

# IWA Campaign Festival

It was early May when we left Brinklow Marina in Peddler headed for Llangollen and then to Chester for the 2014 IWA Campaign Festival; we had elected to go via the Staffs and Worc and the Shroppie, the shorter route being the T&M and Middlewich arm. We tend to moor in fairly remote locations, so had no difficulty; however we did notice the only really busy and difficult location was Nantwich, it was a weekend! The Llangollen and Monty were not too busy but there are a frightening number of hire and share boats based on the Llangollen, so we would not want to go in August! After leaving Peddler for a week at Chirk Marina, we spent 2 nights at the basin, walked up to Horseshoe Falls and rode the steam train from Llangollen to Correg and back; great fun!

Next to Town Wharf near the centre of Chester for a really a great festival, well organised by IWA Chester and Merseyside Branch, it had a real campaigning purpose; full restoration of the locks down to the tidal Dee and to build a lock in an old mill run to allow safe passage to Chester riverside. Currently this can only be achieved on certain tides and is not for the faint-



Telford Warehouse & boats at Chester



R Parry, R Rudd, P Bolt, S Mosley

hearted! We over-heard many locals commenting favourably, some claimed to have never been down to the canal basins and others had not even known they existed! There were 125 boats booked in for the festival including many historic boats, some of which can be seen on page 2; with bunting flying, they all made a great spectacle.

Peter Bolt, Chairman of Chester branch, hosted a lunch for some leading Chester businessmen and local politicians who have pledged support for the campaign,

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# and Chairman's Ramblings

seeing its delivery as one of the means to restore Chester's former position close to the top of UK tourist locations. Also attending the lunch were Councillor Bob Rudd, Lord Mayor of Chester and Admiral of the Dee, Richard Parry, CRT CEO and Les Etheridge, IWA Chairman. Lunch was on the Mill Hotel restaurant boat which cruises the Chester canal; arrival at the festival was via the staircase locks down to the basins. Stephen Mosley, MP for Chester, was unable to attend the lunch but was there for the official opening and all afternoon.



Historic boats at Chester

We then moved on from a truly campaigning festival to Stratford to celebrate successful campaigns of the past; see Judy Clegg's report on page 10. En-route down the Stratford canals we saw again my favourite plaque and quote from David Hutchins – **"We were not experts therefore we did not know what could not be done"**

**Richard Parry** attended both Chester and Stratford festivals and

gave the type of support that we are becoming used to from him, visiting all the stalls and spending time with any boaters who wanted to talk; which seems a good time to remind you that Richard **will be our guest speaker at the branch meeting at Little Chalfont village hall, on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October!**



Chertsey and Holland in Bancroft Basin

Well we did 500+ miles and 450+ locks on our trip; hard but enjoyable work (fun)!

I thought you would sooner see some boats than the chairman! *Dave Chapman*

# News

## **Chiltern Branch 2014/2015 Programme**

### **24th September 2014 The Buckingham Canal - Its History, Heritage and Future**

Athina Beckett  
The last recorded passage was in 1932. The Buckingham Canal Society, like WAT, its intent on restoration to navigation. Athina is well positioned to tell us the story of the history, heritage and future of the Arm. She is a Trustee of the Society and the Work Party Organiser.

### **22nd October 2014 An evening with Richard Parry, CEO, Canal & River Trust**

After a short talk about his perspective and thoughts on the future of the Trust and our waterways, the rest of the evening will provide lots of time for questions and discussion! We are getting very positive feedback from boaters who have attended similar sessions with Richard, so please come ready to raise any issues with Richard.

### **26th November 2014 The River Wey Navigation**

John Gibson  
The last traffic was carried in 1983. John Gibson is the National Trust's Navigation Manager of the Wey and has been in post for 16 years.

### **THURSDAY 11th December 2014 Christmas Party for Branch Members!**

Our usual Christmas extravaganza.

