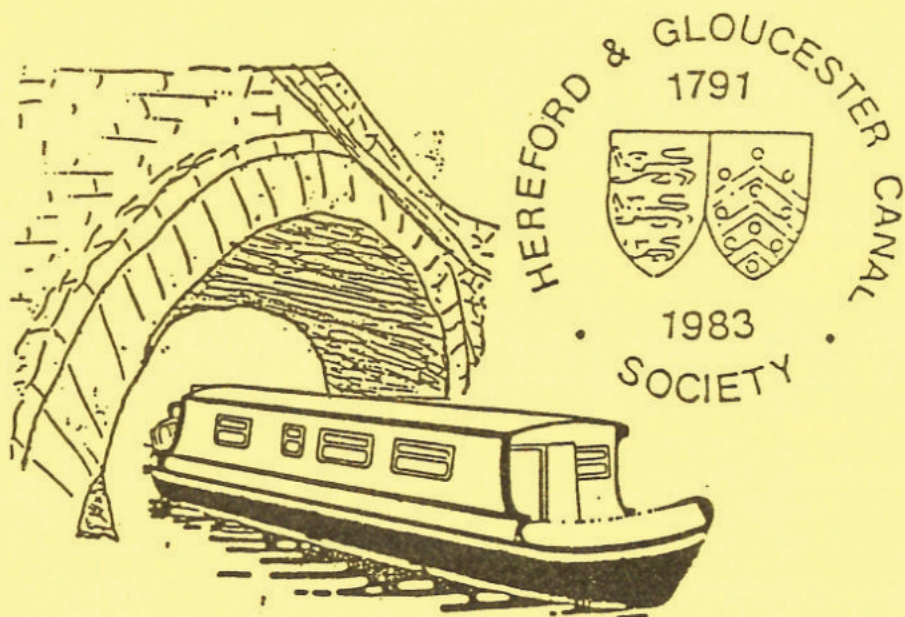


# ***THE WHARFINGER***



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## WHO DOES WHAT . . .

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CONSULTING ENGINEERS			Messrs John Burrow and Partners
CONSERVATION ADVISOR			to be appointed

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### The River Lugg Navigation

In the fourteenth year of the reign of King Charles the Second Parliament made an Act granting Messrs. Sandys the private right to make the Rivers Wye and Lugg navigable for themselves, their heirs and assigns, and no others and to receive all profits.

This was to improve the availability of transportation in the County of Hereford enabling trade to be increased for the benefit of the inhabitants, for the conveyance of ships timber and a continual nursery of seamen for the supply and service of his Majesty's Navy.

The market being cheaper at Bristol a boat fitted for passengers as well as merchandise was to go weekly between Hereford and Bristol charging a fare not exceeding two thirds of the land route fare applying in the months of June and July when the mud roads were in their best condition.

The Act also provided that if the work was not completed by 29th September 1665 that other persons could be appointed instead.

Messrs. Sandys tried to build locks and weirs, as they had done on the River Avon, but the flow of the River Wye was faster, the locks slightly made and in a few years they were in ruin. The weirs were preventing the fish from swimming up the River Wye and nothing at all was done to make the River Lugg navigable.

A further Act was then made, nominating the Bishop of Hereford and other local dignatories with all the powers and authorities to open up the Rivers, clearing away the locks and weirs, enabling the fish to swim upstream, and declaring them to be common for all his Majesty's subjects to use them freely for the good and benefit of the inhabitants of the County for ever.

Records show that much use was made of the River Wye; which continues today with Mr. Barton's "Wye Invader" floating restaurant at Hereford; and whilst less use was made of the River Lugg, Leominster Church bells were brought to Leominster by barge up the River Lugg.

Now the point of interest to the Hereford and Gloucester Canal Society is that the canal aquaduct over the River Lugg, being very low, clearly obstructed the public's right to navigate the river, and its replacement would do likewise, and be unlawful, risking court action securing its removal.

It is interesting to note that when the Act was made for the Hereford to Worcester Railway, which crosses the River Lugg south of the canal, and which was applied for after the canal had been built, that provision was made to allow for the passage of river traffic, with a towing horse crossing which has only been fenced off in the last couple of years. The railway records show that not only was a River Lugg navigation company showing interest but the Lord of the Admiralty was named.

To avoid this obstruction problem it may be wise to consider the possibilities of lowering the canal to river level; and crossing through the river, rising up through locks on both sides. This may solve the problem of providing a clear waterway under the aquaduct to today's flood prevention standards, and avoid the expense of an aquaduct. Much would depend on a suitable design and availability of water filling the canal on both sides of the river.

It would also connect the River Lugg navigation to the canal, but I doubt anybody will ever go to Bristol shopping by barge, or Mr. Barton's Wye Invader get to serve dinner at Leominster.

P. McKay. 25.2.90.



## RESTORATION ORGANISER.

I would like to extend my thanks to the Society for electing me as your Restoration Manager. These are just a few brief notes on the work I have done so far since I joined you.

Sunday 2nd April; Peter Ball kindly loaned his new excavator to us for the day enabling me to excavate about three hundred yards of canal wide enough for a small boat. This plus the rest of this section will be fully dredged in July.

Easter weekend a small group of H & G volunteers and W R G visitors spent their holiday clearing a section of canal at Newent. Scrub and fallen trees were removed from the short section between the lock and road. The lock was cleared of growth and work was started on clearing below the lock heading towards Newent. We are now awaiting permission from the owner to dredge the bed and fill the short section above the lock with water to a shallow depth for the present. A small dam would be put here to stop the water damaging the lock chamber. Very little silt need removing here as the depth is almost correct at the moment.

On the weekend of 16 & 17th June we have a weekend work party planned finishing the slipway at Crews Pitch and working on the brickwork beneath Skew Bridge. There are a few other small jobs to be done there time and labour force allowing.

A week work is planned for July (21st - 29th) when we intend dredging to full navigation depth and with the whole length from the main Worcester road to Middle Court bridge at Monkhide. Also to complete the brickwork beneath Skew bridge. