

SHACKERSTONE FAMILY FESTIVAL



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This popular event was as usual well attended, historic boats present being:

Angel, Aquarius, Acacia, Battersea, Camel, Cassiopeia, Corona, Elizabeth, Empress, Greenlaw, Gosty Hill, Ilford, Jaguar & Stafford, Joseph, Kangaroo & Australia, Kestrel, Lamprey, Lynx, Manchuria, Marquis, Mecca, Monarch & Grimsby, Panther, Plover, Rill, Sharpness, Sickle, Stanton,

Star, Swallow, Swift, Telford, Thea, Vesta, Victoria, Vienna, and Warbler,

Among the more novel attractions this year were camel racing and parachute jumping, while on the Sunday we were treated to a display by the Red Arrows.

THE YOUNG WORKING BOATERS SOCIETY

YWBS was formed at the Shackerstone Family Festival, the inaugural meeting being held in the back cabin of **Sickle**. They are a group of young working boat enthusiasts who have joined together and created a society with the aim to promote not only the UK canals but also encourage the younger generation to use historic narrow boats and hope to demonstrate traditional techniques to others, including long lining. Some members of the group own their own boats and have grown up around boats from very young ages.

The objectives are:

Sharing an interest in working boats

Learning the traditional skills of moving the boats round the system

Establishing a communications network with other interested persons

For more information see their website: www.ywbs.co.uk or email admin@ywbs.co.uk



Some leading lights of the newly formed YWBS grouped on **Sickle** at Shackerstone....



.....and demonstrating a traditional boater's technique on the towpath

I believe they are on the lookout for a genuine dolly peg!