WRG Van Appeal Reaches £60,000

IWA’s appeal to fund the replacement of four WRG vans has raised over £62,000 towards its £120,000 target, exceeding the half way mark. This means that WRG now has enough money to purchase two of the four vans needed.

The first two vans will be purchased later this year, so that they can be used to assist canal restoration projects throughout 2016. We hope the remaining two vans can be purchased later in 2016.

As well as many generous donations, the money has been raised from a variety of activities and events, including endurance challenges, selling fudge and sponsored events.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the appeal so far. More information on the WRG Van Appeal, including all the events and activities planned as part of the Appeal, is available at the Van Appeal web pages.

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Additional Provisions to HS2 Bill Affect Inland Waterways

On 23rd June, The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport, Robert Goodwill, formally set out the motion to ask that the existing HS2 Phase 1 Select Committee to consider Instruction No. 3 to the House of Commons.

This process, which was debated, asks the Select Committee to consider changes to the Bill including:

1. Amendments relating to the vertical and horizontal alignment of the proposed railway in the vicinity of the A38 and Trent and Mersey Canal in the parishes of Fradley and Streethay, King’s Bromley and Whittington in the County of Staffordshire – which includes the changes IWA and CRT have been petitioning for, removing three of the four rail viaducts over the Trent and Mersey Canal. However, it also adds a realigned road next to the canal, which is of concern to IWA.

2. Amendments conferring additional power to carry out works in the Borough of Slough and in the parish of Iver in the County of Buckinghamshire for the purpose of providing a new Heathrow Express depot in the Borough of Slough (to the north east of Langley railway station), in consequence of the displacement of the existing depot because of the exercise of powers conferred by the Bill - this is a new provision and affects the Grand Union Canal Slough Arm so IWA will be looking at the details.

3. Amendments conferring additional power to provide sidings for Crossrail services at Old Oak Common in the London Boroughs of Ealing and Hammersmith and Fulham that could be extended in the future to create a connection between the West Coast Main Line Railway and the Great Western Main Line - again IWA will be looking at the detail here.

4. Amendments to accommodate the requirements of landowners and occupiers in several places.

5. Amendments to accommodate changes to the design of the works authorised by the Bill in several places.

More details of the planned changes are due to be published on 13th July. For the additional environmental statement, which will appear on that date, there will be a public consultation lasting 42 days, from 17th July to 28th August.

There will also be a petitioning period of four weeks for those directly or specially affected by the changes in this second additional provision, so that they can submit petitions. That petitioning period will begin on 17th July and end on 14th August for all petitioners.

IWA will be studying the documents produced on 13th July, to see how the changed or new proposals will affect inland waterways. Subject to the outcome, IWA will submit comments on the environmental statement and submit a petition on any unresolved issues.

We will confirm the location of the details when they are available.

Welsh 3000 Challenge

On Saturday 20th June, the latest WRG Van Appeal fundraising event took place in Wales. Three members of IWA Head Office Staff, a WRG Volunteer and a Newbury Working Party Group Volunteer undertook the Welsh 3000 challenge, where they hiked across fifteen mountains all over 3,000ft tall. They also added the additional aim of completing the walk in less than 24 hours.

The team were successful and completed the challenge in 18 hours.

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Boaters arriving and departing from IWA’s Northampton Festival of Water at Becket’s Park on the River Nene via the Grand Union Canal over the August Bank Holiday weekend will need to go through the seventeen locks on the four-mile long Northampton Arm connecting the Grand Union Canal with Northampton. Volunteers will be on hand to ensure the smooth transit of boats and maintain the water supply for boats attending the Festival from Monday 24th onwards.

The Festival of Water on August 29th to 31st will be celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the opening of the Northampton Arm in 1815 and will feature an array of attractions on and off the water. In the park will be a trade show, exhibitions, talks, live music, comedy, dance, food and drink, children’s rides and other activities. As well as leisure, trade, heritage and working narrowboats, a wealth of smaller craft such as canoes, rowing boats, sailboats, windsurfers and ribs will be in evidence with opportunities for visitors to get afloat on board trip boats and water taxis. And, of course, there will be the usual boaters’ events such as boat handling, the Westbridge Challenge (a chance to visit the lesser known backwaters of Northampton), barbecue, boaters’ bar, quizzes and an illuminated boat parade culminating in an awards ceremony and boaters’ auction on Monday.

