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Editorial

Happy New Year! No snow (so far) and we have experienced some lovely days through the Christmas period, so I hope you have taken the chance to venture onto the canals either on foot or by boat.

From the cover you will probably have already guessed that over Christmas I went for a walk around Great Haywood and Tixall on a clear day to take some pictures. The one I eventually chose for the cover was surprisingly not the usual view along the line of the Trent and Mersey, but a view of Haywood Bridge from the Staffs and Worcs, as I liked shadows of trees caught in the foreground.

It is pleasing to report that our Christmas Indoor Curling event at Bradmore went ahead as planned and was again well supported and enjoyed. Thanks to everyone who supported it and made it such a success. A brief resume of the evening can be found in this issue.

This time of year often presents me with a challenge to find suitable material for Broadsheet, but I have been pleasantly surprised by several emails I have received, all of which have been published inside. One was about our member, Cliff Sherwood's Lifetime Achievement Award, for his work with the Dudley Canal and Tunnels and of course the Trust. So congratulations to Cliff on this recognition. Another couple were about a request for back copies of Broadsheets from the 1950s and 1960s and another about the BCNS support for the Bradley Canal Restoration Society. Finally there was one about proposed work to the Bratch Lock Cottage to ensure it is preserved for the future.

Another group that were pleased that the weather was not too 'deep and crisp and even', were the Santa Trip Team at Stourbridge. They looked to be running about at maximum capacity up to the Monday before Christmas. This is a magnificent achievement which raises both valuable funds and of course profile of the Bonded Warehouse and Trip Boat.

As it is the start of the year, (and my 15th year as Editor of Broadsheet) I would like to pass on my thanks to everyone who have generously contributed material to Broadsheet over this period and encourage you to continue, or start to do so. It makes my job so much easier if I have relevant material to hand.

Finally, you have until the end of January to submit your cruising award entry. Further details including information on awarded points can be found inside this issue.

Ian Cowdale

2019 Cruising Awards

If you wish to enter your log for the 2019 award it must be presented to Ann Pollard, our Cruising Awards Officer, not later than 31st January 2020. There is a fee of £4 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. The cruising award rules and scoring system are published in this edition of Broadsheet.

Thank you,

Ann Pollard

2019 Cruising Award Rules

Please find below the award rules for the cruising year 2019. 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 £4 which must be paid to Ann Pollard with the submission. If you want your logbook returned by post, then please include a suitable wrapping complete with postage.

AWARD QUALIFICATIONS

In the calendar year commencing 1st January 2019, to have completed any three of the qualifying gatherings and/or cruises, one of which must be a Society event (A - C) and to have earned a minimum of 800 points.

- The member claiming the award must be aboard for all the qualifying points.
- Minimum standard lock points required = 300

QUALIFYING GATHERINGS

- A. To have officially entered the Society's Summer Gathering and stayed for a minimum of 24 hours.
- B. To have attended the Society's Spring Gathering.
- C. To have attended the Society's Autumn Gathering

QUALIFYING CRUISES

- To have navigated the entire Stourbridge Canal, in either direction. Note: This includes the Stourbridge Arm, the navigable section of the Fens Branch to Brockmoor Junction and the Stourbridge Extension Canal.
- To have navigated a minimum of 30 different miles of the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal.

STANDARD POINTS

On specified BCN waters listed below:-
Wyrley & Essington (Horsley Fields to Ogley)
Walsall (Birchalls to Pudding Green)
Daw End / Rushall (Catshill to Rushall)
Anglesey (Chasewater to Ogley)
Tame Valley (Tame Valley to Salford)
Wednesbury Oak Loop (Workshops to Deepfields)
Digbeth Branch (Aston to Bordsley)

- Two points for every mile travelled.
- Two points for every lock passed through.

On all other waterways:

- One point for every mile travelled.
- One points for every lock passed through.

BONUS POINTS

(NB. Bonus points are not doubled)

- All standard points earned in the periods 1st January to 31st March and 1st October to 31st December are doubled.
- 15 bonus points to Titford Pools.
- 10 bonus points for each passage of the 'Wolverhampton 21' flight of locks.
- 15 bonus points for navigation on the River Weaver.
- 10 bonus points for navigating to the end of any dead end canal. Note: This bonus can be applied once only for each dead end

PROOF

All logs must contain proof of reaching the recorded destinations. Examples would be dated signatures, photographs, identifiable receipts of purchases etc.

