

Press Release:

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The Big Dog Ferry is being re-launched in time for the Easter holidays, with the first trips scheduled for Good Friday.

The Ferry was re-established in 2011 by Paul Aldis and sails between Beccles Lido and the Locks Inn pub at Geldeston. When Paul fell ill and was unable to continue, the Lido stepped in and took over and ran a very successful Summer service in 2012. Paul sadly passed away at the end of last year, but his memory lives on with Big Dog!

Co-skippers Paul Temple and Carl Murray were keen to try an even longer season for 2013 and build upon last year's success. And what better weekend to do so, as it coincides with the Locks Inn Easter Beer Festival on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, so you can avoid the need to drive and instead enjoy a relaxing boat journey along the River Waveney with the opportunity to enjoy the wildlife en-route; and then enjoy the many local beers and ciders on offer, together with a great line up of local bands every day, including Murphy's Lore on Friday night.

Next Saturday April 6th, another Locks Inn regular, More Madness, will be in action at Beccles Public Hall, when Beccles Lido is putting on a ska and mod gig to raise funds for the Big Dog Ferry. Shaun Crowley, Beccles Lido Limited Chief Executive said "Just like the Lido, the Ferry needs additional funds so that we can buy a new engine and operate an even more efficient service. More Madness are a really popular local Madness tribute band and people have been asking us to put on a gig at the Hall for ages, so we are delighted to be able to combine the two." Tickets are available from Beccles Public Hall booking office, or from www.becclespublichall.com.

Big Dog Ferry will be making regular trips every day over Easter at 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm from the Lido; and Noon, 2pm, 4pm, 6pm return from the Locks Inn. A full timetable is available on their website www.bigdogferry.co.uk.

Pictures attached:

1. Big Dog Ferry on the very picturesque stretch of the River Waveney from Beccles to the Locks Inn, Geldeston
2. More Madness who will be performing at Beccles Public Hall on 6th April to raise funds for Big Dog Ferry

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