

BULLETIN

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EA TO IMPOSE ABOVE-INFLATION REGISTRATION CHARGE INCREASES

IWA is disappointed by the response from Environment Agency to its consultation on 2018/19 Navigation Charges and is calling for clear progress on the activity based costing of the Navigation Service before any further steps are taken to increase fees.

IWA disagreed with EA's proposal to differentiate its registration charges between its three waterway management areas. IWA believes the level of increase should be Consumer Price Index across the board, because in all likelihood anything above will be expropriated by government thus further reducing EA's funding.

EA also needs to work harder on setting out clearly the activity based costing of the Navigation Service, to address the current shortfalls in contributions to Navigation Services activity from, for example, water resources abstractions. Once this is



clear, contributions need to be obtained and allocated to each waterway area based on the work they are doing to support that service and others. EA also needs to vigorously pursue increases in income from other sources.

IWA wants EA to continue its work on establishing a sound cost base for navigation services based on work carried out to support other activities, such as flood defence, which share and require the performance of assets that have been moved into the Navigation Services area. EA also needs to pursue Defra for Grant in Aid to fund any asset investment needed to raise the condition of these structures, to carry out their joint function safely and reliably.

Moreover, IWA continues to be

a supporter of the proposed transfer of EA navigations to the Canal & River Trust, together with a suitable investment programme to bring necessary assets up to a sustainable 'steady state' condition. IWA believes this remains a better solution than the present situation, where Government is pushing EA to engage in asset stripping on Defra's behalf, and failing to meet its legal obligations as a navigation authority.

IWA is keen to see something done before a catastrophic asset failure leads to lives being lost.

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IWA NEWS

PROPELLING IWA INTO THE FUTURE

Last month IWA announced the appointment of new National Chairman Ivor Caplan who will be steering the Association through a new five year plan which will focus on the cores areas of Protecting, Restoring, Inspiring and Speaking for the Waterways. In Ivor's words "Speaking for the waterways and protecting and restoring them are what we've always been doing and we're looking to do them better now. Inspiring is something new and different we can take forward – it involves thinking about how can we get enthusiasm and interest from people, and capture new generations as well as a more diverse sector of the population to the waterways".

Whilst trustees were developing the next five year phase of the Association's work, they spoke to members and volunteers and asked what IWA means to them. It was clear that the complexity of work carried out by IWA makes it hard to explain in just a few words. Trustees rapidly came to the conclusion that IWA needed to look at our logos across the Association so volunteers, donors, members, shop customers, boaters on the Chelmer & Blackwater, restoration

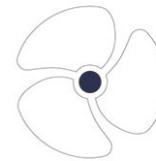
workshop attendees – no matter what route someone chooses to support the Association they will see one icon and will be in no doubt of what we stand for and what we are achieving across the waterways. With a change of logo the Association aims to:

- **Capture the essence of IWA** During discussions with our members it became clear that IWA means different things to different people. And while IWA volunteers do fantastic work within their branches, regions and at a national level, the huge variety and range of activities the Association undertakes made it hard to explain succinctly.

- **Demonstrate one IWA** One of the Association's greatest strengths is the incredible diversity of the members and volunteers – and it is our shared purpose that makes us greater than the sum of our parts. Presenting a unified and instantly recognisable brand brings us together across Waterway Recovery Group, Essex Waterways, branches, regions and committees.

- **Future-proof IWA's look** The brand, of course, is much more than just the logo. But the old IWA logo was difficult to position on background photography and across online media. As well as reflecting the scope and diversity of IWA, the logo

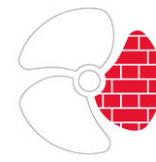
needed to be updated for digital media.



Members & volunteers



Life & leisure



Building & restoration



Outdoor environment

The final design for the visual representation of our brand comprises three propeller blades and a central hub. Each blade represents a key aspect of IWA:

- **Core** - the core symbolises the volunteers and members that are at the centre of IWA; the heart that drives everything.
- **Water** - our ripple pattern denotes the many activities that take place on and around the water - from the wake behind a boat to the bob of a fishing float.
- **Brickwork** - our brickwork pattern represents the industrial heritage of the waterways and the human effort that goes into maintaining and restoring them.
- **Leaf** - our leaf pattern celebrates the green corridor created by canals

and rivers, supporting wildlife and enhancing our well being.