### **28th January 2015 The Canal du Midi**

Gillian and Peter Bolt  
A recent cruise and history of the canal built to link the Atlantic and the Med, the Canal du Midi avoids the lengthy and often perilous circumnavigation of the Iberian Peninsula. Now, like its UK counterparts, it is devoid of freight but bustling with tourism.

### **25th February 2015 Waterways in West Africa**

Dr David Hilling OBE  
Fellows Morton & Clayton south of Lagos? There are some 5,329 miles inland waterways in Nigeria. Liberia has commercial waterways and the Gambia River alone is 700 miles and links Republic of Guinea, Gambia and Senegal. David is a Vice President of the IWA and lectures on all aspects of water born freight at Royal Holloway College

### **25th March 2015**

**Chiltern Branch AGM**  
A short AGM followed by a ploughman's supper plus speaker TBA

### **22nd April 2015 All Shipshape and Blackwall Fashion**

Jeremy Batch  
It's Jeremy Batch so we know it will be a great evening! This fascinating area of London has so much history - the hydraulic crane, birthplace of the Lighthouse, Brunel's first steamer engine fit-out, the Cutty Sark.

### **Committee/Volunteers:**

There are vacancies for the following roles;  
Newsletter Editor  
Web Editor, Contact Dave Chapman; see back page.

### **New Members:** we welcome

Mr & Mrs S Binnee, Mr I Daubie  
Mr M Wadsworth, Mr D Bowler, Miss T Clarke  
Mr & Mrs M Coelho, Mr D Allen  
Mr A Allen & family, Mr & Mrs P Arkwright  
Mr J Hutchins, Ms C Young, Mr & Mrs M Ralphs

### **London Region**

Nothing to report

### **CRT**

See Miriam Tedder's 'Iron-man results'; Miriam led our work party to paint Marsworth lock 43

### **Recent Meetings:**

Gone cruising!

### **Coming soon to a Venue near You**

August 16th - 17th, Chiltern Branch Lock Wind. Please come and support us with even 1 hour of volunteer effort. Contact John Brice.

### **Wendover Arm Trust**

Sunday, 7th September from 12.30 to 16.00. Guided tours of the canal restoration site. Teas & cakes. Based at St Mary's Church, Drayton Beauchamp, HP22 5LS Donations welcome. The winning tickets for the Grand Raffle will be picked by the Mayor of Tring. Further information is available on the Trust's website: [www.wendoverarmtrust.co.uk](http://www.wendoverarmtrust.co.uk).

# From the Region Chairman



I'm writing this on my narrowboat, The Rosery; we are on our way back from a trip along the Kennet and Avon Canal to Bristol. This has been the longest continuous trip we have done and has been very enjoyable. Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end and I will be home for August.

My post, along with those of region chairmen for South East Region and Eastern Region, came up for election this year. I was the only nominee for London Region, which either means I am doing a fantastic job and you are all happy with me or apathy has once again won the day!

When I was first elected as Region chairman, three years ago, I said there were two priorities;

- to increase our membership base
- to sort out the problem of boats without a home mooring overstaying on visitors moorings.

In August, the Canal & River Trust (CRT) are introducing new arrangements for visitor moorings in central London. These do not fully meet our demands, but are a step forward. The one area where they fall short of our demands is, on saying for how long a boat must be away from a location before it can use that mooring. In London, CRT seems to have a serious problem with the concept of non-return times! The National Association of Boat Owners claims that CRT does not have the legal power to impose these. I suspect they could be right! However, it would be up to a court to decide on the basis of case law but CRT seems to be reluctant to go down that route. Maybe, it is time for us to reconsider our approach. I noticed that in the Bath area, CRT notices now state 7 Days Free mooring in any Calendar month and £25 a day after that. The Environment Agency has adopted a similar approach on the Thames. Perhaps we should look for something similar for London. I would appreciate your thoughts.

