



# The Daniel Adamson Preservation Society

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## Message from the Chairman

I would like to say how impressed I am with all the work that Dan Cross and the other members have done to start bringing "Daniel Adamson" back to life.

I am staggered at the changes and how great the lower half was looking. All this has been achieved in three months, no money but plenty of drive and commitment. What a shame that some other organisations have not got the same get up and go. It just shows what can be done if there is a will.

With such a fantastic start the project must succeed in the long run.

Getting the "Daniel Adamson" cleaned up inside and out and looking as smart and weatherproof as possible is the next task, there is nothing like a project looking smart and professional to impress potential donors.

Keeping a record of work is not only important for future reference but is potentially valuable as matching funding for grants and again for credibility to demonstrate the level of commitment. Once the pressure of being on the dock has gone some of these more mundane tasks will seem easier, a bit of consolidation is always helpful.

We should be able to by the autumn be in a position to start putting together a modest Heritage Lottery Fund bid for £50,000 to help with the work and produce a full bid for restoration.

A general meeting will probably be held in September in which we can explain what we have done with plenty of photos and a video and enable us to put forward our plans for the future as well as hearing the views of DAPS members.

Tony Hirst  
Chairman

## Welcome!

Welcome to the first Daniel Adamson Preservation Society Newsletter.

Whilst many members will have been able to keep up with developments via the society web site [www.danieladamson.com](http://www.danieladamson.com) it is appreciated that for some this will be your first update as to what has happened to the "Daniel Adamson" since the society was formed in February.

DAPS is aiming to publish a newsletter three times each year. Future editions are likely to appear in the more conventional A5 booklet form. The next edition should appear in late August and will contain details of the forthcoming General Meeting for members to be held in the Autumn.

In the meantime if anyone has material which they would like to submit for future editions please contact the editor:

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# Restoration Diary

## February 2004

News breaks that "Daniel Adamson" is likely to go to the breakers. An emergency meeting of interested parties is held at the Boat Museum, Ellesmere Port on February 21 which resulted in the formation of the Daniel Adamson Preservation Society.



## March 2004

Vessel pumped out at Ellesmere Port to remove water which penetrated the vessel through the decking. Rudder secured amidships.

## April 2004



Thursday April 8<sup>th</sup> – "Daniel Adamson" moved from Ellesmere Port Boat Museum to Eastham Locks by Carmet Tug's "M.S.C. Viceroy".

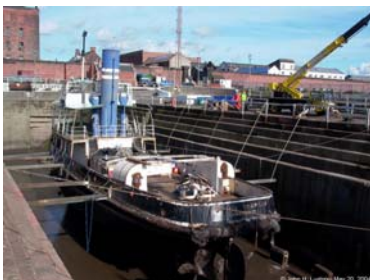
Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> – "Daniel Adamson" is officially handed over to the Daniel Adamson Preservation Society by M.S.C. representative Captain Don Morgan. The official documentation being signed by society chairman Tony Hirst.



Following the official handover Svitzer tug "Ashgarth" propelled the "Daniel Adamson" across the Mersey to Langton Lock. At Langton, "Pollgarth" arrived to assist the "Ashgarth" move the "Daniel Adamson" through the Liverpool Dock System to a berth just outside North Western Ship Repairer's Clarence Number 1 Dry Dock.

## May 2004

Pat Brennan led a major cleaning out and tidying of the passenger accommodation removing the rotten carpet and unmentionables from the toilet!



Four tons of limestone ballast had been removed prior to entering dry dock by May 15<sup>th</sup>. With the ballast removed the "Daniel Adamson" rode a god four inches higher in the water.

On Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup> Daniel Adamson entered North Western Ship Repairers Clarence #1 Dry Dock for her NDT survey, grit blasting and painting of the hull.



The survey revealed the hull to be in sound condition and confirmed the viability of the whole project. Following the grit blasting and priming of the hull, the dry dock then had to be cleaned of spent grit. About four tons of grit were shoveled into a skip on May 29<sup>th</sup>. The fore-peak tank cement wash was also renewed.

## June 2004

During the first week of June, John Deakin led a group working in the engine room. The sea valves were stripped and serviced. These three valves in the boiler room which were directly bolted to the hull were burnt off by the shipyard. This had to be done to enable all the brass studs holding them to be replaced as a couple had failed. New steel pads were welded back and the serviced valves re attached. Repainting of the hull followed, including the reinstatement of the draught markings.

Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> was the big day when "Daniel Adamson" returned to her natural element and was floated out of Clarence No.1 Dry Dock and returned to the quayside just outside the dry dock.

Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> saw the replacement of the four tons of limestone ballast, prior to the "Daniel Adamson". During June she will be moved to a new berth in the dock estate.

The working parties will be taking a well earned rest for the next few weeks, with work recommencing in July.

Registration of the Daniel Adamson Preservation Society as a charity is being submitted.



## Volunteers Required



The Daniel Adamson Preservation Society needs volunteers for all aspects of its work. Not just work on the ship but also to undertake administration and promotional tasks.

In the immediate future we need volunteers to run a stall at the Inland Waterways National Campaign Rally at Runcorn over the weekend of June 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup>.

If you can assist at the rally, please get in touch with Dan Cross. Tel: 0151 4231393 email: [dan@uptonrocks.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:dan@uptonrocks.fsnet.co.uk)

Volunteers wishing to participate in a working party should contact John Deakin Tel:

**01928 573 877.**

The next working party will assemble on Saturday July 3. This meeting will include a Health and Safety briefing - an important prerequisite prior to volunteers being allowed to work on the dock estate.

## Thank You!

Many companies have assisted the Daniel Adamson Preservation Society to date. We would like to express our appreciation to:

Carmet Tugs, John Tiere & Co, Mersey Docks and Harbour Company, Liverpool Pilots, North Western Ship Repairers, Merseyside Fire Brigade Museum, Peel Holdings, Sigma Coatings, and Svitzer Marine.

In a future edition a detailed list of all commercial supporters will be published along with details of the nature of their support.

## Newsletter Electronic Delivery

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