**THE FUTURE OF THE THAMES TRADITIONAL BOAT RALLY:**

 **WE WOULD LIKE YOUR INPUT**

**Dear Tradrally supporter**

Following this year’s cancellation of The Rally and the retirement of our Chairman and President after 20 years or so service, the time has come to take a fresh look at how The rally should develop in the future and how it should be run.

This year’s cancellation was due to conditions after the winter floods on the traditional site at Fawley Meadows, Henley, but its cancellation has sparked considerable support for the concept of a traditional boat rally and several participating societies and clubs are holding their own smaller scale participants -only events as a form of compensation.

There has been much discussion as to how The Rally should be developed and run for the future (if at all) and a meeting of interested parties will be organised in September: probably at Penton Hook Yacht Club.

The Rally has been run by Thames Traditional Boat Rally Ltd, a company limited by guarantee, and Janet Rivers Goodhead has offered to stay on as Treasurer and Robin Ford has agreed to stay on as Marketing Manager or adviser to a new participant. Mike Phillips is also prepared to continue as Webmaster.

The purpose of this document is to seek your views on the way The Rally should develop and be managed for the future. We should be very grateful if you could complete the attached questionnaire and email or send it back to us at the address shown.

Whether you are a boat owner, day visitor, trade exhibitor or society, your views are important to us. Please do not be restricted by the questions asked: all comments and ideas will be welcomed.

Regards

Robin Ford

**THAMES TRADITIONAL BOAT RALLY- THE FUTURE**

 **QUESTIONNAIRE**

**1 NAME**

Contact address

Email

Telephone

**2 PARTICIPATION IN THE RALLY**

Are you?

A traditional boat owner

A trade exhibitor

A boat jumble participant

A day or weekend visitor to the Rally

A Participating Society member

**3** **DO YOU WANT TO SEE THE RALLY CONTINUE?**

In its present form

In a different format

If in a different format, what changes should be made?

Please comment here

**4 IF WE HAVE TO ABANDON THE PRESENT SITE**

 Would you be prepared to see The Rally moved:

To another site in Henley?

To Beale Park?

To a site downstream of Henley? (If so where?)

**5 WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO PAY MORE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE RALLY?**

This year we had intended to increase prices for the first time in 9 years. How much more would you be prepared to pay, to help keep The Rally financially viable?

**6 WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO ASSIST WITH THE ORGANISATION OR RUNNING OF THE RALLY?**

If so, in what way?

**7 GENERAL COMMENTS.**

If there is anything else you would like to say about the future of The Rally, please do so here: all comments will be very welcome...

Reply or for further information please contact:-

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