The second priority was to try and increase membership. In my opinion, the only way we will be able to increase our membership, is to demonstrate that we are an active, vibrant organisation out on the towpath. To that end, we hope to run a major "Big Dig" this autumn on the Regents Canal. It would be nice to think we could still get 1000 people out, as we have done in the past - but I doubt if we can! Please keep an eye out for a further announcement and come along if only to prove me wrong!

Have a good summer

Paul

**PLEASE Sign up for IWA Chiltern e-News**

The hardcopy version is normally available at our evening meetings.

## Fun in the sun at Ricky?

What a relief to get my shed back. I seem to have been collecting for the jumble sale for months again. Luckily another friend was moving and she was quite happy for me to take whatever I thought we could sell, which was most of it. We got there Friday early, John cracking the whip!! Luckily he had some help in putting up the marquees. We then started off loading from all the cars, and trying to sort it all out. It is a nightmare you do not know where to start, and we all had different piles everywhere. Eventually it began to have some kind of order but then of course we had to move all the tables into the tent and reload stuff on them for overnight. We were again there early on Sat as we had to then put all the tables outside and spread items out, before the festival opened. What great weather we had, mind you lots of hard work. We had a fantastic site and lots of space to work in which really helped. Then the public started arriving, they all seemed to be pleased with the bargains they bought. I nearly had a bargain myself, I was sitting on the edge casually looking at shoes that were there and spied some Hotter shoes, so I picked them up and they were my size. Great I thought that was lucky, then Carolyn said they are a bit scuffed on the toes, to which I replied "only about the same as the ones I have anyway for work", then realised they were indeed my own shoes which I had put in a carrier bag under the tables in case it poured down, somebody had obviously taken them out and put them on the pile, thankfully nobody else had spotted them before I did,

as I would have been really annoyed. Then thinking about it, I thought there were other bits in the bag. Chris, John's sister who was helping us over the three days said "yes I put them out and I wondered why somebody had put in an odd pair of socks", and yes I then had to retrieve my socks and cap which were all out on display!!! Hard work in that heat, but we raised a good amount again, over £1000, which makes it an annual fundraiser we need to keep. Carolyn, Chris and myself worked all three days, with help from Ken, Judy & Chris, but the only non-committee member who came to help was Tony.

I do think that it would have been nice to see some of the members putting their names down to help. Even just one hour would have helped, so hope to see more of you next year.

Thanks to everybody who donated items anyway. It is events like this that enable Chiltern branch to donate so much, so I do hope you have started saving bits for next year!

Liz



## Trail-boating for the IWA!

We really appreciate the social life and facilities at Dunstable & District Boat Club, but Beehive is essentially a TRAIL BOAT, so we went off around the country for a hectic May.

Our Wilderness Club had organized a cruise along the K & A and down the Caen Hill flight to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our club. It was also in recognition of our first Chairman Keith Hadden who sadly died suddenly a few years ago, he was of the opinion that Wilderness could go anywhere. So 19 boats going down the flight together would have had his approval.

Most of us launched at Pewsey on Thursday or Friday at the beginning of May, but one made it a longer trip by launching at Lechlade and cruising the Thames and then onto the K&A at Reading. They were joined by two more boats at Osney on the Thames. The weather was good until the Reading stretch, when the Kennet became unmanageable, so they collected Bill and Ali's trailer from Bradford on Avon and had to retrieve and launch all 3 boats back onto the canal section further down the K&A. This couple were unfortunately the only ones amongst the 3 boats with a trailer. All this was managed in one day.

On Friday the boats were moored where ever there was space near Pewsey and every one congregated together to catch up with their news. At 10am on Saturday the boats started their procession along the canal, no locks today, just many people on the towpath and bridges waving, amazed as we passed. We collected some friends who journeyed with us to Devizes, where we moored 3 abreast at the wharf. That night we took over part of Wetherspoons for a prearranged buffet. Wetherspoons was a favourite haunt of the past chairman.

