

SWANSEA COMMUNITY BOAT TRUST

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Mark Whalley

Trust Board Member

Personal Profile

In the summer of 2003, Mark and his wife Beverley purchased a 52' traditional narrow boat. With Mark spending up to 4 days per week working in the West Midlands, the chance of owning and 'living' on a boat seemed preferable to spending years in and out of hotels and bed & breakfast accommodation, whilst keeping his family home in Swansea.

With the boat in much need of renovation, Mark has spent a lot of his time (and money) in refitting the interior of the boat, and although there will always be more to do, it is now a very comfortable live - aboard and cruising boat.

Wanting to play an active role in the waterways community, Mark joined the BCNS and IWA and more recently the NTCPS. When he is able, he helps out at boat rallies and the less attractive jobs such as pulling shopping trolleys, tyres and other flotsam and jetsam from the canals. In 2005 Mark was awarded a Good Citizen's Award by the Vice Chair of the West Midlands Police Authority for saving the life of a 10 year old boy after pulling him out a lock on the Birmingham Canal Navigation!

During the summer of 2006 Mark will be undertaking a Certificate in Community Boat Management with the National Community Boat Association.

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| Trust Board Member | With his knowledge of boating matters and in particular with respect to the Inland Waterways, and his extensive involvement in Community Related matters, Mark became involved in the Trust and was co-opted to management committee on 16 th March 2006. |
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Birmingham Canal Navigation Society

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| Member | Since 2003 |
| Work party Helper | Working with other BCNS members and on his own, Mark has put in many hours helping to keep the BCN waterways and towpaths clear for other boaters and canal-side users. |
| | He is often to be found taking the work-boat "Pheonix" along the Titford canal in Oldbury, removing flotsam and jetsam (the usual mix of shopping trolleys, road signs, gas bottles, mattresses etc) and involving the local youths in how to enjoy and respect the canal system. |

Inland Waterways Association

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| Member | Since 2003 |
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Neath and Tennant Canal Preservation Society

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| Member | Since 2005 |
| Crew Member | From April 2006, Mark has been an active crew member of the Society's trip boat, taking members of the public on hourly boat rides along the Neath canal. |

Institute of Advanced Motorists

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| Member | Since 2001 |
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Swansea Bay Group of Advanced Motorists

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| Committee Member | Since 2001 Mark has been an active member of the SBGAM (affiliated to the Institute of Advanced Motorists). As well as attending monthly meetings, he can often be found manning the Group's stand at various events throughout the year. |
| Observer | Since becoming an Advanced Driver in 2001 (at the same time as his wife - Beverley), as a Qualified Observer, Mark has passed on his skills to a number of other Associates and has continued to retain the extremely high pass-rate expected by the Group. |
| Web Master www.sbgam.org | In 2004 Mark designed and built the Group's web site. With over 100 pages of information and 300 images, the site has proven to be an excellent facility for those wanting to know more about the Group and the IAM in general. Also in 2004, the site was awarded the coveted IAM Approved Quality Site logo - an award that it retains to this day. |

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| Group Scout Leader | For over 10 years, Mark was the Group Scout Leader for a small Scout Group in the Glamorgan West district. It was with great regret that the Group had to disband in 2005 when they were evicted from the Council-owned land on which their Scout Hut stood. |
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Other interests and hobbies

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| PADI Adv Open Water Diver | Together with his son Daniel, Mark has done a lot of diving around UK coastal waters and a smaller number of dives in European waters. |
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Professional Profile

Mark has been involved in IT since winning a UK national computer competition whilst still at school in the late 1970s! Since then he has continued to improve his knowledge and expertise, mastering the skills of database administration. Although he is conversant with many RDBMS, his specialism is in Ingres.

Throughout Mark's varied career, he has undertaken a number of IT roles, including; programmer, analyst, tester, trainer, team leader, technical / business architect and DBA.

Mark has been involved in a number of diverse businesses. Having started his career in R&D within local government, he spent many years working within a federal University where he worked on several major projects, including; student records, personnel, finance, estate services and media resources. It was whilst working within the university arena that Mark secured contracts for the University with him analyzing and recommending technical solutions to the UK Education Research Network Association with respect to a national video conferencing initiative. It was also whilst at the University that Mark became heavily involved with a government lead initiative to develop a common approach to administrative computing provision supported by the Ingres RDBMS.

In 1997, Mark became an independent consultant providing DBA and web design services to a number of UK and European clients. As a Consultant, Mark has worked with companies both large and small. In all situations, Mark has been able to understand the specific business needs of each organization, and has tailored solutions that meet their exacting requirements.

Experience Highlights

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| IT Consultant | Ingres DBA to a large utilities organization since the deregulation of the Electricity market in 1998. Performing development environment management, production support and performance tuning / enhancements and migrations through versions of Ingres and Oracle. Also managed a number of projects and been involved as application developer, testing, training and Team Leader. |
| WEB consultant | Development and maintenance of a number of inter/intranet sites. |
| Systems Analyst / Programmer and DBA | Providing support to a federal university's administrative functions, including; student records, finance, estate services, personnel and media resources |

Skills & Knowledge Summary

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| RDBMS | Ingres (6.4, 1.*, 2.*, r3, Ingres 2006), Oracle, SQL Server, Postgres, MySQL |
| Software Development | ABF, Vision, COBOL, OpenROAD, Visual Express, Report Writer, Unix Shell PHP, HTML |
| Operating Systems | Unix (Linux, AIX et al), VMS, MS-Windows, VME, DME, TME. |
| Systems Analysis Design Methodologies | Select SSADM, BAe SEMA Advanced Data Dictionary / Principia |
| Project, Configuration and IT Service Management | PCMS, PMW, MS Project, IT Service Management |

History

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| IT Consultancy | DBA Consultant / Web design and development |
| WDA Supported Training College | Principal Trainer |
| UK Federal University | Analyst / Programmer and DBA |
| UKERNA | Video Conferencing Consultant |
| Local Government | Analyst / Programmer |

Education / Certifications

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| University of Glamorgan | BSc Computer Science - 2:1 (Hons) |
| Computer Associates | Complete portfolio of Ingres Courses |
| Learning Tree International | Several Oracle DBA / Developer courses |
| ITIL | Foundation Certificates |