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Editorial

After a wet and windy week which probably caused a tree to fall at Hyde, traders, visitors and exhibitors at this year's Stourbridge Open Weekend deserved the wonderful weather they experienced. Both Saturday and Sunday were brilliant and the enthusiastic general public came out in thousands to support it. So well done to the numerous volunteers, boaters, traders and exhibitors who made this weekend so successful. A report of the event can be found inside.

Notable guests on the Saturday were CRT Regional Director Adnam Saif, the Trust Chief Executive, Richard Parry, the Mayor of Dudley Cllr David Stanley and his consort, Cllr Anne Millward all who took the opportunity to walk around and soak up the great atmosphere.

The sad news which I just heard was the death of our Vice President, Alan Emuss, a long standing and supportive Society member. Details of the funeral can be found in this issue.

Yes, it's that time of year again....A reminder that the notice for the 2019 Cruising Awards can be found inside. Get your pictures, notes and log out and see if you qualify for an award, then send it off to Ann Pollard.

Looking forward one month, and plans are being finalised for our Christmas meeting at Bradmore in December. (9th Dec). In the meantime please note the change of speaker for November. Glyn and Rosemary Phillips have kindly brought forward their presentation on the 'Stourport Ring ctd' to November to cover a late cancellation.

The Canal and River Trust manages England and Wales heritage of 3,200km of historic canals and river navigations, more than 1,580 locks, 2980 bridges, 758 major embankments, 1,931 culverts, 73 pumping stations, 4 tidal ports, 335 aqueducts and 72 more reservoirs, They have just released their 2017-19 Heritage Report, a short summary of which can be found inside. One thing that jumps out is that the number of incident damage assigned to being inflicted by boats has dropped by half in a two year period! I'll let you work out how that has been achieved...

For 'Heritage' read 'Old', which more clearly describes this infrastructure we are so passionate about, and the work that is required to maintain them. Inland waterways in the leisure era has always carried a backlog of required work, but it has been recently compounded by the realisation that the UK's whole infrastructure is not up to scratch in the face of climate change.

In the case of Inland Waterways, embankments may be overtopped more frequently or damaged by high flows; bank protection may be more susceptible to washing out and to erosion. Low flows can also cause serious implications for the structural integrity of navigation infrastructure, due mainly to the removal of hydraulic support. The Government has faced calls for an urgent overhaul of flood defences and water infrastructure and to put climate resilience at the top of the spending list. This should not exclude structures under the control of the Trust.

Ian Cowdale

Alan Emuss

We are sad to hear that Alan Emuss, a long standing member and Vice President of the Society passed away recently. Alan was Society Chairman 1980-1983 and President 1989 -1992. Alan and Margaret owned the 'Ice Boat' which was moored for a long time outside their residence at Whittington.

The church service in celebration of Alan's life will be held at St. Peter's Church, Kinver at 3pm on Wednesday November 13th. I understand that a short service beforehand at the Crematorium will be a mainly family event.

Chris Dyche

Alan Emuss 1941 – 2019

Alan was born in 1941 and spent his childhood years in Streatham. He was the 3rd of 4 children, his sister Margaret, being the eldest.

After the war the family bought an old railway coach in Rye Harbour and Alan spent all his school holidays there. This is where his love of water began.

Alan went to Lewisham Technical College where he studied electronics and engineering. He bought a motorbike to travel to and from college. His love of motorbikes grew and he raced in the Isle of Man Senior Manx Grand Prix, where he got a "Finishing Medal". Apparently, lots didn't. Whilst in the Isle of Man he met a like minded enthusiast, Richard, who later became his brother-in law.

Alan came to the Midlands alongside his older brother David, to work at their grandfather's firm, Beckett & Parker, making electrical measuring equipment. During this time, he lived on a wooden joey boat, Endeavour, at Bumblehole, Netherton. Whilst there Glyn and I worked on our first boat, an old Staffs & Worcs ice-breaker called Tug Wilson. Alan and David helped Glyn put a new stem post and several new planks in the hull.

In the mid 60's at a race track in Castle Combe he met up with Richard and his family. It was at this event that he was introduced to Margaret whom he married in 1969. At first, they lived on Endeavour but when we bought Aquarius Alan bought the hull of Tug Wilson, cabined it and renamed it "The Ice Boat".

