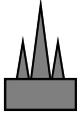




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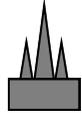


Coal on the Ashby Canal (see report Page 5)

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Branch Chairman's Report – July 2014

I started to write this report in the middle of cruising home from the Stratford River Festival where there was a triple celebration, the centenary of Robert Aickman's birth (IWA's co-founder), the 50th Anniversary of the re-opening of the Southern Stratford canal and the 40th Anniversary of the re-opening of the Upper Avon Navigation. Thinking about these events leads me to consider how fortunate we are that years ago people were concerned enough about these waterways to actively do something about restoring them. Our cruise down the Stratford canal from Kingswood to Stratford and thence down the river Avon from Stratford to Tewkesbury was idyllic, the weather was perfect and the waterways are so much easier to cruise than they were when I first experienced them 25 years ago. It is

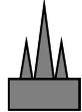


sobering to think that without the foresight of the early waterways campaigners, we would not have been able to cruise these wonderful waterways.

As we boated up the Droitwich canal from the River Severn, I met several people who grumbled about the stiffness of the paddle gear. I couldn't help my response – that I would rather struggle with stiff paddle gear and be able to cruise the canal than have no canal available to cruise. It is nothing short of a miracle that the reed-filled ditch that I was shown by a boy-friend on a "romantic" walk in 1974 has been re-opened to navigation. To all those people who have struggled with red tape, politicians and the physical labour of restoration work, I give thanks.

So what is there now for IWA to do? Why should we continue to exist now that CRT has declared that it is keen to restore more waterways? Answer: We still have a lot of important political fighting to do whether it is to support CRT and the other navigation authorities or where necessary, to go-it-alone.

The Bill for Phase One of the HS2 Railway has now been passed in principle by Parliament. HS2 Ltd were not interested in our plan to slightly re-route HS2 in the Wood End/Fradley area. IWA has therefore petitioned Parliament. Fortunately, when we discussed the plan with some of the local parish councils, they could see that "our" route would improve the effect on the local area by lowering the height of the proposed huge railway embankment in this area and agreed to support our proposal in their own petitions. The Select Committee of MPs who will be examining all the Petitions has already started work. Unfortunately, Staffordshire County Council in their petition to Parliament are still seeking to re-route the Trent & Mersey canal in order to lower the embankment. If they get their way, this would lead to the abandonment of the beautiful section of the T & M from just above Shade House Lock to a point a hundred yards or so above Wood End Lock. Whatever happens, unless "our" route is adopted, this section of the peaceful and historic Trent and Mersey canal conservation area will be totally desecrated. We must hope that the IWA case (and the engineering study we financed jointly with CRT) is good enough to persuade the members of the Select Committee that our alternative is to be preferred to the route put forward by HS2 Ltd. Of course IWA's petition also supports the



case for the canal restoration projects affected by HS2 and for noise abatement measures to be put in place wherever the railway crosses a canal. For more details see

www.waterways.org.uk/news/view?id=112 . (CRT is also petitioning along similar lines.)

You will see on page 5 how to take part in the survey that IWA is doing on winding holes.

Please do take note and let us know if you see any that are no longer available to use for whatever reason.

Our social meetings start again in September and once again we have some interesting speakers booked to talk to us. Mark the dates in your diaries now so that you don't miss them! PLEASE NOTE SLIGHTLY EARLIER START TIMES (See Below). The skittles evening held jointly with the North Staffs & South Cheshire and Shrewsbury & North Wales branches is an opportunity to make new friends (see page 3). Then on Wednesday, November 12th our fund-raising fashion show (see page 3) should be an enjoyable social event to brighten up your winter and give you the opportunity to rejuvenate your wardrobe. Whilst you are at Byrkley Park Garden Centre you can also do a bit of Christmas shopping in pleasant surroundings. The restaurant serves lovely food at lunch-time too!

Our Christmas meal which we have in December will be a little different. We have decided to hold it on a Sunday lunch-time instead of in an evening to give more people the opportunity to come. The date and venue will appear in the next issue of Lichfield Lines.

In the meantime, here's hoping the weather holds and you have a proper barbeque summer!

