

BROADSHEET

Magazine of the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal Society



Debdale Lock

Photo by Graham Booth



*Volume 61
Number 672
December 2019*

*Price £1
Free to Members*

Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal Society 2019-20

President: Steven Gray (wharfinger@blueyonder.co.uk)

Vice Presidents: Ann Pollard, Jean Dobbs, Peter Freakley, Dere Overton,
Geoffrey Whittaker JP, Robert Cox, Liz Osborn, Carol Aldridge and C Dyche.

Secretary

Ann Pollard 01384 376585
8 Firmstone Street, Wollaston,
Stourbridge DY8 4NT
sunbeam2@btinternet.com

Treasurer

Christopher Dyche 01384 375582
65f Platts Crescent, Amblecote,
Stourbridge. DY8 4YY
christopherdyche@hotmail.com

Membership Secretary

Colin Beard 01384 918774
14 White Harte Park Kinver, Staffs, DY7 6HN
email.kinverpooky@gmail.com

Conservator

Fred Cooke.
Orchard House.
Old Lane, Wightwick,
Wolverhampton. WV6 8DQ
Tele 01902 761441. Mob 07711 392442
freddiecooke@googlemail.com

Broadsheet Editor

Ian Cowdale 01902 820197
31 Church Hill, Penn, Wolverhampton WV4 5PD
ian_cowdale@hotmail.co.uk

Colin Cartwright
34 Swinford Way
Swinon
Dudley
DY3 4NE

Work Parties

Vacant

Society Sales

Vacant

Cruising Officer

Vacant

Non-Committee Posts

Raffles

Peter & Ann Cuthbert 01902 753733
55 Green Lane, Aldersley, Wolverhampton WV6 9HX

Cruising Awards

Ann Pollard 01384 376585
sunbeam2@btinternet.com

Length Scheme

Derek Overton 01746 718571

Education & Resources

Carol Aldridge

Website

Bari Pollard
www.pchelperathome.co.uk

Committee Meetings

Committee meetings held at the Bonded Warehouse, Stourbridge starting at 7:30,
usually second Wednesday of the month—open to committee members only.

BROADSHEET

Editor: Ian Cowdale 01902 820197 ian_cowdale@hotmail.co.uk

DTP: Steven Gray 01384 827745 wharfinger@blueyonder.co.uk

Advertising: Colin Cartwright 01384 292881

Printing: Rotary Printers Ltd, Stourport. On Severn. 01299 823839 studio@rotaryprinters.co.uk

Copy deadline: 20th of the month preceding issue

The contents of this magazine are printed as a matter of information for members of the SWCS but may not necessarily be the official policy, or opinions of the Committee. No item may be used without the prior consent of the editor, except for comment by other Society magazines

CONTENTS

Page

5	<i>Editorial.</i>
6	<i>2019 Cruising Awards December Meeting at Bradmore</i>
7	<i>I.W.A announces new chairman</i>
8	<i>Tree down at Debdale Planning permission for canal restoration</i>
9	<i>Leeds inland port plan approved</i>
10	<i>B.C.N.S Chillington Wharf Interactive Panorama New regional director for Wales and South West announced</i>
11	<i>Montgomery Canal photo exhibition opens at Welshpool</i>
14	<i>CRT Boat licence fees for 2020-21</i>
15	<i>Flood averted at the Bonded Warehouse Swans rescued after oil spill in Walsall</i>
16	<i>Dredging of the River Parrett</i>
17	<i>Thousands of fish re homed from Lancaster Canal</i>
18	<i>Survey shows younger people more likely to trust charity chief executives</i>
19	<i>Stoppages and Restrictions</i>
22	<i>Membership renewal</i>

Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal Society

Registered Charity number 243702

www.swcanalsociety.co.uk

Presented by: JOHN TURNER

J. & H. Trimmings

BOAT CANOPIES, BOAT, CAR & CARAVAN TRIMMING
HOUSEHOLD UPHOLSTERY – MOTOR CYCLE SEATS

Ashwood Marina, Greensforge, Kingswinford, West Midlands DY6 0AQ
Telephone: 01384 279527



Licensing through Ruth will help
the Stourbridge Navigation Trust
and also further the aims of the Society

ALL BOATS NEED A LICENCE

Renew yours with:
Ruth Dyche
65F Platts Crescent
Amblecote
Stourbridge
West Midlands
DY8 4YY
Tele 01384 375582

WHY NOT GIVE HER A CALL!



The Team At Ashwood Marina Offers a Comprehensive Package of Facilities and Services to Complement Our Beautiful Moorings:

Want to Sell Your Boat?

Due to a successful sales period, we are now looking to replenish our stock of Narrowboats and Cruisers. We offer a caring service and competitive brokerage fees

New Boat Sales:

We work with you to build the boat of your dreams for a highly affordable price. Sailaways also available - www.perrydalenarrowboats.co.uk

Used Boat Sales:

Wide range of narrowboats and cruisers covering all requirements and budgets. For new and used details go to www.ashwoodcanalboatsales.co.uk

Visit www.ashwoodmarina.co.uk for more info or call 01384 295535

Service & Repairs:

Taking on the smallest of jobs, such as changing a fuse; to the largest such as hull refurbishment, stretching, engine overhauls, painting and sign writing etc.

