

IWA Announces £200,000 Support for Restoration Projects

Grants from a £200,000 legacy bequeathed to IWA by former Hon Consultant Engineer and trustee Tony Harrison, has been awarded to four waterways restoration projects. Twenty eight bids were received and the winners were decided according to which applications would do the most good for the waterways. The winning bids reflect the wide range of interests held by Tony, who was IWA's Honorary Consultant Engineer. The money awarded will help restore three locks and rebuild an infilled canal bridge, unlocking nearly six miles of canal or navigable river to waterway users.

The legacy will be shared as follows:

The Pocklington Canal Amenity Society receive £106,400 of the total as part of their Bicentenary appeal marking 200 years since the canal was opened. The project will restore two locks and carry out dredging to extend the navigable canal by 2 miles by 2018.

Canal campaigners from the Montgomery Canal Partnership celebrate a £70,000 award to help rebuild Schoolhouse Bridge between Crickheath and Llanymynech. This is a major boost



Photo: Schoolhouse Bridge, Montgomery Canal

to restoring a two-mile length of the canal through to Llanymynech, and ultimately to reconnecting Welshpool to the national canal network after more than 50 years.

Friends of the Cromford Canal are experiencing difficulties in running their passenger trip boat due to varying water levels being experienced at Cromford Wharf. A grant of £15,000 from the legacy fund will allow them to install a replacement water gate to permit a more reliable, regulated water supply.

The restoration of the Essex & Suffolk River Stour was one of three projects mentioned by IWA founders in 1946 and Stratford St Mary Lock is the last remaining lock on the navigation that can be restored. The award of £8,600 will help restore the lock, opening an additional 1.75 miles of navigable river for public access by boat. There is no towpath along this stretch of water and so boat is the only way to gain access. The River Stour Trust was successful recently

in gaining a Landfill Tax Credit grant of £81,508, and the Tony Harrison legacy payment will make up the remaining amount needed to move ahead with this project.

The awards were announced at the IWA/CRT Restoration Workshop on 1st April in the presence of Mary Harrison. IWA chairman, Les Etheridge said "Throughout Tony Harrison's long association with IWA many restoration projects benefited from his advice and expertise and I am delighted his work can be continued through the £200,000 bequeathed to the charity. This legacy will help generate positive momentum on four important restoration projects across the country."

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IWA News

Three Men on Three Boats on the Old Bedford River

As reported previously in Bulletin, non tidal access to the historic Old Bedford River was lost in 2006 when EA closed Welches Dam Lock, thus stopping access to a waterway that had been navigated for over 350 years. On 4th April 2017 veteran of several previous attempts to navigate this waterway, John Revell, led another try in his 41ft narrowboat 'Olive Emily'. He was joined by Chris Howes in his 45ft narrowboat 'Lily May' and Jeff Walters in his 50ft narrowboat 'Ever After'. The boats marshaled at Salter's Lode Lock on the Well Creek.

Currently access to the Old Bedford River can only be gained at low water on a 'neap tide' (which is the highest low tide, occurring only fortnightly). However because of silt build up at the mouth of the river to the Great Ouse, there is only a few inches of water and the passage can be described as between 'very difficult' and 'virtually impossible'! However after much writhing about in the mud, and over an hour of trying, all three boats scraped through.

EA had kindly raised the water level in the river sufficient for comfortable passage to be made, and previous problems of cot weed and 'bottoming out' were avoided. EA had also lifted the guillotine gate at Welney, which is

generally an obstacle to navigation. All three boats enjoyed glorious Fenland views all the way to Welches Dam lock, and being unable to progress through the lock, turned and returned to Welney, where they sampled the hospitality of the excellent local pub, the Lamb and Flag, before overnighting.

In the morning the three returned to Salter's Lode for low tide. Again it was very difficult to get through the sluice gates onto the Great Ouse, but after two hours of trying the happy trio and their mud splattered boats finally made it !