The new logo is the product of careful consideration and consultation for over a year and has been embraced by all parts of IWA. IWA has a distinctive role given our independence, our wider perspective and our strong heritage.

We hope that members and volunteers draw inspiration from these aspects and see that our new logo reflects and underpins our new vision and that usage of it will help us bring greater awareness of IWA's work and role across the waterways.

Members can read more about the new logo and an interview with Ivor Caplan in the Winter edition of IWA's membership magazine Waterways. If you have any questions please contact our marketing team.

LOCKS AND FOUND AT WRG BONFIRE BASH

On the 4th and 5th November, IWA's Waterway Recovery Group (WRG) held its annual Bonfire Bash Weekend on the Uttoxeter Canal in Staffordshire. 80 WRG volunteers from across the country, joined by volunteers from Caldon and Uttoxeter Canals Trust carried out major vegetation clearance

along the line of the old, but now very overgrown, canal and towpath at Alton. WRG's specialist Forestry team who had been on site in the week leading up to the Bash between Carringtons Lock and Bridge 70, worked alongside volunteers to clear around 300m of the canal bed and towpath. The Trust were thrilled when the teams discovered an unheard of wharf as well as the bywash culvert of Charlesworth's Lock – the exact location of the lock was previously unknown. Over the weekend a small team of volunteers also started hedgelaying near Crumpwood Weir.

It is hoped that this work will help the Trust establish a walking route along the length of the Uttoxeter Canal, utilising as much of the original towpath as possible. Steve Wood, Deputy Chairman of Caldon & Uttoxeter Canal Trust, is delighted with the outcome of the weekend, saying: "We are now one step closer to opening a new path along the length of the Uttoxeter Canal, giving local people the chance to reconnect with this superb piece of our local heritage. The Waterway Recovery Group weekend was a huge amount of fun and it was fantastic to see so many volunteers on site. Weekends like this give us all a boost as we work hard to bring the waterway back to life."

WRG is looking for a site for the 2018 Bonfire Bash (3rd/4th November 2018) – if you've got a stretch of canal that needs clearing get in touch with the WRG Head Office team – Jenny Black (firstname.lastname@waterways.org.uk) or call 01494 783 453.

GATEWAY TO THE BUCKINGHAM ARM TO BE RESTORED

Funding has been secured for the restoration of the first bridge on the Old Stratford Arm of the Grand Union Canal, Cosgrove Bridge. This was previously destroyed to make way for a farm access, but is now being restored as part of the bigger project to make the Old Stratford and Buckingham Canal Arms navigable again.

This restoration has been made possible thanks to a contribution from IWA, which helped to secure a grant of £70k from LEADER towards the rebuilding of the bridge. The Society is now getting plans in place ready for preparation works during the tail end of 2017 and construction of the new bridge during summer 2018.

The Buckingham Arm originally ran from Cosgrove, Northamptonshire to Buckingham. The first short stretch of the Old Stratford Arm is used for moorings. Buckingham Canal Society

aims to restore the Arm and its extension, the Buckingham Arm, though to the town of Buckingham.

A NEW LEASE OF LIFE FOR BOW – BRIDGE LOCK

Bowbridge Lock on the Thames & Severn Canal has been filled with water for the first time in 90 years. The lock was filled with water for an evaluation cruise by Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) Monitors team on Friday 10th November.

IWA's Waterway Recovery group volunteers spent over 4,000 hours supporting the Cotswold Canals Trust project to restore Bowbridge and Wallbridge locks, through its Canal Camp working holidays. Volunteer hours include project planning and construction.

This is another milestone for the Cotswold Canals Trust project to reopen the Stroudwater Navigation and the Thames & Severn Canal, which comprise thirty-six miles navigable waterway from the the Gloucester-Sharpness Canal at Saul Junction to the River Thames at Lechlade.

If you would like to get involved with one of the Canal Camp volunteer working holidays in 2018, email Alex at enquiries@wrg.org.uk and we

will send you a 2018 Brochure.

