



IWA Sponsored Walk Raises over £2,000 for New WRG Vans

Walkers taking part in IWA's sponsored walk
Photo: Walkers taking part in IWA's sponsored walk

Despite heavy rain, over 35 people took part in IWA's eight-mile sponsored walk around Lapworth in Warwickshire on Sunday 22nd February, to raise funds for the purchase of four new vans for IWA's Waterway Recovery Group (WRG).

The walkers included IWA's National Chairman Les Etheridge and his wife Anne, as well as a contingent from WRG who completed the route four times in fancy dress. Despite muddy conditions

along the Grand Union Canal and Stratford-upon-Avon Canal towpaths and the paths through surrounding countryside, the walkers managed to raise over £2,000 towards WRG's appeal target of £100,000.

WRG's Chairman Mike Palmer said: *"I was impressed by the generosity and the dedication of the walkers and volunteers. We are grateful for all the money raised towards the new vans and minibuses, which are vital for transporting equipment and volunteers across the country to support canal restoration."*

The sponsored walk is one of a number of events that will be held throughout the year in support of the WRG appeal.

IWA would like to thank everyone who participated,

volunteered and gave sponsorship to help make the event a success. We would also like to thank Joker's Masquerade for their generous donation of red morph costumes worn by WRG members that completed four laps of the route.

Find out how to support the WRG Van Appeal at www.waterways.org.uk/wrg/fundraising/donate.

For further information contact Toby Gomm, IWA Fundraising Officer, on 01494 783 453 ext. 611 or at toby.gomm@waterways.org.uk.

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IWA News

IWA Manifesto 2015



Voting for the next General Election takes place on 7th May and we need your help.

IWA has produced a Manifesto for our future MPs, to demonstrate the importance of our waterways heritage and encourage them to work with us to protect it.

We are asking candidates to sign up to our Five Point Partnership and pledge their support for the waterways.

The Five Point Partnership includes the following:

1. Protect our Heritage
2. Build a Local Relationship with Constituency Waterways Groups
3. Work with IWA in Parliament - Join the All Party Parliamentary Group for the Waterways
4. Support the Transfer of Navigations Currently Managed by Environment Agency to Canal & River Trust
5. Support Affordable New Off Line Moorings

Write to Local Candidates

With the General Election just around the corner, now is the

time to write to prospective MPs in your area and encourage them to pledge their support for the waterways and sign up to IWA's Manifesto.

If you receive a pledge from a candidate please make sure you let Alison Smedley know by emailing alison.smedley@waterways.org.uk so that we can keep a record.

For more information on the manifesto and how to approach candidates please see www.waterways.org.uk/news_campaigns/iwa_manifesto/iwa_manifesto

IWA Photography Competition Shortlist Open for Voting



There were lots of fantastic entries this year for IWA's calendar photography competition, which made it an incredibly difficult task to shortlist them.

The shortlisted images have been carefully selected to promote waterways and activities from all over the UK waterway network, and illustrate how beautiful the waterways can be whatever the time of year. In addition to the

calendar shots, two images were also chosen to feature as IWA Christmas cards.

Members of the public are now invited to vote for their favourite image. The image that receives the most votes will win the £100 top prize!

Vote now at www.waterways.org.uk/support_us/competitions/calendar/calendar_competition_shortlist

IWA Responds to CRT Consultation on Licence Terms & Conditions

IWA has recently responded to Canal & River Trust's (CRT) consultation on Licence Terms and Conditions.

IWA supports CRT's intentions to bring the Licence Terms and Conditions up to date and to help boaters to understand the rules in order to assist with enforcement of overstaying on moorings. However, some observations were made and submitted to CRT for consideration. This included concerns about CRT's definition of 'Home Mooring' and a statement of support for the provision of single handed boaters in the document.

Congleton Work Party Members Receive Recognition



Photo: IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch's Congleton in Bloom certificate

Volunteers with IWA North Staffordshire and South Cheshire Branch's regular work party at Congleton, received recognition by the local Town Council for their hard work during 2014 at a recent evening to celebrate the success of the town in gaining a Gold Award in the 2014 Britain in Bloom competition.

Various groups and local schools who had each contributed to the town's success were invited by the Mayor and Town Council for an evening celebration when certificates of recognition were handed out to volunteers who had supported the overall event.

The first IWA Congleton work party was set up in March 2014 as a result of various meetings with the local MP and town council in order to enhance the area of the canal and railway station in and around Congleton Railway Station.

