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Message from the Chairman.

More a message from a sunbed in Croatia! But by the time this goes to print it will be hands-on again.

I have no problem taking 2 weeks away, I know the Committee will be doing a sterling job, something they do week in and week out, I thank-you all.

Things have moved on a lot since I became Chairman last October, the Trust have secured more land along the route, and this could well result in a co-operative with other Societies to acquire shared mechanical means to service our needs and maintain the stretch.



The cottages at Draycott have changed beyond recognition since we secured them last July and another open day is being discussed to show the work done and the work needed. What is obvious is that we need more practical help, bricklayers, plumbers, electricians etc. Please contact if you or your company can help, this will save us a lot of money and

time, just look back at how much 16 Sky engineers managed to complete in one day on a recent team building day out, the work is endless but alas, our funds are not.

Sandiacre bottom lock (**below**) should be given the go-ahead in the very near future, and will be an exciting venture.

Putting the stretch at Draycott into water may well be delayed until the Spring of next year, due to planning issues, but with the excellent work being done by the Trust, most problems have been resolved.



Our planned visit by the Waterways Recovery Group (WRG) on 21st July for one week capped non-stop work being done at Borrowash, more news in the next edition, but please visit the crowdfunding page to show your support.

The trip boat on the River Derwent is also planned for next year, with the finer details being sorted, this will be an amazing thing to bring to the centre of Derby and will raise our profile greatly.

Returning to the working parties, the friends that turn out every time they can, continue to amaze me, the time and effort that each and every one provides is priceless, some even turning up at the various shows that we attend to raise awareness, increase membership, raise funds and make new connections – if you are ever bored – give me a call.

WRGies at Bottom Lock.

Membership numbers are looking good, as is our presence on social media, membership shows the wider audience of the belief in our project and aims.



Please remember that you can still present membership as a gift to friends and family at any time of the year, I will not mention the Christmas word, but it is not far away.

As we approach watering our first stretch, closer to restoring the cottages, start work at Sandiacre, restore the lock at Borrowash and maintain more stretches of green corridor into and out of Derby, please join us and spread the word.

We can and will do this.

Eddy.

Restoration Developments at the Trust.

Development Group.

In the last Packet I reported that we were looking to recruit a Fundraising Manager. I hope you have already noticed that we were successful. Laura Wigg-Bailey joined us in April working three days each week. We wanted to achieve two aims:

- To provide experience in trust/grant funding.
- To provide focus on fundraising so that others could focus on delivery of projects.

We had a very high calibre of applicant and interviewed four prospective candidates with Laura winning due to her proactive approach and success record. She comes to us from a few family connections with

canals in Yorkshire and with a record of establishing a museum from scratch in Uttoxeter, raising over a million pounds to date. She has started very strongly and is focussing on:

- Raising matched funding for the Draycott stretch of canal (£280k).
- Raising funding to complete the Sandiacre lock excavation (£35k).
- Crowdfunding for the Borrowash WRG works (£4k raised).
- Creating an overall funding/business plan for the whole restoration, with particular reference to the Derby section.
- Building a team to support fundraising with events, PR and application writing. This includes a funding bid to support her salary and will identify other gaps in the Trust's organisation and capabilities. Contact Laura on laura@derbycanal.org.uk if you can help.

The Canal at Draycott.

The “Golden Mile” in water is ever closer.

In the last Packet we had secured pledges of over £30,000, but this has now risen to £94,000. so we are almost at our £100,000 target. Thank you for your support. The scheme asks for firm written promises to donate *when* we have all other funding in place, so if you haven't pledged yet please help us to pass over the line. Details of how to support us are at

www.derbycanal.org.uk/draycott

No newts but we did find this!

The total cost of the contractors to complete the project was set at £354k. We'd need to add the costs of surveys and planning permission, fences, etc. so we budgeted for £400k. We are now in the throes of submitting the detailed planning permission application outlining our plans for boat access, etc. To do this we have undertaken

wildlife surveys – in particular looking for bats, water voles and of course Great Crested Newts. We have a very knowledgeable and helpful ecologist expert, who has undertaken the surveys. The requirement was to assess the presence of the species so that plans could be implemented during the construction if any were found. Strangely we needed to survey nearby ponds for the newts – they breed in water, but



spend a lot of time on land – so they could be commuters to our stretch of ditch/canal. We were able to undertake DNA testing together with a visual survey using bottle traps overnight. Our ecologist allowed Eddy and me to be his H&S team, so we could save the cost of another expert. The results showed no evidence of any of the species (although we do have resident Sticklebacks) so the work is much easier for us. We have also needed to draw up the plans (thank you to our resident CAD expert Dave Savidge – what would we do without him?) and are to producing a flood management plan – fortunately as the canal water level will be below the surrounding land it should not pose too much of a risk. Perhaps the biggest challenge was what to do about the bridge that is currently used by farmers for access and sits half way along our stretch. (*Originally the site of 'Coffee Joe's Bridge' – don't ask ed.*) We are pleased that Gary Peacock the farmer who rents the land has agreed to access in other ways, despite inconvenience to him. In addition, the landowner – Westermans – has agreed that we can hold off building a replacement (another tenant farmer would not be able to use the same access options as Gary Peacock) as long as we construct it if required. We will therefore plan a soil bridge at the corner of the canal by