Volunteers who would like to assist CRT’s South East Volunteer lockkeeper team with lock operation on the Northampton Arm during the week before and the week after the Festival can register using the volunteer form (downloadable from the Festival web pages) or email Pat Barton for more information.

IWA Fundraising Fortnight, 3rd – 18th October

IWA is holding a fundraising fortnight from Saturday 3rd October to Sunday 18th October. IWA branches have been invited to hold any fundraising activity between these dates to raise money for their own funds.

The overall, combined total raised by all branches will showcase the success of local fundraising across the country and provide a fantastic opportunity to show what IWA is doing at a local level.

If you are interested in getting involved contact your local branch to find out what they have planned for the fortnight. If your branch is not currently participating, why not organise a fundraising activity yourself. You could organise anything from a cake sale to an auction or a local community event to help raise money for your local branch.

More information is available from IWA’s Fundraising Officer Toby Gomm at tobygomm@waterways.org.uk or on 01494 783453 ext. 611.

Inaugural Meeting to Develop the Swansea Bay Inland Waterway

An inaugural meeting of organisations interested in the development of the Swansea Bay Inland Waterway (SBIW) was held on Monday 22nd June at the Neath Port Talbot Council offices in Baglan Bay. The proposal is to link the Neath, Swansea and Tenant canals via the River Tawe to form a 37 mile network. Organisations represented included Neath Port Talbot and Swansea councils.
Swansea Canal Society, Neath and Tennant Canal Trust, Canal and River Trust, Sustrans, Swansea Community Boat Trust and The Inland Waterways Association. All agreed to commit to support the proposed development subject to suitable funding sources being identified. A further meeting has been arranged for late July when it is hoped a structure to coordinate and oversee the project will be established.

Improved Maintenance for Local Waterway

A new weed lifting boat has been delivered to the Chelmer & Blackwater Navigation in time to deal with the summer weed growth. The new Dutch built boat will partner Essex Waterway’s similar weed cutting boat purchased last year.

The purchase of the new boat has been made possible by a grant of £20,000 from the Essex County Council Community Initiatives Fund. County Councillor Roger Hirst, Cabinet Member for Customer Services, Libraries, Planning and the Environment said ‘The Community Initiatives Fund is an excellent example of how Essex County Council is supporting communities to help themselves.

By increasing the opportunities for local residents, community groups and volunteers individually to shape their local facilities and undertake new ventures, we will see them make Essex an even better place to live and work than it is today.’

Chairman of Essex Waterways, Roy Chandler confirms that ‘the new weed lifter is already enabling Essex Waterways to deal more efficiently and effectively with the rapid summer weed growth on the 14 mile recreational waterway. Unless removed, weed growth prevents boating, canoeing, paddleboarding and angling and has an adverse effect upon wildlife and fish.

IWA’s 2015 Annual Members’ Meeting Date Announced

IWA’s Annual Members’ Meeting will be taking place on Saturday 26th September at Salwarpe Village Hall, near Droitwich from 10.30am. The meeting will follow a different format from previous AGMs with two short presentations on the theme of IWA initiatives on non-CRT Waterways, followed by the AGM. There will then be an opportunity to discuss members’ topics with trustees followed by the Annual Awards Ceremony.

Further details will be available in the August edition of Waterways magazine.

About People

David Baldwin
IWA is saddened to report the death of David Baldwin, who passed away on 22nd June. David was an active IWA member who, along with his wife Sheila, organised IWA’s stand at the NEC Boat & Caravan Show for many years. Their contribution to raising funds for IWA at the Boat Show in Birmingham was recognised when the Association awarded them the John Heap Salver in 2001. David was also involved with Longwood Boat Club as secretary and then chairman, his work with the Club included organising two rallies there in 2000 and 2002.