IWA BRANCH NEWS

IWA NORTH STAFFS & SOUTH CHESHIRE BRANCH – WORK PARTIES

IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch held its usual monthly work party on the Trent & Mersey Canal in October. Volunteers continued painting at locks 47 and 48 on the Cheshire Locks flight, and although heavy rain prevented completion of the woodwork, painting of the metal was completed. A few days later some of the regular volunteers from this monthly work party, along with volunteer lock-keepers from Middlewich, supported CRT in clearing offside vegetation using a CRT work boat. Over 5 days the combined team cleared overhanging vegetation on a 10 mile length of canal from Hardings Wood Junction to just past Wheelock. In total the volunteer team contributed nearly 100 hours of volunteer time to improving waterways in Cheshire during this month.

The Branch is now holding monthly work parties in 3 locations, as well as additional

projects, so wherever you live in the branch area there will be a work party near you.

IWA IPSWICH BRANCH – CALLING ALL RAILWAY AND CANAL ENTHUSIASTS

Leaving Colchester on Saturday 19th May, Ipswich Branch has arranged a coach trip that will collect passengers from Ipswich and Bury St Edmonds with pickups possible along the A12/A14 corridor.

Stops on the trip include:

- Nene Valley Railway
- The Botanic Garden & Attenborough Arboretum for a specially arranged guided tour
- Battlefield Line at Shakerstone. This preserved railway runs on part of the former Ashby & Nuneaton Joint Railway
- Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre for afternoon tea in the reconstructed mediaeval Tithe Barn restaurant.

The Saturday evening will be spent at the Holiday Inn in Leicester and the coach will return to Colchester on the Sunday around 7pm. Go on the IWA website for more information about this exciting trip.

IWA LICHFIELD BRANCH – VOLUNTEERS TURN VIDEO STARS

The Branch's Brindley Bank work party early this month attracted 11 volunteers who cut grass, trimmed undergrowth, removed ivy from trees and picked litter.

The well-used path from Wolseley Road was left clear and significantly tidier and hopefully won't need to be re-visited until Spring. It wasn't just the surface that was treated to a clean-up. The team removed underwater debris including a substantial metal trolley, a large scaffolding base, a length of rebar and some bricks which possibly have been in the water since the bypass bridge was built. Another battered trolley was removed from the aqueduct where several passing boats had hit an obstruction. The volunteers dragged the whole trough to make sure it was clear for all future waterway users.

The work was close to ending when a CRT film crew arrived shooting a video about volunteer activities. Volunteers posed happily, although as much of the work had been completed, some of the shots may look a bit staged.

IWA NORTHAMPTON BRANCH

24 volunteers including a group from Cummings Power Systems joined IWA Northampton Branch on Friday 3rd November to improve the Northampton Arm of the Grand Union Canal. 2000 bulbs were planted and vegetation clearance was carried out on the bypass weirs and channels by 6 of the locks. Mosaic slabs were installed at lock 5 and 6 and the area was spruced up with litter removed and the grass mowed.

Find out about future events on the IWA Northampton Branch website pages or follow them on Facebook.

IWA PETERBOROUGH BRANCH

The beginning of November marked the first of IWA Peterborough Branch's season of work parties, to clear more of the banks of Horseway channel. Future work parties will see volunteers carrying out maintenance of Horseway Lock. Chairman Chris Howes observed "We've introduced Saturday work parties for those branch Members who told us that they can't do weekdays, but wouldn't mind doing the odd bit at weekends".

Organiser, Dave Venn added "We were pleased with a strong turn out for our first, and particularly delighted to welcome our 'eldest member' Bernard Keene! Remember, tea, coffee, tools and encouragement provided. All welcome!"

Work parties are planned fortnightly on Wednesday's, and monthly on Saturdays. Dates are on the IWA Peterborough Branch pages.

IWA NORTH & EAST LONDON BRANCH

Objections have been raised to three separate planning applications in London, which would withdraw wharf access and change the face of the Regents Canal. IWA North & East London Branch has supported the Friends of the Regents Canal in objecting to these proposals.