Helen Whitehouse 16/07/14

Forthcoming Events

Saturday, Sunday and Monday 23rd to 25th August 2014

IWA Saul Waterways Pageant—A free fun Pageant for all the family at Saul Junction in Gloucestershire. See posters on Pages 12 and 13 for details.

Tuesday 2nd September 2014

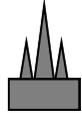
Our first walk of the season led by Clive Walker. Meet 10:15 for a 10:30 am start at The Pretty Pigs, Shuttington Road, Alvecote, Tamworth B79 0ED for a 4 mile easy walk entitled "Alvecote Pools Nature Reserve". The walk will take in pleasant arable land and a short detour to the "lost" Amington Basin on the Coventry Canal. Contact Clive on 01827 282298 or clivejbwalker@btinternet.com .

Wednesday 17th September 2014

"Sixty Years of Wolverhampton Canals" an illustrated talk on Black Country waterways by Tony Gregory. 7.15 for 7.30 pm at Martin Heath Hall, Christchurch Lane (off Walsall Road), Lichfield, WS13 8AY NOTE EARLIER START TIME FOR 2014-15 SEASON

Wednesday 15th October 2014

"Boating on Less Tranquil Waters" an illustrated talk on boating tips and interesting trips, including estuary and tidal river cruises by Roger Clay. 7.15 for 7.30 pm at Martin Heath Hall, Christchurch Lane (off Walsall Road), Lichfield, WS13 8AY



Saturday 25th October 2014

Skittles Evening & Supper at Stafford Boat Club. A social evening with games of skittles and a hot supper (beef hotpot and apple pie & cream). 7.30 pm at Stafford Boat Club, off Maple Wood, Wildwood, Stafford, ST17 4SG. £7.50 each. An informal inter-Branch competition with IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch and Shrewsbury & North Wales Branch members. If you would like to join a team representing Lichfield Branch, or can recruit friends or family to make up your own team of 4 or more, then please contact Pete Gurney on 01785 255101 or email pete.gurney@waterways.org.uk

Tuesday 4th November 2014

Walk to be led by Clive Walker. 10:15 for a 10:30 start—details to be announced—keep an eye on the website.

Wednesday 12th November 2014

Fashion show at Byrkley Park Garden Centre, Rangemore, Burton upon Trent, Staffs DE13 9RN. This will be held along with the Edinburgh Woollen Mill within the Garden Centre. Tickets will be £3.00 with 20% off on the day and a free cup of tea. Ticket holders will receive a £5 voucher to be spent at a later date. Start time will be 2pm with various people “volunteering” to be models on the day (including me—editor).

Come along and get your Christmas shopping sorted out at one go. It promises to be a fun afternoon.

Wednesday 19th November 2014

“Cruising on the Canal du Midi” an illustrated talk on this famous French canal by Gillian & Peter Bolt. 7.15 for 7.30 pm at Martin Heath Hall, Christchurch Lane (off Walsall Road), Lichfield, WS13

Adjacent Branches—Early Season Meetings

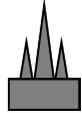
The **Birmingham, Black Country and Worcestershire Branch** hold their meetings at Coombeswood Canal Trust, Hawne Basin, Herewood Rise, Halesowen B62 8AW.

No information available

The **Warwickshire Branch** hold their meetings at the Sports Connexion Leisure Club, Leamington Road, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, Coventry, CV8 3FL.

No information available

The **North Staffs and South Cheshire Branch** hold their meetings at Stoke on Trent Boat



Club, Endon Wharf, Post Lane, Endon, Stoke on Trent ST9 9DT.

Friday 10th October - 7:45 for 8pm

Bob and Sue Williams - The Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust.

Friday 14th November - 7:45 for 8pm

Ivor Caplan - Living Afloat - 50 years of the Residential Boat Owners Association.

Friday 12th December - 7:45 for 8pm

Patrick and Angela Marks - Boating the Rhone, Burgundy.

A Note From the Editor

We aim to produce Lichfield Lines 4 times a year to keep members informed about our forthcoming public meetings, walks, work parties and other activities, to provide reports on recent meetings and events, and to include articles of general interest to our members.

We welcome articles, letters or photographs of waterway activities in our Branch area which can be emailed to pete.gurney@waterways.org.uk (Please note there is a 10MB limit for emails with photos as attachments sent via this address).