Derby Road and hope this temporary bridge is not needed. Without the help of both these parties we may have been looking at a considerably increased budget for the section.

This is the original bridge at this point.

We are also well advanced in our applications for matched funding. Laura took this on as a priority. We had hoped to obtain a single grant from a land-fill tax organisation to fund the balance, but with that being rejected a few weeks ago we have now turned to plan B involving a number of providers. The timing of the work will obviously await the raising of funds and we are planning for the second round of applications to be in place to allow a 2019 start. Laura is maximising our chances of success by pointing out the diversity of benefits to many interested groups and framing our bids using the appeal of a stretch of water to so many interests. We anticipate emphasising how the water will enhance wildlife and will offer to encourage specific protected species, such as water voles, and we will be looking at establishing a bee colony for

adoption by a local school. We will also be looking at how the area will be used by local sports clubs, and have now gained the support of British Canoeing to establish a local club on site as well as ongoing support from fishing clubs. We hope and believe that this will make the argument – supported by such a good local funding contribution – a compelling argument.

The Draycott Canal Cottages.

Since the last Packet and the cottages have changed considerably. Last time we were concentrating on planning our approach, now the focus is very much on restoration.

We have struggled to put comprehensive costings together and this is partly due to the uncertainty surrounding a derelict building – particularly which walls, floors, rafters, etc. are still in good condition and which will need replacing. As far as plans are concerned we have drawings that we think work. We have appointed structural engineers and building control (at Erewash BC) and the current plans suit their requirements.

So our plan has been to take out the uncertainty and rather than try for a full QS costing, which they seem reluctant to give; we have itemised the requirements and worked up an estimate for the whole project. We are lucky that Scott Birkhead has taken on the role of project manager and he has provided his expert knowledge of the elements to consider and the likely price. Scott's knowledge of the trade is also providing some benefits as contacts and favours from his 40 years in the building trade are called in.

We have also decided to use some of our Trust reserves to undertake the early investigative work so we can be certain what needs replacing. Our followers on Facebook or the website will see how far we have progressed with help from our working parties. We have now removed the roof – after establishing with expert advice that the resident bats had relocated for the winter and erecting bat boxes in case they reappeared during the works. The asbestos based corrugated roofing sheets have been safely removed by appropriate experts and volunteers have taken down the three chimney stacks and two sections of wall to the ground.

The wall had lost most of its structure as the wall plate timbers had rotted causing the inner skin to collapse. I had no idea that the trees sprouting from the roof had such long roots. They have really disrupted the brickwork. It was easier to take it down brick by brick and rebuild it on a firm base. Volunteers removed and cleaned around 3,000 bricks so that our bricklayer, Simon, could rebuild them. So now we have all the

walls back and a new chimney stack with all openings now reworked ready to accept windows and doors. Floors have been replaced at one end to allow the roof timbers to be repaired/replaced and the slate roof replaced in September. This will allow us to move the scaffolding to the smaller section and repeat the exercise in October.



So the work undertaken so far gives us some assurance of what will be required for the other part and given this reasonably firm assumption we are now obtaining specific quotes for individual and sizeable/risky elements to prove our numbers. This provides a guide of just over £400k for development costs. This will be affected by the volunteer effort – the more help and skills we can bring to bear the more value we create for the canal restoration.

The plans have been developed and now provide for slightly larger houses and they seem to have attracted local interest. Houses in Draycott don't come onto the market often so we've received three firm expressions of interest from families or investors keen to buy (or rent) one of the houses. In addition, we have interest from a family keen to take over the running of the café, which would generate a rental income for the Trust.

We are also planning a further open day so that locals can see progress to date and to generate more interest in the project and, hopefully, volunteers. This will also provide an update on the history gathering that is being undertaken by a couple of our members on the previous history of the cottages and inhabitants – ready for later display in the museum. Most of the work to date has been repairs to the existing structure, but as we start to work on the commercial aspects we will need to obtain formal planning permission to agree a change of use for the café and meeting space to operate. We have already discussed this with local neighbours so that the solution is acceptable to all and the development is seen as a benefit to the whole community.