Thank you

Ann Pollard

New Member

Please can we welcome a new member to the Society:

JULIAN SOUTER of COVEN HEATH

Thanks & Regards,

Colin

December 2019 Christmas Celebration at Bradmore

The annual SWCS Christmas get-together took place at Bradmore on 9th December. The main activity, (apart from eating, drinking and talking), was an indoor curling competition kindly organised by Rosemary and Glyn Phillips. It proved an enjoyable activity and as usual there was an excellent turnout of members. Members also excelled themselves with their contributions of food.

Ann and Peter Cuthbertson organised the raffle with their usual efficiency and provided plenty of prizes to go round.

If you are interested, with a lot of luck, yours truly managed to win the competition, though the skills of everyone noticeably improved throughout the evening. Well done and thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Ian Cowdale

Bratch Lock Cottage

Dear Ann and Chris

It's been a while since we last spoke as I mainly deal with the Roundhouse at the moment. I do hope you are both well.

I am sure you are aware that the lock cottage at The Bratch has major conservation issues because it was shot-blasted many years ago to remove the paint off it. We are at a point that unless we do something to the brickwork then it will deteriorate beyond repair. The cottage is currently vacant and is very cold and damp inside due to the porosity of the brickwork.

We've secured internal funding to undertake major repairs to the cottage and the main proposal is to render the building with lime mortar and paint it white. We will need planning permission to undertake the works although listed building consent is not required as the lock cottage itself is not listed. The lime render will protect the brickwork from further deterioration and will also provide insulation to the cottage making it a much better place for new tenants to live. Ultimately the proposed render will safeguard the future of the cottage and attract new tenants.

Can you advise the Canal Society members about the proposed works. I, or another member of the heritage team would be happy to discuss the proposed works in more detail.

With kind regards

Lizey

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Request for Early Editions of Broadsheet

From: Alarum Theatre Heather <heather.wastie@alarumtheatre.co.uk>

Subject: Still hunting for back copies of Broadsheet

Hi Ann & Chris

We have found some interesting articles relating to women in back copies of Broadsheet. The copies we have actually perused were all at Ellesmere Port, but we have also searched the catalogues for Wolverhampton and Dudley Archives. Neither seem to have anything prior to 1962.

Would it be possible to send an email to members or put something in the next edition of Broadsheet asking if anyone knows of any early copies? It would be good to track them down for posterity if nothing else, if they exist.

Hope you are all keeping well.

Heather

Otter spotted in Birmingham city centre canal 'for first time'

BBC News - 2 December 2019

Otters have been spotted in a city centre canal for what is believed by experts to be the first time. The elusive mammals were caught on camera near Birmingham's Mailbox shopping centre in November.

acob Williams, from Birmingham and the Black Country Wildlife Trust, said it was "hard to overstate" the importance of the sighting. However the trust raised concerns about pollution in the waterways as plastic was found in the otters' droppings.

For two years, the trust has recorded signs of otters in the local area - they leave strong smelling droppings known as "spaints" to mark their territory and their distinctive footprints have also been seen. Officers spent months installing and monitoring motion sensor cameras along the canal where droppings and footprints had been found. Mr Williams said he "couldn't believe it when one finally appeared on camera".

The wildlife trust said otters have been sighted in Birmingham and the Black Country since 2000 when they were first seen in the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal. However they said this is the first time they have been seen in the city centre. The sighting "shows they have adapted well to the urban environment and living unnoticed amongst humans," according to Tarun Ingvorsen from the trust.

"We have to make sure the waterways are kept clean and healthy," he added, particularly regarding plastic in the canal which the trust said was "as big a concern in our local towns and cities as our oceans".

Canal and River Trust News

News article created on 13 December 2019

Updates on £43.6 million winter works programme

We're carrying out a £43.6 million programme of repairs on waterways across England & Wales this winter. Here's an update on the first six weeks of works and what's coming up in the New Year.

Of the 118 hand-crafted lock gate leaves due to be replaced, over 100 have been made and about half are now on site either having been fitted or about to be put in place. Our teams have completed 14 of the published winter improvement works with another 36 due to be finished by the Christmas break. A further 92 repair and refurbishment projects will be completed in the New Year.