The copy date for the next newsletter is 17th October 2014, for publication later that month.

Advertising

Lichfield Lines is posted or emailed to about 310 addresses covering around 440 Branch members. It can also be read and downloaded by anyone from the Branch website pages. If you would like to publicise your waterway related business to our members, and others that read the newsletter online, we can offer advertising space at the following rates:

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Please contact the editor to discuss artwork and layout.

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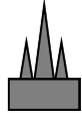
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neil.hodgson@waterways.org.uk

This saves IWA printing and postage costs and enables the Branch to do more to support local waterways.

Thanks

Pete Gurney - Editor



Coal From the Ashby Canal—Thursday 17th April

Coal carrying narrowboats have returned to the Ashby Canal to celebrate the start of another phase of its restoration.

At a special event at Snarestone organised by the Ashby Canal Association two traditional working boats laden with coal were dispatched south to tour the waterways with banners highlighting the restoration of the Ashby Canal.

Glyn Phillips' Motor boat "Aquarius" and Roger Fuller's Butty boat "Ilford" were both loaded with 18 tons of coal from the nearby Minorca surface mine, courtesy of UK Coal, which is also contributing £1,280,000

towards the canal restoration project. The first two instalments of this will enable another 400 metres of the canal to be restored towards Measham including replacement of the long demolished Bridge 62, with work due to start shortly.

At the event the Ashby Canal Association also presented a cheque for £20,000 to the Chairman of Leicestershire County Council towards the rebuilding of Bridge 62.

After welcoming speeches the local dignitaries and MP Andrew Bridgen entered into the joyful spirit of the occasion by shovelling some coal into a wheelbarrow to complete the loading of the

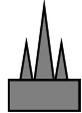


boats. Their adept handling of the coal shovels indicated that the mining heritage of South Derbyshire is not yet forgotten! Guests were able to see the section of canal already restored and displays of its history and plans for the future. Then it was time for the motor to take up the slack and set off towing the butty on running blocks in traditional style, recreating the spectacle of commercial coal carrying which ended in the early 1970's on the Ashby Canal.

(Report and photos by Phil Sharpe)

Winding Hole Survey

A few months ago one of our branch members told us that he thought that winding holes were no longer as readily available as they used to be. We agreed with him and alerted IWA's Navigation Committee as we felt this was probably a national problem. As a result Navigation Committee has been considering the topic, in particular winding holes which are no longer



available/useable due to overhanging vegetation, are silted up or have signs advising that they can no longer be used.

In partnership with the Historic Narrow Boat Club, IWA's Navigation Committee is looking into the extent of this problem and if it is found to be significant, will be taking action. For the purposes of this exercise we are only currently looking at navigations run by Canal & River Trust.

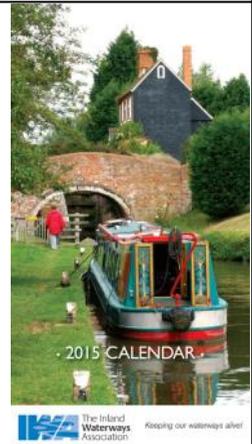
For those who would like to take part in a survey to ascertain the extent of the problem, please see the IWA mid-June Bulletin which can be accessed from the main IWA website at www.waterways.org.uk/news_campaigns/campaigns/winding_holes/winding_holes

If you do not have access to a computer but know of "lost" or problematic winding holes, please drop me a line by snail mail listing the location of the affected winding hole and the nature of the reason it is no longer usable. Please include your telephone number so that I can telephone you if I have any queries. Thank you.

Helen Whitehouse. 15/06/14

IWA Calendar

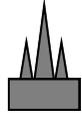
The 2015 IWA Calendar has now been released and has been selling well at some of the recent shows. These will be on sale at our Branch meetings but if more than one or two are needed please let Helen Whitehouse know so that they will be available. To get your Christmas Card shopping in early a good variety of these will also be available at meetings and again if any large quantities are required please let Helen know.



