

# A.W.C.C. ALERT

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Kathryn Dodington sent in this picture of members of Byfleet Boat Club involved in a St George's celebration on the Royal Thames at Boveney Lock Island. It included a traditional skittles match, afternoon cream tea, an evening BBQ with a traditional Loyal toast and significantly raised the profile of St George's day to passing pleasure and trip boats and the general public at large.

Send your pictures & accounts of club boating events  
for inclusion in Alert by email to the editor please

Bridgewater Motor Boat Club organised a rally over May Bank Holiday weekend involving 220 boats from clubs of the six Federation of Bridgewater Boat Clubs. This coincided with the 250th anniversary of the Bridgewater canal and the diamond jubilee of the club. Night time illuminated parade pictured here courtesy BMBC flicker site <http://www.flickr.com/photos/bmbc>



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## Meet the National Team – please say hello when you see any of us out and about

<p>President Geoff Ashton</p>		<p>Geoff has been boating since 1979 &amp; has owned a boat since 1990 AWCC experience: National Treasurer for about 12 years, previously secretary of Midlands region. Clubs: Cutweb internet boat club &amp; former member of Greyhound Boat Club and Goldsbrough Boat Owners club, Boat: 'PUFFIN', 54 foot Goldsbrough with boatman's cabin above engine and generator. Built 1990, and moored at Copt Heath Wharf, north of Knowle. "Has been over most of system in its time". Formerly VC APCO , Chairman British Hire Cruiser Federation and member of BMF council.</p>
<p>Chairman Paul leBlique</p>		<p>Paul has been boating "all my life really pottering about in small boats and canoes". Narrow boating on the Inland waterways for thirty years. Clubs: Taverners Boat Club Life Member, Soar Boating Club Member. Boat: 55ft trad narrowboat named EBLEY Paul has served on several panels and committees over the past forty years and has a particular interest in industrial heritage.</p>
<p>Vice Chairman Ann Banks</p>		<p>Ann has been boating since 1995. Club: Black Buoy Cruising Club Boat: 30 foot narrowboat named TEAL Currently Ann is on her third stint as commodore at her boat club. She was also the AWCC National Secretary for a number of years.</p>
<p>Secretary Brian Rich</p>		<p>Brian and his wife Jill sailed in their younger years and took to the inland waterways nine years ago. Their first boat was Otter, a 35 foot narrowboat with GRP roof and Lister SR2 engine. Clubs: Pewsey Wharf Boat Club and Cutweb. Boat: 50 foot cruiser stern narrowboat HERMIONE. Brian was co-opted onto the AWCC team in 2008 served as AWCC Communications officer for 2 years and took over as Secretary in 2011.</p>
<p>Treasurer Ken Bearpark</p>		<p>Ken boated as a young sea cadet and went on to a career in the Royal Navy. He has owned a narrowboat with wife Heather (see editorial page 3) since 2007. Club: South Pennine Boat Club. Boat: 35ft cruiser stern narrowboat named MUTTLEY CRÜE Co-opted onto the AWCC team in 2010 Ken took up the role of Treasurer in 2011. He is also the AWCC NE region secretary.</p>
<p>Technical Officer Andrew Phasey</p>		<p>Andrew has boated since childhood "messing about in dinghies" and in narrowboats for 14 years. Club: St Pancras Cruising Club Boat: 45 foot narrowboat DORIS KATIA Currently Andrew is Commodore at his club. He is a BSS examiner, Boat Master, RYA instructor and advises the AWCC on technical and safety matters.</p>
<p>Terry Ariss RYA liason officer</p>		<p>Terry had his first motor cruiser in 1962. He self built his current boat from a hull 40 years ago. Club: Uxbridge Cruising Club Boat: 26'6" cruiser ARCTIC CHASER Terry was a boater at the inception of the AWCC in 1963 as a member of one of the 4 founding clubs. He sits on the IW advisory group of the RYA cruising and government affairs committees.</p>
<p>Parliamen- tary Affairs Officer David Pearce officer</p>		<p>David has been boating on hire boats since 1981 and has had his own boat since 1995. Club: St Pancras Cruising Club Boat: 40 foot narrowboat GNASHERS 2 David has served the AWCC in the capacity of Vice Chair London region and National Vice Chair for 10 years and National Chair for the last 8 years. He was also Commodore of his own club for 6 years.</p>

## 2010 Interclub newsletter competition results

1st "Lock Key" Retford & Worksop Boat Club  
2nd "Bridgewater Chat" Bridgewater Motor Boat Club  
3rd "Wilderness News" Wilderness Boat Owners Club

Please continue to forward printed copies of your newsletters to the Alert editor. They will automatically be entered into the next competition.