Next morning at 9am sharp we started our descent, the boats had a dedicated lock formation to give as much help with crews. We descended with 3 other boats and about 4 crew for the lock operation, although this varied as some went ahead, or stayed behind if they were needed. We were initially escorted by the 2 lock keepers, but after a few locks they lost interest and let us go on our way. We caused quite a stir as we passed the café, the customers left their tea and coffee to watch.

We had various photo shoots during the descent, with a commercial photographer from "Canal Boat" following us down. Because of

*Wilderness Boat Owners Club 25th Anniversary Cruise from Devizes down Caen Flight; so, how many Wilderness boats can you get in one lock?*



## Trail-boating for the IWA (Cont'd)

these interruptions, we all had our lunch on route. Our destination was the "The Barge Inn" where we had organized the anniversary meal. Audrey our founding member was the Guest of Honour, and although now in her 80's and with no boat, was still spritely and interested in all the member's cruises.

On the Monday we cruised to Semmington where we were all invited to Ian Graham's Wilderness boat yard for tea and a celebration cake. Ian was the designer and original builder of over 400 Wilderness boats. During the afternoon many boats slipped out, while a few continued with their holiday on the K&A.

Having trailed back from the K&A we launched at Willowtree Marina and cruised to Rickmansworth where Beehive became the base for John in his role as Waterspace Manager. We were involved in various stalls during the weekend covering the IWA jumble and WAT. The following Thursday we were back at Willowtree to retrieve Beehive and trail to the IWA National Trailboat Festival on the Grand Western Canal in Devon. 36 trailboats joined the festival for the celebrations of the bicentenary of the canal.

As usual a full weekend was organized, on the Friday we were bused to the Limestone Quarry at Westleigh for an extremely interesting guided tour. This was followed by a cream tea put on by the local school and for those with enough energy a walk along the disused railway line accompanied by a volunteer from the "Old Railway Line Action Committee"

Saturday we cruised along to the main trail boat festival site at the Mid Devon Showground,



unfortunately it started raining as we travelled, which became a torrent on our arrival. The terrain underfoot was muddy and by lunchtime they were forced to abandon the event. Such a shame, so much effort had been spent erecting marquees, the local societies had turned out in force to advertise the local area, but the weather managed to kill it stone dead. The Wilderness boats stayed at the site as we had arranged our AGM for that evening, this progressed as normal but in a very wet marquee.

Sunday proved to be a better day, and all the boats cruised to the Tiverton Basin. This is a lovely location with a new Visitor Centre which explains the canals past and present. During the evening the trail boats put on their well-known Illuminated Parade. We crept away as the dusk fell while the visitors were enjoying the local music at the café bar. Having reassembled a few bridges further down the canal we returned with a full light display, some even had music. We were amazed how many visitors lined the banks and were enjoying BBQ's with friends in their back gardens.

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## Docklands trip (Tony Wright)

**Cutty Sark and Docklands Trip : Sunday, 22 June 2014**

The coach trip to Greenwich and Docklands provided insights into our historical, current and future use of our waterways. Our first river crossing, the Blackwall Tunnel, was a major transport project that revolutionised commerce and trade in the East End.

From the tunnel's gloom we were soon in the sunshine of Greenwich and taking coffee in the spectacular setting of the Cutty Sark's dry



*An iconic view of the Cutty Sark*

dock underneath the ship's great gleaming copper hull. The history of the ship has many echoes; a marvel of its age it was quickly surpassed by new technologies. However, it continued to ply a useful trade for many decades before being so beautifully preserved for us all to enjoy.

The Greenwich Festival provided an idea of the hustle and bustle that would have surrounded the ship as it came into dock carrying urgent and valuable cargo.



After lunch we were back on to the water for the short trip by Thames Clipper. On a weekday this craft would be full of commuters maintaining the tradition of using the Thames as an artery of transport for London. Our next journey over the river by cable car provided a very modern take on the river ferry tradition and afforded splendid views of the industrial and commercial activities still found on the banks of the Thames.