An emotional John Revell observed "I was one of the last boaters to use Welches Dam lock from Horseway Channel before EA suddenly piled across the lock entrance in 2006. I never thought it would take another 11 years to reach it from Salters Lode. I'd like to give a big 'thank you' to EA for their support this time, without which the trip would have failed!"

Chris Howes added "After the great difficulties getting onto the Old Bedford through the silted up estuary entrance, the journey itself was lovely. The huge frustration was that when we eventually made it to Welches Dam Lock we were only one closed lock and approximately 2 miles of de-watered channel away from the navigable network."

Jeff Walters also added "I'd like to join in the thanks to EA for their fantastic co-operation. As a member of the Project Hereward restoration team, can I make a

heartfelt plea that EA continue this fresh spirit of working together by now facilitating the entry of IWA's highly qualified engineers into Welches Dam Lock to assess the true extent of necessary restoration?"

Over to you EA.

.....And Talking of EA

IWA's campaign to raise awareness about the lack of funding for EA navigations has been continuing, with 265 letters to date having been sent to MPs and local authorities in EA's Anglian Region, asking for concerns to be raised with the Waterway Minister. If you haven't already written, you can give this campaign a boost by writing to your local MP using a template available on IWA's campaign page online.

Following on from the series of written questions asked by David Mackintosh MP in the House of Commons (as reported in previous Bulletins), on 21st March a Parliamentary Question was asked in the House of Lords by Lord German. The response, from Lord Gardiner of Kimble, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, said nothing new and further questions are in the pipeline in order to elicit more information. The full written question and answer can be seen here.

IWA's campaign recently received support from Alex Mayer, MEP for Eastern England, when she

met representatives of IWA Peterborough and Great Ouse branches on 31st March, to hear IWA's concerns about EA navigation funding. The meeting took place at Welches Dam Lock and the IWA reps also took the opportunity to talk to her about the loss of tourism caused by the closure and opportunities for volunteer input into reopening the lock, which so far EA has not allowed to happen.

Joint IWA/CRT Restoration Workshop was 'Fit for Purpose'

1st April was the date for IWA and CRT's joint Restoration Workshop, an annual event attended by active volunteers from the many waterway restoration groups, trusts and societies across the country. This year the theme was "Fit for Purpose" with speakers from IWA and CRT talking to a broad range of topics including fundraising, maintenance planning, identifying risk, marketing and communications and the volunteer experience.

Over 100 attendees were treated to two keynote speeches. The first was from Nick Ralls, General Manager of Severn Valley Railway who was able to share the experiences of his organisation's approach to building a sustainable volunteer workforce from one heritage restoration movement to another. With over 1700 regular volunteers the Railway is clearly getting something very right. The second was from Jonathan Till, Chief Executive of Wilts & Berks Canal Trust who showed the

power of a reorganisation to bring new motivation and focus to a restoration.

IWA used the workshop as an opportunity to bring much more detail to those present around the Restoration Hub. The three pronged approach encompassing support, enabling and championing of restoration was described in full and the Hub is now dealing with over 80 enquiries per month. Full sets of each presentation are available from IWA's Restoration Hub, email Jenny Black at jenny.black@waterways.org.uk for copies.

Scottish Canals Campaign Update

IWA continues to be extremely concerned about the future of the Forth & Clyde and Union canals, despite having received a response to a letter to Scottish Canals from its Chairman, Andrew Thin. IWA's main concern continues to be the increase of fees for hire boat operators to up to five times their present rate, including for use of the Falkirk Wheel, which has led to the announced closure of all hire fleet operations based at Falkirk. Without these boats, the activity on the canals will be dramatically reduced, and the future of these restored waterways will be at stake. These are among some of the points raised with Scottish Canals in a further letter in which IWA National Chairman, Les Etheridge, writes: "IWA considers that there is more at stake here than a private company going out of business, and we would ask Scottish Canals to do all that it can to encourage a sustainable hire

boat presence on the Lowland Canals, in order to preserve the future and ongoing use of these waterways."