In terms of major projects that we are carrying out, work has

been completed to replace gate cylinders on the Tees Barrage. On the Lancaster Canal, the Lune Embankment is being relined, while on the Macclesfield Canal similar work is being carried out at Palmerston Street Embankment. At Hurlston on the Llangollen Canal, where movement in the lock walls has restricted passage through the lock, we are carrying out work to rebuild the affected wall, halt movement, and increase the width of the lock chamber. Work is ongoing at Winterburn Reservoir, and at Blackbrook Junction Bridge in the West Midlands. In the New Year we have scheduled a programme of works that includes repairs to mechanical swing and lift bridges, embankment relining, and culvert repairs, amongst others. Two pumping stations are also on the list for special attention. Bowyer Street Pumping Station, a key water supply to the Grand Union Canal, will see works to upgrade and replace life-expired pumps. On the Wendover Arm, a similar project at Tringford Pumping Station will replace the pumps, pipes, electrics and gantry.

Dredging has been completed on the Macclesfield Canal and on the Worcester & Birmingham Canal, where we have removed 27,000 tons of contaminated sediment at Titford Pools. Further dredging, bank protection and tree works are planned in the New Year. On the Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal at Pontymoile, 4km of dredging has been completed, with a further 2.2km planned in the New Year.

Spot dredging on the Llangollen Canal is ongoing with around 1700 cubic metres of silt removed from the 2km length between Frankton Junction and New Marton Locks, with some dredgings reused to repair offside erosion. The work will continue into the New Year, along with reactive spot dredging across the country and projects at Sharpness Dock, Ribble Link, Liverpool Dock approaches, and on the Upper & Lower Peak Forest and Chesterfield canals. See 'behind the scenes'

We are also offering people the chance to see 'behind the scenes' at a number of sites. The open days will give visitors access into drained lock chambers on the Grand Union Canal and Trent & Mersey Canal, whilst repairs to the 'Cathedral of the Canals' – Anderton Boat Lift provides an amazing opportunity to get a rarely-seen view of this 'wonder of the waterways'. A number of the events, including on the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal, will highlight our #plasticschallenge which invites people to get involved in helping to stop the flow of plastic litter into the world's oceans.

Trust embark on winter tree and hedge management programme

Canal & River Trust News - 23 December 2019

This winter we are carrying out three quarters of a million pounds of work to tackle overhanging trees and hedges.

The works will focus on preserving navigation and ensuring sightlines are kept clear, rather than cutting back every metre of overgrowth. We actively manages vegetation all year round, but large-scale activities are best suited to winter when the waterways are quieter and disturbance to wildlife is minimised. While most of the national programme of work is carried out by specialist contractors, we are working alongside volunteers to deliver the work.

Matthew Symonds, national boating manager at the Trust, said: "We know how important keeping trees and hedges under control is to boaters and we're committed to tackling those places where overgrowth is causing problems whilst ensuring that important wildlife habitat is maintained.

"We've listened to customer feedback and worked with boaters to identify the places that need the most attention and, this winter, we're investing three quarters of a million pounds into a programme targeting the areas that will make the biggest difference for our boating customers.

"Managing the ever-growing flora across 2,000 miles of waterways is like painting the Forth Bridge, and we welcome every extra pair of volunteer hands. It's really satisfying to see the difference you've made at the end of the day, and being by the water and active can brighten up the dark winter months. Thank you to all the volunteers who will be getting involved."

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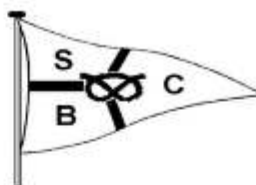
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Work on Toddbrook Reservoir Begins

The Canal & River Trust has announced the first steps in the restoration of Toddbrook Reservoir in Derbyshire, enhancing the resilience of the dam wall and spillway following damage last year.

The works to the dam will be followed in 2020 by improvements to the Todd Brook inlet channel at the head of the reservoir to provide great control over water flow and install a new footbridge. The complete programme is expected to take several years and cost around £10 million.

To secure the dam's auxiliary spillway until permanent reconstruction is undertaken, a protective nib (short wall) will be inserted along the spillway crest ensuring the dam can withstand extreme weather events.

Following damage to the dam in August last year, the masonry weir at the inlet channel was raised by using mesh baskets filled with sandbags. These will be replaced by a footbridge incorporating sluice gates to provide a greater degree of control.