Bangor Wharf (Camden) is one of the few remaining sites where the canal and road could be connected as part of an integrated transport strategy, but the developers intend to block it off with a housing development. It is also along a small yet popular green corridor and the plans would plunge the canal, its wildlife and surrounding environment into darkness. This application was rejected by the council and it is now being assessed by a government inspector.

Holborn Studios is on the local heritage listing and houses a successful local business in Hoxton. Its iconic canal frontage makes it one of the very few remaining buildings that remind us of the canal's industrial past. Despite being on a list of locally important buildings, in 2016 the council granted permission to a development application, which has now been referred to the High Court for two separate judicial reviews.

Regents Wharf (Islington) - plans have been submitted to demolish part of Regent's Wharf and to stretch the rooflines upwards. Objections include contraventions of the council's conservation area policies, loss of daylight for nearby homes and for the canal and unsympathetic architecture.

There are a number of ways you can help stop these developments from happening. Visit the Friends of Regents Canal website for more information: <http://friendsofregentscanal.org/>

PEOPLE

CANDY ATHERTON

The former Labour MP and keen boater Candy Atherton has died aged 62. She was elected as MP for Falmouth and Camborne at the 1997 general election (defeating the incumbent Sebastian

Coe) and held the marginal seat for eight years. She set up home in Cornwall on election, and when in London lived on a narrowboat on the Grand Union Canal called the Honourable Lady. She supported the waterways throughout her time as MP and after leaving Parliament she set up her own public affairs agency and spent some time as parliamentary advisor to IWA, managing the Association's parliamentary events whilst her husband Broderick took photographs. She was also patron of the Residential Boat Owners Association for a time.

OTHER WATER- WAYS NEWS

QUEEN ELIZABETH OLYMPIC PARK BOOKINGS

With the reopening of Carpenters Road Lock the Olympic Park is a great new destination. Boaters wishing to book passage through Carpenters Road, City Mill or Three Mills Lock can do so more than one year in advance and with at least 7 days notice on CRT's website.

DAVID SUCHET'S TUNNEL VISION APPEAL HAS REACHED £400,000

A £1million campaign to build a canal tunnel under the Cross-City railway line has raised £400,000 less than a year after its official launch. The tunnel is described as one of the major missing links for the canal going through Lichfield. Lichfield & Hatherton Canal Restoration Trust's Engineering Director Peter Buck said: "This tunnel will not only create a canal link but will also be a vital link for the community. There are some proposed housing developments on both sides and this will be the safe community link for getting underneath the railway."

The Trust is planning to build the tunnel at the same time as the construction of a local road bypass which now looks very likely to be completed after an allocation of funds by the Department for Transport alongside other funders contributions. Welcoming the news that the last phase of the bypass is scheduled to be completed by the end of the decade, Trust chairperson Christine Bull said: "We are pleased to have this confirmation that the bypass tunnel will go ahead as it means ours will too. The 2020 completion date means we know how long we've got to raise the money for the

project and we are confident we will do so.”

WATERWAY PROJECTS IN THE RACE FOR AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND

Dozens of waterway projects have been shortlisted for the Aviva Community Awards.

The first 200 projects in the £1,000 funding level have reached 1,000 votes, but there are still plenty of projects open for voting. Congratulations to Cromford Canal & Codnor Park Reservoir and Search & Rescue along Cambridgeshire's waterways

You can help a local project get to the finals by voting for them. You have to register to vote, but you get 10 votes to use how you want. You can give all your votes to one project or spread them around amongst up to 10 projects.

- Rejuvenate Hillingdon's Community Canal Boats
- Bring back the "Nance" - Ulverston Canal
- Birtley Circular Canal-side Walk - Wey and Arun Canal
- Volunteers at the Caen Hill Locks
- Swansea Canal Regeneration
- Wappenshall Basin Restoration - Shrewsbury and Newport Canals
- Tunnel on Tour - Dudley

- Canal
- Dauntsey Lock Canal Centre - Wilts & Berks Canal
- Canalside Community Garden - Nottingham
- Canal and River Experiences for the Elderly - Doncaster
- To Raise Funding for a dry dock for canal barges - Falkirk
- Sandhills Lock Restoration Project - Pocklington Canal
- New Charity Trip Boat - Droitwich
- Pershore Weir Island Navigation Project - Avon Navigation Trust
- Waterways Chaplaincy

See the Aviva website for the latest information and full list of projects.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER/ CLEANUP EVENTS

To find out what branch activities and working parties are going on in your area have a look at IWA's events calendar. By volunteering for these clean up events you can make a big difference to your local waterway. You can also search by event type or find out what's going on in your area with the map search.