# EDITORIAL

Hello.

Since the last edition of Alert which I produced in March 2011 I have agreed to a stint as editor. I am grateful to those members who have been sending me in pictures and accounts of your events. If you have any upcoming events that you would like featured here and on the AWCC website please can you let me know. Also please keep the reports coming in and continue to send me copies of your club newsletters.

This edition features some info about current members of the AWCC National team. It is my intention to include the Regional Presidents and Chairs next time.

I have managed to secure some new advertising which is hopefully of interest to members. If you know of any other companies that would like to reach the wider boating community please can you put them in touch with us as we believe this publication reaches at least 10,000 people!

It was recently decided to take a review of the distribution of Alert. As well as a hard copy, currently being sent out to all member clubs, Alert is also available online at the AWCC website and by email.

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In the first three months that it has been my privilege to be your national chairman there have been two significant events that promise to shape the future of our association and the inland waterway system. The AWCC constitution has been amended to allow waterway groups with common interests and aims to our own to formally join the association. I believe this will strengthen our cause and widen our interest whilst ensuring that the association remains firmly under the control of its boat clubs. The new constitution was formally adopted during the National Executive meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> June at Watch House Cruising Club.



AWCC has submitted a detailed response to the DEFRA Consultation on the New Waterways Charity. We support the transfer of British Waterways to the NWC and look forward to the future integration of those rivers currently under Environmental Agency control. We have made the point that sufficient funding and careful management will be essential for success particularly in the early years. We look forward to working with all parties towards a successful unified inland waterway system with the secure future that it deserves.

I hope to have the opportunity to visit all regions this year to better understand the needs of the club boater across the association. AWCC is your association and I would like to hear your views at a time when our boating comes under ever increasing external pressure. AWCC is fifty years old in 2014 and although that seems a long way off the NEC is starting to consider how to mark the anniversary. We would welcome suggestions from members for an appropriate celebration.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the work of my predecessor David Pearce. David has worked tirelessly over many years, representing and promoting AWCC at all levels of external meetings and events. We have the continued benefit of David's experience as he stays with us as Parliamentary Officer with particular interest in the New Waterways charity.

With Best wishes, Paul le Blique

## FIRE SAFETY RELATED TO STOVE INSTALLATIONS

Midlands regional Chairman Graham Myatt forwarded the pictorial info overleaf which was supplied by Graham Watts BSS Manager. There have been concerns raised that the greatest BSS failure rate is in 4 year old boats. He also supplied the following advice regarding solid fuel fires:

- Boat fires and carbon monoxide poisonings attributed to solid fuel stoves continue to feature in BSS incident report data.
- The BSS welcomes the introduction of the BSI code and encourages boaters adding solid fuel stoves or replacing existing stoves to install to it using a competent installer.
- The BSS has no plans to make installation to the new code a BSS mandatory requirement - retrospective or otherwise.
- The BSS considers that installation to the code is essential for added safety, but equally important is the way the is used and maintained.
- The BSS is to shortly issue a news release and briefings promoting new and replacement installations to the code and providing a link to essential safety messages concerning having an effective /flue maintenance regime and taking care and being attentive during use.

Boat owners should remain vigilant to the key hazards presented by solid fuel stoves – over-firing leading to a boat fire, and carbon monoxide poisoning due to the escape of flue gases into the cabin – visit the BSS fire portal for safety information [http://www.boatsafetyscheme.com/site/FirePortal\\_216.asp](http://www.boatsafetyscheme.com/site/FirePortal_216.asp)

AWCC would advise members to ensure the following in respect of fire safety for their boats both in construction and later installations:

If you are having a new boat built ensure that the building contract includes full compliance with the Boat Safety Certificate scheme.

Ensure that you use a qualified fitter and the installation complies with BS 8511: 2010 'Code of practice for the installation of solid fuel heating and cooking appliances in small craft'.