Planning Matters **Phil Sharpe, Planning Officer**

This report covers the period from mid April to late June, slightly shorter than the usual quarterly interval due to my holidays, but there were still nearly 50 planning applications, local plan consultations and other planning matters to deal with in this period. These are all summarised in monthly notes on the Planning page of our website. If anybody wants further information you are welcome to contact me.

The new Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire proposes extensions to several sand & gravel quarries that would affect canals, including the Calf Heath quarry close to Gailey Wharf on the **Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal**, Cranebrook Quarry alongside the **Lichfield Canal**



restoration line near the M6Toll, and a further extension to Newbold Quarry by the **Trent & Mersey Canal** near Branston. The existing Newbold quarry blights a long section of canal and we have asked for buffer zones with landscaped bunds to screen these canals from future visual and noise disturbance. The Plan also designates a large 'area of search' for further sites that takes in the Trent & Mersey from King's Bromley Wharf through to Alrewas and we have objected to the inclusion of the canal, the historic buildings at Fradley Junction and the Fradley Reservoir nature reserve in this area. Sand & Gravel extraction is very destructive of the countryside and we consider that the overall provision for new sites is excessive and does not make proper allowance for growth in the use of recycled aggregates.

Elsewhere on the **Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal** the South Staffordshire Local Plan Site Allocations proposes a housing site at Penkrige off Boscomoor Lane with a long canal frontage and a so called 'modest' extension to the Four Ashes industrial site, both in the Green Belt which is supposed to be protected.

Also on the **Trent & Mersey Canal** the housing development at Dark Lane in Alrewas has been amended a second time to remove all the housing near to the canal, as we had requested. The proposed moorings on the river have also been removed which seems best given all the concerns about their usage, flooding, engineering, facilities, access and security.

We have also commented on an appraisal and revision of the part of the Trent & Mersey Canal Conservation Area within Stafford Borough. Whilst welcoming the intention and the format, we were concerned that the historic significance of the canal is not properly recognised, that many of the historic bridges and other features of the canal are omitted from the descriptions and maps, and questioned the proposed boundary revisions at Bishton.

The canal bridge at Hoo Mill Lock is to be strengthened by CRT with the addition of a reinforced concrete saddle over the bridge arch and we have supported their listed building application.

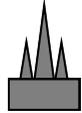
At Barton Turn the fuel depot opposite the entrance to the marina, which caused access problems when refuelling boats across the towpath, has now closed and there are preliminary plans for flats on the site. These could provide some degree of noise shielding for the canal although why anyone would want to live so close to the incessant noise from the A38 is beyond me.

On the **Coventry Canal** the fencing for a new scout hut at Pooley Country Park near Polesworth has been altered as we requested to set it back from the canal, and to use post and wire rather than galvanised steel.

The design of a proposed 3 storey apartment block at Triton Road in Nuneaton is acceptable but we asked for it to be set further back from the towpath. Also in Nuneaton, we had a



Bishton Hall from the Trent & Mersey Canal



meeting about a proposed housing development adjacent to the Star Line boatyard at Boot Wharf. There are concerns about access, the loss of space for storage of boats being worked on and possible noise complaints from future residents.

The **Birmingham & Fazeley Canal** at Dunstall Lane in Tamworth is threatened by a draft Local Plan proposal for 700 houses on a large greenfield site. Although better than the previously proposed industrial use this would be an incongruous finger of development protruding into the rural landscape between the canal and the River Tame.

On the **Wyrley & Essington Canal** at Silver Court in Brownhills more canalside housing is proposed, including two large 4 storey apartment blocks, but we feel that the design of these is too plain and uninspiring compared with other recent developments in the town.

Also near Brownhills a re-used industrial site at Apex Road would have a 5m high concrete wall along the towpath which we said should be screened by infilling gaps in the towpath hedge with new planting.



Wyrley & Essington Canal by Apex Road Site

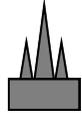
The **Lichfield Canal** restoration is affected by a major housing development south of Shortbutts Lane in Lichfield and revisions to the application gave an opportunity to reiterate our previous comments that consent must include provision by the developers of the canal channel earthworks, access bridges and retaining walls.

Further along the route, the appeal against refusal for a traveller caravan site next to the M6Toll aqueduct has finally been decided and refused.