Water Resources for the Brecon & Abergavenny Canal

IWA has commented to Natural Resources Wales on DwrCymru Welsh Water's 'Voluntary Abstraction Modifications' which potentially affects the Brecon & Abergavenny Canal. Water abstraction legislation has undergone several changes in recent years as a result of concerns that many rivers have potentially too much water licenced for abstraction. This includes abstractions granted in other legislation, which includes the acts setting up many canal companies.

One result of the implementation of some changes could be to bring these abstractions into the current licence framework, so every demand can be seen and prioritised. In parallel there is a new focus on the requirements of the river ecology itself via the Water Framework Directive (WFD) and its aspirations to achieve 'good ecological status', or 'good ecological potential' where this cannot be achieved on heavily modified rivers or artificial water bodies such as canalised channels or waterways.

IWA has already commented in response to EA's 2015 roll forward of WFD River Basin Management Plans on the inadequacy of consultation with navigation authorities in that

process. IWA also commented on EA's inappropriate combinations and assumptions of what might be 'affordable solutions' in respect of artificial and heavily modified rivers. A good practical example of the potential conflict between water abstraction changes is on the River Usk in Wales, where CRT has an 'as of right' abstraction to supply the Brecon & Abergavenny Canal system; and DwrCymru Welsh Water (DCWW) have several abstractions and impounding reservoirs on and connected to the river system to support public drinking water use. Recognising the potential clashes, Natural Resources Wales (NRW)/ EA joined DCWW, CRT, Severn Trent Water and others on the Usk the 'Usk and Wye Abstraction Group' to work on this difficult and complex situation. The group made good progress on identifying real solutions and critical 'enablers' such as changes to abstractions, or provision of new abstractions, for approval and implementation as a holistic programme, and submitted it to Natural Resources Wales. However earlier this year, NRW drafted on behalf of DCWW several voluntary changes to their licences for water abstraction, in advance of any agreement on Usk and Wye Abstraction Group's proposals. NRW publicised the voluntary changes, whilst stating that as they were 'voluntary' comments were invited without necessarily affecting the outcome.

IWA has written to NRW expressing concern at this apparent unilateral move, which could put at risk water supplies to others on the Usk, in particular the

'as of right' abstractions to supply the Brecon & Abergavenny Canal. There could be a shortfall of water for the canal if abstractions were reduced to meet the perceived 'gap' between public water supply and river ecology, leading to potential closures in dry summers in CRT's estimation.

As a result of comments received on the NRW/ DCWW changes, NRW has advised IWA it will be going back to meet others impacted by them to look at their concerns. IWA is pleased to see that Richard Parry will represent CRT, a measure of their concerns on the issue. IWA believes NRW would be better to work to implement the holistic proposal put to them by the Usk and Wye Abstraction Group, to ensure those involved can contribute and 'own' the outcomes.

10K Challenge on the Chelmer Towpath

On Sunday 17th September IWA and Essex Waterways will be hosting a 10k fundraising event on the scenic Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation in Essex. The event is being held to raise funds to improve the local towpaths, so more people can easily enjoy this local asset.

For the past two years, IWA has hosted a popular triathlon in the same area, but this year the intent is to host an event more accessible to all. The 'Essex 10k' will be a circular, cross-country route, starting and finishing at Hoe Mill Lock in Ulting, taking in the scenery of Maldon and the surrounding

area along the way. A large stretch of the route will be along the towpath, where runners can enjoy the unique landscape and the relatively flat running conditions! Entry will be £15, with concessions for affiliated runners and Early Bird entries. More information is available on the IWA website and the event Facebook page. Any questions can be emailed to Sara Frayne at sarah.frayne@waterways.org.uk. For those who don't want to take part, why not consider volunteering at the event? There will be lots of roles available from manning the tea/coffee stand to marshalling on the route.

A Good Place for a Trailboat?

