

Lock 12 collapses on the Aylesbury Arm

On 28th March, the towpath side of the lock chamber at Lock 12 (Buckland Lock) on the Aylesbury Arm of the Grand Union Canal subsided and pushed the lock wall into the chamber by about three feet, leaving the lock impassable. Remarkably the wall has remained intact. The Canal & River Trust has closed the canal from locks 11 to lock 13 until further notice and Lock 1 at Marsworth Junction has been closed to prevent entry to the Arm.

Investigations into the cause of the collapse and the best approaches to the repair are in progress. There has been speculation that the construction of the Arla mega milk plant, which is immediately adjacent to Buckland Lock, might be a major factor in the collapse, but Jeff Whyatt, C&RT SE General Manager commented that it is more likely that conditions behind the lock wall are the cause. Checks will be made on all the other locks on the Arm.

Nevertheless a lengthy stoppage is inevitable. Repairs are likely to commence in July/August with costs met from contingency funds.

Boats trapped down the Arm were craned out in mid-April - see page 6.



Battle of the bulge at Lock 12

Chairman's Ramblings

So how did that happen? I now know that Peter Winter is a chemical engineer; I am still wondering what he used on me when we had a brief chat some 6 weeks ago!

First, I must congratulate Peter on his tenure as Chiltern Branch Chairman and thank the committee for the compliment of inviting me to follow in his footsteps.

Very few of you know me so just a little background; my wife, Beryl and I moved to Bucks from Huntingdon in 1973. We bought our first boat, a 16ft marine ply Dolphin cruiser in 1971 and the same year attended the IWA National Rally at Becketts Park, Northampton. However, my first recollection of interest in canals was in the mid 1950s, when I used to cycle from Harrow to Rickmansworth and well remember the gathering of working boats. We are now the owners of *Peddler*, a 57ft narrowboat that we are lucky enough to be able to moor at the end of our garden at Bourne End on the River Thames.

From 2003, I was involved in National Festivals and was a committee member from 2007 until two years ago at Burton-upon-Trent.

I note that when Peter became Chairman, he commented on taking over at an interesting time; well anyone who attended the AGM and heard both Paul Strudwick's comments from the Trustees and the presentation by Jeff Whyatt, General Manager, CRT South East Area, will know that we are again in interesting times.

IWA members should be proud of the achievement of charitable status for the ownership and management of the majority of our navigable waterways. We know that but for our pioneers there would



not be a connected, navigable network of waterways now; we also know the work is far from and probably never will be complete. Apart from the obvious task of ensuring that the CRT delivers the promise, we will need to be innovative to properly communicate our message. Unlike the CRT and most other waterway charities, we are a national charity, campaigning for the protection, restoration and improvement of all navigable and potentially navigable waterways.

IWA's biggest annual event, the National Festival is in our patch this year. I am sure the success of this event will be in part due to the support from our Branch.

I have my fingers crossed that by the time most of you read this, we will be at the beginning of a long, hot summer; we deserve it after the weather of the past year!

Dave Chapman

News

Chiltern Branch

Committee: At the Branch Annual General Meeting on 27th March, Dave Chapman and Judy Clegg were elected to the committee. Dave has agreed to take on the Chairmanship and Judy will be Publicity Officer. Peter Winter continues as Newsletter Editor and is being assisted by Shara Lewis-Campbell (non-committee). A full list of the new committee is on the back page.

New members: Chiltern Branch is pleased to welcome the following new members:

Mr & Mrs R Harpley

Mrs D Plummer

Mr K Johnson

Miss L Lee

Mr & Mrs J Pryce-Jones

Programme Sponsor: Production of the 2013/14 Meetings Programme Card, which will be included with the next issue of *Grapevine*, is being kindly sponsored by the Bounty pub in Bourne End, who have also placed an advertisement on the back page of this issue.

Farewell to the Rugby Club: Nearly 50 people came along to our final meeting at the Amersham & Chiltern Rugby Club, when Derrick Hunt gave a fascinating and entertaining presentation on the Dorset & Somerset Canal. From next September our meetings will be held at Little Chalfont Village Hall. See page 14.

London Region

Proposals made by IWA London Region aimed at addressing the problems of mooring in the capital area met (not unexpectedly) with a mixed response. A meeting is to be held with the 'London Boaters Group' that represents some of the long term moorers.