A third fish rescue is taking place to net as many of the remaining fish as possible



before the reservoir is drained further. This follows fish rescues in August and October when thousands of coarse fish were captured and transported to another trust reservoir near Birmingham. In total around 30,000 fish (5 tonnes) will have been rehomed.

Long term plan

The trust has commissioned an independent inquiry into what caused the damage to the dam's auxiliary spillway and is assisting with an independent review commissioned by the government. Both these reports are due to be published early in 2020 and will guide the long-term repair of the dam.

Life Span of 50 Years for Lock Gates

New long-life lock gates are to be trialled on the Kennet & Avon Canal.

The gates are an evolution of the composite gates – made out of steel and timber – that are used in some places on the Canal & River Trust's waterways. In developing the gates, the Canal & River Trust has consulted with the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust about the design and construction.

Made predominantly out of steel, the new gate design is intended to last at least twice as long as a standard lock gate, with an anticipated life span of over 50 years and reduced repairs anticipated.



The new gates contain sacrificial parts making repairs easier

“The canals were built over 200 years ago and it’s a testament to the original engineers that their designs have stood the test of time,” said Richard Wakelen, head of asset management at the Canal & River Trust. “Now, with modern technology, we can trial some improvements that could make things better for boaters while making the best use of our resources.”

The new gates have been designed with sacrificial parts such as the sections where the gates meet to be watertight. Being sacrificial they can be removed and replaced without draining the canal or removing the gates.

The gates are currently being installed at Picketsfield Lock near Hungerford. They will retain the same paddle gearing, the same fixings and the same steel balance beam and so will resemble the current gate giving boaters and visitors the look and feel of a ‘classic’ lock gate.

Bradley Canal Restoration Society

The BCN Society supports the Bradley Canal Restoration Society in their fascinating project to restore a lost canal link.



The photo above shows the handing over of a £1,000 cheque for the BCRS. On the left of the cheque is Dave Pearson, BCRS chairman, and on the right Martin O'Keeffe, BCNS Chairman.

What makes this restoration project so fascinating? The canal is gone, the locks are gone, there's nothing left! On first sight, that is.

True, the canal was filled in, and the locks were filled in. But the locks are most likely still there, just filled with "stuff" that could be removed. The original canal has not been built over, it's on open land. The lower few hundred yards of the canal are still in water, the bottom lock isn't even filled in.

The restored canal wouldn't be "just" a canal arm, a cul-de-sac, it would be a through route from the Old Main Line to the Walsall Canal. Water supply, always an issue with a flight of locks, might be not a big problem – the current Bradley Branch acts as a major feeder for the BCN, where water from old pits is pumped into the canal system at Bradley Workshop.

There is a major obstacle, Bradley Lane. It's a busy road, and crosses the filled in canal close to Bradley Workshops. There is no easy solution, but canal restoration has overcome bigger hurdles!

For more information, please visit the new Bradley Canal Restoration Society website! There is, of course, the excellent Andy Tidy "Canal Hunter" Bradley Locks video on this website. Later this year, we should have a complete virtual tour, from Bradley Workshops to the Walsall Canal on this website, together with lots of information.

If you have any old photos of the Bradley Canal, we would love to see, and, with your permission, publish them, in support of this excellent project.

Feedback from CRT West Midlands User Forums October

From: Tom Freeland <Tom.Freeland@canalrivertrust.org.uk>

Sent: 20 December 2019 14:22

Dear all

Thank you to everyone who attended the October regional User Forums, hosted by Stoke on Trent Boat Club and Coventry Canal Society, or got in touch with your ideas and questions. This is a view of some of the key areas discussed; apologies for the delays in getting this to you.

As requested by several of you, please find attached the two core presentations. The main presentation includes details on who's who in each team, but not individual details, as it's important to us to log enquiries coming in, to ensure we respond promptly and accurately each time. If in doubt, please use enquiries.westmidlands@canalrivertrust.org.uk as a first point of contact, or ring 0303 040 4040 and ask to be put through to the relevant person or team.

The importance of working together on public events was highlighted, and we acknowledged that we haven't always worked with you to help your events, either through preparatory works (clearing obstructions, fixing towpaths etc) or by attending on the day. With our new Community Engagement team now co-ordinating events, and our Area Operations Managers working more closely with you on a local level, together we should be able to provide a great experience for waterways visitors.