We need to raise the loan capital to complete the works. The interest from potential buyers of the cottages shows us it is a commercially viable venture. We are discussing this with several potential funders, but are also inviting funding loans from supporters in return for a market rate

of interest. Payment of any loans would be made from the proceeds of sale of the three cottages in around a year's time. If you have any ideas, experience or interest in this please let me know at chair@derbycanal.org.uk.

I have been asked by some supporters why we should take on such a project rather than concentrate on water, and there are several compelling reasons that we have taken this on?

- There is a potential asset of £1m after development costs, generating a “profit” after development costs of around £400k. This would provide security for financing other canal based projects.
- The renting out of parts of the building will provide an income for investment as matched funding on later projects.
- The building will demonstrate our ability to get things done and enhance our credibility and therefore financial support from the public and grant funding bodies.
- It will provide a base for the Trust, which will enable us to promote the canal interests.



We have been interested in the success seen at the Hereford and Gloucester Canal Trust, who have undertaken a very similar project with remarkable success.

Borrowash.

I'm sure that any local members will have noticed the continued

progress at Borrowash through the weekly working parties and perhaps seen the TV coverage of the WRG visit at the end of July. This has been covered as a Society project managed by David and Keith and will be reported in more detail elsewhere. We are working on the next stages at Borrowash including removal of Alders overhanging the railway line, which are becoming increasingly dangerous, moving the sewer pipe and being ready to accept water when we extend to connect to the Draycott section in a few years time.

Sandiacre Lock Excavation.

Our other project in Erewash is also making progress, albeit slow. We have been revising the quotes for disposal of the lock fill in keeping with the Method Statement agreed with the Council's officer. We have now been in contact with the local waste management company – Wards Recycling, who are based at Ilkeston, and have discussed a better way for disposal. We will also be involved in the operation having been trained by Wards as banksmen. The project is expected to take 2 weeks for disposal with a few days either side in preparation and clean up.

Given the Wards quote we will need a top up grant of £35k and an application for a land fill grant has been made to cover this. We are hoping to work closely with ECPDA and possibly to use their lock cottage facilities to save on the bill. The Erewash have been interested in assisting the project and we will welcome any help they can give.

Derbyshire County Council.

We have made contact with the new Lead for Regeneration at the Council and he has pledged support. He seemed impressed by the cottages and understood the impact a Derby Canal restoration would have on the Erewash canal and Ilkeston, etc.

Perhaps the contact had an impact as we have now completed the purchase of the two stretches of canal from Sandiacre to the M1 and Station Road, Borrowash to Spondon Bourne. This will certainly ease permissions, etc. for the Sandiacre lock restoration, but increases our maintenance requirements.



Excavations at Sandiacre.

Derby City Developments.

As you may have seen the local elections in May resulted in the Conservatives running a minority administration supported by the Lib Dems and UKIP. We have now had a meeting with the new leader, Chris Poulter, a Spondon Councillor for some years, and he has reassured us that we can count on at least as much support as before. Perhaps the most positive sign is that Chris has nominated himself to sit on the Trust

as the Council's nominated Trustee. He will join Greg Jennings our other DCC Trustee, who is now Director of Regeneration for the Council. It certainly gives us an opportunity to make our case.

We continue to argue against the tram to Derby, which it is mooted may take our protected line. There now seems to be more interest in connecting Derby to East Midlands Airport than the tram, but we have seen a move for the Metro Link – a joint initiative between Derby City and Nottingham City politicians to promote the joint area and to make better transport links between the two, this may now lose some support given the change to a Conservative administration in Derby, but we will keep monitoring the situation.

We are also hopeful that the new administration will facilitate us an audience with the developer on the Derby Triangle to discuss the Derby Arm, but this has so far proved elusive. To support this intention we have now completed a video displaying the possibilities for the river development, which we hope will be persuasive and allow them to see the improved development benefit that would result. We are also preparing a business plan for the riverside to indicate the benefits in financial terms and we have a working model of the Arm, courtesy of Rolls Royce trainees, on display in the Local History Museum in the city centre (**above**).



Derwent Trip Boat.

We have also been challenged to make an impact on the river by establishing a trip boat. The Derby City Council Regeneration team would like to see us create some activity on the river by offering a trip boat on the Derwent between the Council House and Darley Abbey. Mike Wingfield has been leading this development and we have now secured a promise of funding of £55,000 to fund an electric boat and landing/charging points. We think we have a safe storage location on the Derwent and have support from the Silk Mill as a possible venue. This would require further volunteer support, but would get us on the map and potentially generate a small income.