Canal & River Trust

South East Area User Group: The latest meeting was held in Tring on 25th April, when Jeff Whyatt gave an update on the Trust's first year, SE Area progress and plans for the coming year. He highlighted how charitable status enabled corporate partnership funding for improvements to towpaths in Berkhamsted, Cassiobury Park and along the Aylesbury Arm. There was a review of the planned stoppage and maintenance programme and the much improved water supply. The SE Area continues to have the lowest rate of license evasion in the country which is allowing more attention to be focused on more than 200 overstaying boats.

SE Area Partnership AGM will be on 5th June at the Mercure Hotel in Milton Keynes.

Mooring Proposals

Plans to introduce and enforce shorter maximum stays at popular mooring sites provoked a lively discussion at the SE Area User Group. The results of the consultation are to be made available at www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/consultations.

Initially the new arrangements are to be introduced in May/June at Foxton, Thrupp and Stoke Bruerne followed by Marsworth, Berkhamsted, Batchworth, Banbury and Oxford in August. Overstaying boats will be charged £25 per day.

Wendover Arm Trust

Restoration workparties are organised each month and new volunteers are always welcome. If you'd like some healthy outdoor exercise and don't mind the odd splash of mud, please contact Roger Leishman Tel: 01442 874536.

From the Region Chairman

Writing this on a cold snowy day it seems strange to think spring and the chance to get the boat out and about on the waterways is only a few weeks away. This time last year I was talking about the formation of the Canal & River Trust and the probability of restrictions on the use of the canal network due to the lack of rain. Well I got one right, BW has gone and we have a shiny new CRT running our waterways. Hopefully this summer the weather will be better so we can enjoy our canals this year without too much disruption.

This year's main objective for the London Region is to try and find a solution to the mooring problems in the capital. We have produced our proposals which we have widely circulated to mixed response. Some have accused us of being too lenient whilst others have accused us of an out and out attack on boaters. But I have had a number of expressions of support including some from continuous



cruisers who are also concerned about the situation. I am having regular meetings with local residents, overstaying boaters, CRT and our friends in RBOA and NABO under the auspices of a group called The London Waterways Better Relationships Group. We are also keeping up the pressure through our regular contacts to find a way forward. I will keep you informed of progress and how you might help through *Grapevine*.

This year the Region is hosting the National Festival at Cassiobury Park. We are organising a stand showing the diversity of the IWA in London. If you can help us please contact our co-ordinator, John Brice, or your Chairman.

I was delighted to attend the Chiltern Branch AGM in March and was heartened to witness strong support for its wide range of activities.

Paul Strudwick

London Region Chair Person.

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And remember that you can always get a hardcopy version by coming to one of our evening meetings when copies are always available.

Get Ready for Ricky

Rickmansworth Canal Festival 18th & 19th May

The 20th Rickmansworth Festival is fast approaching and the teams of volunteers from the Rickmansworth Waterways Trust and the IWA are working hard to make this year as successful as ever.

Entertainment, Entertainment and more Entertainment!

An amazing line up of entertainment is booked to perform over the weekend on three stages within the Aquadrome and at a fourth stage at Batchworth. Over 40 acts will cover many facets of music with something to suit all tastes. We have folk singers, acoustic guitars, rock bands, school choirs, mandolin music, didgeridoo sounds, and an African group from Soweto to list just a few. You'll also find a range of performing arts, displays, presentations, craft stalls, catering and traders of all kinds. If all this has made you thirsty we have a well stocked traditional ale beer tent.

Added to this is what is happening along the towpath with the colourful array of 100 canal boats, the boat Tug-o-War, boat trips and the opportunity for you to paddle your own canoe with a qualified instructor.

So you can have an action packed day out, or alternatively relax at the Batchworth Lock Cafe, chill out and enjoy a coffee while watching the Morris Men or listening to the trad jazz band.

Chiltern Branch will be sharing a canal-side marquee with the Waterspace team, where we will have a display about our activities and a tombola stall.

Getting there is easy: The Festival is only a short walk from Rickmansworth town centre which is served by Rickmansworth Station on the London Underground. A vintage bus service will be operating from Rickmansworth Station to the Festival. If arriving by car the Official Festival Car Park (£3 all day) is on Stockers Farm Road which is accessed from Harefield Road.

The Festival is open from 10am on both days and carries on in one form or another till 10.30pm. Admission is by donation of £2 per person. More information can be found on www.rwt.org.uk.



Witness a re-enactment of the Ricky Jam, the boatmen's strike over pay and conditions in the 1930s, when Batchworth Lock was blockaded for several weeks.