Alicen Stenner
Alicen Stenner has joined the Association’s staff at IWA Head Office as Marketing Manager, a newly created role to manage IWA’s marketing strategy. Alicen can be contacted at alicen.stenner@waterways.org.uk or on 01494 783 453 extension 605.

Other News

Boat Safety Scheme Announcements on Gas Safety

Boat Safety Scheme (BSS) checks have changed with immediate effect, as BSS requirements now recognise two new classes of hose following the recent publication of a new European LPG hose standard.
There are three changes to the third edition of BSS Examination Checking Procedures for Private Boats as follows:

- Check 7.7.3R – high-pressure hoses – BS EN 16436 Class 3 is added as an alternative and equivalent marking to BS 3212 Type 2 hose.
- Check 7.9.1R – low-pressure hoses – BS EN 16436 Class 2 and BS EN 16436 Class 3 are added as alternatives and equivalent markings to BS 3212 Type 2 hose.
- Check 8.6.1R – LPG catalytic heaters – BS EN 16436 Class 2 and BS EN 16436

BSS is urging boaters, fitters, chandlers and other suppliers, to check carefully before selecting a class of hose to make sure it is appropriate for use in the part of the gas system it is to be installed in.

More details of the changes and what BSS will now accept is available at the www.boatsafetyscheme.org/

BSS has also reminded boaters of the dangers of using portable gas equipment and barbecues inside boats. Gas can seep from such equipment and in the confined space of a boat cabin cause explosions. Lit and cooling barbecues produce carbon monoxide, which, again, cannot always efficiently disperse from a boat cabin leading to inhabitants suffering carbon monoxide poisoning, which can be fatal. Additionally, barbecues are a fire hazard and hot embers could set fire to boat decks, furniture and other combustable materials. Both portable gas equipment and barbecues should only be used onshore, in the open and away from dry, flammable surfaces so any leaked gas can easily disperse and fire risks are kept to a minimum. More information on portable gas equipment and barbecue safety is available at the BSS website.

Boats Illegally Moored on River Thames Prosecuted

Spelthorne Council has successfully prosecuted the owners of three boats illegally moored on the River Thames at the public moorings adjacent to Dockett Eddy Lane in Shepperton and at the public mooring at King’s Lawn in Sunbury-on-Thames.

The Council prosecuted the boaters having received complaints of some boaters persistently mooring in excess of the 24 hours permitted within a 48 hour period at these sites. Magistrates decided the defendants had moored in contravention of Spelthorne’s Byelaws and ruled that they should pay a total of £1400 in fines and £1050 in costs paid to the Council.

Boston Barrier Will Not Increase Flood Risk Downstream

EA has completed modelling that has confirmed that river levels, and therefore flood risk, downstream of the proposed Boston Barrier will not change once the Barrier is built and subsequently operated.

There was concern that the Barrier may increase flood risk downstream. The evidence EA has compiled shows that this will not happen and proves that the Barrier will work to reduce the risk of tidal flooding in the Borough of Boston and to manage water levels through Boston.

This evidence will now be submitted as part of EA’s application for a Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO), legislation to approve large infrastructure projects that impact on transport systems, along with the preliminary design for the Barrier.

A successful TWAO application would give all the permissions needed to build the barrier in one go. EA plans to submit the application to the Secretary of State for Transport in early 2016. The Secretary of State will then manage a formal public consultation; in the mean time, EA has said it will organise more public consultation events this year to show the latest barrier designs and information.

At the present moment, EA’s intention is to only construct a single ‘up or down’ barrier which has no benefit in advancing the ‘Water Level Management’ within Boston above the barrier, or providing any control system which could support WLM in future. IWA, in common with RYA and other local leisure and amenity organisations, and reports EA themselves have commissioned, believe this is a major missed opportunity both in Boston itself.
and because of its negative effect on the Fens Waterways Link project. IWA is discussing with other stakeholders how this can be changed, which may include objecting to EA’s TWAO.

Navigation Closure on the Lancaster Canal

On Sunday 21st June, CRT closed the Lancaster Canal between Bridge 108, Halton Road Bridge and Bridge 105, Dolphin Lea Bridge, to allow a 730m section of the Canal over the Lune Aqueduct to be drained for inspection due to a suspected leak. CRT’s engineering team subsequently discovered three large holes in the bed of the Canal, about 100m south of the aqueduct. These have caused water to seep down an embankment to a nature reserve at the base of the aqueduct, where a section of the nature reserve footpath has been closed until the water drains away.