Re-Fits and Re-Sprays

Ranging from changing a door, to fitting a bathroom, to full fit out and re-spray.

Craning & Docking:

A monthly service, giving ample time for engine and blacking works to be completed.

Mooring & docking facilities available for DIY blacking and fit out work.

Call Steve on 07767 698495

Ashwood Marina is located on the Staffs & Worcester Canal between Rocky and Greensforge Locks



Ashwood Marina, Kingswinford. DY6 0AQ. Tel: 01384 295535
info@ashwoodmarina.co.uk . www.ashwoodmarina.co.uk



CREATING
DESIGN &
PRINT SINCE
1970

www.rotaryprinters.co.uk

MITTON STREET STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN DY13 9AA

01299 823839

COPYWRITING • BROCHURES • BANNERS • BRANDING • ADVERTS • LEAFLETS • PADS
BUSINESS CARDS • LETTERHEADS • FOLDERS • BUSINESS STARTER PACKS • EMAIL FOOTERS
NEWSLETTERS • INVITATIONS • WEBSITES • WEDDING STATIONERY • POSTERS • LOGOS



Follow us on:



Home Cooked, Freshly Prepared
Bar Meals With Real Chips.



THE CROSS KEYS - Filance Lane, Penkridge ST19 5HJ
Tele: 01785-712826 + 07810080668

Martin Brookes

FOR ALL YOUR MARINE WORK

On the Stourbridge Canal, between Stourton and Wordsley Junctions

*Coach Painting - Boat Building - Fitting Out - Compliance Work
New Installation - Engine Servicing - Repairs - Welding
Hull Blacking - Breakdown Call Out Service*

***Diesel Tank cleaning and fuel filtering with minimum need for drilling
or cutting or emptying tank Mobile or at Wharf Service***

Bookings for Wharf Cranage NOW available

**All Work Personally Undertaken
Waterways Craft Guild Accredited**

**Free no obligation quotation
07802 444370 or mb.tramp@btinternet.com**

Editorial

Welcome to the December edition of Broadsheet and the last month of 2019. This suddenly was brought home to me when I set up a folder to store material for next month's Broadsheet labelled '2020'!

You will find in this issue, a reminder of our Cruising Award scheme. If you haven't got a reference to the Cruising Award rules from a previous edition, they will be re-published in the January Edition. This will still give you plenty of time to submit your log to Ann Pollard or any other Committee member by the end of January.

For the Christmas event at Bradmore our entertainment is curling, courtesy of Rosemary and Glyn Phillips which should keep members both entertained and challenged during the evening. Importantly, it still allows time to socialise. More details about the evening can be found in this edition.

In case you have missed it, the recently release 2020-21 boat licence fees have been published by the Canal and River Trust can be found inside. No real surprises, as their survey outcomes previously indicated that there would be a overall general 2.5% increase with an additional premium being phased in for wide beam vessels.

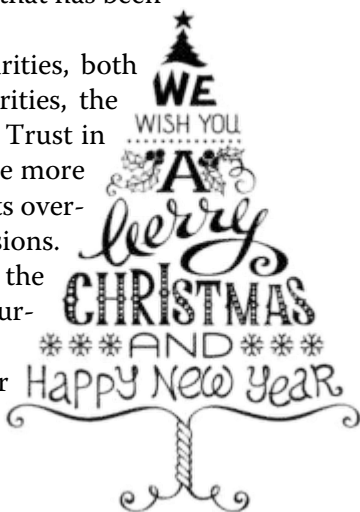
No-one can have missed the fact that rainfall this Autumn has been higher than average which soon shows up any weaknesses in our watercourses. A reference to the near miss in Canal Street in Stourbridge is recounted in this issue. National news has reported on rivers overtopping their banks, especially in South Yorkshire, which has resurrected calls for more dredging to take place. You will recall the Somerset Levels floods of 2014, but possibly not the resulting action. Inside you will find reference to the work that has been undertaken on the River Parrett since then.

Many waterways interests inevitable involve charities, both large and small. Really aimed at the larger charities, the recently released Ipsos Mori Veracity Index 2019 Trust in Professions Survey reports that younger people are more likely to trust charity chief executives, and also lists over-all how trusted they are compared to other professions.

A summary can be found in this issue. Timely for the 12th December, politicians are included in the survey.....

In case I don't see you at Bradmore in December for our Christmas celebration, may I take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 2020.

Ian Cowdale



2019 Cruising Awards

If you wish to enter your log for an award it must be presented to Ann Pollard, our Cruising Awards Officer, not later than 31st January 2020. There is a fee of £3 which must be paid to Ann Pollard with the submission and, if you want your logbook returned by post, then please submit a suitable wrapping complete with postage, with the logbook. For those of you who do not have them to hand, the cruising award rules and scoring system will be published in next month's edition of Broadsheet.