The national judges for the Britain in Bloom competition arrived by train and took a walk along

the stretch of the canal where volunteers had been working, making favourable comments about the evidence of great work and community involvement.

A regular group of between twelve and twenty local volunteers now meet monthly to continue the work with the objective of enhancing the stretch of canal between Congleton Wharf and Brookhouse Lane with the intention of extending that work to reach Buglawton on the North Eastern edge of the town in due course.

Planning for Changes to Leicester's Waterside

IWA Leicestershire Branch is currently planning a response to Leicester City Council's consultation on the Leicester Waterside Supplementary Planning Document.

The area under consideration forms an important part of the City's strategic regeneration, that is to incorporate new housing, business and leisure developments whilst also incorporating work to retain and restore historic buildings and to address flood risks from the River Soar and its tributaries. Significant grants to fund most of the work have been assembled by the City Council, Canal & River Trust (CRT) and the Environment Agency (EA).

The Branch is most interested in plans for the area just downstream of the Castle Gardens secure

moorings through to just past North Lock, although the EA has also planned work at Belgrave Lock to improve flood storage. This work will also address the bottleneck caused by the historic Thurstaston Road Bridge. There are plans under consideration for a redevelopment alongside Memory Lane Wharf to create an indoor basketball arena plus a new footbridge over the Canal to access Abbey Park, with the developers to create moorings and some boater facilities in the wharf.

Boaters may be interested in the plans for Friars Mill, just downstream of West Bridge and Castle Gardens. It is currently under restoration after the City Council purchased it, following a drastic fire. Plans are to restore it to create business units and assurances have been made that both the City Council and CRT will ensure the development incorporates facilities for boaters.

Overall, the proposed plan hopes to improve the link between the waterside to the rest of the city. The waterside would be redeveloped to incorporate businesses and attractions that add to the waterscape with it also being an improved green route through the city.

The City Council sees the redevelopment of what they call Soar Island, just past Friars Mill as being a key link. Currently largely occupied by a concrete batching plant past which boaters travel, it is proposed to become a key location that as an environmental and mixed use hub, hopefully

attracting people and improving wildlife habitats.

The Branch believes there is a long way to go but, with funding in place and improved facilities planned for boaters, hopes that Leicester can become a destination of choice for waterside visitors. The Branch plans to continue to push for a more than satisfactory outcome.

The full planning documents and instructions on how to respond to the consultation are available at Leicester City Council's website. The consultation closes on 13th March.

IWA West Country Branch Launches Tidal Barrier Campaign

IWA West Country Branch has launched a campaign to make the best use of the proposed tidal surge barrier which is expected to be built on the River Parrett at Bridgwater in Somerset.

Following the severe flooding that occurred last winter on the Somerset Levels and Moors, proposals have now been made to bring accelerate the construction of a tidal defence barrier on the River Parrett.

An earlier report, completed in 2009, envisaged that a barrier would need to be built at some point between 2030 and 2050 in order to protect Bridgwater and its environs from rising sea levels. The updated report issued by Sedgemoor District Council and the Environment Agency in late

2014, suggests that the barrier could now be built within the next 10 years.

IWA West Country Branch fully supports the construction of a barrier and the accelerated timeframe. However, the proposals currently envisage that the barrier will only be brought into use when it is necessary to prevent a spring or high tide from surging upstream on the river. The Branch believes that the proposed barrier could be used to greater effect and benefit to the community if it is operated differently and incorporates a lock.

The Branch has suggested that construction of the barrier should be used to:

- Facilitate sea-going craft travelling through to Bridgwater and further inland.
- Impound some water on the River Parrett during the boating season, thus enabling boating to take place in a relatively safe environment for approximately 20 miles upstream of the barrier, including to Langport and Muchelney.
- Contribute to the restoration of parts of the currently un-navigable sections of the River Parrett, River Tone, Sowe River and Westport Canal.
- Facilitate the reopening of the link from the River Parrett to the Historic Bridgwater Docks and hence to the Bridgwater & Taunton Canal.

The effect of this would be to:

- Make Bridgwater and its waterways a destination of choice for sea-going craft.
- Enhance the use of the existing

waterway corridors for leisure and sporting activities.

- Enhance the tourist potential of Bridgwater and the Somerset Levels.
- Open up the market for short boating holidays, including the Bridgwater & Taunton Canal which runs for some 15 miles through the countryside to Taunton, the County Town of Somerset.