A five-week programme of works to repair the leak commenced on 27th June, CRT anticipates that the Canal will re-open on 31st July. CRT hopes to keep the towpath open during this time and to maintain water levels on the north of the Aqueduct by pumping water around the drained section.

Canal Towpath to be Part of Heart of England Way

Lichfield’s Heritage Towpath Trail, built by Lichfield & Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust volunteers, is to become part of the Heart of England Way.

The path runs alongside Lichfield Canal next to the A51 Tamworth Road. Since its completion, the Trail has been enjoyed by families, walkers, joggers, cyclists and wheelchair-users. It is hoped that even more walkers will enjoy the Trail now the Heart of England Way Association has proposed that the long distance route be diverted on to the towpath.

From Lichfield down Quarry Hills Lane, the Heart of England Way will cross the A51 into Cricket Lane to join the 700 metre section of the Lichfield Canal Heritage Towpath Trail along Borrowcop Locks Canal Park and re-join the A51 and the existing Heart of England Way at the Tamworth Road Bridge.

The 104-mile Heart of England Way runs from Milford Common on Cannock Chase to Bourton-on-the-Water in the Cotswolds and the new section will be officially opened later in the year.

Titford Pools Plaque

Birmingham Canal Navigation Society is progressing an initiative to regenerate the Titford Canal, Pools and adjoining public open space. As part of this the Society is keen to increase the number of boats navigating the Pools and to encourage this has produced a brass plaque that it is now available to all boats that cruise the Pools at any time.

To receive a plaque boaters need to complete and return a form with photographic proof that they navigated the Pools. Forms and further information on collection or delivery is available by emailing boundarypost@gmail.com. The Society recommends that boats travel with at least one other boat to assist in case one of them runs aground. This is a possibility when accessing the Pools but boats should be okay once the Pools are reached, as where the water here is deeper.

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Proposed Bridge Over the River Thames

At the end of June, Transport for London awarded a grant of £170,000 to fund an advanced feasibility study as part of a project to build a new bridge over the River Thames. The proposed footbridge would cross between Rotherhithe and Canary Wharf with an opening section in the middle so that ships can pass. Subject to the results of the feasibility study and subsequent negotiations, the bridge could be in place by 2020.

CRT’s Window on the World Project Begins

CRT’s ‘Window on the World’ project at the National Waterways Museum at Ellesmere Port began at the end of June when the Leeds & Liverpool Canal horse-drawn short boat George was lifted out of the water for restoration to its original condition as a working wide boat. Once completed, George will spend the summer on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal as part of a community outreach and education project and return to the Museum in the winter.

The project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund will also fund new interactive displays and activities for visitors on Ellesmere Port’s derelict historic slipway as well as the preservation of Mossdale, the last remaining all-wooden Mersey flat.

Portal Progress at Dudley Canal Tunnel

Visitors to Dudley Canal Tunnel and Limestone Mines can now get a glimpse of the future of the site as work on the new Portal building begins to take shape.

Building work continues throughout the summer and is due to be completed this autumn. Boat trips into the limestone mines continue as normal whilst the work is going on. Visitors are encouraged to visit and view the work from the construction viewing platform at car park level, as well as from the canal side.

Wey & Arun Canal Trust Sponsored Walk Raises Over £8,000

Wey & Arun Canal Trust’s annual Poddle, a 12.5-mile sponsored walk across the South downs, on 7th June raised over £8,000 for restoration projects along the length of the Wey & Arun Canal.
IWA & WRG Work Party Reports

This section contains volunteer reports from IWA branches and IWA’s Waterway Recovery Group. IWA branch reports contain information from their latest work parties where volunteers have worked to help maintain their local canals. WRG reports on its Canal Camps and weekend digs to keep readers up to date with the restoration work the group has been undertaking.