When Beckett & Parker sold out to another firm David stayed with the new firm but Alan left and set up on his own, "B.P. Instruments". He worked until he was 70, the last few years working from home.

Not long after getting married Alan & Margaret bought the canal side cottage at Whittington where they had their family, Elizabeth, Madeleine and Edward.

Alan was always a busy person and in his spare time began building a steam engine for their boat. This never got finished, however, he remained interested in steam engines and took Margaret's steam bike to many rallies and events accompanied by Graham and Josie Wyles.

Since owning The Ice Boat Alan has been a committee member of the Staffs & Worcs canal society, first holding the post of conservator in 1974, later became

chairman and also played a large part in making the signposts for each junction along the canal, alongside a core team of Alan Smith, Graham Wyles and Glyn. At the time of his death he was Vice President.

Although a lot of their cruising was on the Staffs & Worcs and the BCN they travelled to London in 1975 with us, Ellesmere Port Easter Gathering, Barlaston and Froghall Basin on the Cauldon Canal.

Alan was also heavily involved with the Dudley Little Theatre group, firstly with stage sets and spent many years as Stage Manager.

Latterly Alan developed Alzheimer's and sadly during the summer Margaret, reluctantly found a home close by, where Alan settled well into his new environment and seemed happy there. Sadly, he died there on 21st October, 2019.

Alan has made an impact on so many lives and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Glyn & Rosemary Phillips

2019 Cruising Awards - Notice

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

C & R.T Get Involved

CRT Boaters' Update 18 Oct 2019

Many boaters go the extra mile in helping to keep canals and rivers in good condition by volunteering, donating, or just picking up the odd piece of discarded plastic.

As you're such an integral part of what makes waterways so wonderful, and life better by water, we thought you'd like to know about other ways you can get involved.

As detailed in the last edition our Council elections are about to get underway. We're looking for four private boater representatives to join our Council and the nomination process begins next week (21 Oct) and runs until 18 Nov.]

Canal and River Trust Heritage Report - Summary

The Canal & River Trust has published a report into the state of the waterways heritage, covering financial years 2017/18 and 2018/19.

The Trust formally checks for changes in condition, defects or hazards along each stretch of canal at least once every two months. Chief executive, Richard Parry, believes the report showcases the valued work the trust undertakes to preserve the inland waterways.



"As the Trust enters its eighth year it is heartening to look back across the period 2017–19 and reflect upon our heritage activity," he said. "This has included well-attended open days, ongoing partnerships with other charities like the Transport Trust and the National Trust and the outstanding contribution our heritage volunteers make year-on-year".

"A vital part of the trust's strategy is to connect people with the nature and heritage of the waterways on their doorstep, increase community involvement and inspire young people. In this report there is much to celebrate."

These inspections show that incidents affecting waterways heritage stood at 626 in 2017/18 and 635 in 2018/19, down from 800 recorded incidents in 2016/17, with the most common cause of damage being vandalism. Less frequent are incidents of damage caused by impact from vehicles or boats. In 2017/18 40% of all such incidents were caused by boats, reducing to 19% in 2018/19.

The report also takes a closer look at the number of assets that are on the Heritage at Risk registers. In 2017-19 there were three sites on the Historic England register - Birmingham Roundhouse, Whaley Bridge Transhipment Warehouse and Hanwell Flight in London. The Engine Arm Aqueduct was removed from the register following repair work and work to restore the Roundhouse and the Transhipment Warehouse have continued over the period.

The full 52 page report can be found by searching on: [heritage report 2017-2019](#) or [Link](#) for email recipients.

Canal & River Trust Council elections – boaters needed!

We're looking for boaters to stand for election to our governing Council with nominations opening on 21 October until 18 November.

Council Meeting in Birmingham, September 2018.

The Council is currently made up of 50 elected and independently nominated members together with six Regional Advisory Board chairs. Together they reflect the wide appeal of the waterways – from boating and angling through to walking and conservation. The Council is responsible for the appointment of Trustees, helps to shape policies and provides guidance and perspective to Trustees.

Of particular note, given that this is a boaters' update, is the information relating to private boating representation on the Council:

There are four posts available.

We're including roving traders in the private boating category

To be eligible to put yourself forward as a candidate, you must hold a 12-month canal or river boat licence (including roving traders) on 19 September 2019 and be supported by three sponsors who each meet this criterion.