Fit suitable smoke alarms to your boat—detailed info can be found online at [http://www.boatsafetyscheme.com/site/FirePortal\\_216.asp](http://www.boatsafetyscheme.com/site/FirePortal_216.asp)

If you are fitting a Carbon Monoxide alarm ensure that it meets the updated EN 50291 standard by checking the data sheet or user manual and choosing an alarm that has the greater usable temperature and humidity range or that it states that the alarm is suitable for boats.

### STOVES IN BOATS

Some of the basics about fitting and using solid fuel stoves on boats in the UK and Ireland.

The numbers in (brackets) are sections in *British Standard BS 8511:2010 Code of practice for the installation of solid fuel heating and cooking appliances in small craft* where much more detailed information can be found. The code isn't compulsory, but will always be referred to if an accident occurs.

A good stove will follow the rules here and:

- Be recommended by the manufacturer for use in boats.
- Be installed by a competent person. (5.2)
- ... strictly to the maker's instructions
- Be the right size for the space to be heated.
- Have securely latching doors which can't jolt open.
- Use very dry wood or smokeless fuels. Avoid bituminous coal (called 'housecoal' or 'Polish coal')
- Have chimney and flueways cleaned very regularly.
- Have door seals, windows and liners kept sound.
- If your stove has a lower ash door which can be opened separately from the main door – take very great care, leaving it open can make the fire burn far too fiercely, a common cause of serious boat fires.

- > Choose an insulated flue pipe to make the smoke rise
- > Make sure enough fresh air is coming in.
- > Keep anything flammable well away.

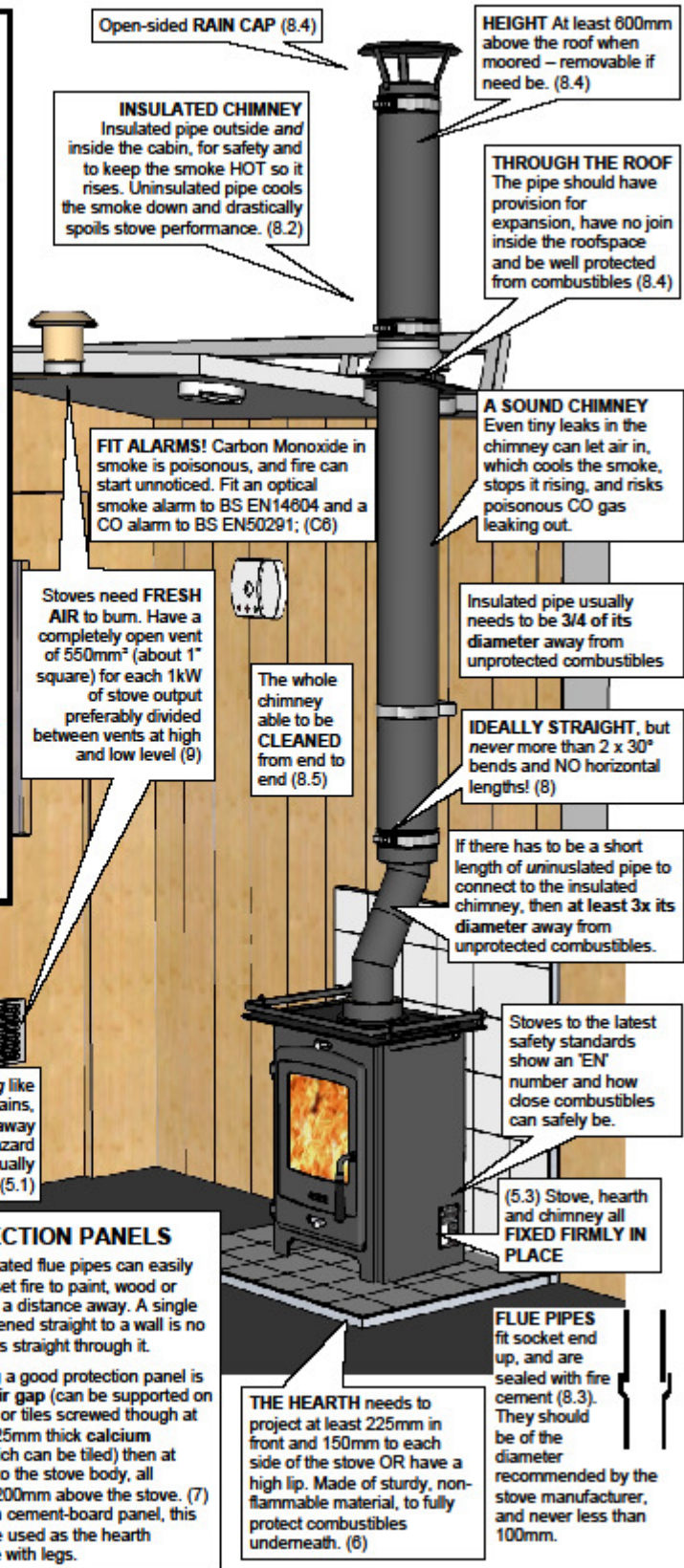
**STOVE SITED** where it won't cause obstruction, particularly to escape routes or near steps. (5.1)

