!). It will be at 7.30 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at the Novotel.

### Welfare

Sid reports that our good efforts are currently supporting five cases this branch area, totalling £1,350 per month. If anyone knows of an injured person who may require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Sid.

### Committee

Graham Dixon and Pat Ellis have both left the committee in 2008; we wish to thank them both for their past work. At present we have vacancies for a Secretary and a Membership Secretary; please contact Alistair Bow, or any other committee member if you are interested in either post, or can recommend anyone else.

### Forthcoming Events 2009

Another Gentlemen's Evening is planned next year - dates to be confirmed. Hillhead 2009 will be from June 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 25<sup>th</sup> and help will be required for our stall.

-

### Website

Our Branch of the LHC moves forward into the 21<sup>st</sup> century at the end of the 2008 with our own website [www.nottinghamlighthouseclub.org](http://www.nottinghamlighthouseclub.org) which will be officially launched at this year's Christmas lunch. Anyone who wishes to advertise on it should contact any committee member, or our web designer directly on 0845 168 5700. The Branch will benefit directly from ALL advertising fees paid to NLHC.

### Raffle Prizes

We are always in need of items which we can use to raise funds for the club. In the past we have always received generous donations, but we can never have too many. Please contact a committee member if you have anything which might be suitable.

### Thanks

The many people who help us in various ways do not expect to be thanked, I am sure but nevertheless our work could not carry on without the valued contributions of time, unstinting support for our events, and of course financial donations. So a BIG thank you to everyone who has assisted us in any way. And please...Don't Stop!

We look forward to another successful year - thank you all once again.



**Alistair Bow**  
Chairman



*The Official Nottingham Branch sponsors for 2008*