Nominations are open from 21 October to 18 November. Eligible private boaters will receive an email with a link to the voting portal (this is different to our normal website). Candidates will be asked to upload some information about themselves, a manifesto (200 words), a photo (optional, but we suggest they provide one so their peers can recognise them) and the names of their sponsors. A reminder email will be sent out to those who haven't put themselves forwards. Candidates can start their application form, save it and return to it once you're ready to complete and submit it. You must however submit it by the deadline of 18 November otherwise it won't be counted.

The entire election process is online. If we do not have an email address for private boaters, they will receive a letter but will need to go online to put themselves forward as a candidate. All of the information on how to do this will be in the letter.

We'll announce the results on 25 November.

If the number of candidates is greater than four, we'll open for voting in January. If we receive only four nominations, those individuals will be appointed and the election for this post will end.

Successful candidates will start their term on Council in March 2020.

More information, including FAQs, can be found on our website. If you can't find the answer you're looking for then please get in touch.

Allan Leighton, chair of Canal & River Trust, said: "We are excited to be holding these elections to our Council and I would encourage boaters to stand as candidates. The Council plays a vital role in our governance framework and this is a fantastic opportunity to get involved with our work, find out more about the opportunities and challenges we face, and channel the views of these constituency groups."

The election process will be run independently of the Trust by Civica Election Services.

Newport Canal Dredging Project Commences

Posted on October 21, 2019

The Shropshire Wildlife Trust has just announced that an exciting dredging project to restore Newport Canal back to full health will begin today, October 21. *"After a long and detailed period of investigation and consultation we are very pleased to announce that we have appointed a contractor to carry out the conservation dredging on the Newport Canal Site of Special Scientific Interest,"* the Trust said in the release.

The work will be carried out by WM Longreach, a Bridgnorth based family company, and is expected to last for four weeks, finishing on November 15.

The planned works include:

1. Mobilization on site with placement of the teams welfare hut ; preparatory tree-works; delivery of plant – excavator, dumper and hopper barge;
2. Dredging of canal on town side of Fishers Lock – sediment will be spread in upper section of Strine Park [bundled with soil and allowed to drain and settle – this will be eventually seeded with a wildflower and grass mix];
3. Dredging of canal on upstream side of Fishers Lock and section downstream of Summerhouse Bridge – sediment will be spread in woodland at upper end of Strine Park;
4. Dredging of canal upstream of Summerhouse Bridge – contracting team will enter this area from A41 – sediment will be spread in area of Norbroom Park previously a landfill site;
5. Clearing up, making good and securing the site.

Stourbridge Open Weekend Report

After the preceding week's wet and windy weather, the Stourbridge Navigation Trust's annual Open Weekend festival was complimented by perfect weather on both the Saturday and Sunday. Thousands of visitors made the most of the opportunity and descended on Canal Street and the Stourbridge Arm to enjoy



the experience.

About 100 boats moored along the Arm and there was plenty to see and do. Vintage vehicles, historic boats, steam engines, boat trips, craft stalls, pop-up shops, childrens' rides and music kept visitors entertained, whilst a wide range of refreshments kept them fortified. Other local charities also used the weekend as an opportunity to generate interest.

This is the 36th year the Stourbridge Navigation Trust has run this event which appears to be as popular as ever. Apart from promoting the work of the Trust, the event showcases the unique buildings it operates in Canal Street and provides the local population with free entertainment on their doorstep.

As usual, the event was organised by volunteers interested in supporting the Trust and maintaining this asset to the local community. As last year, much

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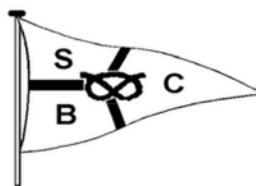
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needed help on the weekend was boosted by the presence of Stourbridge Army Cadet Forces who cheerfully provided assistance with whatever was required.

Thanks also to the Mayor of Dudley and his consort, Cllr Anne Millward; and Chief

Executive of the Canal and River Trust, Richard Parry and CRT Regional Manager, Adnam Saif who kindly came along to support the event on the Saturday.