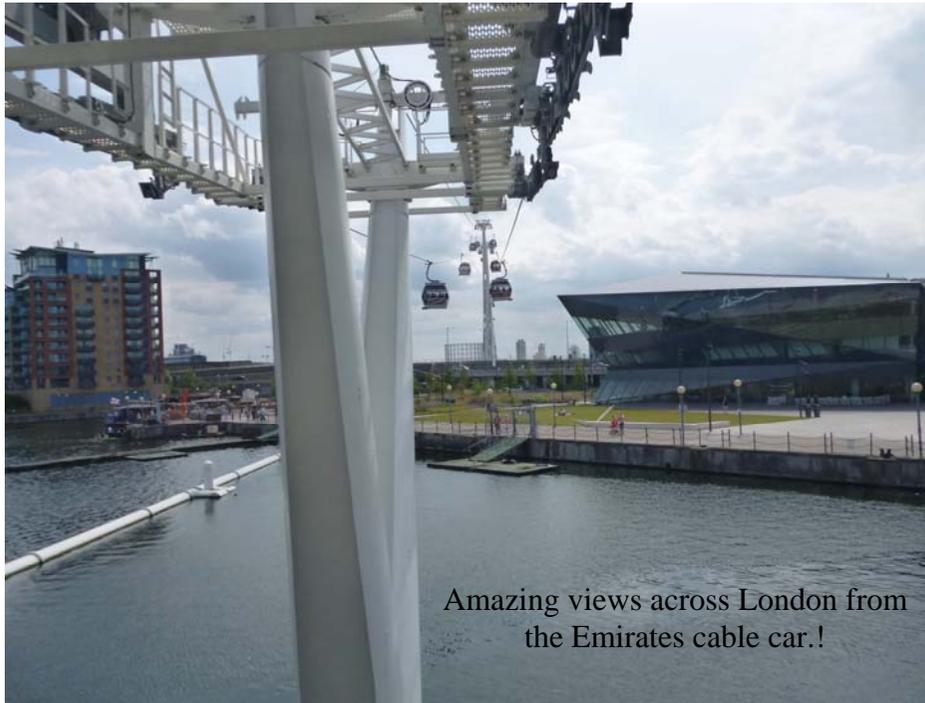
Many of the world's great cities were dependent on waterways and the Sustainable Cities exhibition at The Crystal provided many examples of what would be required to maintain our urban lifestyle in the future. The day was rounded off by a splendid cream tea overlooking the Royal Victoria Dock in one of the residential complexes that have so transformed and revitalised the area. The aircraft landing at City Airport completed the transport cycle and reinforced the feeling that our waterside areas would continue to play an important role.

**Tony Wright**

## Docklands trip (the other group!)

A party of 42 were picked up by coach from High Wycombe, Amersham and Watford and taken to a drop off point near the Cutty Sark in Greenwich on a beautiful Sunday morning in June. We had tickets to the visit the very impressive Cutty Sark Exhibition and ample time to spend as we liked in Greenwich.

boat going in the wrong direction! The error was rectified by us all getting off at the next stop and having a slightly longer journey in the correct direction. However, this did upset John's careful calculations. After a short walk, we took the Emirates Cable Car across the Thames to the Royal Docks.



Amazing views across London from the Emirates cable car.!

The trip coincided with the Greenwich Festival providing much to see and do. We decided a return visit to Greenwich was necessary as there was so much more to be done.

At the prearranged time, we assembled to take the Thames Clipper to the O2 Arena. Unfortunately, the staff (not John) having inspected the Group Ticket, put us on to the

We then split into 2 groups; one visiting the Crystal and the other enjoying a cream tea in John and Jen's flat overlooking the Royal Victoria Docks, the River Thames and Canary Wharf. Then the groups changed over. The Crystal is one of the world's most sustainable buildings with a thought provoking exhibition dedicated to urban sustainability.