IWA is still seeking a suitable location for the 2019 Trailboat Festival. If anyone has any ideas at all please would they contact IWA's National Trailboat Festival Organiser by emailing Derek Smith at derek.smith@waterways.org.uk.

IWA to Respond to Government's Red Diesel Consultation

As announced in the Spring Budget, Government is consulting on the use of red diesel. IWA will submit a response to the consultation to ensure that the use of red diesel on the inland waterways is fully represented. All boaters, boatyards and other red diesel users and retailers are invited to respond directly to the consultation and let IWA have their observations by the end of

May, so that a response can be written and submitted before the 30th June 2017 deadline for comments.

The Government consultation can be found at www.gov.uk/government/consultations/red-diesel-call-for-evidence/red-diesel-call-for-evidence. Whilst the current Government consultation mainly concerns who uses red diesel and where, and its subsequent impact on air quality, more background information about taxation issues and the current requirement for declaring the split of red diesel used for domestic versus propulsion can be found in IWA's Briefing Note on Red Diesel Taxation at www.waterways.org.uk/news_campaigns/campaigns/red_diesel/briefing_note_red_diesel.

Please forward any observations that you would like IWA to consider by email to Alison Smedley, Campaigns Officer at alison.smedley@waterways.org.uk.

The Big BCN Clean Up

The organisers would like to thank all who attended the big canal clean up at Wolverhampton over the weekend of 1st and 2nd April where over 20 tonnes of scrap was pulled out making the channel clearer for boaters. The volunteers came from Birmingham Canal Navigations Society, IWA Birmingham, Black Country and Worcester Branch and Friends of Tipton Cut who loaded the boats as well as the 60 volunteers from WRG and members of the public who wrestled the debris

out of the canal. There are grateful thanks to Birmingham Canal Navigations Society and Coombeswood Canal Trust for the use of their workboats, CRT workers and helpers, to SB Skip Hire for providing the big skips and to the Malthouse Stables Activity Centre in Tipton for accommodating everyone. The event sounds like a real team effort! This year WRG volunteers worked from Wednesfield on the Wyrley and Essington Canal to Horseley Fields Junction up to Wolverhampton locks and then down to the Bradley Arm up to the workshop. If anyone would like to join in future WRG events please contact Jenny Black by emailing jenny.black@waterways.org.uk.

Historic Trip Which Saved Warwickshire Canals is Recreated

Around 60 canoeists recreated a historical paddle which changed the face of the Warwickshire waterways on Saturday 18th March. Leaving from the Navigation Inn in Wootton Wawen, the flotilla passed over the Edstone Aqueduct on their way to Wilmcote. The journey replicated the one completed by two canoeists in March 1957 which subsequently led to the cancellation of a planned abandonment of the southern section of the waterway.

When John Pinder and Michael Fox paddled the same stretch of water 60 years ago, their toll-ticket was enough proof that there was a need for the canals to remain open and this enabled

its well-documented restoration in the early 1960s. It was the first canal restoration in the country and it was officially re-opened in 1964 by Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. It ultimately became the template for the restoration of hundreds of miles of further derelict canals in the following decades and halted the abandonment of many others.

Members of British Canoeing, IWA, the Stratford upon Avon Canal Society and CRT completed the trip, accompanied by Geraldine Dahlke, daughter of the late Michael Fox, who had done parts of the original trip when aged 8. The trip was watched and supported by John Pinder.

People

John Croot

IWA is saddened to report the death on 28th March of John Croot, founding Chairman of IWA Leicestershire Branch. John was appointed as North East Region Chairman and first joined IWA's Council in July 1974. He stepped down in April 1976, but rejoined in 1983 and served until 1989, latterly as deputy national chairman. John also served as chairman of IWA (Rallies) Ltd and with IWA's then Sales Company. John's career was in the hotel and catering industry. In 1994 John contacted David Stevenson about trying to get an IWA group in Leicestershire and they organised two very well attended meetings in Leicester shortly afterwards.