Perhaps unknowingly to the above CRT visitors, local management had efficiently arranged for the removal of one of the huge beech trees that week, which had fallen across the canal at Hyde on the Tuesday



night. The fallen tree blocked boat access to those travelling to Stourbridge from the South and of course to those generally travelling through. By all accounts boat passage was open again the following day after effective use of large plant and the skilled use of chainsaws.

Ian Cowdale

IWA Festival of Water 2020 to be held on Worcester & Birmingham Canal

Cllr James Stanley, Worcester City Council with Bob Fox from the Inland Waterways Association

August 2020 is a significant date for The Inland Waterways Association (IWA) as it is the start of the organisation's 75th Anniversary year. Where better to start the celebrations than with the annual Festival of Water on the waterway where it all began, the Worcester & Birmingham Canal?

Back in August 1945, Robert Aickman and Tom Rolt met on the canal at Tardebigge, Worcestershire to discuss the need for an organisation to speak for the inland waterways of the UK. It was at this meeting that plans for IWA were developed and then six months later, in early 1946, the IWA was officially formed. IWA's Festival of Water, held over the August Bank Holiday weekend (29-31 August, 2020) is expected to be one of the highlights of the 75th Anniversary celebrations. The festival will be held in Perdiswell Park in Worcester, with all the visiting boats moored along the banks of the Worcester & Birmingham Canal. It promises to be a spectacular event, which is fully supported by Worcester City Council.

"The city is proud to host the 2020 Festival of Water. The Worcester & Birmingham Canal is a fantastic asset, providing a haven for wildlife and an attractive route for walking, cycling and boating," says Cllr James Stanley, Chair of the Communities Committee at Worcester City Council.

"This promises to be a fantastic family event for the whole community to enjoy – we look forward to welcoming boaters from across the UK to Worcester next year."

Alongside the large gathering of boats, there will be a whole host of entertainment including music, food, drink, children's activities, fairground rides and a chance to learn more about the benefits of the waterways across the country. There are some other plans in the pipeline too, with more information being released early in the New Year.

Commenting on the event, Jane Elwell, Chair of Events Committee at IWA says, "The Worcester & Birmingham Canal played an important role in the history of IWA and we think it is a very fitting place to celebrate the start of our 75th anniversary year. Our Festival of Water at Perdiswell Park will not only look back at the past 75 years but also towards the future of the waterways. Check back with us soon for more updates on this very special event."



Spaces for boats and camping (tents, caravans, motorhomes etc.) are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

More information about the Festival of Water can be found on the IWA Website. If you have a specific question, or would like to volunteer over the weekend, please call 01635 414567 or email: event.enquiries@waterways.org.uk.

IWA Updates:

IWA 75th Anniversary As part of the anniversary celebrations in 2020, the BBC&W Branch will undertake a refurbishment of the bench and IWA memorial at the top of Tardibigge. Details of the date and time will be circulated later.

Caggies Yard Many of you will be familiar with Caggies Yard on the new main line below Factory Locks. You may not know that the yard is up for new ownership and if no-one takes over, it may be purchased by a housing developer and the facility lost to boaters. We are consulting with CRT and awaiting a further meeting.

Bradley Canal Restoration Society In the mid-90s Dave Pearson was involved with a feasibility study into restoring the Bradley locks and the infilled canal from the CRT Lock Gate Workshops at the end of the truncated Bradley Canal to join up with the Walsall Canal at Moorcroft Junction, making the Bradley canal a through route again. This report has recently been updated. It appears on the latest CRT “feasible” list of restorations & compared favourably with a number of other schemes falls into the category of a “quick fix”. Mike Palmer of WRG has visited the site and suggests that, split into several sections, it is a practical project. In January this year the remaining canal from Deepfield Junction to the workshops was extensively dredged by Land & Marine and is once more fully navigable, (see “Bradley Dredging 2019” on YouTube). When cruising the BCN Main Line take a little deviation & explore the branch; it really is now easy cruising with some good overnight moorings and easy access to shops.

Titford Pools Dredging by contractors Land and Water has commenced in preparation for festivals in 2021 and beyond.

Chasewater Valve Members will be aware of the long standing problem regarding the valve feeding water from Chasewater into the BCN. This valve is no longer functioning with the result that the feeder has not contributed to BCN levels for several years. In spite of continued reminders from the Branch, resolution between CRT and Staffordshire County Council is no closer.