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## 50 Years On - The Stratford River Festival

The 6<sup>th</sup> Stratford River Festival held on 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> July this year celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the re-opening of the Southern Stratford Canal and also the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reopening of the Upper Avon Navigation. Chris and I had not attended a rally or festival by boat for about 15 years; we decided this Stratford River Festival was a must; I had attended the 1964 Rally and reopening by boat and we had both attended, but not together, the 1974 Rally and reopening as visitors.

This year over 110 boats attending representing 1700 metres of boats mostly moored stern on to the bank opposite to the Theatre with a few historic boats moored in Bancroft Basin. Dave and Beryl Chapman also attended on Peddler.

that both waterways are navigable today.

The Festival itself took place on the Saturday and Sunday with live music, many stalls including some waterway related, a procession of illuminated boats and, of course, fireworks.



Some of the 110+ boats attending the event



Timothy West and Prunella Scales listen whilst Tony Hales checks his notes!

The weekend was also an opportunity to explore the town again - we went up the Tower at the Theatre, which affords spectacular views over the town, watched an open air version of A Midsummer Night's Dream and cycled the Greenway from Stratford to Long Marston.

A very enjoyable event. **Judy Clegg**



Lapworth Junction finger board restored by IWA Warwickshire Branch—2014

On the Friday, there was a re-enactment of the two opening cruises followed by a few speeches with input from Timothy West and Prunella Scales, and then the unveiling of plaques by Job Hutchings and Nicholas Barwell, the sons of David Hutchings and Douglas Barwell, whose visions ensured

## Trail-boating for the IWA (Cont'd)

The celebrations continued next day at Sampford Peverell where a "Navvies Fair" was organized. In 1814 the "navvies" a bunch of tough, hard working men who had been building the canal for 4 years, celebrated the completion of this section by a fair, to say goodbye to the locals. The bicentenary was celebrated by a re-enactment at the village. The organizers and some visitors came in 19<sup>th</sup> century attire and a highlight of the afternoon was the judging of the scarecrow competition. These were situated around the vil-



by the Devon County Council in 1971 and declared a Country Park, since then a substantial investment in dredging and relining the canal has made it a popular visitor attraction. Unfortunately a breach in 2012 of the high



embankment at Halberton left the canal vulnerable again, but the County Council recognized its value as a local amenity and tourist attraction and the funds were found for the repair. The canal reopened early this spring ready for the bicentenary celebrations.

We used this opportunity to take some of our friends on cruises along the 11 miles of interesting country canal, although they all now live in Devon they had never visited the canal before. **Jenny Brice**

lage and popping their heads over garden walls along the canal, they were not common old scarecrows these were scarecrow NAVVIES, Some were leaning on old fashioned long handled shovels and some were slumped with bottles on garden furniture, but they all had attitude and were so realistic.

The Grand Western Canal was largely abandoned by the 1960's, but when it was proposed to use it as a linear landfill site the locals galvanized themselves into action to preserve the canal. The campaign to save the canal proved successful and it was taken over

### Docklands visit cont'd

Some of the exhibition seemed a bit like George Orwell's 1984 to me.

We then returned slightly later than planned due to the mistake by the Thames Clipper staff after what was a very enjoyable and well organised day out. Thanks must go to John and Jen Brice – they even organised superb weather.

## BCN Marathon Challenge 2014

We usually plan our year's boating early in the year so the dates can be put in our diary and then we work around those dates. Well that is the principle!

This year, we were booked into the Stratford River Festival at the beginning of July and needed a mooring en route for a couple of weeks in the Birmingham area. We arranged one with the Coombeswood Canal Trust at Hawne Basin, which meant we could also use the boat for overnight accommodation after Chris's talk there in early May.

As the boat was in Birmingham and it had been 30 to 40 years since we had visited parts of the BCN, we decided to join one of the BCN Canal Society's cruising events. There were 2 Explorer Cruises giving an opportunity to visit the less used areas of the BCN in company with other boats with a social element – unfortunately, the dates did not suit us.