We are being helped in this by a number of bodies:

- Rolls Royce trainees are assessing how we should promote the service as one of their team building projects.
- Derby University are helping with the business case by assessing the likely local and tourist demand and by assessing how we should develop our organisation to cope.
- The Innovation centre of the university are also undertaking a project and have offered a specification and supplier for the electric motor to be used.

Spondon Development.

Earlier this year we were contacted by developer – Wheeldon Brothers- who were looking to take on the development by the Clock Garage in Spondon. The plot used to be owned by a local business who delighted us when they submitted and achieved planning permission to develop eco homes and a section of canal back in 2008. Well it looks as though this time it will be developed. Those of you walking the canal path will see that there is activity and surveying taking place.

We have discussed the options because we have outline planning for the whole route. They hold about 80m of the canal path and proposed a stretch of canal acting as an attenuation pond. We have persuaded them that by extending the length along the whole of their site we could have 300m of canal and the attenuation pond would meet council obligations. We are now transferring another stretch (450m) from Anglers Lane running east to their plot. We still have to discuss the financial arrangements but it looks as if the Council will approve this and allow us to make arrangements for our first stretch in Derby. The developer plans to start digging out in early 2019, if we can dispose of around 5,000 m³ of spoil and can complete/restore the walls, etc. If you know of a home for topsoil please let us know!

Trust Communications.

I have to add a vote of thanks to Andrew Baird who has been updating our website for the Trust and working with Jackie Harding, who has taken over Facebook for the Society. We are receiving an increasing following and finally convincing the outside world that things are starting to accelerate. Andrew's updates are always interesting and he's achieved it all despite marrying and travelling to the wilds of Canada.

Other Partners.

The IWA have launched their Restoration Hub, and we are already using it extensively, particularly around the vagaries of insurance and abstraction licences. It is a tremendous resource to have available. Neil Edwards (C E of IWA) even organising insurance cover for us while on holiday – devotion beyond the call of duty – and gratefully received.

With all the activity around us we have recently started to talk to our sister Derbyshire trusts in Cromford, Erewash and Chesterfield about co-operation. Whilst it is still early days, there is tremendous scope for working more closely. As a result we welcomed Cromford volunteers to the WRG camp and plan to reciprocate with their planned Langley Mill Basin extension.

We hope to share expertise, equipment and volunteers. This might also reinforce and support the local IWA branch that tends to be left out when we are all so active with in the local Trusts.

Working Parties.

Can I finish with the now standard vote of thanks to all those dedicated people who turn out to support us at working parties. You all make such a difference to our progress and show the outside world what is possible with some passion and dedication. Thank you.

Thanks also for all those who have supported us however that may be. We have been delighted with the financial support received through donations and pledges. If you haven't been along to a meeting or joined a working party please consider it. We have a great time together and always welcome any new contribution to the effort, however large or small. Please get involved as much as you can in whichever way suits you.

Chris.

COME AND JOIN US.

As anyone who read my previous article in the last edition of The Packet may recall, I came upon the canal trust by chance but was lured into volunteering by my innate pyromaniac tendencies and the promise of a good bonfire or two. I have been actively involved in the work parties for over a year now and can honestly say that I feel fitter than I was although still not as fit as the proverbial butcher's dog! I would like to say that I have lost some weight, but the after-work parties debrief at the

local hostelry on a Sunday has put paid to some of that. I began thinking. What would encourage other people to join us on the work parties?

Perhaps it might be the visible progress that has been made over the last six months. Anyone who has passed by Borrowash bottom lock recently will have seen the brick and stonework replaced (**below**) on the northern gate recess. The southern side recess was also worked on ready for the WRG visit at the end of July. All of this work was been carried out by volunteers, mainly on Wednesdays but also on the



occasional Sunday. We must be doing something right because the volunteer work force has been growing in size, but there still remains plenty of work to do and anymore help would be very welcome.

The pace of work has also been quickening at the cottages at Draycott.

Again, anyone who has passed by recently will have seen the changes. The roof has been stripped and the crumbling brick work taken down to ground level in places. By the time you read this most of the exterior walls have been rebuilt. Once again, the vast majority of the work has been carried out by volunteers, with only one paid bricklayer and outside contractors hired to remove the asbestos from the roof.

Working parties at the cottages take place every Friday and alternate Sundays.

Regular updates on progress can be seen on our Facebook and Twitter pages. Once again volunteer numbers have increased but much still remains to be done.

“What if I am unable to work on a construction site?” I hear some members ask? Well fear not! nature has woken. There remains the essential task of ground maintenance and vegetation control to ensure the areas that have been restored, remain that way. In addition, the Trust has also taken control of two stretches of land from Derbys C.C.