Lapal Canal Trust Birmingham City Council has approved the planning application for the winding hole adjacent to the junction with the Worcester Birmingham Canal. The site owner, NFU Mutual and most of the shops affected have now agreed to gift the land to the trust to enable removal of the pinch points on the new route. The next big step is to get legal agreements in place.

Roundhouse update We understand that developments are progressing at the Roundhouse with Kier as the framework contractor and Greenford’s delivering the works. The slate roof repairs are nearly completed and the historic brickwork continues to be repointed with lime putty. Openings for the new oriel windows have been made and the glazing will be installed over the next few weeks. This is an exciting time for the Roundhouse operations team who continue to grow.

New venture for BWML

BWML is embarking on a new venture with the launch of floating homes at two of their marinas.

BWML hopes that the new homes at Sawley in Nottinghamshire and Priory in Bedfordshire will appeal to those who would enjoy a life on water but have been put off by the responsibilities of owning and maintaining a boat.

"We understand what a life on water requires and the health and well-being benefits that are gained from such a lifestyle," said BWML.

"The homes perfectly address the gap in the market for those looking to pursue a life on water, attracted by the idyll and tranquillity of waterside living but with the responsibility of owning a boat and cruising the waterways."

The 21 new homes are available for purchase only and can be lived in all the year round. If the launch proves successful then more may be introduced to other UK marinas.

The new venture represents a 'significant' investment by BWML.



Art project in Worcestershire wins a national award.

Worcester News – 20th Oct 2019

'The Ring' has been declared 'best large scale arts and cultural event' in this year's Canal & River Trust Living Waterways national awards. Members of the project team collected the award at a ceremony in Birmingham.

'The Ring' was a celebration of the 21-mile circle of natural and historic waterways that make up the Mid-Worcestershire Ring, commissioned by the Canal & River Trust as a part of their 'Arts on the Waterways' programme.

Linking the Droitwich canals, **Worcester** & Birmingham canal and the River Severn, the route flows through the urban and rural landscapes of Worcester and Droitwich. Between March and October 2018, new art, literature, music, talks and workshops were presented for local people and visitors to enjoy.

Artistic director Cathy Mager said: "We were delighted to win this prestigious national award as we were up against some tough competition. Our team, artists and volunteers worked so hard to create and deliver this ground-breaking programme."

HS2 review could be delayed until December

New Civil Engineer – 24 Oct 2019

The independent review of High Speed 2 could be delayed until December *New Civil Engineer* understands.

Transport secretary Grant Shapps is understood to have called in the chair of the review Doug Oakervee and prime minister Boris Johnson's transport adviser Andrew Gilligan to request they push back the publication date.

The review had previously been expected to have been published by the Autumn, with an initial report mooted to have been given an approximate date of October 16 to be submitted to the Department for Transport.

The advisory panel to the independent review into HS2 has also been asked to sign new non disclosure agreements (NDAs) in an attempt to stop ongoing leaks, *New Civil Engineer* can reveal. The new confidentiality commitments come after Shapps told Parliament's transport select committee that media speculation about the review and its outcomes was "completely untrue".

New Civil Engineer understands that within the Department for Transport (DfT), there are concerns that the review may be unable to address the issues raised within its terms of reference with sufficient thoroughness and could be open to potential challenge.

Speaking in Parliament, Shapps said: "Budget watchers will recall over the years, autumn can stretch into December. With Brexit we may have to let that process play out and then let members [of Parliament] concentrate on an issue like this [HS2] after."

Railway engineer Michael Byng has told the Oakervee review that his revised cost of the project based on the recent Stock take exercise undertaken by HS2 chair Allan Cook at £103bn in 2015 prices.

Additions to the cost, estimated in the Stocktake at £88bn, are a further £8bn to correct under-estimated property values and well as a potential £3bn for additional electricity infrastructure to power the new railway. Byng also costed £2bn for depots for the line.

The Department for Transport has been contacted for comment.

Birmingham Canal Navigations Society

BCN Explorer Cruises

5th May - 13th May & 18th May – 25th May

After the success of our many previous cruises, it is the intention of the Society to hold two cruises in 2020 to encourage boaters to explore the Birmingham Canal Navigations. *We have found that many boaters like the additional security of cruising in company with other boaters and particularly enjoy the social side of informal gatherings and organised activities at the designated mooring locations.*

*Priority will be given to boaters who have **not** been on a BCNS Explorer Cruise before.*

The Explorer Cruises will take the routes, as listed below. (subject to alteration if necessary) We continue to encourage the use of the less travelled parts and to discover the pleasures of the little used canals of the northern BCN.