The **HS2** High Speed Rail scheme now has approval in principle for Phase I London to Birmingham and Handsacre but major alterations are being made even whilst it is going through Parliament. I persuaded IWA trustees that we should lodge our own petition separate from CRT and inevitably was then tasked with drafting it. After comparing notes with CRT to ensure compatibility it was deposited in May, as one among 1,925 petitions which it is estimated will take the Select Committee around 2 years to consider, starting in July. We have asked for general improvements in noise mitigation, screening of construction compounds, assurances about navigational dimensions and good design. We also request the changed alignment at Fradley Woodend detailed in the Hyder report and reconsideration of the necessity for the Handsacre Link if the proposed early extension to Crewe is agreed.

For more details of the work the IWA's HS2 Campaign & Communications Group is doing at a national level please see the following link

www.waterways.org.uk/blog/gren_messham_iwa_hs2



Work Party Reports

Friday 16th May

For once the day dawned bright and clear, which encouraged fourteen volunteers to our work party at Brindley Bank in Rugeley. Barry Keight from Canal and River Trust was one of the first to arrive, complete with Welfare Van, supply truck, cement mixer and the rest of the gear from our extensive 'wish list'.

Terry Brown was in charge of our bricklaying team – a specialist job due to the lime mortar cement. By the end of the day the canal wall was within one brick height of the level

needed. Another work party should see us at the stage when we can start laying the blue heritage bricks to match up to the existing heritage wharf.



Another team cleaned and painted the aqueduct railings and Christine and Martin did the same for the railings by the 'Bloody Steps'. The next work party will see another coat being given to both, so they will be good for another few years.

Phil manfully straightened one of the steps which has been wonky for donkey's years, and cleared some of the undergrowth alongside. Derek was on grass cutting detail, with Pete clearing a few months worth of accumulated litter.

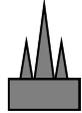
Barbara brought cakes and helped (a lot!) with the catering, whilst Christine provided us with a chocolate cake – our volunteers seem to be bottomless pits for home made cake!

Besides our regular volunteers, we had one 'passing boater' who had never been on a work party before – he brought his dog Tigger, who stood guard for us all day – well, at least till he fell asleep!

Other boaters were persuaded to put their kettles on for us, and later join us for a cuppa. All in all, hard work, but a very sociable and enjoyable day all round!

Saturday 26th July

On a very hot Saturday 10 volunteers turned out to continue the good work at the "Bloody Steps". Barry from CRT was there early with his Welfare Van complete with the arsenal of tools. This enabled the team to make an early start on mowing and strimming the area from the Steps up to the Bypass bridge. During the morning Richard was trained with the CRT strimmer and presented with his certificate. The more trained people we have the better! The morning also saw painting the railings on the aqueduct over the River Trent, litter picking and Himalayan



Balsam bashing. With the obligatory break for tea and the usual excellent cake provided by Pat and Margaret.

As can be seen in the photo Himalayan Balsam had reached a height of about eight feet and we had caught it just in time before the seeds had spread. Although a very pretty plant it is a non-

native invasive species and will spread very rapidly down watercourses

unless kept in check. Fortunately it is relatively easy to chop down or pull up as long as you avoid the stinging nettles, thistles and brambles that seem to share the same patch of ground. After an excellent lunch the afternoon saw the completion of the painting work and more Balsam bashing. Overall a hot and tiring day but with the satisfaction of several jobs well done.

Margaret Beardsmore
Work Party Coordinator

Ben and Colin After a good "Bashing" session.



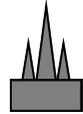
Ashby Canal Walk - Sunday 8th June 2014

We were very lucky with the weather for this walk as we avoided the thunderstorms the day before and day after and enjoyed a glorious sunny morning. The 18 of us who met at Donisthorpe Woodland Park followed a circular route to see restored sections of the Ashby Canal, led by Geoff Pursglove the Project Officer. Heading northwards on footpaths along an old railway line we could see how well this former colliery area has been reclaimed and returned to nature.

Towards Spring Cottage we passed The Navigation pub, now unfortunately closed, but indicating where the canal once ran and beyond this found the original terminal basins at Wadlands Wharf. These have been splendidly restored although coal mining subsidence of about 30 feet means they will never be connected back to the rest of the canal. After a pause for a group photo at the end of this restored section, we climbed a path to the new YHA and camping centre café where a welcome break for refreshments was taken.