One stretch is at Sandiacre and the other at Borrowash, both stretches need maintaining and enhancing so this is a chance for any budding Alan Titchmarsh or Monty Don to put their wellies on and muck in.

As I have mentioned in the past, there is a great deal to be gained from volunteering. Fitness levels will improve as will your general sense of wellbeing. It's an opportunity to meet other people and form new friendships as well as giving a sense of achievement knowing that you are putting something back into the community.

All of this is done within an atmosphere that is fun and pressure free. Everyone works at their own pace and puts in as much or as little time they feel comfortable with. If you

feel that volunteering may be for you, or if you would like to know more, then call in on one of the work parties for a chat. The dates, times and venues are on the trust website, alternatively leave a message with Eddy Case who is the

working party co-ordinator.

There is a real sense of momentum building, so why not come along and join us? You never know, you might even enjoy it.



Working Parties.

Visit by the IWA / WRG to Borrowash Bottom Lock.

At the end of July, we had a team of volunteers from the IWA / WRG to help us put some finish the stone work at Borrowash Bottom

(Shacklecross) Lock. They gave up part of their holiday to help us. They were on site from Sunday, 22nd July to the end of Friday 27th July, 2018.

They rebuilt the stonework of the top ground paddle areas, along with fitting coping stones to the lower gate recesses and lower wing walls. This was achieved by the use of a spider crane for the week to lift and move the stones, which are up to 2 tonnes in weight. Along with the



great work done by our Working Party group, this completes the lock chamber ready for the gates, once we have water in the system.

There were also extra items to keep them busy during the week.

They installed, along with the rebuilding of the ground paddle area at the top of the



lock, a pair of stop plank channels. These were made by our friends at the Erewash Canal Preservation & Development Association, and lifted into position above the lock, whilst there was a crane on site. These are with the standard that is currently on the CRT system, so are compatible with other stop plank channels on the system.



The IWA / WRG volunteers also rebuilt and restored some canal side stonework. This stonework reduces the width of the canal and supports the towpath and offside of the canal. They also dug out and cleaned the overflow weir that we have found below the lock. This allowed the water level in the long pound between Borrowash and Sandiacre to be

controlled. As no pictures of this control weir exist we didn't know quite what we would find.

The volunteers pay to come on these canal restoration camps, but that only covers their food and transport to site.

The Trust paid for their accommodation, hire of the special crane, scaffolding, and materials required during their stay. Last year, we were one of the chosen charities supported by the local Borrowash Co-op store. The community fund that we received was created by the shoppers in the store selecting our charity to receive 1% of their purchase of own-brand goods.

However, the cost of the accommodation, special crane hire and materials was far in excess of the £2,800 we have received. Hopefully the extra funding of approximately £4,500 for the work, should be paid for by a Crowdfunder appeal started by Laura, our fundraiser, and some input from Derby City Council.

A report of their achievements will be in the next edition of The Packet, along with photographs and reports that will be on our web site, Facebook and Twitter pages.

David Savidge.



Information and Photo Appeal.

Whilst sorting out the rebuilding of the stone work to Borrowash Bottom Lock for the IWA/ WGR visit in July, it became apparent that we lacked some information of the locks and structures on the canal line.

We have various photos of the rebuilding of Swarkestone and Ullicker's bridges and the brickwork of Borrowash Bottom Lock, showing the before, during and after. However, our photograph library doesn't have any pictures of the stone work to the top of Borrowash Bottom lock or any pictures of what was found when the Borrowash Top lock was dug out and refilled.

We have some old grainy pictures of the locks and cottages but very few show details of the stone work, lock gates, paddle gear, by-washes and lock keeper's cottages.

Can you help us put together a better understanding of how the various structures were built and what the paddle may have looked like on the gate as well as above the lock?

Norman Stainthorp, retired curator of the Ellesmere Port Boat Museum, has given me 2 pieces of a ground paddle gear mechanism that he saved from the crumbling Shelton Lock in the 1960s. These pieces of iron work bear no resemblance to the current paddle mechanism that is around the CRT system and we have no pictures or drawings of what these actually looked like.

Any old or new information would be appreciated to enable us to understand what, in some cases, is hidden in the ground.

Please contact me with any information you may have or send me any photos or drawings to my email address below.

David Savidge.

Fund Raising.

As you are aware, the Co-op store in Sandiacre and their *Funeralcare* in Stapleford nominated us for 2018 as one of their supported charities.

Every time a Co-op member purchase selected own brand products or services, 1% of what they spend goes to the Local Community Fund of that store.