The enhanced attractiveness of the River Parrett would bring:

- Greater community involvement and benefits.
- Increased leisure and sporting use of the waterway, for example:
 - Running, walking and cycling
 - Fishing and bird watching
 - Canoeing, kayaking and boating
 - More tourism including the potential for trip boats and other boating activities.

Gren Messham, IWA Navigation committee Chairman said *"After last year's floods, major investment is needed to avoid future tidal floods damaging Bridgwater and surrounding areas. With little additional work Bridgwater's role as a historic meeting of sea and inland waterways can be reinstated to everyone's benefit – both economic and recreational."*

IWA Lincolnshire Branch Gives Donation to Heritage Barge Group



Photo: Left to right Andy Martin IWA Lincolnshire Branch Treasurer, Dave Carnell IWA Lincolnshire Branch Chair and Les Reid Chair of the Newark Heritage Barge CIO

On 23rd February, IWA Lincolnshire Branch made a donation of £500 to the Newark Heritage Barge CIO at the Branch's AGM at Lincoln Boat Club.

The barge *Leicester Trader*, is the last River Trent dumb to remain in near original condition. The Newark Heritage Barge CIO bought the barge to convert it into a Heritage centre, museum and educational resource as a tribute to all those who have been involved in the river carrying trade on the Trent over the years.

IWA Chiltern Branch Supports BCS with Donation



Photo: A group of volunteers working at our Cosgrove site (photo by Athina Beckett)

On 31st January, IWA Chiltern Branch presented a cheque for £500 to Buckingham Canal Society (BCS). It was a milestone meeting as it was also the first AGM for the Society since its transition to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The Branch supports the BCS's work to restore the Buckingham Arm of the Grand Union Canal, which includes working on four sites simultaneously and the re-watering of the next section at Bourton Meadow this year. The Branch considered this a worthy project for its support with a donation.

Waterway Restoration Workshop 2015

There is still time to sign up to IWA and Canal & River Trust's (CRT) 2015 Waterway Restoration Workshop. The workshop, titled 'Getting it on the Map', will focus on how to safeguard the line of canals under restoration and aims to ensure that local waterways societies and trusts have more support and information to assist in the development of their schemes. The free workshop is scheduled to take place at The Bond in Birmingham on Saturday 25th April 2015. Full details and booking information are available at www.waterways.org.uk/events_festivals/waterway_restoration_workshop/waterway_restoration_workshop_2015.

About People

Alan Brown
IWA is saddened to report

the death of Alan Brown, who passed away on 21st February. Alan was a member of IWA's Inland Waterways Freight Group, but perhaps best known for the considerable quantity of research material on historic narrow and other working boats that he accumulated throughout his life.

Other News

Lancaster Canal Extra Moorings to Boost Tourism



Photo: Lancaster Canal, centre of Lancaster (photo by Adrian & Gillian Padfield)

Canal & River Trust (CRT) has provided extra moorings on the Lancaster Canal to help boost tourism in the area.

Changes are also to be made to visitor mooring times so that a greater number of boats can visit the most popular parts of the Canal.

The changes include:

- Providing a mix of 48 hour and seven day moorings in the main boating season and 14 day moorings for the rest of the year
- Additional moorings at Lancaster and Galgate, with plans for further moorings in

other areas in the future

- The use of moorings at Lancaster University, available for a nominal fee, for a trial period this summer
- Improved service stations for boaters at Cadley, Moss Lane and Bilsborough

Gloucester Waterways Museum Receives Significant Funding

Gloucester Waterways Museum has recently received funding from several sources, which will enable it to carry out a number of planned upgrades.

On 27th February, Sajid Javid MP, the secretary of state for culture, media and sport, visited the Museum to announce a grant of £100,000. The grant, which was jointly funded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and the Wolfson Foundation, will be used by Canal & River Trust (CRT) to fund the 'From Birmingham to the Sea' exhibition and to update the learning experience across the Museum, which will include a full refit of two boats in the Museum's collection – Mossdale and George.

Earlier in February, CRT had also announced that a grant of £790,300 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for Gloucester Waterways Museum had been confirmed. CRT plans for the HLF grant to fund three key initiatives that are a part of the museum's 'Window on the World' project. The first strand will see new exhibitions and interactive displays created.