He and his wife Pat lived backing onto the canal and until they sold it, moored Cushie Butterfield at the end of the garden. In 1996 he performed the opening of the Market Harborough Rally on a glorious weekend with the old, unrestored, basin crammed with boats and the event attracted great crowds on foot too. As a consequence of this event BW succeeded in attracting a developer to extend and restore the basin to its current form.

IWA Branch News

IWA Milton Keynes Branch

Members of IWA Milton Keynes Branch were joined by volunteers from CRT and The Parks Trust, for the Branch's twice-yearly Canal Cleanup through Milton Keynes on 31st March - 1st April.

Working northward from Fenny Stratford to Old Wolverton over the two days, walkers cleared the towpath and hedges of litter. Volunteers working from a "pan" (shallow-draught workboat) cleared the non-towpath side of the canal. Submerged rubbish in the centre of the canal was grappled by volunteers working from a "hopper" (large workboat with an open hold). A CRT dredger helped to retrieve the heaviest submerged items.

Volunteers paused at Mount Farm to clear a long-standing litter hotspot beyond the towpath

hedge. Separate litter-picks by Parks Trust volunteers tackled other hotspots at Stanton Low Park, Joan's Piece woodland and near the Galleon, Old Wolverton.

Among the items recovered were bicycles, motorbike, tyres, a Playstation and a computer, a trampoline and a child's swing. The usual crop of supermarket trolleys was hauled up too. At several points, volunteers found that dog-walkers had rightly picked up and bagged their pets' excrement but, instead of disposing of it properly, had then tied dozens of these bags to the canalside trees! These were all removed, hopefully discouraging this bizarre habit.

As compensation, many passers-by thanked the volunteers for their efforts in tidying up the canal. An estimated total of around four tonnes of rubbish was collected, and this will be disposed of by Canal & River Trust's contractors.

In all, 33 volunteers put in a total of 310 hours over the two days of the Cleanup.

IWA Manchester Branch

Eleven volunteers from IWA Manchester Branch, plus CRT volunteer leader Terry Evans, took part in a successful work party on 18th March at the Branch's adopted stretch of the Ashton Canal in Greater Manchester.

During the work party a group of volunteers spent the session digging over a recently cleared garden at lock 7, including the

removal of some stubborn roots. This was in preparation for planting bee friendly flowers, as part of a bee highway along the canal. Others applied a top-coat of pastel coloured paint to tiered tyre planters being prepared for lock 6. A further task was the removal of a large tree that had been left over the top of the by-wash after recent work to the lock.

This work follows on from the success of the Branch's creation of an Incredible Edible Garden at lock 4, a communal vegetable plot planted in Spring 2016. The Incredible Edible Garden is part of a longer term project of canal side improvement work by IWA Manchester Branch at their adopted stretch of the Ashton Canal from lock 4-11.

Other Waterways News

Future Looking Bright for Cotswold Canal

Cotswold Canals Trust and Stroud District Council are pleased to announce that CRT is backing the bid to reconnect Stroud to the national canal network. CRT trustees have pledged £625,000 to support the restoration of the Cotswold Canal. The assistance will be spread over five years from 2018 if a bid this year to the Heritage Lottery Fund is successful. This is in addition to the support 'in kind' that the Trust can also provide.

David Hagg, chief executive of Stroud District Council, comments: "We're delighted to receive support from the Canal & River Trust. It's a real endorsement of all the effort that has gone into restoring the canal. The funds could be an important factor in helping to secure a bid by Cotswold Canals Trust and Stroud District Council to the Heritage Lottery Fund later this year which would see nearly £20m overall investment in the waterway. Equally, we look forward to working with CRT's staff and to making the best possible use of their tremendous knowledge and expertise.

"If the bid is successful, it will fulfil the waterway movement's long held ambition to connect approximately 11 miles of 'new' canal to the wider network as it will connect the six miles of largely restored canal around Stroud, to the CRT network at Saul Junction on the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal."