When we were asked to apply for part of the charity fund available from the Sandiacre stores, we looked at the future work that the volunteers may need to do. It was clear that we will need something to move various items on the sites, like soil, vegetation and tools, and it was also required to be able to operate on the narrow restored towpaths. A small wheel base dumper truck fitted all the requirements, and we found that we could purchase a fairly new used dumper truck for under £5,000.

If you are a Co-op member and use the Sandiacre stores, please nominate us as your charity and buy the Co-op's own brands between now and the end of October.

There is a link to the membership website that shows our application and the money raised. <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/15111/>



If you are not a Co-op member, you can also donate to our Dumper Truck Fund, either via the website or direct to our Treasurer, Chris Rees Fitzpatrick.

We will be talking to the other stores on the canal route to see if we can be part of their charity support fund, for work on a sections of the canal near to the particular store and I hope you can help by shopping at the stores or by donating to help move our project plans forward.

David Savidge.

Our Crowdfunder Laura (see below) has raised £4,000 to help restore Borrowash bottom lock, which is a fundamental part of restoring the Canal.

We not only want pledges but we also hope it will encourage local people to be involved, as many of our rewards are all about showing people behind the scenes and encouraging a more long-term relationship with our supporters.

She is now trying to get a picture of why people support us and how. By completing this questionnaire, you are helping us gauge the feeling about regular giving amongst people who already support us.

We promise the information you give is anonymous and is for research only. We thank you for taking the time to help us with this. We invite you to complete the survey online to save the Society the cost of printing. We appreciate that not everyone uses computers and the internet but everyone's views are important to us so if you would like a paper copy please let us know.

You can also complete the survey by following this link (If viewing this on your email).

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RCZM977>

We are making every effort to achieve our mission to restore the Derby & Sandiacre Canal and have recently appointed Fundraising Manager Laura to help secure the vital funds we need.

"We've had great fun making our video for the project and it has also led to us doing some Facebook Live broadcasts from our work party days which shows people what volunteering for the Trust is all about" said Laura.

The Crowdfunder website is a way for us to reach different people and spread the word about the Derby restoration on a different platform, but the only way to reach our target is by an organic, word of mouth spread of the campaign and so **we are asking that you directly to share this link** wherever you deem appropriate e.g. your private email signature or your personal FB or Twitter pages. That way people who care about you can support something you care about.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/i-want-my-canal-back>

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To restore the Derby & Sandiacre Canal as near to the original route as possible in order to promote wellbeing for the local communities who use it, to conserve and enhance the ecosystems within it and spread economic development throughout the restoration process and into the future. We're a bunch ...