Thank you,

Ann Pollard

December Meeting at Bradmore

Monday 9th December 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start

This year we are holding a Curling Evening at Bradmore, courtesy of the organisation of Rosemary and Glyn.



If you are coming along would it be possible for you to bring some form of "finger" food to contribute to our refreshments at this Christmas Social meeting.

Anything that you enjoy eating will be very acceptable. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided as usual.

Thank you

Ann Pollard



IWA Announces a new Chairman

IWA News - 19 November 2019

Following a Trustee meeting on Saturday 16th November, Paul Rodgers has been elected as the Association's new National Chairman with immediate effect.

Paul succeeds outgoing National Chairman, Ivor Caplan who, after two years at the helm, has decided to focus on areas of particular interest including heritage, navigation and planning.

Paul brings a wealth of business and volunteering expertise to the role. He is Chairman and Founder of European payments community, Vendorcom and has a background in marketing, strategy development and community building. He first volunteered for IWA in 2014, when his wife persuaded him to go on week-long Canal Camp with her and since then his involvement has grown.

Commenting on Paul's appointment, Neil Edwards, IWA's Chief Executive says, "Paul brings a new perspective, having been a volunteer working across our Waterway Recovery Group sites, such as the Cotswold Canals, as well as a member of our Marketing Committee. He is an entrepreneur with a flair for getting straight to the heart of what matters. His business and leadership experience will take IWA forward to the delivery of our strategic objectives, starting with the plans for our 75th anniversary year. "I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ivor Caplan for his service as National Chairman and for the commitment and energy he has brought to the Association during his time in the role, and will continue to bring to IWA in many other roles."

Paul has big plans for IWA and is looking to capitalise on IWA's unique position in terms of its independence, heritage, perspective and diversity of interests as a way to shape and facilitate the future regeneration of the waterways.

I am honoured to have been elected by my fellow trustees to help lead the next stage in the development of our Association with the support of our staff team, volunteers and members.

"IWA has a proven track record of delivering for the waterways and has the depth of experience needed to build on the past to ensure the correct route is taken for the future. As an independent organisation, it is able to be objective and take a flexible approach in tackling a wide range of competing demands across waterways interests. IWA is able to speak authoritatively on all issues and deliver effectively when action is needed.

"My aim as National Chairman is to continue to build on IWA's reputation, developing well-thought-out, strategic and active campaigns which will result in the regeneration of the waterways to benefit all users, influencers and stakeholders for the remainder of the 21st century – and beyond."

Tree down at Debdale

A large oak has fell into the canal on Monday 25 November between Debdale and Wolverley. Local staff and volunteers have already managed to remove much of the obstruction. The remaining trunk and branches which are estimated to weigh about three tons are planned to be removed by contractors who have the appropriate heavy lifting gear. In the meantime the canal is privileged to be home to its own version of the Loch Ness Monster. I hope the picture reproduces well, as you can clearly see the head of the 'monster' poking out of the water.

photo - Paul Polowyj



Planning Permission for Canal Restoration

The Montgomery Waterway Restoration Trust has received planning permission for the reconstruction of Schoolhouse Bridge, near Oswestry in Shropshire. Current restoration, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, will see the waterway reopened to Crickheath Basin, leaving just two miles of dry canal in Shropshire. Schoolhouse Bridge is on this section and is the last road blockage before the Welsh border.

The canal was abandoned in 1944 along with other parts of the Shropshire Union Canal system. The canal's restoration started 50 years ago with a work party in Welshpool drawn from local residents and canal enthusiasts from the Shropshire Union Canal Society and the Waterway Recovery Group.

Donations

"A team from the local canal charities has been working together to promote the next stages of restoration," explained Michael Limbrey, chair of the Montgomery Waterway Restoration Trust. "In the last three years our Restore the Mont-

gomery Canal appeal has raised most of the money we need to rebuild Schoolhouse Bridge though we are still keen to receive donations to complete the funding.

"This really will be one of the most exciting projects on the Montgomery Canal and indeed on any of the canal restorations around the country," he continued. "Now planning permission has been obtained, we are pressing ahead with the design details for final approval."

It is hoped work will begin in 2020.

Leeds Inland Port Plan Approved

BBC News - 7 November 2019

Plans for a multi million-pound inland port to take half a million tonnes of freight off the roads have been approved.

The inland route using canals and rivers is designed to take freight from North Sea ports into the centre of Leeds at Stourton Wharf. Harbour master Stuart McKenzie said one barge could carry the same load as 17 lorries. The Canal & River Trust is now looking to secure £3.4m for the scheme.

Leeds City Council has given full planning permission and officials at the trust are now speaking to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority - which represents councils in the area - about funding and a planned start on the scheme in 2020.

Goods coming to West Yorkshire from Humber ports and Goole on the road networks currently have to travel about 62 or 35 miles respectively. Leeds City Council said it was "a real step forward in helping to shape the city's greener, cleaner future".

Revealing the designs for the port, the Canal & River Trust said aggregate - material normally used in construction - would be the first goods to be delivered to the site.

'Quietly and smoothly'

Other goods and container freight would be brought along the waterways as the scheme developed, the trust said. Sean McGinley, of the trust, said: "Our plans [are] to realise Leeds inland port which will have capacity to take up to half a million tonnes of freight traffic off the roads."

Mr McKenzie added: "It's a much more unobtrusive means of transport - one barge can carry the equivalent of 17 lorry loads. "That will cruise down the waterway quite quietly and smoothly, it's not like 17 lorries trundling through the city centre."

West Yorkshire Combined Authority has not commented on the plan or funding application.

Birmingham Canal Navigations Society

Chillington Wharf – Now Online!

The first interactive panorama, of Chillington Wharf, is now on the website. <https://bcnsociety.com/chillington-wharf/>

It's a former railway interchange basin in Wolverhampton, close to Horseley Fields Junction. You will have seen it from the BCN Main Line. The entrance to the wharf is blocked, and the wharf is on private grounds, with no public access.

In 2016, photographer Harald Joergens created the interactive panorama. Many thanks to DBSchenker/Wolverhampton Steel Terminal for supervised access to the site!

It's now online, with a bit more information. Chillington Wharf features also in Andy Hunters video "Lost Basins of Wolverhampton".

More interactive panoramas should come online in the next few weeks:

- The BCN from central Birmingham down to Salford Junction
- Lapal Canal – planned route for restoration
- Bradley Locks – planned route for restoration
- Historic narrowboat Swallow
- Historic steam narrowboat President

New Regional Director for Wales & South West Appointed

Canal & River Trust News - 21 November 2019

Mark Evans has been announced as the new director for our Wales & South West region.

Mark is currently head of Waterside Moorings, the Trust's directly managed moorings business, and interim head of the Trust's waterway museums at Gloucester and Ellesmere Port. He joined the Trust over four years ago as waterway manager for the Kennet & Avon Canal. Mark will be taking up the role in January 2020.

Julie Sharman, chief operating officer at Canal & River Trust, said: "I am delighted to announce that Mark Evans has been appointed as director for Wales & South West. In the last year Mark has shown strength and versatility in his leadership of both the moorings team and museums. I am confident that he will inspire and unite the excellent team in Wales & South West."

Mark Evans said: "I am looking forward to taking up this exciting role as director for Wales & South West. I am particularly proud to be able to represent the Trust in Wales because of my own Welsh heritage, and to take on responsibility for the region which also includes the Kennet & Avon, Bridgwater & Taunton and Gloucester & Sharpness canals, and the magnificent Gloucester Docks and River Severn."

Montgomery Canal Photo Exhibition opens at Welshpool

A touring photo exhibition that shows off the beauty of the Montgomery Canal is coming to Welshpool Library this month. Taking place from 4 November to 17 December the exhibition brings together photos taken by members of the local community with a great selection of pictures showing the canal being widely used for a range of leisure and recreational activities.

The photos also show amazing local views of the 'Monty' and a narrowboat being built and decorated by young people. There is also an area dedicated to restoration of the canal with the focus this year being on the winding hole, a turning point for narrowboats, at Crickheath.

The canal is currently being restored by local volunteers as part of a £4 million Montgomery Canal restoration project being funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Known for its outstanding natural beauty, wildlife and heritage, the Montgomery Canal runs for 35 miles through England and Wales. Currently around half of the canal is navigable but work is underway to bring further stretches back into use.

Sylvia Edwards, Montgomery Canal community development officer at the Canal & River Trust, said: "The Montgomery Canal is such a lovely waterway and is a must visit for anyone in the local area. This exhibition really showcases the beauty of the canal and highlights all the work the volunteers have done so far in restoring this wonderful waterway.

"Research shows that being next to water makes you feel happier and healthier so, after your visit to the exhibition, why not come and see first-hand our restoration work, chat to our volunteers and find out more about this restoration project."

The exhibition is at Welshpool Library, Brook Street, Welshpool, SY21 7PH. The Library is open:

Mon 9:30am - 6:30pm

Tue 9:30am – 5pm

Wed 9:30am – 1pm

Fri 9:30am - 4:30pm

Sat 9:30am – 1pm

The library is closed Thursday and Sunday.

Visit Your local Chandlery

For a wide range of marine, caravan
& leisure equipment.



**Parkgate Lock, Teddesley Road
Penkridge, Staffs, ST19 5RH
T 01785 712437**



**Open 6 days a week
Monday - Saturday 9.00am - 5.30pm**



E & O.E. All prices include VAT

- Expert technical advice
- Friendly welcome, ample car parking & easy mooring
- Top brand names all under one roof
- Monthly special offers throughout the store
- Save 15% with our Bonus Club Card. (conditions apply)

5% Discount

**Available
for all
Members**



* only available on production of a valid
Staffs & Worcestershire Canal Society membership card
(no further discounts apply)

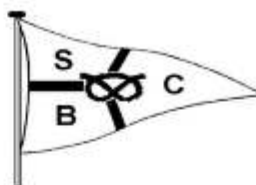
A Warm Welcome Awaits You At Our Stores...

London Road, Braunston, Northants, NN11 7HB.
Parkgate Lock, Teddesley Road, Penkridge, Staffs, ST19 5RH.
The Wharf, Preston Brook, Warrington, Cheshire, WA4 4BA.
Mercia Marina, Findern Lane, Willington, Derbyshire, DE65 6DW.



**T 01788 891401
T 01785 712437
T 01928 751800
T 01283 701445**

STAFFORD BOAT CLUB



**DO YOU NEED TO PAINT YOUR BOAT OUT OF
THE WATER OR IN A HEATED WET DOCK ?**

**WANT TO HIRE A ROOM FOR A SEMINAR
WITH MULTIMEDIA PROJECTOR OR TO
CELEBRATE THAT SPECIAL OCCASION ?**

**NEED COAL, DIESEL BUG TREATMENT, LOO
BLUE, SACRIFICIAL ANNODES, RED DIESEL,
PUMP OUT, PLASTIC CARD PRINTING,
GARMENT PRINTING, BANNER MAKING AND
MUCH MUCH MORE ?**

*Why not give us a ring or visit our
website for more information and prices.*

www.staffordboatclub.co.uk

Telephone 01785 660725

Fax 01785 662222

Stafford Boat Club, Maplewood, Wildwood, Stafford. ST17 4SG

CRT Boat Licence Fees for 2020-21

We are announcing today that headline private and business boat licence fees will rise by 2.5% from 1 April 2020. As previously announced in March 2018, following our national boat licence consultation, a number of changes will be made to licence fees over five years.

From 1 April 2020, a 2.5% 'prompt payment' discount (reduced from 5%) will apply for those who pay on time in full, and a new 2.5% discount will apply for those who manage their payments online including, for the first time, for boaters paying by direct debit. This means that boaters who may not be able to afford to pay in one lump sum will also be able to benefit from a small discount on the full licence fee.

In addition to the current length-based pricing, from April 2020 we will start the phased introduction of additional pricing bands for boat widths over 2.16m (7ft 1"), as announced in March 2018, with a surcharge of 5% applied until March 2021 (when it will increase to 10%). This means that boats over 2.16m wide will be subject to an increase in licence fees of 7.6% overall from 1 April 2020.

Jon Horsfall, head of customer service support, said: "Income from private boat licences accounted for around 10% of our annual income last year, and helps ensure that we can carry out the vast amount of work needed to keep the waterways available to boaters."

"We know that not every boater is in a position to pay their licence in a single payment so we're pleased to be able to extend a portion of the previous 'prompt payment' discount to those paying by direct debit, as well as all those managing their payments online. We'd encourage boaters to sign up to online licensing to benefit from the 2.5% discount."

"The changes we're making to boat licensing are intended to ensure the financial contribution made by boaters towards the cost of looking after the waterways is spread fairly across the boating community. We are staggering the changes for wider vessels that we announced last year over a five-year period from 1 April 2020 so there's no sudden impact on any boaters."

More information on boat licences is available on the boating section of our website.

Flood Averted (just!) at The Bonded Warehouse

The Bonded Warehouse News - Nov 2019

The Bonded Warehouse (currently housing a partly assembled Santa's Grotto) had a narrow escape last Thursday (14 Nov) night when the River Stour burst its banks; the flood water reaching half way across Canal Street and coming up the road drains. At the time there was no more than two inches of clearance under the bridge across to the old Evans & White factory and beyond the bridge, the area recently cleared by the land preparation work was a wide flooded plain. Thank goodness for all the land preparation work for the new development which has probably saved us from a more serious flood.

We are in debt to Ann Pollard, one of our Trustees (and a moorer) who asked a volunteer (John Ganner) and her husband Gareth to attend site at lunchtime to put the defence barrier in the basement – they were both soaked due to the heavy rain and we are very grateful to them indeed in taking this action.

The stable block on the opposite side of Canal Street from the warehouse suffered some water ingress but there was no major damage, though it is a bit whiffy as it gradually dries out. The basement of the Bonded Warehouse was checked on the following morning and everything was fine other than just a very small amount of mud showing on the inside of the door – Santa continues !! Phew !!

Swans Rescued from Canal after Oil Spill in Walsall spreads miles

Birmingham Live - 5 Nov 2109

The Canal & River Trust are working together with the Environmental Agency and the RSCPA to clear the spillage from the Wyre and Essington Canal - the source of the oil remains a mystery

A large stretch of the Wyrley and Essington Canal in Walsall has been contaminated by oil. Three swans have had to be rescued from the greasy sludge as environmental charities desperately try to clear the waste.

The clear up began last week (October 29), but the thinly spread oil is proving a challenge to remove from the waterways. Covering a vast nearly two miles of the canal, the oil spill has spread **between Sneyd in Walsall up to the Birchills Junction**.

Canal & River Trust West Midlands has teamed up with the Environmental Agency and RSPCA in a bid to protect as much of the surrounding wildlife as possible. A spokeswoman for Canal & River Trust West Midlands said: "We were alerted to the oil spill on the Wyrley & Essington Canal in Walsall by a member of the public last Tuesday (October 29).

"Since we have been trying to mop up the spill using special absorbent pads. These pads are placed on top of the oil and are designed to absorb the oil like a

sponge. The problem we're having is the oil is spread thinly proving hard for us to contain and, being so thinly spread, the oil isn't being easily absorbed by the pads.

"The oil spill now covers around 3km of canal from **Sneyd in Walsall to Birchills Junction** – the point the Wyrley & Essington Canal meet the Walsall Canal. "We have been in close liaison with the Environment Agency to try and work out where the oil may have come from – it may have been dumped in the canal or entered through our drainage system. "We've also been working with the RSPCA and so far three swans have been rescued from the oil spill. We are hoping the oil will soon start to naturally break down and disperse in the water." Canal & Trust West Midlands stressed the importance of not "dump stuff down the drain and instead dispose of it responsibly". The spokeswoman added: "It can end up polluting our waterways, harming wildlife and damaging the local ecosystem. It can also be costly to clean up."

Dredging of the River Parrett on the Somerset Levels is a Major Spectacle.

See how it's being done for Somerset Rivers Authority by the Parrett Internal Drainage Board and contractors WM Longreach in this short video.

The work is reducing flood risks for up to 200 properties across a wide area. The Environment Agency and Natural England are closely involved – and the SRA is using Growth Deals money from the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership.

Work started in autumn 2014 following the March 2014 floods and as at the end of October, more than two-thirds of the dredging has now been done. It's on course to be finished by the end of November 2019

Reinstatement of features, monitoring and ecological improvements will continue for at least another year. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0rQ66KHlnPs>
or go to YouTube and search on 'Dredging the River Parrett'



Thousands of Fish Re-homed from Lancaster Canal

Canal & River Trust - 18 November 2019

We've started work to repair Lune Embankment on the Lancaster Canal, investing nearly £1.5 million refurbishing the 200-year old stretch of canal.

In order to carry out the much-needed repairs, the iconic Lune Aqueduct will be drained, and a team of fisheries experts will brave the cold water to remove as the fish, including roach, perch, eels, chub and bream. The fish will be safely rehomed in another stretch of the canal. A 240-metre section of the canal bed will then be relined with a man-made liner which is a modern take on the clay that would have been used to help keep the canal watertight 200 years ago when the Aqueduct was first built. The towpath will remain open throughout the work which is expected to be completed by March 2020.

Built by canal engineer John Rennie between 1794 and 1797, the Lune Aqueduct is architecturally one the finest aqueducts in England, carrying the Lancaster Canal over the River Lune on five semi-circular arches each of 70ft span.

Graham Ramsden, project manager at Canal & River Trust said: "The Lancaster Canal is one of the North West's most popular canals used by thousands of boaters who visit each year and is a valuable resource for the local community who use it every day as an amazing place to go for a walk, cycle or simply to get away from it all and get close to nature.

"For a number of years there had been minor seepage from the canal bed where the stone aqueduct joins the soil embankment. By investing this money we're not only protecting the historic fabric of the canal but ensuring that people can continue to spend time by the water which we know from research is so important for people's health and wellbeing."

Known as the 'black and white' canal, the Lancaster Canal originally connected Kendal to Preston and was built to transport coal barges north from Lancashire's coalfields and limestone south from Cumbria. It is one of the country's few coastal canals. Built along the natural lie of the land it offers 41 miles of lock free cruising, the longest lock-free stretch in the country.



Survey Shows Younger People more likely to Trust Charity Chief Executives

Third Sector - 28 November 2019 by Rebecca Cooney

People under the age of 45 are more likely to trust charity chief executives to tell the truth than their older counterparts, according to new research.

The Ipsos Mori Veracity Index 2019 Trust in Professions Survey found that 58 per cent of people under the age of 45 believed charity chief executives would tell the truth. Meanwhile 58 per cent of people aged 45 and over said they would not trust charity chief executives to tell the truth.

The face-to-face survey of 1,020 British adults aged 15 and over, which was conducted in late October, found that overall trust in chief executives had fallen slightly since last year – with 45 per cent of people overall saying charity leaders were likely to tell the truth, down from 48 per cent last year.

Gideon Skinner, research director at Ipsos Mori, told *Third Sector* he considered this to be only a very small reduction. The survey, which has been running since 1983 and looks at a range of professions, has only included charity chief executives since 2015, Skinner said.

In 2015, 47 per cent of people said they trusted charity leaders, which rose to a high of 50 in 2017. Skinner said: "These are small changes over the five years and I would see that as a reasonably stable picture."

The study also found that charity chief executives were less trusted than doctors, who 90 per cent of people said were likely to tell the truth, teachers (89 per cent), the police (81 per cent), the ordinary person on the street (76 per cent) and members of the clergy/priests (65 per cent).

But it found they were more trusted than bankers (43 per cent), estate agents (30 per cent), journalists (26 per cent) or government ministers (17 per cent). The most trusted professionals were nurses (95 per cent) and the least trusted were politicians generally (14 per cent).

Trust in charity chief executives was higher among Labour voters (54 per cent) than among Conservative voters (36 per cent) and was higher among remain voters (51 per cent) than leave voters (34 per cent).

People with degrees were also more trusting of charity chief executives, with 55 per cent saying they were likely to be truthful, compared with 31 per cent of those with no formal qualifications. This was the biggest gap between degree holders and those without qualifications of any profession.

Canal & River Trust Stoppages and Restrictions

Wton Trail - Staffs and Worcs

Starts: 14/03/2020 11:00

Ends: 14/03/2020 13:00 inclusive

Type: Event

Towpath closed? No

We are pleased to welcome the return of Wton Trail on Saturday 14th March 2020 between 11am and 1pm. The run will start at Bridge 64 Alderseley Turnover Bridge and will finish at Bridge 44, Giggetty Bridge. [Read More »](#)

Bridge 29, Kinver Water Pipe Bridge and Lock 11 Kinver Lock, Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal

Starts: 17/02/2020 08:00

Ends: 13/03/2020 16:00 inclusive

Type: Navigation Closure

Reason: Repair

Towpath closed? Yes

Lock 11, Kinver Lock: Carry out gate replacement and repairs, chamber brickwork repairs, quadrant and ladder works. Kinver Water Pipe Bridge, Bridge 29: Third party contractors, Alfred Bagnell & Sons, will be grit blasting and repainting a gas main.

Lock 30, Wightwick Mill, Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal

Starts: 27/01/2020 08:00

Ends: 14/02/2020 16:00 inclusive

Type: Navigation Closure

Reason: Repair

Towpath closed? No

Grouting works are to be undertaken within the lock. This will require a pontoon to be fixed across the lock, in order to inject grout up the sides of the lock walls.

Culvert below Botterham Weir and Lock, Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal

Starts: 06/01/2020 08:00

Ends: 14/02/2020 16:00 inclusive

Type: Navigation Closure

Reason: Repair

Towpath closed? No

A closure is required to carry out repairs to a significant void on the offside below Botterham Lock and associated culvert/by-wash works. .

Lock 10 Whittington Lock, Whittington, Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal

Starts: 06/01/2020 08:00

Ends: 14/02/2020 16:00 inclusive

Type: Navigation Closure

Reason: Repair

Towpath closed? No

A closure is required to carry out gate replacement and general repairs. Please note the new start date for this closure.

Lock 15 Rocky Lock, near Kingswinford, Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal

Starts: 06/01/2020 08:00

Ends: 06/03/2020 16:00 inclusive

Type: Navigation Closure

Reason: Repair

Towpath closed? No

Carry out gate replacements and repairs, chamber brickwork repairs, landing and ladder works. Please note the revised dates for this closure.

Lock 16 Greensforge Lock, Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal**Starts:** 06/01/2020 08:00**Ends:** 28/02/2020 16:00 inclusive**Type:** Navigation Closure**Reason:** Repair**Towpath closed?** No

A stoppage is required to replace the lock gates and carry out repairs to the chamber brickwork, paddles, quadrant and lock ladder. .

Lock 7, Wolverley Court Lock, near Kidderminster, Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal**Starts:** 06/01/2020 08:00**Ends:** 14/02/2020 16:00 inclusive**Type:** Navigation Closure**Reason:** Repair**Towpath closed?** No

A stoppage is required to undertake gate replacements and repairs, brickwork repairs and ladder works. Please note the new start date for this closure.

Stourport Narrow Locks 1, 2, 3 & 4, Stourport-On-Severn, Staffs & Worc Canal**Starts:** 06/01/2020 08:00**Ends:** 13/03/2020 16:00 inclusive**Type:** Navigation Closure**Reason:** Repair**Towpath closed?** No

Essential repair works will be carried out along this section at the Narrow Locks. This will include gate replacements, chamber brickwork, sandstone, and ladder repairs at Lock 1.

Lock 37 Filance Lock, Penkridge, Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal**Starts:** 04/11/2019 08:00**Ends:** 13/12/2019 16:00 inclusive**Type:** Navigation Closure**Reason:** Repair**Towpath closed?** No

Repairs to lock the wall and brickwork at Filance Lock. The navigation will be de-watered to facilitate the works.

Off-side construction site Cable Street Bridge, Monmore Green, Wolverhampton**Starts:** 02/12/2019 08:00**Ends:** 20/12/2019 18:00 inclusive**Type:** Advice**Reason:** 3rd Party Works**Towpath closed?** No

Portadams will be installed into the canal to enable the construction of three separate surface water discharge points along the site canal side boundary. The towpath and navigation will remain open with users managed safely through the works as and when necessary.

Lock 14 and Lock 16, Wolverhampton, Old Main Line**Starts:** 04/11/2019 08:00**Ends:** 13/12/2019 16:00 inclusive**Type:** Navigation Closure**Reason:** Repair**Towpath closed?** No

Work at both Locks 14 and 16 will include gate replacements, chamber brickwork, quadrant, quoin and ladder repairs. .