Afterwards we crossed the old railway





triangle to the Conkers Waterside and Discovery Centre where a new terminus for the canal has been created with a large new basin at the heart of The National Forest. This whole area is now a major tourist destination. Geoff pointed out a mooring ring on a wall at a quite different level from the present canal, showing how it has had to be adapted to cope with the subsidence.

From Bath Yard Basin we followed the winding course of the restored canal to the new Moira Lock, built to overcome the

change in levels, and then on to the historic Moira Furnace. From here the canal and towpath continues back towards Donisthorpe and was being well used by anglers, walkers and cyclists. Although today the canal is a detached section of just over a mile in length, the long term aim is to reconnect it via Measham to the rest of the canal at Snarestone, when it will undoubtedly also become well used by boaters.

Thanks to Geoff Pursglove for leading this walk and explaining so much of interest on the way round.

(Report and photos by Phil Sharpe)

Lichfield Branch—Navigation Officer Vacancy

The role is an opportunity for a member of IWA Lichfield Branch to co-ordinate the reporting and resolution of navigation issues in the Branch area.

Navigation issues may include local dredging needs, repairs to locks, provision of moorings, maintenance of towpaths, sanitary stations, stoppages, and any other issues that arise in connection with boating or the use of the canals for walking and cycling.

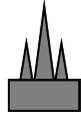
You should be a regular user of the canals in our area, and preferably a boater with first-hand experience of some of the problems that arise or opportunities for improvement.

Co-ordination would include liaising with other users and with the Regional representative of IWA's national Navigation Committee. It may also involve reporting issues to the Canal & River Trust and attending User Group Meetings or their equivalent as a representative of the Branch. At present these are held at 6 month intervals with separate meetings for the Central Shires and West Midlands waterways.

You will be very welcome to join the Branch Committee which meets monthly on a midweek evening, although this may not be essential provided you can keep the committee informed by occasional attendance at meetings and written reports. Access to email and broadband would be necessary, as would your own transport to consultation meetings.

See our Branch website pages at www.waterways.org.uk/Lichfield where details of the Branch area and our local waterways may be found, along with information on the committee and Branch activities, etc.

If interested in undertaking this role, please contact the Branch Chairman, Helen Whitehouse at helen.whitehouse@waterways.org.uk or on 01543 491161



SAUL WATERWAYS PAGEANT

FREE ENTRY!

23RD - 25TH AUGUST 2014 | SAUL JUNCTION, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

CANAL RESTORATION

The Saul Waterways Pageant will celebrate the restoration work taking place on the Cotswold Canals.

FAMILY FUN!

boating competitions
canoeing boat jumble
trade site real ale bar
evening entertainments

CONTACT

General enquiries:
07795 400 836

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waterspace@waterways.org.uk

Get involved:
volunteer@waterways.org.uk





JOIN THE FUN!

Why not come and meet up with fellow boaters at Saul Junction in Gloucestershire, where the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal crosses the Cotswold Canals?

There will be water based activities such as boat handling, also prizes for the best boat in bloom, best kept engine room, an illuminated boat display and a boat jumble on the Monday.

There will be a small trade site, which will be free to enter, as well as a real ale bar and evening entertainments and catering for boaters and campers.

Opening Times:

Saturday
10:00 - 18:00
Sunday
10:00 - 18:00
Monday
10:00 - 16:00

plus evening bar
and catering

Admission: There will be no admission charge, although there will be suggested minimum donation of £2 per person.

Event Location: Church Lane, Saul, Gloucester GL2 7LA

Celebrating Cotswold Canals Restoration

Saul Waterways Pageant will celebrate the restoration work taking place on the Cotswold Canals, and promote the forthcoming Heritage Lottery bid the Cotswold Canals Trust is making.

During the pageant, IWA's Waterway Recovery Group (WRG) will be working with the Trust, to restore the canal at Ham Mill and Bowbridge Locks near Stroud. Members of the public are invited to come along and see 'WRG in action'.

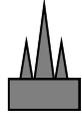


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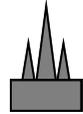
Download boat, campsite and trade booking forms:

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