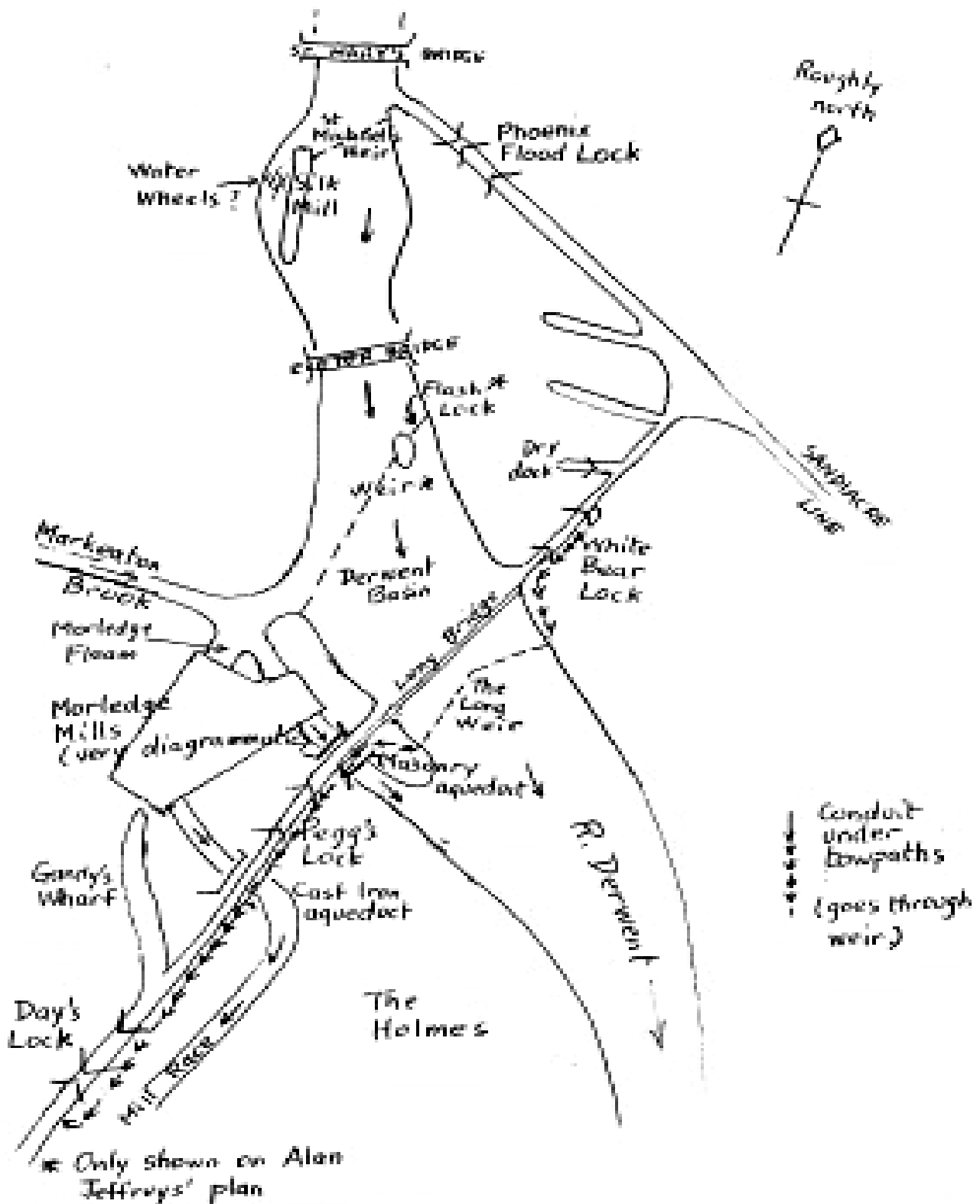
www.crowdfunder.co.uk

Not only is it vital we share the campaign far and wide but also that we bump the total up quickly as the pattern of giving shows that campaigns which reach half their total within two weeks are most likely to reach their target before the 4 weeks have elapsed.

Some projects have raised hundreds of thousands in this way. The power to do this is in your hands. Laura Wigg-Bailey.

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**Map of the waterways outside what is now the Council House,
referred to in the last Packet.**





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Compare and Contrast!



As some of you may know, Chris and I now have a share in our own canal boat. There are eleven families involved and we can go out for four weeks a year. The way it works is that you have 2 weeks in the holiday season and a further 2 at different time of the year when you wouldn't necessarily have thought of taking a boat out.

So, my point is, that this year we have so far managed to be out for the coldest and the hottest weeks. It snowed in February and scorched in June! This led me to thinking of the differences in the two holidays.

For example, energy consumption. In February we used more than two bottles of gas, plus coal and wood to burn, drank endless cups of tea and hot soup and still weren't that warm. Not so in June! Then it was lots of cold beer and definitely no central heating!

Then there was the packing list. In February I packed tee shirts, jumpers, a thick fleece, heavy waterproof, leggings and fleecy trousers. I wore them all at once plus hat, scarf and gloves, thick socks and heavy boots. This time it was tee shirts and shorts, and the hat wasn't woolly.



We spent a fair bit of time in pubs with roaring fires in February, that was when we weren't driving through the ice (see photo). In fact, entering the marina proved to be the biggest challenge of all, with Chris on the front of the boat breaking the ice with a boat hook so we could enter in and moor safely at the end of the week. Luckily the boat has central heating and a coal and log burner, all of which were redundant in June when our pub visits were mostly in the gardens and we felt like we were boating in the South of France.



We even enjoyed seeing a football team we supported win a massive victory, that didn't happen in February!

Who knows what will happen next time?

Anne Madge.

Membership Update.

Doubtless you are all fed up with GDPR by now. Between myself and Gaz we have worked hard to meet the requirements. Gaz must have made at least 200 phone calls – or attempted to make that call – he probably has RSI (repetitive strain injury) from the amount of dialling he's done!! I am happy to say that over 90% of you have now responded so, if you have yet another reminder with this magazine then please do fill it in & return it to your membership secretary a.s.a.p. as I would just be delighted to reach 100% & put the task to rest.

A few have questioned as to why we have gone to the trouble on this subject. The committee thought that it was better to be 100% covered than have any problems later on and, at the time we started out, the final requirements hadn't been settled, hence the request. Suffice to say our percentage reply rate is pretty much second to none.

As a follow-on to the above please bear in mind that if you move, and are not on e-mail then it is possible to lose contact with you. So please put us on the list to update your details with the Society.

Also, you can change your contact preferences at any time by just making contact with myself or one of the committee. Any form of

response will do, e-mail, post, telephone or in person. And to complete this section you can also request a Packet magazine. About 25% of you seem to prefer paper, just let me know should your preference change.