Stop & Go on the Aylesbury Arm



*Lift out of
NB Tamora
in Aylesbury*

The collapse of Lock 12 has certainly caused quite a stir and it left many boats, mostly from the Aylesbury Canal Society moorings on the wrong side of the stoppage. However, C&RT must be given credit for prompt action in arranging for boats to be craned out from Aylesbury and taken to Willowbridge Marina in Milton Keynes. A total of 20 boats were moved over two days by A B Tuckey.

Ian Thompson has provided these striking pictures of how his boat *Tamora* made the trip.

Meanwhile work on the Aylesbury Canal Society's new home at Circus Field in Broughton on the outskirts of the town is progressing well.



Smoothly on to the truck

The development of the moorings basin is well-advanced and expected to be ready for watering in May. Building of

Back into the water at Willowbridge



the clubhouse is still at the foundations stage and will not be completed until the end of the year.

The other unmissable project by the Arm is the construction of the Arla milk

processing plant. This £150 million development will result in the world's first billion litre liquid milk dairy. Many of the major buildings are in place and milk processing is expected to start in the summer.

The Arla Plant at Buckland



Moorings at Aylesbury Canal Society's new marina are nearly ready for water

Photo: Bryan Barnes

Shara's Summer Boating Holiday

***New Assistant Editor Shara Lewis-Campbell
recalls an eventful trip on the Leeds & Liverpool***

“Shut the paddle! Shut the paddle!” Graeme shouted at me in sheer distress, appearing almost ghost-like as his face ashened, startling me in the process. I was already panicked and didn’t be-



lieve I had the ability within me to panic any further. Having witnessed the second surge of water gush through the entire vessel, in through the bow and leave via the stern, I began to shiver in a desperately uncontrollable manner. Was this really happening? The events that were quickly unfolding seemed so surreal.

The second surge of water had entered from the top of the lock gate and straight into the front deck almost sinking the boat in the process. The force of the water had caused the front

deck to rise, whilst the rear of the boat where Graeme had been standing began to sink as it became increasingly immersed in water with the added threat of taking Graeme down with it...

We had been looking forward to our holiday on the narrowboat *The Grand Union* for a while; we had been working hard leading up to it. The very thought of a slow paced journey on a narrowboat through the glorious countryside on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales seemed the most idyllic way to unwind from the stresses of the usual daily grind we often endured.

Graeme and I would be travelling with friends Dan and Yvonne and their two young girls, Mia and Freya, eight and five respectively. As a group we had been on the narrowboat the previous year and had spent five days in and around the Midlands. It had been a nice trip despite the occasional dubious sights of grimy industrialized city centres along the way. So we were anticipating the pleasure of experiencing more picturesque views and sunnier climates.



Forceful flows on the Leeds & Liverpool

But before we were due to leave, events seemed to conspire against us at every given opportunity. Dan's Grandma had passed away; this obviously changed the mood and our previous happy disposition had suddenly turned in to an upsetting and depressing one. After our initial thoughts of not going through with the trip, Dan and Yvonne decided that they now needed the holiday and a change of atmosphere to take their minds off things and though the funeral would be on the following Thursday, they would return home for it a day earlier than planned. We finalised our journey details and organised the travel arrangements for our holiday. Our narrowboat *The Grand Union* was moored in a small town called Gargrave, about five miles away from Skipton, "The Gateway to the Dales". We planned to set off at six the next

morning and drive to the boat; this would allow us enough time to off load our bags and then meet with the others when they would arrive by coach soon after.

The next morning with all our bags packed, having ensuring we had not left anything behind, we set off. Just ten minutes after leaving the first calamity occurred. We had stopped off for a take-away breakfast at the golden arches, when upon leaving Mackey D's having just resumed into the London traffic Graeme was forced to brake suddenly, resulting in our previously bought breakfast being deposited in a convoluted heap in the foot well of the car. Little did we realise this would be just the first of a multitude of mishaps that would conspire against us to ultimately ruin our holiday. *To be continued.*

The WAT Grand Draw

The Wendover Arm Trust's Grand Draw for 2013 is under way. Two books of tickets are enclosed with this edition of *Grapevine* and you are asked to spread these around to your friends and families.

The prizes are magnificent and we thank our sponsors for their generosity. Wyvern Shipping has donated a one week boating holiday, and Grebe Cruisers has donated a day boat hire. There is a flight with Virgin Balloon Flights, a £100 cash prize presented by Mr Barry Martin, a Swarovski ladies necklace and many other prizes.

The date of the draw will be on Saturday 8th September and all entries showing at least a name and phone number should be returned by 27th August 2013.