CRT has planned for the £1.5 million revitalisation of the Museum to begin this year. It is expected that the Museum will be closed to the public from autumn 2015 until spring 2016. During this time staff will open pop-up museums around Gloucester.

UK's Last Steam Tug-Tender to Be Restored

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has awarded £3.8million to restore and open to the public the historic North West vessel the Daniel Adamson, the last-surviving steam tug-tender in the UK.

The vessel was taken out of service over 30 years ago and was almost scrapped 11 years ago before local campaigners stepped in and saved it. The grant from HLF will now help to restore the Daniel Adamson to full working, which will start with it being towed from Liverpool's Albert Docks to dry docks where work can begin. It is hoped the restoration will be completed in 2015 and that the boat will be in service by spring 2016.

Once in service, the public will have a chance to ride on the historic steam ship as part of a programme of cruises on the Mersey, Weaver and Manchester Ship Canal. When not in use, the Daniel Adamson will be moored outside some of the area's waterside museums as part of a joint education programme.

Ellesmere Port Towpath Improvements

Canal & River Trust (CRT) has announced that a 1.7 km section of canal towpath through Ellesmere Port is to be upgraded with an all-weather hard surface.

Thanks to a £250,000 grant from Cheshire West and Chester Council's Regional Growth Fund, the towpath along the Shropshire Union Canal from Bewleys Bridge (no 144) to New Stanney Bridge (140A) is to be improved in a six-week project.

CRT has stated that sections of the towpath will be closed while the work is carried out and diversions implemented. The Trust expects to have the improved towpath open for Easter.

Call for Information on Round House, Birmingham

Canal & River Trust and the National Trust plan to develop the Round House, Birmingham as an activity centre. As part of the development they are keen to interpret the heritage of the building and its commercial use as stables. It is hoped that part of the scheme will be a small display depicting this for visitors.

To aid in this interpretation they have asked if anyone with photographs or other information about the Round House, particularly in commercial use, could get in touch. Anything provided would be copied and

returned. If you have information you would like to share please email Ivor Caplan at ivor.caplan@waterways.org.uk.

Canal Society Launches Bicentenary Appeal

Pocklington Canal Amenity Society has launched an appeal fund to raise £250,000 to restore a two mile section of the Pocklington Canal.

The launch marks the bicentenary of the passing of the Act of Parliament enabling the building of the Pocklington Canal, and it is hoped that restoration works will be completed by 2018, in time to mark the bicentenary of the opening of the canal.

The funds are needed to install new wooden lock gates for Thornton and Walbut Locks, to ensure an adequate depth of water in the length, to bring the locks up to modern safety standards, and to build lock landings for boaters entering the locks. The Society already has £80,000 in accumulated funds, which leaves £170,000 to be raised.

More information about the appeal and how to get involved is available at the www.pocklingtoncanalsociety.org/appeal.html.

Pocklington Canal Bicentenary Boat Rally

To commemorate the bicentenary of the Act of Parliament enabling the construction of the Pocklington

Canal, a boat rally is to be held on the Canal at Melbourne over the weekend of 25th/26th July 2015.

A range of small events will be put on by the Pocklington Canal Amenity Society (PCAS) for boaters joining the rally, although the main attraction will be the pleasure of visiting a very quiet and rural canal at the extremity of the English canal system.

Boaters interested in joining the rally can download an application form from the PCAS website, where further information about the event is also available.

Ideas Sought in Support of Montgomery Canal Restoration Bid

Glandŷr Cymru, Canal & River Trust in Wales, is currently developing a second round bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund to restore the Montgomery Canal. It needs to gather people's views via a questionnaire, to help develop ideas and to provide support for the application. If you would like to submit your views and ideas, you can complete the questionnaire online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/Montgomery_Canal_consultation.

New pteg Report on Urban Freight

Passenger Transport Executive Group (pteg) has published a new report, 'Delivering the future: New approaches to urban freight'.

The report highlights the essential role of urban freight in ensuring the effective functioning of the UK economy and presents a fresh vision designed to safeguard this role, as well as protect the environment and quality of life for communities.

Download and read the full report from the pteg website. at www.pteg.net/resources/types/reports/delivering-future-new-approaches-urban-freight.

Work Set to Begin on the Ulster Canal

Permission has been given to start work on the first phase of the long-awaited restoration of the Ulster Canal. Work is set to begin on a 2.5km stretch of the disused canal between the Shannon-Erne waterway and the International Scout Centre at Castle Saunderson, close to Belturbet in Co Cavan.

