

## IWA NATIONAL TRAIL BOAT FESTIVAL 2015 ON THE LANCASTER CANAL

This was held on the Lancaster Canal Northern Reaches, which were totally severed from the main line by road building in the 1960's. The National Trail Boat Festival was first held at this venue in 2006 when a temporary slip way was installed at Crooklands near to the Westmorland Showground on BW property. Since that date this has been upgraded to a permanent slipway with a new floating pontoon installed by CRT this year to assist when launching. Also dredging was completed along this stretch as due to lack of use, it had become silted.



The Trailboat Festival was run in conjunction with the Westmorland Agricultural Show, a large 2 day event covering farming, local produce and crafts.

The boats and their amenities were organized by the Lancaster Canal Trust. Parking for the vehicles and trailers was arranged with a local farmer, who allowed us use of his field for the festival dates and any days required before and after.

Having been delayed on the M6, we eventually arrived at 7.30pm and decided to park the trailer, boat and vehicle on the campsite overnight. We then made the 10 minute walk to the local pub restaurant for our evening meal. Walking back along the canal past our Wilderness Club boats, we were of course invited on board for a drink and a catch up on everyone's recent travels.

The Wilderness Trail Boat Club is run totally by website, as the members are situated throughout the UK and also a few in Europe. Members often arrange to cruise together in the UK, France, Germany and Holland. As many as possible meet up at the National Trail Boat Festival where we hold our AGM.

After launching and finding our allocated mooring position, we decorated our boats with flags and lights. As our boat is called Beehive we have some Bee windmills that we attach to the bow railings for the children to enjoy.

On the Friday evening they had organised a presentation by the Stone Wall Association this was on the festival site where many examples of regional types of stone wall were built. This proved very interesting but the cold Cumbrian wind whistled across the site, I was glad of my woollen hat and gloves.

Saturday dawned bright but cold, and the crowds poured onto the showground. There were many large marquees, selling local produce with various cookery demonstrations. The environment marquee, was

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# Chairman's Ramblings

OK, this is the latest I have been and so you may notice this issue is the 'Autumn' and not October issue; well it is 3rd November today! I do hope you all enjoyed your summer activities, can you remember? Beryl and I had a busy time at home on various things that stopped us boating but had to be done! In late September we finally got away to France for just under 3 weeks, spending most of the time enjoying fabulous sea food in Britany but managed to take in brief visits to the Canal Ille et Rance at Tinténiac and again at Dinan, which is a delightful stop; the medieval town at the top of a steep cob-



Waterside at Dinan

bled road, has buildings dating from the 13th century. We had ridden our bikes from the campsite and along this road to Dinan, passing several fishermen on the way; this is actually the River Rance heading upstream. Our journey home



took us via Deauville where again I indulged in another favourite pastime; looking at the food market; hence this photo of locally harvested mushrooms. I will not detail the day we spent in Calais gathering essential supplies for the journey home but here is a thought; the EU has seen fit to make a major issue over the UK tax treatment of red diesel; during our trip in France we filled the car several times with white diesel; the cost ? The same as we paid for red

diesel on the Thames to fill our domestic only tank; little wonder that our transport industry suffers! So, back home and time to move our boat to Brinklow Marina on the North Oxford Canal, this to give us an assured early start to travel next year to Liverpool. The next photo



shows the EA's new dredging policy ( this was how several of the lock-keepers described the many fancy new red and green buoys we were to see between Bourne End and Oxford! Believe it or not, the navigable channel is to the left of the red buoys!!! During the winter of 2013 /14, a huge amount of silt was dropped at the inside of bends and this is the EA's response; I would not have wanted to meet one of the many

barges now regularly moving on the Thames at this bend. Contrast this to the next photo taken on the South Oxford Canal. I am not suggesting CRT is perfect, but they have secure funding for the next 10 years, so now have a 10 year dredging and ongoing maintenance programme, whereas the EA is expected to make a further cut of 16% to next years maintenance budget and know one knows what is planned beyond then!



Dave Chapman

# Diary & Notices

## *Chiltern Branch Meetings*

8pm start unless shown.

**Wed 25th Nov**

### **The Chesterfield Canal: Its Past, Present and Future.**

**John Lower**

Opened in 1777; 46 miles from the River Trent to Chesterfield and known locally as 'The Cuckoo Dyke', a commercial success for most of the 19th Century; some 250,000 tons of local stone was shipped south to build the Houses of Parliament; it last saw cargo in the 1960s. Its route takes in some delightful scenery, the canal is being restored by the Chesterfield Canal Trust. John Lower was a Civil Engineer with Chesterfield Borough Council; he will cover the history, the current situation and the future of this waterway.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec \*\*\*7pm\*\*\***

### **Chiltern Branch Members**

#### **Christmas Party**

Come and enjoy our usual Christmas extravaganza. Mulled wine, a quiz or two, some good grub and convivial company.

**Wed 27th Jan 2016**

### **The Story of Navigation**

**Jeremy Batch**

How did the Polynesians find their way around the Pacific Ocean or the Vikings their hunting grounds? So how did they do it? Galileo and the ubiquitous John Harrison are reasonably well known, but what about Faraday, Einstein and Igor Sikorsky? Astronauts, migrating birds to the GPS! It's a Jeremy Batch talk so you already know it will be good!

**Wed 24th Feb**

### **Grand Union - 1960's Cargoes and Families**

**Terry Putnam**

With slides he took in the 1960s, Terry gives us an insight into the last hurrah of the boating families on the Grand Union Canal and the cargoes they carried. He, and like minded

friends, wanted a photographic record of this vanishing scene. Terry, a primary school teacher, worked in London and Dorset, is a retired head-teacher. He is also a railway enthusiast, and is an active member of the 'Friends of Upwey Station'

**Wed 23rd Mar**

### **AGM followed by Vicky Martin - CRT, Waterways Manager, South East Region**

Branch AGM then a ploughman's supper after which, Vicky Martin will give an update on South East Region and then take questions from the floor.

**Wed 27th Apr**

### **Narrow Boats to Norway**

**Clive and Gill Field**

### [Wendover Arm Trust](http://www.wendoverarmtrust.co.uk/)

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### **Next Restoration Work Party... Friday**

### **Nov 6th until Thursday Nov 12th -**

come and see what we do - new volunteers will be most welcome and are **needed** to continue the job - if **you** would like to help please call Ray Orth on 01494 786868 for details or e-mail **restoration2@wendoverarmtrust.co.uk**

### [Chiltern Branch -Committee/Volunteers:](#)

We still need a Newsletter Editor,

Please contact Dave Chapman; see back page.

[New Members:](#) we welcome

Chris and Gill Webber

**Copy Date  
for the next issue**

**Please send news items, articles, photographs and advertisements to the Editor by 5th January 2016.**

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

The hardcopy version is normally available at our evening meetings.

# From the Region Chairman

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As we move into autumn we can look back at this year's events run by IWA across the country with pride. We must thank all those volunteers who have made them possible. Your branch always runs the moorings at the Rickmansworth Festival, a really fun weekend. From past experience I know that planning will soon start for next year's event, if you could spare some time to help run it, please have a word with any of your branch officers or if you would like to get involved with any of the national events have a word with me.



There is still no information on the merger of the Environment Agency (EA) with the Canal & River Trust (CRT). There are worrying signs that the cuts, being imposed on EA, are reducing their ability to operate and maintain the network for which they are responsible. If you have a boat on EA waters, can you please let me know if there are any structures out of use or in poor condition in your area? I will arrange for these to be included on our "at risk" register and have the problem raised at a national level.

The Waterways Recovery Group (WRG) Van Appeal which is looking to raise £120,000 to replace their four existing vans which form an essential part of running Canal Camps, etc. is doing well, they are over half way there. WRG is an important part of our association, it even has work camps on the Chelmer & Blackwater Navigation in our region and it needs all our support. If you have not already given to the appeal please see if you could help by giving just a little. While on the subject of WRG you might have that Mike Palmer, WRG Chairman, was appointed an MBE in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours list earlier this year.

The location of CRT winter's moorings for boats that don't have a home mooring, is very important to your branch and the other branches in the London Region. This year CRT has only designated a few moorings in Central London, and several of the moorings are in your branch area. I am a little concerned about the lack of facilities near some of the moorings in the region, for example, the moorings at Ware on the Lee are some miles from water and effluent discharge points. We will need to monitor the situation at the winter moorings, and if problems between boaters and shore based communities, and with rubbish and effluent disposal, occur, see if we can help. If you hear anything please let your committee know.

London Region is unusual in IWA in that many of the issues, such as overstaying boats, are common to most branches and our response is more effective if co-ordinated regionally. However we do need some more members on the Region committee to help run the region. If you could spare a few hours each month and would like to help please have a word with Dave Chapman or me.

**Paul Strudwick**  
**IWA , Chairman London**  
**Region**

## ***Help to speed Wendover Restoration!!!***

On Nov 3rd, along with 70 others, I attended the WAT presentation outlining the Heritage Lottery Fund bid to fund restoration of a section of the Wendover Arm by contractors. If successful this and the continuing work by volunteers, would see the Arm navigable to the old A41 bridge at Aston Clinton. As a measure of the professionalism of WAT, it was interesting to compare the CRT/Contractor estimate of costs for the work covered by the bid, to that of Roger Leishman, WAT Restoration Director ; the difference was less than 1% !!

Several local people also spoke of the benefits, other than those obvious to boaters that restoration would bring to the area, it became clear this would also resolve a long-standing concern over marginal flooding when heavy rain causes the water level at Wendover to be higher than the Grand Union summit that it feeds.

So, what can you do to help? Lottery bids are influenced by the volume of support, particularly from the affected locality. The following sample letter can easily be modified with your own input; please make the effort and send as an email attachment to Chris Sargeant at; [Chairman@wendoverarmtrust.co.uk](mailto:Chairman@wendoverarmtrust.co.uk)

*“The Chairman  
Wendover Arm Trust*

*Dear Sir*

### ***Wendover Arm Restoration: Heritage Lottery Fund Stage One application***

*I am writing to offer my support for the Canal & River Trust proposals to restore a further section of the Wendover Arm Canal, in partnership with the Wendover Arm Trust.*

*I am pleased to support the proposals to complete Phase Two, so bringing the system one step closer to having a new boating destination off the Grand Union Canal main-line.*

*The proposed towpath work will bring improvements to the full 6¾ mile length of the arm, restoring a further 1¾ miles to navigation and further safeguarding heritage and re-creating habitats significant for local species. The proposals will also involve local communities in remembering and re-telling the important heritage stories of the canal.*

*I do hope that it will be possible for the Heritage Lottery Fund to lend its support to this, locally very important, project.*

*Yours faithfully”*

Just to make it a little easier, you can down load the sample letter, in Microsoft Word format, from Chiltern Branch home page.

[www.waterways.org.uk/chiltern/chiltern](http://www.waterways.org.uk/chiltern/chiltern)

**Dave Chapman**

## IWA NATIONAL TRAIL BOAT FESTIVAL 2015

a must for the children and also for the adults where many rare breeds were on display. In another field there were sheep dog trials which continued over the 2 days. The arena had many displays, stunt motor cyclists, a dog show and a fantastic kite display to music.

The Lancaster Canal Trust had arranged a



wide variety of local interests for us to check out during the weekend. There was the opportunity of joining the gunpowder walk, a supposedly 3 mile 1 hour walk around the local area, but I think we were rather slower than they calculated. This was a fascinating walk following the history of the production of gunpowder. We walked through the village and up on the hill, every so often we came upon railway tracks, some embedded in the tarmac others in the roadside bank. The main production site is now a caravan park, about 12 of us were at their gate studying the unusual gate post, when their security came out to see what the fuss was about. It was cold so we were adorned in hoodies, but I hope at our age we did not look that threatening. The gate post in question was a tall upright cylinder, which had been used for charcoal burning in the gunpowder production.

We continued over the hill and back to the site, for a well-earned cup of tea. Meanwhile some of our boat club members had been competing in the boat handling competition.

Our type of GRP boat is very light, so can be very responsive, but also blown around in windy weather, so these competitions can be very amusing to watch and never have an obvious winner.

During the evening the club took over a marquee for their AGM, this is normal practice as you can never be sure that it will be warm enough to have this in the open. This was followed by a mass exodus straight into the bar tent, where music was playing.

The next day we took it in turns to help in the IWA WOW (Wild over Water) marquee, where the children can try different tasks all with a waterways theme. Jenny Black was running the construct a wall project and other WRG & volunteers had the mini digger to try. You have about 15 minutes to get used to the feel of the machine and then you have to try to put the piece of wood in the bucket. In our marquee we had brass rubbing, build a bridge model and paper plate design. This was a busy stand, as the children get a passport, and when they have completed all the tasks are given a party bag of water information.

When the main show closed it was time for us to have a quick meal and get ready for the illuminated boat parade. This is an annual event with each boat in our club trying to outdo each other. Some even have lights flickering to music, it is much easier now that solar power can be used. Along the towpath the public waited as it slowly got darker, unfortunately due to the narrowness of the canal we



# ON THE LANCASTER CANAL

all decided that doing our normal pirouettes would be foolhardy. But every one clapped and whistled as the procession of boats passed.



Monday started with the awards ceremony and then the boats cruised down to the end of navigation to view the new FURLONG at Stainton in water. The Lancaster Canal Trust. trip boat "Waterwitch" headed the parade with the dignitaries on board, while we tagged on behind. The newly re-watered section had sadly



not settled enough for CRT to give the go ahead for the bund to be removed, but nevertheless the canoes were out in force celebrating the new waters to explore.

From this point we were able to join the walk along to the Hincastle Tunnel and Horsepath (an English Heritage Ancient Monument). The tunnel looked well preserved and the Horse-

path had been renovated by the Trust. Along this section the vegetation had been controlled, but after the tunnel the canal became lost in the undergrowth.



The M6 cuts through this canal in 3 places, in addition to another 4 major roads. The Lancaster Canal Trust are committed to restoring 14 miles from Tewitfield to Kendal. This involves many tunnels, many bridges, moving a lock, installing gates on 7 others, building an aqueduct and planning a canal head with shops and cafes. The Wendover Arm sounds a piece of cake after all that.

We finished off our club meeting with a get together meal in the Crooklands Hotel, we had an exclusive room and 18 members enjoyed the dinner and the company. The next day, boats were on a schedule for retrieval, as some were being towed home. Others trailed north and many went to Wales and parked up ready for the Welshpool event in a few weeks' time.

## A Trailboat festival on the Wendover arm?

**Let's get started!!!**

**Jenny and John Brice**

# Canal and River Trust—SE region

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It's been a really busy summer for the SE Waterways team and it's no surprise with 6,500 boats licensed locally on South East waters, out of a national total of 35,000; that translates into lot of boat movements and an extremely busy waterway.

I have also read with great interest a report by the British Marine Federation about the economic benefits of boating tourism to the UK. It has been an eye opener to learn that the annual contribution to the UK economy in 2012/13, is estimated to be greater than the total tourism impact of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games between 2005 and 2017. And with c.400million individual visits to our waterways each year, these are powerful statistics that really highlight the value of our work.



Events are important drivers of demand and we've certainly had a packed programme of events and festivals across the region this summer with many 200th anniversary celebrations taking place. It's been wonderful to see the canals buzzing with activity and at the heart of community celebrations. You may have noticed the SE Waterways has had an increased presence at events this year - it's been a great way for us to engage with local communities and raise awareness of the work we do.

The SE Waterways Partnership APM was held in Oxford last month; a World Café format was used to stimulate a series of conversations on how CRT can improve the experience for boaters, manage our destinations better and better engage with young people and communities. It was an opportunity to provide an update on current projects including the mapping of customer facilities at key locations, signage audits and destination management plans; also to harvest ideas from our stakeholders to shape our business plan priorities.

To encourage the use of our waterways for physical activity, our Sports Participation Manager, Joe Sammon, has been working with local groups to organise activity days. So far events have taken place in Aylesbury, Banbury and at Weston Turville Reservoir offering free taster sessions in a range of activities including paddle boarding, canoeing, angling and cycling. For those who like a challenge, a half marathon is also planned for 11th September next year – 'Two Arms on Two Legs' – which will incorporate the Wendover and Aylesbury Arms.

Increasing volunteering is hugely important to the future of CRT and in the south east we are leading the way with around 40,000 days contributed by volunteers every year. We have 150 Volunteer Lock Keepers and 15 Adoption Agreements in place locally with volunteers undertaking a range of maintenance and restoration projects on a regular basis. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this great achievement! The huge efforts of IWA Northampton Branch preparing the Northampton Arm for the Festival of Water and of the IWA Chiltern Branch creating the stunning new bench at Marsworth have not gone unnoticed. As part of our drive to increase youth volunteering, this month sees the launch of an exciting new project called 'A Million Hands'. CRT is partnering with The Scouts Association in a national project to engage up to half a million young people in our work through 'pocket' adoptions in their local areas. It's a really innovative project that will not only encourage more volunteering, but importantly get more young people involved with their local waterways.

**Vicky Martin, Waterways Manager, S E Reg.**

# Green Park to Wendover — what next?

Our lead article on the 2015 IWA Trailboat Festival on the Lancaster Canal should be an inspiration to Chiltern IWA and WAT; here are 2 further photos from this year's festival that help show why!



**Slipway used to launch the trail-boats and here we have people in canoes;** both are on the Lancaster Canal; so what? Well the canoes are beyond the bund which currently is the limit of navigation but they show what is to be and this section although as yet not open, is already an amenity!

**What has this to do with the Wendover Arm and Green Park?** Some of you will already know that Green Park is the headquarters of ALF Villages (Adventure Learning Foundation), which also includes Longridge, Marlow /Bisham and Shortenills, Chalfont St Giles. Please google 'ALF Villages' for more information

So why the interest in canoes? Green Park would like to add canoeing as an on-site activity, targeting all ages who are interested. This would not only provide a worthwhile activity for local groups but would also demonstrate locally the potential enhanced amenity value of the arm. The requirements for teaching and engaging in canoeing seem relatively simple to achieve; dredging and a launch facility but will be subject to a survey by CRT! If we can add a slipway we have the potential for launching trail-boats!

We also believe that a Trailboat event could be used as a way of further increasing awareness of the benefits of bringing the Wendover Arm back to life. Why not aim to have the IWA National Trailboat Festival at Green Park?

IWA Chiltern Branch, WAT, CRT, and Green Park are now exploring the options to make it happen!

Chiltern Branch Committee have set aside £1500 towards materials, we have also started a dialogue with IWA ResCom with a view to getting a more substantial grant towards this outcome which we believe would be fully consistent with the charitable aims of the IWA, WAT and CRT. We will, of course, seek WRG's help to deliver the result!

If this project interests you then please contact, John Brice, Dave Chapman (details on back page) or Chris Sargeant, WAT ( [Chairman@wendoverarmtrust.co.uk](mailto:Chairman@wendoverarmtrust.co.uk) )

**Dave Chapman** (Photos by John Brice)

# Canal du Midi talk to Chester?

*Follow-up from Peter Bolt to the Canal du Midi talk at Chiltern Branch meeting in Jan 2015*

Following the 2014 Campaign Festival, Chester and Merseyside Branch committee felt that it would be good to leave a permanent legacy of the event and what better than a bespoke Tidal Level Gauge at the River Lock where it meets the tidal River Dee. For many years boaters have left the safety of the lock without full information about the tide height. This situation was picked up during discussions for the 'Waterways Strategy', which IWA partnered, which is now part of the 'Chester One City Plan'.

Back in February this year we engaged the services of L P Archaeology of Chester who agreed to undertake a survey and spot in a Bench Mark on the side of the lock where we proposed to locate the gauge. With Mike Carter's assistance we located a position about a metre in front of the silt plate in an old groove which was heavily overgrown. We later found out, after removing the growth with one of our working parties, that the groove stopped about two metres from the top. CRT then suggested that we should locate the gauge in the recess which would be left when the bottom gates were removed along with the silt plate and traditional stop planks dropped in which would allow entry into the lock chamber without the use of the bottom lock gates.

The gauge needed to be robust and we chose the use of a backing plank of 'Ekki', a hardwood timber used extensively for marine use both in and out of water and requires no preservative treatment. This was supplied by Meerdink Ltd, a specialist timber importers from Lincoln. The side reinforcing stainless steel angle came from Parker Steel and the purpose made gauge boards from Shelly Signs of Market Drayton. The overall weight was anticipated to be about 60 kg so the material was delivered to Taylor's Boat yard in Chester for Peter Askey to put together. A picture of the finished item standing up in the big shed at Taylor's Yard is shown and a more detailed picture shows the inscription at the top of the gauge. Like most tidal gauges the calibration is shown in metres AOD (Above Ordnance Datum) if you are not familiar with this the following may be of help to you.