There is an urgency to sell as many tickets for the Draw again this year as there is no Boxmoor Festival to raise funds for the restoration.

If you access the public through your daily business, take the opportunity to circulate more tickets. Should you require more, these are available by sending an S.A.E. to Michael Wright, 54, Meadowcroft, St. Albans, AL1 1UF, or Tel 01727 860137.

My Fun Weekend at Marsworth

It was the first proper day of my summer holiday with Carolyn. The alarm clock made noises and woke me up; I jumped out of my bed to see why we were getting up so early. I went into the garden and looked around deciding that it was going to be a hot day. We hadn't had much of a summer as there had been lots of rain meaning I got quite wet and muddy on my walks. However, Carolyn says that all the rain raised the water levels in the canals and reservoirs so boaters have got water to cruise on. There were worries that there might not have been sufficient water to cruise in at the start of the summer holidays.

We had breakfast and then got ready for the day. I gave myself a quick wash and scratch and Carolyn put my collar on. This usually means we are going out for a walk but it was different as Carolyn let me out into the garden again and when I came back she was busy making sandwiches and packing food and drinks, including some for me. I don't usually get another meal until teatime so I knew we were going out for the day and I was really happy. As I got into the car, I wondered where I was going and hoped it involved water. It was getting hot and my coat is a bit thick for hot weather so I really enjoy cooling down in the water.

I had a sleep in the car so I am not really sure how far we travelled but I woke up when the car stopped and had a stretch. I looked around me and although we were parked in a shaded corner I suddenly realised this was the car park

close to the canal, so I knew I was in for a fun day as I have really enjoyed my days by the canal in previous years.

We collected our things together and Carolyn put my harness on me. I don't usually wear it but I know that I have to wear it by the canal for safety. We walked through the car park and up the steps by the café that sells ice creams. I like ice cream so I hoped I would get the odd lick of one during the day. Then I saw some of my canal friends and went over to say hello and make friends of people I hadn't met before. We sorted out where to put our belongings and I watched what was going on to make sure I hadn't forgotten what I had learnt from last time. I checked out the lock gates and did some exploratory runs over them; I like running over the lock gates.

Carolyn and Hilary picked up buckets. I knew exactly what that meant; we were going to walk up and down the canal and alongside the reservoirs. We walked along and I was able to have a really good sniff and explore as there weren't many people



A pair of working boats is helped through the lock

around. We talked to a few people who gave me a stroke and put some money in the buckets. We climbed up to the top of the reservoir and I saw some other dogs having a dip down in the reservoir so I looked to see how I could get down to join them. I soon realised that although the side was



Nothing quite beats a cool swim on a hot day

steep I could negotiate it, so down I went and then into the water where I had my first swim. I scrambled back up the bank and we walked on a bit more and then I was at a really easy place to get into one of the reservoirs. So I went in again but a couple of swans weren't too keen on my antics and hissed at me. They obviously weren't the swans I had met before so I gave them a good growl and they soon retreated and left me to my dip. After my swim we walked back to the others and I shook myself spraying my friends with water. Often folk don't like me doing this as they can get a bit wet but this time I was told I was a good boy and was encouraged to do it again. I actually felt quite sorry for my human friends as they were very hot and I had been able to have a couple of swims and cool down. Unfortunately the level of the actual canal was still too low for me to get myself out so I couldn't go straight back in the water again and then give my friends another shower.

The day passed very quickly with walking, swimming and running over the lock gates. Carolyn and Hilary noticed there were still problems with the litter bins overflowing. They wondered if the closing of The White Lion pub has exacerbated the problem as

folk used to use the commercial bins in their car park. It was soon time for my tea and I ate it as my friends sorted out the gazebo, umbrella and tables, putting away leaflets for the next day. We then went to 'The Anglers' Retreat' where we had a lovely meal in the garden. This was the

first time I had spent the evening in their garden as the weather had not been so warm on the previous occasions I had joined in the Lock Ransom. We got back home quite late and went to bed straight away as Carolyn said we were going back to Marsworth the next day.

After my busy day I slept really well and dreamt of the lovely time I had. We returned the next day, which was just as hot. There seemed to be a lot of boats to help through the lock but there appeared to be less folk on the towpath. I think it was too hot for people to come out. Nevertheless, I had another good day walking, swimming and exploring and was sad when the day was over and we had to put everything away for another year. I said goodbye to my friends and thanked John for organising such a fun filled weekend for me. I was really pleased that despite the weather being so hot I had helped to raise over £400 for canal projects.

This year, the Lock Ransom will be held at Marsworth Bottom Lock again and I hope you will join me on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th August to have fun and raise funds for more canal projects.

Chuckle the Labrador

The National Festival at Cassio

Set course for 19th to 21st July in Watford

IWA's National Waterways Festival comes to Watford this year. This is the first time that the National has been held in the Chiltern Branch area so let's help it to be a huge success.

The main Festival area will be in Casiobury Park, adjacent to the Grand Union where several hundred boats are expected to line the banks. The Rickmansworth Waterways Trust will operate trip boats throughout the period of the Festival.

In the main showground displays from the inland marine trade will be featuring new and used boats and all the accessories you'll ever need. There will also be a wide range of general interest stalls and a craft marquee where you have the opportunity to acquire traditional waterway craft skills in our workshops.

A wide range of entertainments includes song and dance throughout the Festival, a Victorian Fairground and lots of attractions for children and adults alike. On the Sunday, weather permitting, there will be a fly past by a Spitfire from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight.

As usual there will be a number of competitions including cruising awards supported by River & Canal Rescue, and the Ray Dunford Trophy for the best (non-floral) decorated boat. There will be a separate award for the best floral decorated boat and for the best decorated campsite unit.

Of course, you won't go hungry. Food

stalls will be offering dishes to suit all tastes and naturally there will be a real ale bar.

Chiltern Branch is organising a **London Region Village**, which will include stands from Middlesex Branch, South London Branch and the Wendover Arm Trust. In addition, there will be displays showcasing the activities of all the London Region Branches and Chiltern Branch in particular. Our focal point will be the Chiltern Boat Jumble (see the box on this page).

Tickets are available from the IWA website with reduced rates of £6.50 per day or £12.50 for a three day pass for advance purchase. Car parking in the vicinity of the Festival is limited and visitors are encouraged to use public transport.

The Festival is supported by Watford Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council.

Let's have your jumble

Now is the time to put aside those items that you don't want but which will be appreciated by others. Anything related to boating would be great, but we can take most things including good quality clothes to sell. Please contact me and we will arrange collection and storage. If you have jumble of some value, we can also work on a split proceeds basis.

Liz Norris, Mob: 07977 374116

Weekend Away to Essex & Suffolk

This year's outing is a three day trip from 20th to 22nd September that takes in Maldon, the Blackwater Estuary, the Chelmer & Blackwater Navigation and the River Stour.

Friday 20th September

- 09.15 Depart High Wycombe
- 09.35 Depart Amersham
- 09.50 Depart Chesham
- 10.15 Depart Watford
- 12.00 Arrive Hythe Quay, Maldon to board the traditional Thames sailing barge 'Kitty' for a two hour sail in the Blackwater estuary taking in Brithnorth, Northey Island, Milibeach and Osea Island.
- 14.30 On our return to Hythe Quay, a buffet lunch will be served on board. Participants will then be able to relax on board or stroll around the interesting town of Maldon.
- 17.00 Rejoin our coach for the drive to Chelmsford and check in at the Miami Hotel for a two night stay.
- 20.00 Dinner in the Hotel

Saturday 21st September

- 09.30 Leave our Hotel for Paper Mill Lock on the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation. We will be met by Hugh Turner, a member of Essex Waterways Ltd. Management, who will act as our guide for the day.
- 10.15 On arrival at Paper Mill Lock, we will board the trip boat 'Victoria' for a two hour coffee cruise on the Chelmer and Blackwater, IWA's own canal.
- 12.15 Arriving back at Paper Mill Lock, we rejoin the coach and drive to the 'General's Arms' in Little Bad-dow for a pub lunch.
- 14.00 After lunch we rejoin coach and continue to points of interest along the navigation guided by Hugh Turner. These include the Springfield Basin restored by the IWA, the Sandford Moorings, Beeleigh and the Heybridge Basin. If time permits, the Museum of Power may also be visited.
- 17.30 Return to the Hotel
- 20.00 Dinner in the Hotel

Sunday 23rd September

- 09.30 Depart for the Granary in Sudbury.
- 11.00 At the Granary, we meet Mike Finch of the River Stour Trust who will be our guide. After a morning coffee, we will view the restored Stour lighter 'John Constable'
- 12.00 Rejoin the coach for the 45 minute drive to Stratford St. Mary for lunch at 'The Swan' followed by a visit to the nearby lock restoration.
- 14.30 A short drive to Dedham, where we will enjoy a one hour walk along the River Stour to Flatford viewing some of the iconic Stour Valley scenes made so famous by the painter John Constable.
- 16.30 Rejoin the coach to journey home.

Weekend Away: Costs & Booking

The cost of this weekend excursion is £246 per person, based on two people sharing a twin or double room. The single room supplement is £40.

The cost includes:

- All coach travel.
- Two nights accommodation on a half board (bed, breakfast and dinner) basis at the Miami Hotel, Chelmsford.
- A two hour estuary sailing cruise aboard the traditional Thames barge 'Kitty'.
- A buffet lunch aboard the 'Kitty'.
- A two hour cruise aboard the trip boat 'Victoria' on the Chelmer & Blackwater.
- Donation to the River Stour Trust.

The cost does not include:

- Travel insurance.
- Morning coffees and afternoon teas if taken.
- Pub Lunches on 21st & 22nd.
- Alcoholic beverages.

- Other items of a personal nature.

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

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



Photo: Jenny Brice

The Weekend Away includes a sailing trip on a Thames Barge

Chiltern Branch Meeting Venue

From September 2013 Chiltern Branch evening meetings will be 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.



Diary

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Rickmansworth Festival

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IWA National Festival

Cassiobury Park, Watford

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24th July

Balsam Bash Working Party

Marsworth. Call John Brice.

17th & 18th August

Marsworth Lock Ransom

25th September at 8.00pm

A Cruise along the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal

Christopher Dyche

The Staffs and Worcester was part of Brindley's Grand Cross of canals and carried commercial business from its opening in 1772 to the 1950s. Now it is one of the most attractive waterways for narrowboating. Chris Dyche, assisted by Ann Pollard, will take us on a cruise along its length. Chris is President of the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal Society.

The IWA is a registered charity (No. 212342) whose work is supported by member's subscriptions. The IWA campaigns for development of Britain's waterways for use by all.

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23rd October at 8.00pm

Evelyn's War, the Life of an Idle Woman

Tim Coghlan

Evelyn Hunt, Audrey Williams and Ann Blake crewed a pair of boats on the Grand Union travelling to and from Brentford and the Warwickshire coalfields from 1942 to 1945. Tim will tell us about their life and times on the canal. Tim is well-known as the owner and Managing Director of Braunston Marina and he is also a regular contributor to magazines and newspapers.

27th November at 8.00pm

The Waterways of Northern France and Belgium

Roger Squires

While most cruise scenic favourites such as the Midi, Nivernais or Bourgogne, Roger's path takes a look at the less visited canals from Dunkirk to Ostend. So this travelogue may tempt you to go north. Roger has been a life-long supporter of the canals and waterways in the UK and internationally. He has been an IWA Trustee and London Region Chairman. He was awarded the British Empire Medal in 2012.

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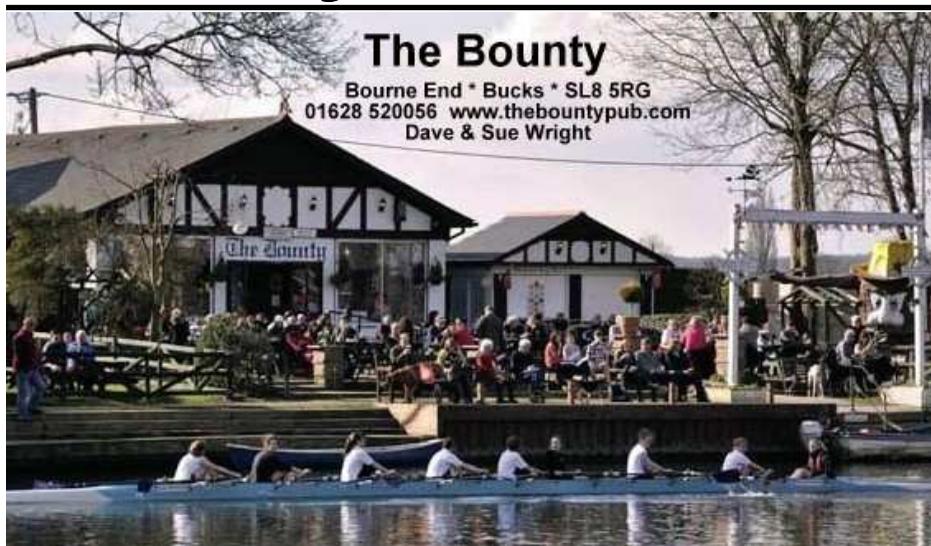
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