The Republic's heritage minister, Heather Humphreys, confirmed during February that the restoration, which is expected to cost around €2 million (£1.5m), would be funded by the all-island body Waterways Ireland.

IWA & WRG Work Party Reports

This section contains volunteer reports from IWA branches and IWA's Waterway Recovery

Group (WRG). 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 West Country Branch Volunteer Keep Attracting New Volunteers



Photo: IWA West Country Branch Work Party at Lyndale Avenue, Bridgwater & Taunton Canal (photo by Mike Slade)

Volunteers with IWA West Country Branch spent Valentine's Day showing their appreciation of the waterways and environment. Ten volunteers were on the Bridgwater & Taunton Canal Towpath at Lyndale Avenue on 14th February cutting back vegetation to improve towpath access and help maintain a healthy hedge. In the group were four new volunteers who were working with the Branch for the first time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. More and more of the regular volunteers are undertaking training with CRT to operate trimmers and some are now even moving on to operating work boats. The group's skills are really growing and this all helps the Branch undertake important work along the Canal.

Progress at Red Bull Flight for Cheshire Locks Work Party



Photo: IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch volunteer group

Despite cold and persistent rain on 19th February, six volunteers turned out to help at IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch's Cheshire Locks work party on the Trent & Mersey Canal; this included two new faces, which is especially encouraging.

The focus of February's work was to cut back overgrown vegetation and clean setts and copings. It was all a bit muddy but a good start was made on Lock 44. There was also an opportunity to clear out rubbish from an interesting wall feature and to cut back brambles and trim the hedge a little.

At the end of the day volunteers were wet and cold but satisfied with having made a real difference to this very popular area. Praise and thanks was received from several dog-walkers and from the one intrepid boater moving that day.

The group will continue to work at Red Bull and move down the flight and along towards Wheelock, looking to bring the whole of the Cheshire Flight up to a high

standard progressively over the next three years; a time scale that should ensure we can keep up the standard set to date.

If you have got a few hours and fancy helping out a friendly team, you would be most welcome, just contact work party organizer, Andy Hellyar-Brook.

Lower Peak Forest Canal Work Party

On 21st March, IWA Manchester Branch volunteers arrived on the Lower Peak Forest Canal for the Branch's monthly work party. The weather was cold and wet, but this did not deter the group who quickly got ready to start work at Bridge 1. The aim was to get to the junction with the Ashton Canal by lunchtime, having litter picked the route along the way. Working hard, the volunteers had filled twelve litter bags by the time they reached the picnic area opposite the museum and filled further ten at this spot before heading home for the day.

First Burslem Port Work Party

IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch started up a new work party at Burslem Port on the 24th February. The Branch was unsure how many would turn up and relieved when four volunteers did show up to help. It then got even better when David Dumbleton of the Burslem Port Trust arrived with another five young people who were nearby litter picking as part of a

community payback scheme.

With a healthy number of volunteer it was possible to split into two groups, with the payback team and their supervisor litter picking near to the wharf and the rest of the group planning to clear trees and vegetation at the junction with the Trent & Mersey Canal.

A week before the work party a fibreglass boat moored at the end of the branch had been destroyed by fire after its two occupants had unwisely decided to refuel a petrol generator on board the craft, resulting in an explosion. They had survived but their dog was not so lucky. Many of the boat contents had been thrown onto the bank and so added to the already huge pile of litter that had accumulated in this area while they had been moored there. It had been agreed with CRT that it would collect this rubbish at the same time as the destroyed boat was removed so some of the volunteer bagged the smaller items and left them near to the bank for easy collection.

The main task for the day was to start cutting back trees and other vegetation that had built up since the site was last tidied up as part of a Future Jobs Fund scheme in 2010. The group used an assortment of hand tools and soon the site was looking very different. Two volunteers from a CRT volunteer group based at Etruria, who we had met at Middleport Pottery a couple of weeks earlier joined us mid-morning and made good headway working along the waters edge.

Unfortunately strong gusts of winds meant that it was difficult to keep the fire going so most of the cuttings were stacked up for burning another day. The day briefly threatened to turn worse when hailstones started to fall but they only lasted a few minutes and the rest of the day remained dry and mild.

The group finished just before 4pm and on crossing the canal via Newport Lane Bridge, were happy that it was clear to see what a difference had been made. The church tower in Burslem was visible from the towpath once more and whilst there is still a lot to do the site was already looking better.

