

# VIC 96

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The sun was shining on us this week, what a difference that makes and the pontoon was a slip free area, thanks to Derek's persistence in the lashing rain at the last work party.

Jim brought along some extra helpers this week, David Buckland, an ex-RNR minesweeper navigator, his wife, Rita, an ex-chief wren and Barry and Marilyn Two. We were also joined by Steve Pettett, having found out about us through the web, he was an apprentice at the dockyard and looked after the steam boilers.

Frank swept the tubes and cleaned the smoke box. Tony carried out general maintenance works in readiness for the boiler inspection. Jim swept the funnel, aided by Barry. Derek, David and Steve rubbed down and painted the steam pipe. Then Derek and I washed down the decks. Jean and I kept them all going with plenty of tea and lunch.

Present were Derek and Louise, Tony and Jean, Jim, Frank, Barry and Marilyn Two, David and Rita Buckland and Steve Pettit.

Forthcoming Dates

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March.** Preparations for the boiler inspection are priority.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April**