

HUNTERS' YEAR

Newsletter of the Friends of the Hunter Fleet



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• **Membership news**

There now 465 families on the list of 'Friends', but may I remind those who have not yet paid by cheque (*payable to Friends of the Hunter Fleet*) that your 1999 Subscription is well overdue—there are over 100 'Friends' whose subs. are still outstanding. If you would prefer your bank to take the strain in future then please contact me for a Bankers Order Form.

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Editorial

• I had hoped to have included the unused pictures and recipes/poems from Frolic '98 in this issue, but even after increasing to sixteen pages there is still no space. The amount of material being submitted by the Friends is excellent. • Ron and Lesley Bonshor have written up their Woodruff story - it would be great to have the story of the previous owner, Neil Hunt, who carried out the major reconstruction. • Since the last issue, Brown Bess and Sundew have been transferred to the fleet - so book your berths now. • For those sailors with a spirit of adventure and a skilful crew, Roger Barnes account of a week's trip to the open spaces of the southern broads makes good reading. With his experience of this voyage many times in the past, he is in the process of writing a detailed procedure for negotiating the tricky bit through the junction of the Bure and Yare rivers. • The tributes to Dikiki Dale (spelt two ways even within the family) are included. Unfortunately photographs of Dikky are vary rare, those published are the only three available, so if you have any recent example on the Broads, please contact me. For those Friends who now realise from the photos that they met Dikiki, you are most welcome to the memorial gathering at the yard on Saturday, 15th May, at 5pm.

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