

# Beech Boys Atlantic News Update February 2009

On 9<sup>th</sup> February we had a great evening in John Ruskin School, Coniston, as we made a presentation to local supporters about the row. It was encouraging that so many came to listen and asked lot of great questions! Thanks to everyone who helped on the evening and came along, despite the snow that day!

Cotswold Outdoors has kindly provided us with a great package of equipment that we will need on the row. This has included camping stove and gas cartridges, head torches, rescue knives, emergency whistles, sleeping bags etc. We are really appreciative of their help as all these items are important, since they are part of the essential equipment we are obliged to carry on the boat.

On 14<sup>th</sup> February we were able to collect our trailer from Nicholson Trailers at Carnforth. They have done a brilliant job for us and we are very pleased with how it looks. Have a look at the gallery for a photo of the trailer outside Nicholson's workshop. We are now ready to collect the boat from the Woodvale boat builders in Saltash, Cornwall - so if you are on the M5 or M6 on 19<sup>th</sup> March you may see us travelling north!

Lakeland Land Rover garage at Torver, near Coniston, has generously offered to let us have the use of a Land Rover to tow the boat. This will be very helpful for the collection of the boat from Cornwall and for the launch event. It will also be useful when taking the boat to the lake for training sessions. We are most grateful for this assistance.

We have been able to set up a Beech Boys Atlantic account with EasyFundraising.org.uk. If you shop online by going through this site first, a donation will be made to Beech Boys Atlantic. This doesn't cost you anymore than you would pay by going straight to the shop's website. To use this facility, please go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/bba](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/bba) and click on 'Register as a User'. You can then shop by clicking on any of the shop links – all the usual High Street shops are there. Using the [Free Funds](#) page is one of the simplest ways to raise money for us. You could raise over £200 in donations for us at the click of a mouse.

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Finally, don't forget our boat launch will take place at Coniston Boating Centre at 3pm on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2009. There will be refreshments afterwards, with entertainment and food available into the evening at John Ruskin School, Coniston. It would be great to see you there! If you need directions please email us at [beechboysatlantic@gmail.com](mailto:beechboysatlantic@gmail.com)

Thank you for reading this and keeping in touch.

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