Stourbridge Navigation Trust Ltd.

Registered Charity No. 1094294

Merry
Christmas

SANTA BOAT TRIPS



BONDED WAREHOUSE

Canal Street, Stourbridge DY8 4LU

14th/15th, 21st/22nd/23rd
DECEMBER 2019

Free Parking



TICKETS £9.50 each

Child: Boat Trip & Present

Adult: Boat Trip, Mince Pie & Drink

BOOKING ESSENTIAL: 01384 395216

Membership Renewal

Just a reminder about Membership Subscriptions:

Membership renewals have come in well this year so far, but there are still some outstanding. Renewals were due on 1st April 2019. Our membership subscription again remains unchanged, as follows:-

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP £13.00

COMBINED MEMBERSHIP £13.50
(e.g. Husband & Wife)

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP £1.00
(up to 18yrs of age)
& those in full time education

Remittance in the post should be addressed to:
14 White Harte Park, Kinver, South Staffs, DY7 6HN.
or passed to a Committee member at Bradmore

Thank you
Colin Beard
Membership Secretary

SIGNS & SYMBOLS

TRADITIONAL SIGNWRITING & VINYL GRAPHICS
PICTORIAL & HERALDIC ARTWORK
145 Birmingham Street. Stourbridge. DY9 7PP
email:- signsandsymbols@hotmail.co.uk



DAVEPERKS.signsandsymbols@hotmail.co.uk

PHIL JONES

**HATHERTON MARINA, HATHERTON JUNCTION,
STAFFS & WORCS**



DRY DOCK, CRANEAGE, GRIT BLASTING, PRESSURE WASHING

HULL BLACKING, STERNGEAR, ANODES, ETC.

STEELWORK ALTERATIONS, LENGTHENING, OVERPLATING.

NARROWBOAT BROKERAGE & SALES

BOAT SAFETY EXAMINATIONS & REMEDIAL WORK

VINTAGE AND MODERN ENGINE SALES, REPAIR AND INSTALLATION

Tel/Fax: (01785) 715988 Mobile: 07831 153028

The BONDED WAREHOUSE



Canal Street
Stourbridge DY8 4LU

Rooms For Hire To
Suit All Occasions

Visitors Welcome
Tele 01384 395216

Email: Stourbridge-trust@btconnect.com

Stourbridge Navigation Trust

Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal Society

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please return to
Mr Colin Beard, Membership Secretary
14 White Harte Park
Kinver
Staffs
DY7 6HN



YEARLY SUBSCRIPTION (1st April-31st March)

Please tick appropriate option

- | | | |
|--------------------------|---|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Single Membership | £13.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Combined (eg husband & Wife) Membership | £13.50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Junior (up to 18 years of age) and those in full time education | £1.00 |

- New members joining 1st April to 31st August pay the full rate
- New members joining between 1st September & 31st January pay half the above fees.
- New members joining between 1st February & 31st March pay the full rate for up to 14 months membership.

Full Name

Address

.....

Post Code..... Telephone.....

Email

- ☐ I wish to receive Broadsheet by post
- ☐ I wish to receive Broadsheet electronically

GIFT AID DECLARATION

☐ I am a UK tax payer. I would like the Society to treat all membership subscriptions and donations I make as Gift Aid Donations until I notify you otherwise.

Note: You must pay an amount of income tax or capital gains tax equal to the amount we reclaim on your subscriptions & donations. Remember to notify us if you no longer pay tax or wish to cancel this declaration

WATERWAYS INTERESTS. Please Indicate

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angling | <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Archaeology | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking |
| Boat Name | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Work | |

Registered Charity No 243702

Diary Dates Bradmore Meetings

A series of talks and presentations, usually waterways orientated but with occasional eclectic contributions on a variety of other subjects - open to the public free of charge.

Meetings held at the Bradmore Community Centre, Birches Barn Road, Wolverhampton starting at 7:45pm,

Monday 9th December 2019

Christmas Celebration at Bradmore

Curling courtesy of Rosemary And Glyn Phillips

See page 6 for more information

Monday 13th January 2020

Dave and Angela Clark - The Holt Abbott canal boat Jemima

Monday 10th February 2020

Edwin Fasham - subject TBA

Monday 9th March 2020

Glyn and Rosemary Philips - subject TBA

Events

Santa Boat Trips

The Bonded Warehouse

14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd December

Electronic Broadsheet

We are now making all future copies of Broadsheet and loose inserts available electronically. This would be by "opting-in" for those members who choose to receive Broadsheet electronically.

There is no intention of discontinuing the sending out of "hard copies" of Broadsheet to other members.

Please contact Steve Gray with your name and e-mail address if you wish to "opt-in" to receive Broadsheet electronically in future.

Email wharfinger@blueyonder.co.uk

Note:- Your email address will only be used by SWCS and will not be passed on to any third party.



Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal

46 Miles and 43 Locks
From Stourport Basins
to Great Haywood Junction