IWA Warwickshire Branch at Marlcliff Lock

IWA Warwickshire Branch volunteers have been at Marlcliff Lock on the River Avon, painting the metalwork, which was in need of some attention. Loose paint was removed and the metalwork repainted in the colour scheme used at Harvington Lock, which Branch members had repainted in 2014.

Marlcliff lock is a site that the Branch has visited before and it has an interesting history. By the Lock is a plaque recording the donation from IWA and the efforts of the Royal Engineers, men from Gloucester Gaol and other volunteers who built this lock in the most difficult of rock. Royal Engineers from Belfast used heavy explosive charges to create a channel and lock chamber after more conventional methods had failed. The lock was originally fitted with gates from the demolished Runcorn flight of the Bridgewater Canal, but these were replaced in 1980 with gates made from steel.

Hazelhurst Junction Bridge Project

A week of fine weather in June saw the iconic cast iron bridge at Hazelhurst Junction on the Caldon Canal finally looking pristine in a new coat of black and white paint. The project had been quite a long time in the finishing, with a start having been made over a year ago on the IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch and Caldon & Uttoxeter Canals Trust joint monthly work parties, but after being rained off a couple of times, and then having to move resources elsewhere due to other priorities (Himalayan Balsam and then Cheddleton Top Lock in readiness for the Caldon 40 celebrations), the bridge remained less than a quarter painted!

Therefore, IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch decided to put aside a whole week for the project, and to arrange a work boat so that the underside of the bridge could be painted at the same time. The week commencing Monday 8th June was agreed with CRT, and it turned out to be a very good choice with gloriously sunny weather and just a few splashes of rain at the end of the day on Friday.

Planning, of course, had started some weeks earlier, with a site meeting with Mark Clifford, CRT’s Heritage Adviser, who advised about preparation methods and paint types, with the bridge being a Grade 2 Listed structure. A project plan, including method statements, risk assessments and other essential information was then drawn up and approved by CRT.

The preparation of the metalwork took a surprising amount of time, with careful scraping of the underside of the bridge (and collecting the scrapings so they did not end up in the canal) and wire brushing of the scalloped design of the parapets both being particularly time consuming. The first two days were spent in preparing surfaces and by day three, a start was made on the painting. Firstly a zinc rich primer was applied where bare metal had been exposed, followed by white or black Hammerite, depending on which bit of the bridge was being...
As it is a Listed structure, all the paint had to be like-for-like according to the previous colour scheme, although it was interesting to note historic photographs showing it painted all white, and all black, and numerous variations of black and white, over the years.

By the time the end of Friday came around, rain was threatening and there was still a couple of hours of work left to do. So four volunteers returned the following Monday afternoon to finish the last bits of painting. One of the volunteers was a professional artist who undertook the tricky bit of repainting the “1842” date on the bridge.

Over the six days, fourteen different volunteers contributed a total of twenty-six days work, and the bridge now looks much smarter. As the many boaters, cyclists and walkers were commenting by the end of the week.

IWA Lichfield Branch Joins Himalayan Balsam Campaign

On 17th June, IWA Lichfield Branch contributed to the Himalayan Balsam campaign with a work party to tackle the invasive species along the river section of the Trent & Mersey Canal between Wychnor and Alrewas weir.

The group worked along the towpath and found several major clumps, especially opposite the boat moorings. Some volunteers also worked from a small boat to access the plants on the water’s edge and on the offside, which needed to be slashed rather than pulled. A large area near the weir was cleared, and CRT cleared beneath the towpath bridges where it was carrying out repair works.

The Branch plans to see just how successful the removal was once the plant flowers in a few weeks time and will perhaps make a return visit if needed.

Phil Sharpe’s full report and photos from the work party can be viewed at IWA Lichfield Branch’s web pages.

IWA West Country Branch Add Further Improvements to New Picnic Area

On 20th June, IWA West Country Branch further improved the new picnic area at Bathpool on the Bridgwater & Taunton Canal. Volunteers installed a new litter bin close to the picnic benches the team had put in earlier in the month, which will hopefully keep the area tidy and encourage further use of the new facilities. The Branch also continued its efforts to tackle Himalayan Balsam, removing the invasive species Priorswood area of Taunton whilst also litter picking the towpath.

