



## Lancelot and Guinevere

### **LANCELOT**

Hull Built 2002: Commissioned 2/2003  
Union Canal Carriers Ltd  
Roger Farrington, Ivy Marine, Braunston

Index No: 508429  
Contractor & Fitting Out  
Sub Contract via UCC - Hull & Superstructure

### **GUINEVERE**

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**IT WAS DECIDED IN 2000 TO RAISE FUNDS TO BUILD TWO NEW BOATS WITH THE AIM OF PASSING ON THE OLD BOATS TO OTHER SIMILARLY MINDED ORGANISATIONS, AND THEY ARE KNOWN TO STILL BE IN SERVICE ALBEIT NOT TO THE STANDARD OF OUR CURRENT BOATS.**

**THE FUNDS FOR THE BOATS WERE KICKSTARTED WHEN WE RECEIVED A LEGACY OF £25,000 AND THIS ENCOURAGED US TO APPLY TO THE NATIONAL LOTTERY FOR AN INPUT. THIS WOULDN'T BE OUR FIRST APPLICATION TO THEM AS BACK IN 1995 WE APPLIED FOR A GRANT IN THE VERY FIRST DISTRIBUTION BY THE NATIONAL LOTTERY, FOR £10,000 TO ASSIST IN THE RENOVATION WORKS REQUIRED ON MEGAN AND WERE ONE OF THE VERY FIRST LONDON CHARITYS TO RECEIVE AN AWARD.**

**HAVING WORKED OUT ESTIMATED COSTINGS TO BUILD AND FIT OUT TWO NEW REPLACEMENT BOATS AT APPROXIMATELY £260,000, WE APPLIED FOR £160,000 ON THE BASIS THAT WE WOULD RAISE THE REST OURSELVES HAVING ALREADY RECEIVED SOME ENCOURAGING SUPPORT.**

**WE FAILED AT OUR FIRST APPLICATION BUT WERE ENCOURAGED TO REAPPLY WHICH WE DID AND IN APRIL 2001 WE WERE GRANTED £160,000 AND WE WERE ABLE TO PROCEED WITH THE BUILD OF OUR PRESENT COMMUNITY BOATS LANCELOT & GUINEVERE. WE WERE ABLE TO KEEP CLOSELY INVOLVED IN THEIR BUILD, WITH THE SHELLS BEING**



**ASSEMBLED BY ROGER HARRINGTON OPPOSITE OUR MOORINGS WITH UNION CANAL CARRIERS, AND THE INTERIOR FIT OUTS COMPLETED BY UCC IN THEIR DRY DOCK. QUITE A BRAUNSTON FAMILY AFFAIR.**

**THE BOATS WERE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 2002 AND A NAMING CEREMONY CARRIED OUT AT THE 2003 BIRMINGHAM BOAT SHOW BY ALEX LESTER OF RADIO 2 AND WITH BOTH BOATS MOORED UP BY BRINDLEY PLACE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**