## **Chart datum (CD) and Above Ordnance datum (AOD).**

Tidal Levels are quoted relative to chart datum (the lowest level due to astronomical meteorological effects) The heights of chart datum (AOD) relative to ordnance datum (OD at Newlyn) in the UK are listed in the tide tables.

### **England West**

Liverpool	- 4.93m (4.9m from Lavers Tide Tables)
Blackpool	- 4.9m
Formby	- 4.93m
Hilbre	- 4.93m
Weir crest level Chester	- 4.31 AOD approx.



## **Canal du Midi talk to Chester? (Cont'd)**

(This dimension is shown on the gauge for information and should only be read at high water slack)

If for example, you have data value for Liverpool of 10m relative to CD and want to convert it to be relative to AOD this would be 5.07m, that is 10m plus, (minus 4.93M)

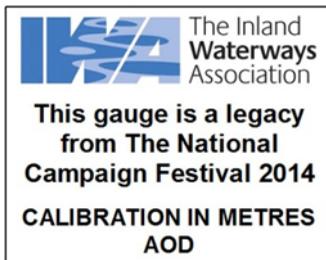
National Resources Wales (NRS) have confirmed that the Chester weir level is approximately 4.31 AOD.

CRT have asked the EA to undertake the work involved with the removal of the gates and also install the Tidal Gauge and this should be done during August. Although this project has taken over a year I am pleased with the result and I am sure it will be of benefit to boaters in navigating the River Dee in the future. The partnership working with CRT, NRW and the EA on this project is very much appreciated.

In closing, I would like to say a big thank you to **IWA Chiltern Branch**, the Historic Narrowboat Owners club and the late CW&C Councillor, Mr David Robinson, for supporting this project financially.

**Peter Bolt**

Chairman, IWA Chester and  
Merseyside Branch



## **Thanks from WAT**

*The following is the text of the letter received by Chiltern Branch;*

### Wendover Arm Trust Grand Draw 2015

I would like to express to your readers a very big thank you for their support for the WAT Grand Draw 2015. This year we managed to raise just over £4500 towards the Restoration Fund.

The twelve prize winners have all been advised and the common response was as always, - "I never win anything".....

After sending all the prizes, the thoughts are turning to next year's Draw, when it is hoped you all will extend your amazing generosity again. The restoration is still continuing.

It was with some amusement that on the Friday before the Grand Draw, I received a telephone call from the promoter of the Monmouth, Abergavenny and Brecon Canal Trust Annual Duck Race to tell me that I had won the second prize for the 'race' on the August Bank Holiday this year !

So no longer can I use the phrase "I never win anything"!

The full list of prize winners in the Draw is shown on the Trust website – [www.wendoverarmtrust.co.uk](http://www.wendoverarmtrust.co.uk) and follow the link. (Do you know a winner ?)

Again, through the Branch magazine, may the Trust say a very big thank you for your essential support.

My best wishes,

**Michael Wright**

**Grand Draw 2015 Promoter**

# **IWA Chiltern Branch Christmas Party**

7.00 pm on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Little Chalfont Village Hall



**Come and enjoy our usual  
Christmas extravaganza with great food, quiz, games,  
raffle**

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**A Warm Welcome with Complimentary Mulled Wine**

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**Hot and Cold Home Cooked Buffet  
with vegetarian option**

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**Tea Coffee and Mince Pies**

# **£10**

You are welcome to bring your own alcoholic drinks





# IWA Chiltern Branch Christmas Party Booking form

Name:

Tel:

I require \_\_\_ places for the Buffet at £10.00 each

**Please make cheques** payable to IWA Chiltern Branch

I enclose a cheque for £\_\_\_\_\_

Please pay the Treasurer at the next branch meeting

Or

send this form and cheque to:

Ken Aylmer  
Treasurer, IWA Chiltern Branch  
9 Baytree Walk  
Watford, WD17 4RX  
Tel: 01923 232515



**Returns needed by 3rd December please!!!!**



## Volunteering opportunities

We run trips that enable disadvantaged people to experience canal boating 'close up'.