To advertise your restoration/cleanup events in the bulletin please add details to IWA's events calendar

IWA CHRISTMAS SHOP

BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS NOW

This year our range includes three photographic designs and three paintings. Send seasonal greetings to your family and friends with the added benefit of supporting IWA. Visit IWA's Christmas shop online to buy one or more of the attractive designs.

2018 CALENDAR NOW AVAILABLE

Every page includes a lovely waterways postcard sized photo with a perforated side so that the image can be used as a postcard once you no longer need it as a calendar. A wonderful 2 in 1 idea making the calendar a unique and useful gift. Postage is included in the price of the calendar and it costs just £5.50.

IWA MEMBER DISCOUNTS AND SPECIAL OFFERS

The following special offers are now available exclusively for IWA members:

Enjoy the Waterways Through Hire Boats and Leisure

ABC Boat Hire - 15% discount on holidays

Airedale Cruising, Yorkshire Dales BB18 6TP - 10% discount off skippered day cruises

Blackwater Boats, Essex CO4 5HF - 10% discount off boat trips

CanalCruising.co.uk - 10% discount

Canal Boat Magazine - 12 issues for £21.99 + Gourmet Society Plus

City Centre Cruises - 10% discount for Sunday lunch cruises

Frangipani SUP Ltd - 10% discount

Jenny Wren, London NW1 8QS - 10% discount off cruises

Middlewich Narrowboats - 25% discount off hire price of Willow

Wyvern Shipping Co. Ltd- 10% discount on published prices

Eating Out

Bounty Pub, Bourne End SL8 5RG - 10% discount off food

Clifford Arms, Staffordshire ST18 0SR - 10% discount off food

Fingerpost Pub & Restaurant, Pelsall WS3 5AU - 10% discount off food

Kings Lock Tearooms, Leicester LE2 8LT - 10% discount off food

Ring 'O Bells Pub, Marple SK6 7AY - 10% discount off food

Three Locks Pub, Stoke Hammond MK17 9DD - 10% discount off food

Wharf Pub, Bugbrooke NN7 3QB - 10% discount

Better Value on Boats and Equipment

Boatshed Grand Union - 10% discount on brokerage

Boat Windows Ltd - 5% discount

Calcutt Boats - 5% online discount

Channel Glaze - 10% discount on double glazing

Cotswold Outdoor - 10% discount

IceGripper - Special offer on ladies walking boots

Kings Lock Chandlery - 5% discount on purchases excluding all fuels (diesel, gas, coal, wood, etc)

Marine Mega Store Ltd - 15% discount

Midland Chandlers - 5% discount

RoadPro- 5% discount

Solar Technology International- 10% discount on PV Logic Narrow Boat Kits & Foldup Panels

Willowbridge Marina - 10% discount on chandlery purchases and services in the yard

Zead - Free Postage & Accessories

Services

Europcar - Special hire rates to IWA members

Forge Studio - 10% discount

I Love Meet and Greet Ltd - 15% discount

Lee Sanitation - 10% on orders over £100

Paper Wizard - 15% discount

River Canal Rescue - up to 15% discount

Wavetrain Marine - 5% discount on selected training

Please note: All discounts and offers are entirely at the organisers' discretion.

To see details of how to take advantage of these offers, please go to the IWA Members discount page.

For IWA members who receive a printed copy of this bulletin in the post, please contact the membership team on 01494 783453 for the details of the offers.

Members can also support IWA with a Narrow Boat magazine subscription

BOAT INSURANCE

IWA has an arrangement with insurers Navigators & General and River Canal Rescue that provides top quality boat insurance and access to the basic waterway rescue service for boat owners, with the added benefit that every policy taken out and subsequently renewed helps IWA, and thus furthers our charitable work for the waterways.

See more information about the IWA insurance scheme for boaters.

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