



The 44th SBA Annual General Meeting Saturday 21st March 2015

We are delighted to announce that the 44th SBA Annual General Meeting will be held on March 21st 2015. For a third year it will be at the Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon, near Warwick, which has proved a popular venue.

A wonderful museum and conference centre with excellent catering, Gaydon provides all we need for what is expected to be another stimulating AGM and social. The Centre is very close to the M40 and being so central for a very significant mass of members we hope it will again prove a popular choice - although of course we regret we can't be closer to our Scottish and other more distant members. Our booking comes with free admission tickets for the museum, which might be an extra draw. By adjusting the timetable slightly we have sought to make more time for viewing auction items, release a few extra minutes over lunchtime for members to take a quick peek at the museum, and move one 'listening' spot to the morning to avoid being too sedentary in the afternoon!

What happens at the AGM?

SBA Annual General Meetings are always enjoyable and often fascinating. As usual, at our 44th:

- we will enjoy time to meet friends, examine exhibits, enter pictures for the photographic competition, offer sales items and buy & sell at our auction of useful steamboat related bits and pieces before breaking for lunch. *We will provide further details of the auction but lots must be valued at a starting price of £10 to speed things along (!)*. We are also looking for one or two 'prize lots' - big items - to stimulate interest. There's plenty of room for parking and the venue is used to having bits of machinery lying around. **Members wishing to trade small bits and bobs are very welcome to take over a table as a sales stand: there will be plenty available.**
- the afternoon will see the main AGM (agenda yet to be finalised) and our speaker, **Adrian Stone**, the primary conservator at the Windermere Steamboat Museum. He is a highly respected authority on boat conservation and will be fascinating.
- in the evening our dinner provides an excellent opportunity to sit down with friends.



BOOKING FORM

I/we will be attending the 44th SBA AGM at the Heritage Motor Centre on Saturday 21st March 2015

NAME(s): (Please print)

ADDRESS:

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Booking form continues overleaf

What will it cost?...

Coffee & tea (provided on arrival and mid-afternoon).....£ 7.00
Buffet lunch.....£11.50
Two Course evening dinner.....£20.00
Maximum total.....£38.50

Please note that £38.50 is the cost for the full day and evening with all meals and refreshments - only 50p more than last year. Of course there is no charge for simply attending the AGM . If you elect to come simply for the morning/afternoon and lunch the cost will be £18.50. If you intend to partake only of the tea and coffee at refreshment times the cost will be £7.00.

What do I need to do?

- Note the date in your diary!
- Decide what meals/refreshments you would like [am & pm coffee/ lunch/ dinner / nothing]
- The quickest way to book is online and, if you have refreshments, pay online with a credit card by using the link to the 2015 AGM on the SBA website. If you'd rather not use that facility then see (1) - (4) following.
 1. Fill in the mail booking form below.
 2. Prepare a cheque to cover the cost of those meals/refreshments you select.
 3. Prepare a robust stamped, self-addressed envelope (capable of accepting a wad of A4 size papers. It will be a 250gm 'large letter' package and should carry 2x First Class stamps). Immediately prior to the 15th March we will send you an AGM pack - to include full agenda, minutes of the 2014 AGM, your meal tickets etc. For online bookers the AGM pack will be available on our website (we will email you a link) at the same time.
 4. Post the whole shooting match - with that SAE - to the Chairman:
Mark Rudall 108 Prospect Road FARNBOROUGH Hants GU14 8NS
- (Email queries to mark.rudall@ntlworld.com or please phone (evenings) 01252 645486)

Hotel accommodation

Very convenient is the Premier Inn at Warmington near Banbury - now up and running once more but we do ask members not to burn it down again, please. A wealth of other accommodation remains available in the area, being so close to Stratford. There are many B&Bs (average cost ca. £50 per night) and a range of hotels. Google 'Accommodation near to the Heritage Motor Centre' for a really useful list of B&Bs, self-catering and local pubs.

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I would like to order the following meals:

AM & PM Refreshments	(£7.00 per person)	yes/ no	[how many?]
Buffet Lunch	(£11.50 per person)	yes/ no	[how many?]
Evening Dinner	(£20.00 per person)	yes/ no	[how many?]
			[Vegetarian option req'd? yes/no]

N.B. If you wish to attend the AGM but not partake of any refreshments or meals, just tick the second box below and send an SAE.

Please ✓ boxes:

- I enclose a cheque for the cost of the meals/refreshments ordered Cheques should be made payable to "The Steamboat Association of Great Britain"
- I enclose an SAE for the return of my AGM pack 2/3 weeks before the meeting itself