Membership remains healthy at around 720, it varies a little by the month, a few up, a few down. On the plus side more members are now getting stuck in with the working parties & committees and that is a big bonus as things are progressing and we are doing more. So, now is the time to pop out of the wood-work and join in!

A few more members would always be most welcome. Aside from the Standard, Family and Friend memberships we offer the Gift Membership for £20 that includes a year's membership, 2 free entries to the monthly meetings, the booklet Heritage of the Derby Canal, Membership Certificate and a warm welcome from yours truly.

This can be packaged and sent direct to the recipient or sent to the giver to present in person. It's a bargain so if you're stuck for a gift for one of the family, or best mate, who might be interested why not consider it? There are forms on the website or I can send you a paper form, drop me a line, just give me a bell and leave a message on the machine if I'm not in.

The Society are always willing to introduce folks to new experiences, why not come & be on the stand at one of the shows for instance. We are also strengthening the fund raising so if you have a desire to help there I can put you in touch with Laura the Trust Fund Raiser, else I'm sure David could use a Health & Safety assistant, Keith would welcome you with a spade/fork or any other suitable tool you care to mention and if you like building, or decorating I suspect before long, there are the cottages to complete with the follow on of the café, museum and committee room. Loads of opportunities to come out & do something different. Just let me know.

You will find your Membership Sec at membership@derbycanal.org or 172, Sancroft Road, Spondon, DE21 7LD or the old dog & bone 01332-677461 – or even 07814-927154 but preferably not in office hours please if on the mobile.

Roger Ashmead – Membership Secretary & erstwhile canal enthusiast.

And now for something completely different.- For the Ladies.

I am a member of a Flower Arrangement/Art Group and we have many professional Demonstrators come to show all of us how to create show stopping arrangements.

They sometime pass on little gems about flowers so I thought I would pass them on to you.

Carnations. You have all purchased these lovely flowers - they are very long lasting. Many are buds - to help them "bloom" pick the ones about to "burst out" breathe on them and gently help the petals to open.

Irises. Again - to help the buds open - hold the bud and with your thumb and finger "flick" the bottom of the bud. This will hurry up the blooming.

Lily. I expect you have all been marked by their pollen. If a jumper or blouse etcetera is stained put the garment spread out in a sunny place by a window and this will take the stain away. I have not tried this myself but is worth a try!!! Also if you have a cat beware this pollen it poisonous .

Just a thought Ladies - **Poldark**. I am a fan and have been informed by my Book Club that there are twelve books.

Have read two and can recommend them reading the third at the moment - it is about when he was accused of Murder. Boating gives you time to indulge yourself to pick up a certain book and be carried away into lovely Cornwall but with "Poldark" (you know what I mean).

I thought I could let you have a complete list of titles but there might not be enough room in The Packet so look up - "Winston Graham list of Poldark novels " on the Internet. He started writing the series in 1945 and the last one in 2002.

I have a long way to go so am sorted for my holiday reading for the next ten years.

Eileen Holland.

Treasurer's Report.

The Borrowash Waterways Recovery Group Work Camp:

Elsewhere in this edition will be a report on the work camp. The work camp cost the Trust £8,127 with the biggest costs being the crane, scaffolding and the accommodation for the volunteers. Other costs included Redimix concrete, lime mortar and stop-plank channel metal work. This was largely paid for by the Co-op Borrowash 1p in the £1 own brand products scheme £2,818; Crowdfunding £3,964; other donations £900 (including from the Society £250) and estimated gift aid of £369. A shortfall of just £76 has been met by the Trust.

Draycott Pledges and Donations.

Against the original target of £100k we have received pledges and donations totalling £95,000k whilst this has enabled the application, by our fundraiser, for grants to commence, the Trust will continue to welcome pledges or donations for the Draycott Golden Mile Project beyond the target figure.

Amazon Smile and Give As You Live.

By the time that this is published users of Amazon will be able to select the Trust as their chosen charity. Regular online shoppers of other retailers that haven't already done so should register with Give As You Live; it costs the shopper nothing extra and brings a small monthly contribution to the Trusts resources. See the website for more details.

Recycle4Charity.

The recycling of ink cartridges and old mobile phones continues produce a steady trickle of income, so if you have some to recycle again see the website for more details.

The Trust's Annual Accounts.

The Trust's annual accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2018 have now been formally Independently Examined and lodged with Companies House and the Charity Commission.

Chris ReesFitzPatrick, Treasurer.

This is a picture of Sandiacre Top Lock in the 1960s, kindly sent to us by Peter Allen, the gates of Bottom Lock are just visible further away. The balance beams look like typical Derby Canal Company replacements i.e. tree trunks.





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