IWA West Country Branch Get a Taste for Hedge Laying



Photo: Results of volunteers' hard work at IWA West Country Branch work party (photo by Mike Slade)

On 28th February eleven volunteers attended IWA West Country Branch's regular work party on the Bridgwater & Taunton Canal. Four of the volunteers had a hedge laying taster course, with a view to signing up for a full day's training later in the year. This would enable the Branch to carry out a hedge laying project in the Autumn.

The remaining volunteers continued creating a dead hedge from the vegetation they had cut back from the towpath.

IWA Chester & Merseyside Branch Complete Vegetation Project

IWA Chester & Merseyside Branch's work party on 28th February was a good close to the month, with eleven volunteers helping out. The Branch finally completed the clearance of overhanging vegetation along a stretch of the Shropshire Union Canal that they had begun in Chester in December 2014, which included the rediscovery of the lost offside bank copingstones at Union Terrace (Chester Cow Lane Bridge). Throughout the project, the volunteers were especially careful to leave a selection of suitable areas for wildlife habitat.

Waterway Events

Major IWA events in 2015

2nd - 4th May 2015 - IWA Canalway Cavalcade, London

30th - 31st May 2015 - IWA Trailboat Festival, Cumbria

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/Clean-up Events

March

3rd March Work Party - Northampton (IWA Northampton Branch)

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

7th March Work Party - River Gipping (supported by IWA Ipswich Branch)

7th - 8th March Work Party - Chelmer & Blackwater (IWA Chelmsford Branch & Essex WRG)

11th March Work Party - River Gipping (supported by IWA Ipswich Branch)

11th March Work Party - Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal (IWA Birmingham, Black Country & Worcestershire Branch)

12th March Work Party - Uttoxeter Canal (IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch)

14th March Work Party - Bridgwater & Taunton Canal (IWA West Country Branch)

18th March Work Party - River Gipping (supported by IWA Ipswich Branch)

19th March Work Party - Trent & Mersey Canal (IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch)

20th-23rd March Work Party - Rugeley (IWA Lichfield Branch)

21st March Work Party - Greater Manchester (IWA Manchester Branch)

22nd March Work Party - Hatton (IWA Warwickshire Branch)

22nd March Work Party - Northampton (IWA Northampton Branch)

24th March Work Party - Burslem Arm (supported by IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch)

25th March Work Party - River Gipping (supported by IWA Ipswich Branch)

27th March Work Party - Congleton (IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch)

27th March Work Party - Erewash Canal (supported by IWA Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Branch)

28th March Work Party - Erewash Canal (IWA Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Branch)

28th March Work Party - Chester (IWA Chester & Merseyside Branch)

28th March Work Party - Bridgwater & Taunton Canal (IWA West Country Branch)

29th March Work Party - Sheffield & Tinsley Canal (IWA South Yorkshire & Dukeries)

April

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

7th April Work Party - Northampton (IWA Northampton Branch)

8th April Work Party - River Gipping (IWA Ipswich Branch)

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

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

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

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

17th-18th April Work Party - Milton Keynes (IWA Milton Keynes Branch)

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

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

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

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

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

28th April Work Party - Burslem Arm (supported by IWA North Staffordshire & South Cheshire Branch)

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

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

Upcoming Towpath Walks

March

3rd March Waterside Walk - Fradley Junction (IWA Lichfield Branch)

4th March Waterside Walk - River Foss (River Foss Society)

15th March Waterside Walk - Limehouse, Thames, Docklands (IWA Towpath Walks Society)

18th March Waterside Walk - Stratford Canal (IWA Warwickshire Branch)

April

5th April Waterside Walk - Llanthony Lock & Over Basin (IWA Gloucestershire & Herefordshire Branch)

5th April Waterside Walk - Regent's Canal, King's Cross to Hitchcock's Hackney (IWA Towpath Walks Society)

7th April Waterside Walk - River Foss (River Foss Society)

19th April Waterside Walk - Thames & Severn Towpath (IWA Gloucestershire & Herefordshire Branch)

19th April London Towpath Waterside Walk - Regent's Canal, King's Cross to Granary Square (IWA Towpath Walks Society)

26th April Waterside Walk - The Olympics to the 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 - Five issues for £5

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

I Love Meet and Greet Ltd - 15% 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

UltimateBerths.com - Free Listing

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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