**WELL AWAY FROM COMBUSTIBLES** ...anything like wood, GRP, fuel, gas containers, oil, candles, curtains, cushions, clothing, books, oil lamps, fold-away furnishings or anything which could create a fire hazard – all as far away as the stove maker says is safe, usually about 600mm away or behind a Protection Panel. (5.1)

**HEAT PROTECTION PANELS**

Stoves and uninsulated flue pipes can easily get hot enough to set fire to paint, wood or other combustibles a distance away. A single fireproof panel fastened straight to a wall is no use – heat can pass straight through it.

One way of making a good protection panel is to have: a 10mm air gap (can be supported on offsets of fireboard or tiles screwed though at the corners), then 25mm thick calcium silicate board (which can be tiled) then at least a 45mm gap to the stove body, all extending at least 200mm above the stove. (7) Topped by a 15mm cement-board panel, this construction can be used as the hearth underneath a stove with legs.



Calling all editors of club newsletters.

The Calder Navigation Society which has close links with this editor's club, was contacted by the British Library with a request that their newsletter be deposited with them on a regular basis. This can be done electronically. More info about the legal position can be found at: <http://www.b.l.uk/aboutus/stratprolog/legaldep/index.html>

**NATIONAL QUARTERMASTER POSITION** The Association has a vacancy for the post of Quarter Master. This role has traditionally been to manage regalia and play a central role in the production of the club handbook. However these aspects are being reconsidered. The NEC feels that a change in role to involve liaison with commercial organisations and securing benefits for AWCC members would be a positive move. If you feel that you could contribute to this please contact [secretary@awcc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@awcc.org.uk)

## Reports from the Regions, club news & upcoming events

### London region

Trevor Gillam is now Regional President under the new AWCC constitution.

The 'New Stort Boat Club' has been accepted for membership of the AWCC.

Responses to the Lee & Stort navigation plan consultation closed on May 31st. Defined mooring 'neighbourhoods' have been proposed between which continuous cruisers would move and moor in for defined time periods.

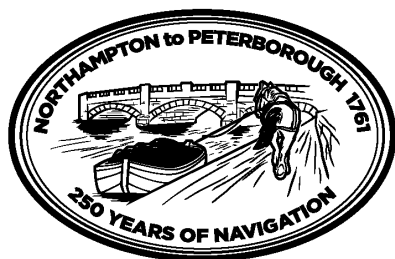
Spring Social event to Basingstoke –see page 9.

In their club newsletter 'By the Wey' Byfleet Boat Club reports EA boat registration changes requiring every boat to be registered with the full annual charge. On a 'lighter' note the club is planning a weekend of illuminated boats on 27th–28th November—can we have pictures for Alert please? (ed).

PS ITV is looking for boaters in the NW London area who are interested in featuring in their programme 'Come Dine with me' Info at <http://www.narrowboatworld.com/>

### South East region

The Association of Nene River Clubs held its annual rally on the May bank holiday weekend with more than 80 boats plus campers & caravans attending. This coincided with Crick Show which at which the AWCC stall was supported by several Executive



team members.

The 250 year anniversary of the Nene navigation continues with various celebra-

tions (see box on right) with the purpose of publicising the river and river activities.

ANRC is seeking to secure bankside moorings along the river and is in the process of contacting prospective landowners who may be interested in leasing land.

Thrupp Canal Cruising Club newsletter 'Wide Views' reports club efforts working with BW to encourage volunteering along the Oxford Canal. The club already works to maintain the environment and provides mooring wardens assisting with monitoring overstays and licence evasion.