In the first half of 2015, the Branch volunteers have, to date, contributed 288 hours of painting and gardening. Both regular volunteers and recent new faces have worked through foul weather and, at last, some sunny spells to achieve this.

Locks 44 and 45 now look at their best, and the group plans to complete the uplift of Lock 46 by September.

IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch held its sixth Cheshire Locks work party of the year at Red Bull on 18th June, and successfully finished painting Lock 45 of the Trent & Mersey Canal before beginning the preparation of Lock 46 for painting.

Volunteers Complete Work at Lock 45 on the Trent & Mersey Canal

Photo: Volunteers paint Lock 45 on the Trent & Mersey Canal

IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch held its sixth Cheshire Locks work party of the
IWA Chester & Merseyside Branch to Launch New Work Parties

IWA Chester & Merseyside Branch had a great work party on 27th June, when the volunteers collected litter along the Shropshire Union Canal from Cow Lane bridge to Deva Aqueduct, including the North Basin and the Dee Branch. The group was also pleased to see the new interpretation panels installed on the Dee Branch and the building works at North Basin now complete.

With the Chester work parties now well established, the Branch is looking at adding new dates and locations to its volunteer calendar later in the year. Firstly, following the successful pilot event at Eldonian Village in April the Branch plans to start regular work parties in the Litherland area from September. The Branch also had a successful weekend at the H&R Ainscough Barge Restoration Group Centre and have been invited to get involved in this area and are developing plans to work in partnership with IWA Lancashire & Cumbria Branch and CRT to start regular work parties in the area. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, or indeed the well established Chester work parties, contact Mike Carter.

IWA Volunteering Opportunities

IWA Branch Volunteer Vacancies: Have a look at the list of volunteer opportunities within local IWA committees. There is a full list of volunteer opportunities within IWA branches.

Waterway Events

Major IWA events in 2015

29th - 31st August 2015 - Festival of Water, Northampton

IWA Branch Events in 2015

3rd - 5th July 2015 - Ware Boat Festival, Hertfordshire

4th - 5th July 2015 - Welsh Waterways Festival, Welshpool, Mid-Wales

Have you got a waterway event or activity to promote? Anyone can add details of a waterways event or activity to this area on the website. You don’t even need to register with the website or provide any sort of password. Simply use the upload event form. See IWA’s Events Calendar for a full list of waterway events. You can also search by event type or find out what’s going on in your area with the map search.

Upcoming Volunteer/Cleanup Events

July

1st July Work Party - River Gipping (supported by IWA Ipswich Branch)

2nd July Himalayan Balsam Work Party - Caldon Canal (IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch)

4th July Work Party - River Gipping (supported by IWA Ipswich Branch)

4th July Himalayan Balsam Work Party - Bridgwater & Taunton Canal (IWA West Country Branch)

4th July Work Party - Trent & Mersey Canal, Burslem Port (supported by IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch)

5th July Himalayan Balsam Work Party - Caldon Canal (IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch)

7th July Himalayan Balsam Work Party - Aylestone Meadows (supported by IWA Leicestershire Branch)

8th July Work Party - River Gipping (supported by IWA Ipswich Branch)

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8th July Himalayan Balsam Work Party - Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal (IWA Birmingham, Black Country & Worcestershire Branch)

9th July Himalayan Balsam Work Party - Uttoxeter Canal (IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch)

10th July Himalayan Balsam Work Party - Caldon Canal (IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch)

11th July Himalayan Balsam Work Party - Newport (supported by IWA Shrewsbury & North Wales Branch)

11th July Himalayan Balsam Work Party - Haslam Park, Preston (supported by IWA Lancashire & Cumbria Branch)

12th July Himalayan Balsam Work Party - River Avon (IWA Warwickshire Branch)

12th July Work Party - Sleaford Navigation (supported by IWA Lincolnshire Branch)

14th July Work Party - Northampton (IWA Northampton Branch)

15th July Work Party - River Gipping (supported by IWA Ipswich Branch)

16th July Work Party - Trent & Mersey Canal, Cheshire Locks (IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch)