Jim White, chair of the Cotswold Canals Trust, comments: "The Canal & River Trust has been supporting the Cotswold Canals for the past few years with management support and professional advice although this has passed largely under-the-radar to the wider waterways movement. Their financial support now is very welcome indeed as we go back to the Heritage Lottery Fund to try and unlock the funds to complete the restoration of the Stroudwater Navigation."

The decision follows Stroud District Council's investment

of £3m in the project, and Gloucestershire County Council's recent announcement that it will commit £700,000. If the bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund is successful, 'Stroudwater Connected' would start in 2018/19.

Do We Really Love Our Waterways?

Over the last winter CRT has uncovered some very unusual items from the bottom of our canals and rivers, from an adult blow-up doll and golf buggies, to a pogo stick, a pair of walkie talkies and a garden fork. Empty safes, motorbikes, countless shopping trolleys, tyres and mobile phones were also part of the winter haul and CRT remove thousands of cans, bottles, wrappers and plastic bags every year.

In a recently commissioned survey 96 per cent of people said that they didn't think it was acceptable to drop litter, but 66 per cent still admitted to doing it. Most of the discarded rubbish on the waterways sinks to the bottom of the canal or river bed, causing an invisible hazard to the environment and boats. Tyres and other rubbish contain pollutants which leak into the water and poison fish and other wildlife. Often rubbish acts as a choking hazard and wildlife can become trapped in it.

When asked, 80 per cent of people said that they were concerned about the amount of litter in their local area and the issue could leave a dirty legacy for generations to come. Every year thousands of plastic bags which

take up to 20 years to break down, and drink cans (which can take up to 200 years) are thrown into the waterways.

Gloucester Docks in Need of a Trip Boat

CRT's National Waterways Museum in Gloucester is searching for an operator to run a trip boat service that will show people the sights of the city's historic docks from the water. The Docks are a popular visitor destination and are steeped in shipping and industrial heritage with bars, cafes, shops and restaurants springing up alongside the old wharves, warehouses and the Museum. The moorings are based by the Museum and will give visitors an opportunity to take to the water to find out more, with a year-round service offering trips for tourists, private hire, community groups, schools and others.

The successful operator will manage and expand the existing Museum trip boat service to provide a standalone attraction that will draw more visitors to the Docks. CRT's Graham Boxer, head of museums, said: "Gloucester Docks is having a renaissance, so this is a great time to come on board: people love getting out on the water and taking a boat trip gives them the perfect opportunity."

The Trust is seeking expressions of interest by 30th June 2017. Interested parties may be required to enter in to a formal tender process thereafter. Any queries should be directed to Richard Beardsley at CRT.

Ilkeston Towpath Improvements in Time for IWA Festival

CRT has started work to improve a section of the Erewash Canal towpath, making it easier for local people to get to work, school and the shops as well as access Ilkeston's soon-to-be opened train station. The Trust is making the path wider and giving it a more durable surface which will mean local people will no longer get wet, muddy feet as they explore their local canal.

The works are being carried out in two phases and will build upon improvements carried out last year between Potters Lock and Awsworth Road. Once complete it will mean that a two-and-a-half mile length of towpath from Cotmanhay to Gallows Inn will have been improved by the Trust in recent years. The new path will provide a better, year-round route for walkers, cyclists, people with buggies and those in wheelchairs. As well as offering a clean, green traffic-free route to the shops or Ilkeston train station the new path will also link in with other local walking routes and nearby attractions such as Bennerley Viaduct encouraging people to get outdoors and explore the area.

Funding for the £432,000 project has come from the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) via Derbyshire County Council. The first phase of the works will involve the towpath between Gallows Inn Lock and Potters Lock with the second section between Awsworth Road bridge and the

Bridge Inn at Cotmanhay. Works are expected to be completed in May so will be in time for IWA's Festival of Water over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

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