February 6th 2012 sees the **Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II**. As part of the celebrations of her 60 years on the throne a flotilla of 1000 boats will sail on the Thames,

headed by her Majesty on a specially commissioned barge. This is planned for Sunday 3rd June, 6 weeks before the start of the London Olympic games. At the National AGM on April 16th the AWCC Technical Adviser and Commodore of St Pancras Cruising Club, Andrew Phasey, suggested that it would be good if each member club of the AWCC could get a boat into the flotilla. For more info and to register your boat for this event click here

<http://www.thamesdiamondjubileepageant.org/>

Moorings for the London 2012 Olympics are expected to be in short supply. It is likely that boaters will need to have proof of a booking before they can enter the system. For info on booking via BW go to

<http://www.waterscape.com/in-your-area/london/olympic-moorings>



Nene 250 Festival is being held on August 7th to celebrate 250 years of navigation being open between The Wash and Northampton. We are advised that it will not be necessary to purchase an EA extra river licence if boaters moor above Town lock on the Northampton arm town moorings. Mooring booking form available from the AWCC website or email [john.brown17@tesco.net](mailto:john.brown17@tesco.net)

Several clubs have recently put requests in their newsletters for members to sign up & receive routine correspondence by email. From some their newsletters are distributed by this route wherever possible thus preserving significant amounts of funds.

If you would consider receiving your copy of Alert by email this would save the AWCC a significant sum, not only in printing costs but also in postage. It would have the additional benefit of you being able to view more than the front page in full colour and instant click hyperlinks to web addresses. You can also distribute Alert by email to your club members.

Please inform your regional secretary if your club is prepared to change over & receive Alert by email starting with the next edition due in October.

## More Reports from the Regions, club news & upcoming events

### North East Region

Recognising his wealth of experience Alan Hodgkinson was approached, and has agreed to be the region's President for an initial period of 3 years.

The new Chairman of the region, Bob Mennell, has requested regular updates from the National Executive to the regions in respect of its national dialogue with the government and BW.

Feedback from clubs and individuals on the DEFRA consultation has been advised by the region.

Concerns have been expressed about apparent lack of action by BW on significant safety matters reported last year. At least one serious accident has occurred due to the state of the landing stage at White Rose Boat Club.

Local residents have been consulted about the environment at Bingley Five Rise locks but boating clubs were not contacted. Follow up queries made by the Chairman have finally been passed on to Wigan.

White Rose Boat Club and Retford & Worksop Boat Club are holding rallies in September (see notices right).

### Midlands region

Howard Smith has been unanimously agreed as Region President under the new AWCC constitution.

The region still does not have a Quartermaster and needs to elect a new Chairman next year as Graham Myatt has advised that he will not be standing for election in 2012.

BSS advisory code of practice for fitting of solid fuel stoves has been highlighted (see page 4 - 5). An examiner has advised that he did not see any compliant with the advice at Crick show this year.

The region committee also believes that Carbon Monoxide alarms should be a requirement of the BSS.

Concerns expressed about apparent reduction in the number of BW pumpout facilities. It also appears that emergency call out procedures are being centralised by BW.

Black Buoy Boat Club in their newsletter "Buoy's Own" reported that a local boater had raised his concerns about the state of one of the local bridges with his Member of Parliament. The MP, no other than Caroline Spelman had subsequently visited the site with BW Chairman Tony Hales!



### Retford & Worksop Boat Club Rally 2—4 September

Contact Stewart Fieldsend on 0788525939

<http://www.rwbc.org.uk/>



### Strawberry Island Boat Club Rally 16—18 September



Tel clubhouse 01302 364954

e: [webmaster@strawberryislandboatclub.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@strawberryislandboatclub.co.uk)

<http://www.strawberryislandboatclub.co.uk/>

Pauline King (Pewsey Wharf Boat Club) has continued to assist the work of the National Executive and attended an inconclusive meeting about continuous cruising on 23rd June at BW Watford. Watch this space for more updates.

**North West region** reported that delegates attended BW user group forums but reported that their submitted written questions were not answered appearing to have been lost by BW.

The region had sent a letter to BWML about restricted access to services at BW Marina. The reply had advised that misuse and vandalism had forced a restriction on services.

The NW regional chair had attended the Federation of Bridgewater Clubs Rally on behalf of the AWCC (see front page). It was also attended by two local authority mayors and over 220 boats.

Notices written in several languages have been sited in the area following drainage of ponds possibly in attempts to catch fish.