### We employ no paid staff and need additional volunteers in the following areas:

**Trainers** – general volunteer training plus skipper training to CCBM and Boatmaster levels

**Crewing:** Skippers (CCBM &/or Boatmaster's) and crew (training provided)

**'Enable' trips** project manager

IT – GoogleDrive

**Marketing** – events, telesales, web editing, Google Analytics

**Fundraising** – public appeals manager

**Maintenance** – of boats, property & gardens

Email [Trustees@wexp.org.uk](mailto:Trustees@wexp.org.uk) telling us where your interests and experience lie and what you're looking for in a volunteer role.

**Share your love of the canals and canal boating!**

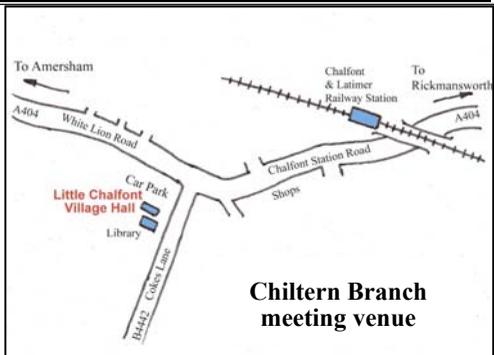
[www.wexp.org.uk](http://www.wexp.org.uk)

## Chiltern Branch Meeting Venue

The 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.



**Chiltern Branch  
meeting venue**

## You don't need to be on a Committee!

There are those who do and those who don't get involved with volunteering. If you've never tried it you will never know what you are missing. It will liven up your life, get you out of the house, give you some exercise, expand your social life whilst making some new friends, and not least you will have some good laughs. You will benefit from all these things and more, plus feel good that you have achieved something that benefits not only yourself but also others on our waterways!

**So why not come and join our festival team?** preparing and exhibiting for the IWA at the Rickmansworth and Slough Festival in 2016.

**We need helpers** for setting up before and packing up after the Festival.

**Can you help us with transport**, do you have a van, MPV or trailer for transporting tents and jumble to and from the Festival.

**Are you knowledgeable about the IWA** or the boating and canal scene; we have a position for you on our IWA stand.

**Have you got the gift of the gab**, enjoy bartering to broker a deal; you will enjoy it on our Jumble stand.

**WoW (Wild over Waterways)** we need volunteers capable of helping with these children's activities.

**IWA Sales stand**, selling IWA branded promotional goods, maps, canal books etc. require sales assistants.

If I have aroused your interest in any of the above mentioned activities please give me a call or send an e mail, then I or one of our team will get back to you with further details.

**I am looking forward to your call; 07740 733241 or [john.brice@waterways.org.uk](mailto:john.brice@waterways.org.uk)**  
**Inland Waterways Association - Chiltern Branch**

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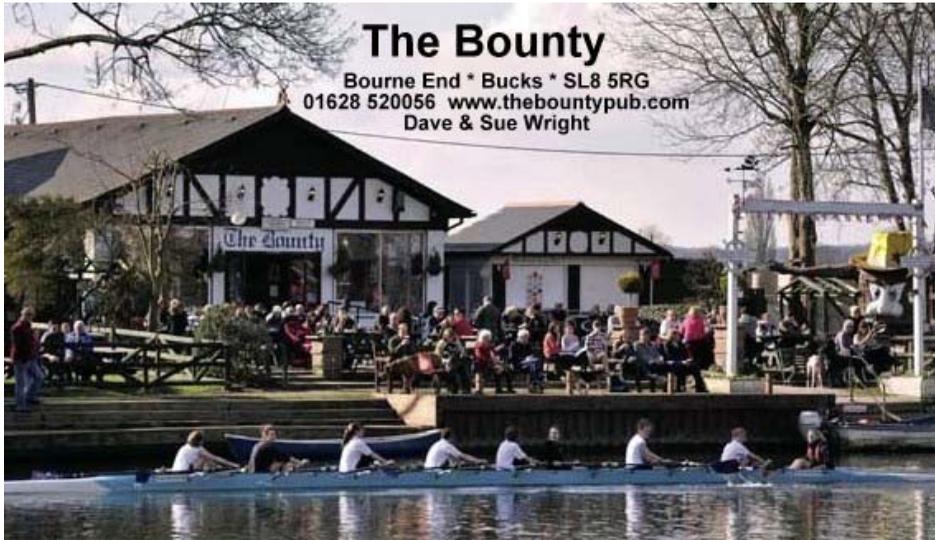
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