

## **Borden Heritage Group news October 2023**

Our visit to The Raybel Barge, behind Sittingbourne Retail Park, was a great success. After an introduction to the site, its history, projects and barge restoration work, we were allowed on board. It took the help of two strong men to get me on board, at high tide, and three to help me off! We enjoyed a very interesting tour and look forward to sailing on completion.

You can find out more about the Raybel Charters projects on Facebook and YouTube or by attending one of their many open days and craft projects.

At our AGM this month John Hepburn completed a three year term as Chairman; John was thanked for his service as Chair and the time and skills that he gives as our archivist since 2010.

John then gave an illustrated presentation of 'Images of Sittingbourne and Borden' and our programme for 2024 was shared.

A copy of the 2024 programme is attached.

At our next meeting on November 8th 10.30am, in the Parish hall, we will welcome Steve Wood who will tell us about the history and current service offered to disadvantaged people by 'The Kingfisher Medway Trust' and its boat on The River Medway. Visitors are welcome to attend our meetings admission £4.

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