North Cheshire Cruising Club in its newsletter "Ditchcrawler" reports a successful Easter Weekend 40 boat Cruise to Bugsworth Basin joined by 14 boats from Stoke and 6 from Tudor boat club.

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Many years ago as a teenager, I tramped along the overgrown slippery towpaths of Warwickshire on Sundays with my parents who were keen canal enthusiasts, but for some reason I only seem to remember the cold frosty days with thin ice on the canal and haw frost in the trees.

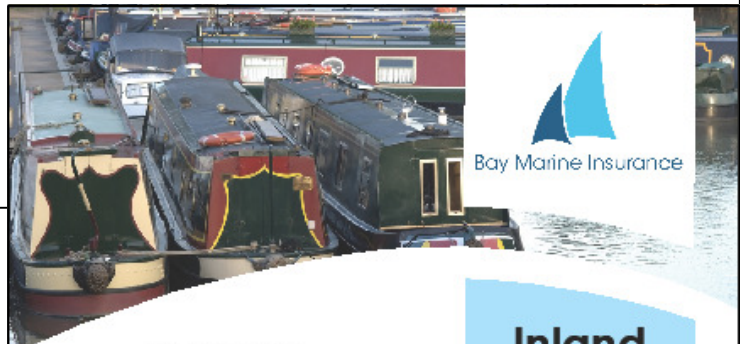
My father was the editor of the first Coventry Canal Society newsletter and I spent many hours once a month, printing, folding and putting them into envelopes; my hands stained with blue ink.

One holiday years ago, Bert Dunkley, my parents, myself and others were bringing a Narrowboat and Butty Boat up from Leighton Buzzard to Coventry Canal Society moorings, spending the chilly nights sleeping on the bare boards of the Butty Boat. We stopped at Hawkesbury Junction known locally as 'Sutton Stop', and met up with Joe and Rose Skinner who was the last working boatman on the canal. He was over 80 and quite a character in the area. 'Dolly', his horse was still pulling his Narrowboat.

Susanne also has canal experience. As a young woman she purchased a narrowboat named 'Antonio', a week later it sank on its mooring! Perhaps we were destined to be in marine insurance to see it does not happen to other people.

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### Droitwich Canal Opening

The event was reported by IWA news as the "culmination of nearly forty years of community-led campaigning and volunteering to bring the canals back to their former glory". The Droitwich Canals Trust has been heavily involved in this project.

On July 1st a weekend of celebrations kicked off with a plaque unveiling ceremony by DEFRA minister, Caroline Spelman. The plaque commemorated the work of volunteers working for over 30 years on the project. It also featured a flotilla of boats and combined with Droitwich Spa Water & Music Festivals.

The canal links the Worcester and Birmingham canals. Boaters can now navigate 21 miles in the newly completed 'Mid Worcester Ring' which also includes the River Severn.

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## News & pictures from AWCC members

Bob Langley reports that the weather was good for the London region Basingstoke Canal Trip on Saturday 14th May

A very enjoyable day was had by 45 boaters on the trip boat John Pinkerton (pictured right).

There was a half hour break for a walk to the entrance of the Greywell tunnel from the head of navigation & the return to Odiham Wharf included lunch.

Later that afternoon /evening by kind invitation of Byfleet Boat Club, food was DIY on the BBQ, followed by an interclub skittles match.



### BOATERS 2 EREWASH

A joint venture between the Boaters Christian Fellowship and the Erewash Canal Preservation & Development Association was reported by Alan Dilnot (Joint Chair of BCF).



11<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> June saw the BCF's Mission along the Erewash Canal taking place. A dozen boats visited the canal and worked alongside local churches, schools, pubs and local organisations.

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June we planned a walk along the canal tow path to the Lock Cottage (the headquarters of the ECPDA however torrential rain, high winds and quite bitter cold temperatures caused us to change from our planned relaxed canal side event, embracing tow path walkers, cyclists etc.

Instead we had a cosy, round the fire occasion, chatting and listening to our folk singers in the upstairs room. Members from the two local churches, a few young people who had attended the previous day's event on the Rec. and several Canal Society members braved the inclement weather conditions and enjoyed free cream teas. Many of the visitors had lived in Sandiacre most of their lives but said it was the first time they had visited the cottage. Many found it a very nostalgic visit, remembering the times when they washed using the copper, wash tub, dolly peg and mangle, or sat by the coal fire, feet on the rag rug reminiscing of years gone by.