We're also looking to build on the success of *Let's Fish* – a joint initiative with angling clubs which has seen thousands try canal fishing for the first time, and hundreds sign up as new club members with the roll-out of a series of *Let's...* activities. A number of you were keen to be involved, particularly in *Let's Boat*, but also *Let's Walk*. We're well into the process of planning our events for next year, so if you'd like to get involved, as an organisation or individual, please let us know as soon as possible.

We're also looking for new Boating Buddies, experienced boaters who'd be happy to take Canal & River Trust staff out for the day to show them what it's really like out 'on the cut'. We're committed to all new staff going out at least once in their first six months, and getting on board throughout their time with us, so we could do with some more boaters to act as hosts. With lots of staff keen to join you, especially from March onwards, we'd appreciate it if you can check out our Boating Buddies page and sign up.

Customer service facilities are very important to our users, especially boaters, and we appreciate that these haven't always been in the best condition. That's

why we made investing in our facilities a priority project for this year, and are investing £120k in improving 6 key sites around the region. Works have already started at Western Road in Stratford, and you can expect to see significant improvements on a number of sites before the end of March.

Looking ahead, there are more ways for you to be able to get involved. We've got one of our ever-popular lock open weekends at Bedford Street staircase in Stoke on 1st and 2nd February – [see website](#) for more details. We're also hoping to have an open day in February on the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct: check out <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/events> for updates on this and other events in and around the region. If you'd like to know more about the Trust's vision and plans for the region, then we'll be holding our Annual Public Meeting in Staffordshire in late February/early March: look out for more on when & where early in the New Year.

Finally, we're definitely looking for more and better ways to keep talking to you in 2020. If you've got an idea for how we can improve the Forums, or for a different way of keeping the conversation going, then please let us know.

Merry Christmas from the West Midlands regional team

Santa appears again at the Bonded Warehouse, Stourbridge

Santa was kept busy again on two long weekends running up to Christmas as hundreds of eager children and adults visited the Bonded Warehouse at Stourbridge to embark on a trip on the 'Blackcountryman' before they experienced the delights of Santa's Grotto, where they were entertained by his 'Little Helpers' before meeting Santa himself. Armed with their presents, they all then went off for drinks and mince pies in the Warehouse.

The Boat and Warehouse was suitably dressed up for Christmas' as were the 'Little Helpers' who ran the boat trips, entertained the visitors in the boat, in the grotto and of course in the kitchen where they provided food and drink for everyone. Many of the appreciative visitors said they had such a wonderful time they would be back next year. Others were veterans, turning up every year with their children and new generations of children.

Santa asked for this thanks to be passed on to everyone who helped over the period and looks forward to seeing you all again next year.

Ian Cowdale

Launch of long-awaited Hire Boat Code consultation

British Marine - 18 December 2019

British Marine, alongside the Association of Inland Navigation Authorities (AINA), has launched the much-anticipated consultation on the proposed changes to the existing Code for the Design, Construction and Operation of Hire Boats, better known as the Hire Boat Code.

The proposal of changes to the Code considers the many advances in boat design, regulation and operation which have occurred since the first Code was published back in 2008, ensuring the licensing framework is fit for the future.

This includes changes to the responsibilities for hire boat operators, hirers and hire boat licensing authorities of sailing boats over 6m LOA and powered boats of all lengths, as well as amendments to key technical standards. Importantly for some hire boat operators, this may incur significant one-off cost implications.

In addition, whilst the existing Code is voluntary, the revised Hire Boat Code is intended to be adopted as mandatory where the licensing authorities have the power to do so.

The Hire Boat Code is jointly developed by British Marine and the AINA, on behalf of industry and the navigation authorities, to help ensure the continued safe operation of hire boats on the inland waterways. It provides the framework for safe business operations, clarification of operators, navigation authorities and users responsibilities. It also helps businesses through consistent application of licensing requirements through the many varied inland navigation authority waterways in the UK.

The consultation on the proposed changes to the Code is the first opportunity for members and the wider industry to review and assess how the changes will affect their businesses moving forward.

British Marine is calling for all impacted operators of hire craft, licensing authorities and hirers within its membership, as well as any others interested in ensuring adequate levels of hirer safety, to participate in this momentous consultation.

Officially launched on 16 December 2019, the consultation will remain open for the next 12 weeks, closing on 9 March 2020. Following this, British Marine, collaborating with the AINA, will produce a summary of views expressed in the consultation and the responses to them within the subsequent 12 weeks of this.