Boaters will meet with the organisers on the day appointed at the Bentley Arm close to the beginning of the Wryley & Essington Canal at an informal gathering to receive the itinerary and discuss the cruise.

The Bradley workshops will be visited on the first cruise along with other guided walks, talks and social evenings. Option to join the BCNS Rally is allowed for.

The planned routes are as follows:

Stops for the night:-

First Cruise

Tuesday 5th: Meet at the Bentley Arm, Wednesfield. Wednesday 6th: Wednesfield to Cannock Extension Thursday 7th: Cannock Extension to Longwood Boat Club. Friday 8th: Longwood Boat Club to Walsall Basin. Saturday 9th: Walsall to Wolverhampton. Sunday 10th: Wolverhampton to Bradley Arm. Monday 11th: Bradley Workshop to Tipton. Tuesday 12th: Tipton to Titford. Wednesday 13th: Titford to Hawne Basin.

Second Cruise

Monday 18th Assemble at Bentley Arm on the Wryley & Essington Canal. **Tuesday 19th** Bentley Arm to Pelsall and the Cannock Extension. **Wednesday 20th** Cannock Extension to Longwood Boat Club, **Thursday 21st** Longwood Boat Club to Tame Valley Junction. **Friday 22nd** Tame Valley Junction to Birmingham. **Saturday 23rd** Birmingham to Titford. **Sunday 24th** Titford to Tipton. **Monday 25th** Tipton to Hawne Basin.

Applications forms from: Email: bcns.explorercruise@gmail.com

Restore the Montgomery Canal appeal receives £5,000

Oswestry and Border Counties Advertiser- 24th October 2019

The Friends of the Montgomery Canal have presented a cheque for £5,000 to the Restore the Montgomery Canal! appeal. The presentation was made at the group's annual dinner where Chris Bushnell presented a cheque to chairman of the appeal group, Michael Limbrey.

Michael was delighted to receive the donation from an annual fundraising event and said that it would be a real boost to the appeal.

"This donation from the proceeds of the Montgomery Canal Triathlon will be a real boost to our appeal to reopen the canal to mid-Wales," he said. "The Triathlon is organised by the Friends of the Montgomery Canal each year and brings over 200 people from near and far to cycle, walk or run, and canoe the 35 miles of canal from Newtown to Lower Frankton near Ellesmere.

"Entrants tell us how much they enjoy the event and appreciate the arrangements made for them." "The Triathlon obviously involves a great deal of planning, to receive bookings, make those arrangements and to organise more than 70 volunteers to act as marshals and the Friends of the Canal are to be congratulated on the event and on this substantial contribution to our appeal."

And talking about the future plans for the restoration project, Michael added: "The Restore the Montgomery Canal! appeal is working on the next stages of restoration to follow the current work supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund which will reopen the canal to Crickheath Basin, the next point at which canal boats can turn.

"Our first objective is Schoolhouse Bridge, the last blocked bridge in Shropshire. We hope to get planning permission in the next few weeks and are working hard to finalise the technical details so that work can start in the spring.

"The plan for the bridge is as much as possible to use the skills and experience of canal restoration volunteers, who work on projects locally and across the country. This is the only way we can rebuild – the cost of contractors would be much greater than we could manage with voluntary fund-raising.

"We have raised most of our target for the bridge but we are finding extra costs as the detailed designs are being finalised, so every contribution is important and we are still keen to receive donations.

"Schoolhouse Bridge is a vital to the reopening of the canal through Pant to the Welsh border at Llanymynech. "Once it is rebuilt, there will be just two miles of derelict canal to be restored and already expert volunteers are looking at what is needed for that section."

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COMBINED MEMBERSHIP (e.g. Husband & Wife)	£13.50
JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP (up to 18yrs of age) & those in full time education	£1.00

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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 11th November 2019

The Stourport Ring Continued

Glyn and Rosemary Phillips

Monday 9th December 2019

Christmas Celebration at Bradmore

Monday 13th January 2020

Dave and Angela Clark - The Holt Abbott canal boat Jemima

Monday 10th February 2020

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Events

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