The other event was the 24 Hour Challenge. Here, the boaters plan their journey of up to 24 hours in a 30 hour period to finish at a predetermined point, where a warm welcome is given. Points are awarded according to certain criteria including the length of the boat, number of crew, distance covered, number of locks used, unusual places visited.

There are also questions to answer at certain places visited. There is a lot of advance planning by both the organisers and boaters.



Some of the 39 boats that took part in this years BCN challenge

41 boats entered though only 39 actually took part – the other 2 had probably heard the weather forecast. I must admit that we used the event as an opportunity to visit parts of the BCN not visited by us for many years while other boats were around including the Wyrley & Essington Canal, the Rushall Canal, part of the Tame Valley Canal and part of the Walsall Canal. We were quite glad to be moored at Longwood Junction by 15.00 when the heavens opened. The winners Michael Pinnock and crew on the traditional NB Clover did pass us when we were moored for the night. They were looking a bit cold and miserable at that point but obviously kept going – but they are young!

Credit must go to the BCN Canal Society for the work done to promote the use of the canals in their area. **Judy Clegg**

Photographs courtesy of NB 'Indigo Dream' blog.

## Weekend Away 2014 - Last few places left!

This year's three day coach excursion takes in the Foxton Locks and Inclined Plane, the Chesterfield Canal and the Great Central Railway.

### Friday 26th September

- 08.15 Depart High Wycombe
- 08.50 Depart Amersham
- 09.05 Depart Chesham
- 09.30 Depart Watford
- 11.00 Arrive at the top lock of the Foxton Flight where we will be met by Mike Beech, Mike works full time at the Inclined plane Museum and he will act as our guide to the Museum and the restored area of the Plane itself.
- 13.00 Pub Lunch at the Foxton Locks Inn.
- 14.00 Embark on the trip boat 'Vagabond' for a gentle two hour cruise along the Market Harborough Arm to the Town Basin.
- 16.00 Rejoin our coach for the onward journey to Chesterfield .
- 18.00 Arrive at the Chesterfield Hotel for dinner and overnight accommodation.

### Saturday 27th September

- 09.00 Assemble in the foyer where we will be met by a representative of the Chesterfield Canal Trust who will act as guide for our day's visit to the waterway. The itinerary is planned to show significant points along the canal and its restoration progress.

Dinner at the Hotel

### Sunday 28th September

- 09.00 Depart hotel for Leicester
- 11.30 Arrive at Leicester North Station on the Great Central Railway. We will have an 'All Day Rover' ticket for our visit to this restored section of the GCR.
- 11.45 Depart Leicester North.
- 12.15 Arrive at Loughborough Central. The station has been restored to its Edwardian appearance with a wood paneled booking hall and glass canopied island platform. It is the Railway's 'Grand Headquarters' and has a buffet, an emporium, a museum and a souvenir shop.
- 13.15 Depart aboard 'The South Yorkshireman' for a three course, roast beef Sunday lunch as we ride the train to Leicester and return.
- 14.45 Arrive back at Loughborough. Members can then, if they wish, board the 1515 train from Loughborough disembarking at either Rothley or Quorn and Woodhouse Stations to view the restored environment. Rothley is the oldest period station and has been immaculately renovated to the gas lit Edwardian era. It also boasts a garden railway. Quorn and Woodhouse station has been restored to reflect a 1940s Second World atmosphere.
- 17.00 Rejoin the coach to journey home.

## Weekend Away: Costs & Booking - Act quickly

The cost of this weekend excursion is **£225** per person, based on two people sharing a twin or double room. The single room supplement is £30.

A deposit of £50 per person is required to reserve your place.

The cost includes:

- All coach travel.
- Two nights accommodation on a half board (bed, breakfast and dinner) basis at the Chesterfield Hotel, Chesterfield.
- A two hour cruise on the trip boat Vagabond on the Market Harborough Arm.
- A Day Rover ticket on the Great Central Railway.
- Sunday Lunch aboard the 'South Yorkshireman' train on the GCR
- Donation to the Foxton Inclined Plane.
- Donation to the Chesterfield Canal.
- Coach driver's gratuity.