Lesley Robinson, British Marine CEO, commented: "Safety onboard craft is of paramount importance to British Marine and our members and the second edition of the Hire Boat Code will be a decisive step forward for supporting hirer's safety on our waterways.

"The proposal of changes to the Code is the accumulation of eight years of tireless work between us and the AINA and the engagement of all interested parties in this consultation, from hire boat operators and licensing authorities to hirers, is crucial to ensure the revised Code meets their various interests."

For further information on the proposal and to take part in the consultation, visit: aina.org.uk/hireboatcodeconsultation.

Industry Best Practice Launched for Marine Domestic Water Facilities

British Marine- 14 November 2019

Last week, the Industry Specialist Consulting Group (ISCG) has released new Industry Best Practice (IBP) for the marine industry, both inland and coastal, on the safe operation of water facilities in clubs, marinas, boatyards, sailing centres, canals and other inland waterways.



The guidance has been created by both water suppliers and experts from the marine industry with the aim of having safe and practical operations in both the commercial and recreational sectors. As well as providing guidance on the minimum level of backflow protection required in-line with effective control measures, it will contribute towards smarter use of water and have a more positive environmental benefit.

It does this by providing marine operators with a consistent standard of operations, procedures and equipment for the provision and maintenance of domestic water facilities. The intended outcome is to enable water undertakers (the regulatory enforcers) and end users to work together more effectively to safeguard the public drinking water network.

The first of its kind for the industry, the ISCG was formed to provide the recreational boating industry with practical guidance in the safe use and operation of coastal and inland water facilities. It consists of representatives from water undertakers, together with industry experts from British Marine, the RYA, The Yacht Harbour Association and The Canal & River Trust. The group aims to ensure that current and future operations are safer, more efficient and give a higher and consistent safety standard across a wide range of marine operations. Key elements also include the correct labelling of water points and allocating designated areas for boat maintenance which involves the use of water.

Lesley Robinson, British Marine CEO, remarked: "We're delighted to see the introduction of the IBP which will deliver a high level of consistency across the

industry ensuring that all recreational marine activity, whether on a large or small scale, works to the same standards. Importantly, it applies to both inland and coastal operations establishing a better understanding and shared standards across the whole of Britain's boating network.

"The simple IBP guide makes compliance with the water regulations very clear, allowing our marinas, harbours and boatyards operating water facilities to work to the required standards, provide and share their own feedback on any problems or benefits of operations and ultimately, build new sites and update their facilities more easily."

So far Anglian Water, Hyfran Duffyd, Jersey Water, Severn Trent Water and Southern Water all accept the guidance.

Dudley Forging a Future Awards 2019

Hi Ian,

I guess this may have been picked up by other Society Members, if not can you ensure that Cliff Sherwood is congratulated on being awarded the Visitor Attraction Lifetime Achievement Award for his tireless work both in keeping the Dudley canal tunnels open and for work with the Dudley Canal and Tunnel Trust. I am sure Cliff is an inspiration and friend to many Society members, I know Len and I learnt many boating skills from him when we first owned a boat - a cruiser in those day moored in Kinver where Cliff operated trip boat Lynn. We miss seeing Bellatrix around but love a chat with Cliff and family at Society gatherings or when passing through Greensforge lock.

Barbara Parsons NB Wainstones

New Waterways Campaigning Resource

IWA News - 02 January 2020

A new resource is available to waterway campaigners engaging with MPs across all waterways in England, Scotland and Wales.

Our new IWA Directory of Parliamentary Constituencies with Waterways identifies over 400 constituencies which have navigable waterways and/or significant restoration projects within their boundaries. The database is fully searchable by MP name, constituency, waterway and IWA branch, enabling you to work out which MPs you need to contact for any particular stretch of waterway.

This version includes all new and re-elected MPs following the recent General Election. Interested campaigners can sign up to receive a copy of the new resource on IWA's website. Signing up to receive a copy of the spreadsheet will also ensure that you to receive updates as and when new editions of the directory are issued.

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:-

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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 13th January

Dave and Angela Clark - Boats of the 50's and 60's

Monday 10th February

Edwin Fasham - Boats of different sizes

Monday 9th March

Glyn and Rosemary Philips - subject TBA

Monday 13th April

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