Remaining jam, scones and cream were enjoyed later in the week when served to people enjoying the canalside ambience and the lovely clear water of the Erewash Canal.



Left and below: Members of BCF pictured at Sandiacre, the HQ of the Erewash Canal Preservation & Development Association



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Please include your delivery address and club name on the reverse of the cheque. Copies will be posted out on receipt of payment.

Alternatively ask your club rep or regional quartermaster to order copies for you via [communications@awcc.org.uk](mailto:communications@awcc.org.uk)



A dinky little house in Norfolk went on sale earlier this year. The press was astonished at the dimensions advertised. However the Alert editor thinks that the "combined dimensions" of the first floor sitting room / kitchen are pretty generous at 20' x 7'2". Similar measurements feature in the ground floor bedroom and shower room.

## ENVIRONMENT AGENCY APPEAL

If you see any fish that appear to be gasping for air during hot weather conditions please give the EA a call



on their emergency hotline

**0800 807060**

A curious Australian visitor's perspective of canal cruising can be viewed online at [http://www.townsvillebulletin.com.au/article/2011/06/10/238391\\_pearce.html](http://www.townsvillebulletin.com.au/article/2011/06/10/238391_pearce.html)

## Stop Press

9th July <http://www.narrowboatworld.com/> reported the demise of Warwickshire's "highly regarded family business" Reeves Boat Builders.

Apparently no customers have been affected financially.

## MAY 24TH BW ANNOUNCED NAMES OF FOUNDING TRUSTEES FOR THE NEW WATERWAYS CHARITY AS REPORTED IN TOWPATH TELEGRAPH

The new board of unpaid trustees will work alongside the current BW board.

**Lynne Berry**, boat owner and chief executive of WRVS;

**John Bridgeman**, British Waterways vice chairman and leading expert in competition and fair trading;

**Jane Cotton**, change management expert and a deputy chief executive and HR director of Oxfam;

**John Dodwell**, long-term waterways campaigner and former chair of the Commercial Boat Operators Association;

**Tom Franklin**, leading advisor on open spaces and chief executive of the Ramblers;

**Nigel Hugill**, British Waterways board member and property expert and;

**Simon Thurley**, historian and chief executive of English Heritage.

From August Fundraising will be headed up by Ruth Ruderham who comes from a similar role with Christian Aid.

## AWCC REVISED CONSTITUTION

Following almost unanimous vote in favour at the AGM in April this was



formally adopted at the Executive meeting in June 2011. It will now be distributed to member clubs. In the meantime the primary objectives of the Association are outlined here:

- ◆ To encourage friendship and cooperation between member organisations in boating and social activities
- ◆ To foster activities & events between member organisations
- ◆ To represent the Association in consultations and on such bodies or councils where collective negotiations are necessary
- ◆ To make available a handbook detailing member organisations, their facilities and contact details. The handbook shall provide contact details for officers of the associations
- ◆ To provide assistance, moorings, etc., when available, to cruising boaters of member organisations.

**Post Script** Thrupp Canal Cruising Club Spring newsletter 'Wide Views' suggest taking a look at a 1945 Pathé newsreel item 'Beauty & the Barge'. It is worth a view, featuring 3 girls in a war effort "doing a man-sized job"

<http://www.britishpathe.com/record.php?id=47511>

Now then ladies, any comments for the next edition?

A recent update of Police non emergency phone numbers is available at <http://www.jannock.org.uk/policeno.html>

**112** as opposed to 999 remains the best number to call in an emergency as it aids identification of your actual location

### **BIRMINGHAM–EUSTON HIGH SPEED 2 RAIL LINK**

The public consultation runs until midnight on Friday 29th July. Concerns have been expressed on its impact on the cruising network not only during construction but also on an ongoing basis.

To read more information about the route, plans and ongoing road shows, and to take part in the consultation please go to <http://highspeedrail.dft.gov.uk/>

### **Boating related Peoples Millions Awards 2011**

**Chesterfield Canal Trust** was awarded **£ 59,996** to build and fit out a hybrid electric drive narrowboat to provide disabled people with access to the waterways and facilities to drive the boat.

**Milton Keynes Iron Trunk Aqueduct** was awarded **£60,000** to be used for a clean up and restoration

**Lawrence Batley Theatre Huddersfield** **£55,197** for it's Cloth & Communities Project which involves the **Mikron Theatre**

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