The cost does not include:

- Travel insurance.
- Morning coffees and afternoon teas if taken.
- Pub Lunches
- Alcoholic beverages.
- Other items of a personal nature.

For full details and reservations, contact Colin Bird, Tel: 01932 248178, email: colin.bird@waterways.org.uk.

### COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of Grapevine will be published in November. Please send news items, articles, photographs and advertisements to the Editor by 15th October.

## Chiltern Branch Meeting Venue

Chiltern Branch evening meetings are held at Little Chalfont Village Hall, Cokes Lane, Little Chalfont, Bucks HP8 4UD.

**Directions:** Little Chalfont Village Hall is in Cokes Lane which runs south from a mini-roundabout junction with the main A404 road between Rickmansworth and Amersham. The hall is located by the Library and there is a Car Park. It is approximately 600m from Chalfont & Latimer railway/tube station.

Access to the hall is on the flat and so offers easy access. There are also toilet facilities for disabled members.



The new IWA Chiltern Branch Meeting Venue

# Diary

## Marsworth Lock Wind

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August

Chiltern branch annual weekend fundraiser.

## IWA Saul Waterways Pageant

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August

A new event to be held over the August Bank Holiday weekend, at the junction of the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal and Stroudwater Navigation.

## Wendover Arm Trust Open Day

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Drayton Beauchamp. This event will include the WAT Grand Draw.

## IWA's Annual General Meeting

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September

The 2014 AGM will be held in the historic market town of Leek, Staffordshire.

## Chiltern Branch Weekend Away

26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> September

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## Chiltern Branch Meetings

The dates for the next season of meetings are as follows:

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Richard Parry, CEO of Canal and River Trust

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Members Christmas party

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015

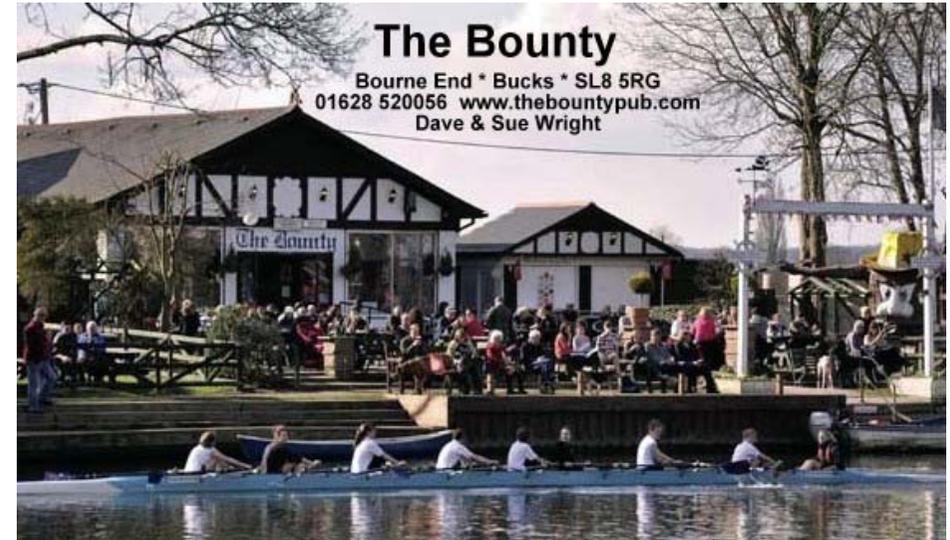
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015

AGM plus speaker

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015

Full details are provided in the Programme Card (sponsored by the Bounty) included with this issue of



**Get Here: By Boat:** Just pull up outside! **By Foot:** On the towpath opposite Bourne End Marina.  
**By Car:** Park near Bourne End train station and cross over the railway bridge, then turn right along the towpath, The Bounty can be found about 300 metres away.

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