18th July Work Party - Greater Manchester (IWA Manchester Branch)

18th July Himalayan Balsam Work Party - Uttoxeter Canal (IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch)

22nd July Work Party - River Gipping (supported by IWA Ipswich Branch)

22nd July Himalayan Balsam Work Party - Caldon Canal (IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch)

24th July Work Party - Congleton (IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch)

25th July Work Party - Chester (IWA Chester & Merseyside Branch)

26th July Work Party - Northampton (IWA Northampton Branch)

28th July Work Party - Trent & Mersey Canal, Burslem Port (supported by IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch)

29th July Work Party - River Gipping (supported by IWA Ipswich Branch)

August

1st August Work Party - River Gipping (supported by IWA Ipswich Branch)

1st August Work Party - Trent & Mersey Canal, Burslem Port (supported by IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch)

5th August Work Party - River Gipping (supported by IWA Ipswich Branch)

9th August Work Party - Sleaford Navigation (supported by IWA Lincolnshire Branch)

11th August Work Party - Northampton (IWA Northampton Branch)

12th August Work Party - River Gipping (supported by IWA Ipswich Branch)

12th August Work Party - Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal (IWA Birmingham, Black Country & Worcestershire Branch)

13th August Work Party - Uttoxeter Canal (IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch)

15th August Work Party - Greater Manchester (IWA Manchester Branch)

19th August Work Party - River Gipping (supported by IWA Ipswich Branch)

20th August Work Party - Trent & Mersey Canal, Cheshire Locks (IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch)
23rd August Work Party - Northampton (IWA Northampton Branch)

25th August Work Party - Trent & Mersey Canal, Burslem Port (supported by IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch)

26th August Work Party - River Gipping (supported by IWA Ipswich Branch)

28th August Work Party - Congleton (IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch)

29th August Work Party - Uttoxeter Canal (IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch)

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

Upcoming Towpath Walks

July
5th July Waterside Walk - Grand Union Canal, Paddington (IWA Towpath Walks Society)

8th July Waterside Walk - Saltisford Canal Arm (IWA Warwickshire Branch)

15th July Restoration Walk - Lichfield Canal (IWA Lichfield Branch)

19th July Waterside Walk - The New River (IWA Towpath Walks Society)

August
2nd August Waterside Walk - Regent’s Canal (IWA Towpath Walks Society)

16th August Waterside Walk - The Olympics, Three Mills, and Bow Back Rivers (IWA Towpath Walks Society)

To advertise your towpath walks in the Bulletin, please add details to IWA’s events calendar.

IWA Member Discounts and Special Offers

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

- ABC Boat Hire - 15% discount
- Airedale Cruising - 10% Discount off skippered day cruises
- Boatshed Grand Union - 10% discount on brokerage
- Calcutt Boats - 5% Discount
- Canal Boat Magazine - Annual subscription for just £15
- CanalCruising.co.uk - 10% discount
- Channel Glaze - 10% discount on double glazing for boats
- Cotswold Outdoor - 10% discount
- Europcar - Special hire rates to IWA members
- Frangipani SUP Ltd - 10% discount
- Forge Studio - 10% discount
- Grand Union Diesel Services - 5% discount
- IceGripper - 20% discount
- King’s Lock Chandlery - 5% discount
- Lee Sanitation Ltd. - 10% on orders over £100
- Marine Megastore Ltd. - 15% discount
- Midland Chandlers - 5% discount
- Paper Wizard - 15% discount
- River Canal Rescue - up to 15% discount
- RoadPro - 5% discount
- The Three Locks Pub, Grand Union Canal nr. Milton Keynes - 10% discount on food
- UltimateBerths.com - Free Listing
- Wavetrain Marine - 5% discount on their 1 day VHF SCR training courses.
- Willowbridge Marina - 10% discount on chandlery purchases and services in the yard
- Worcester Marine Windows Ltd - 5% discount
- Wyvern Shipping Co. Ltd - 10% discount on published prices
- Zead - Free postage and accessories

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 www.waterways.org.uk/support_us/members_area/member_discounts_special_offers_public

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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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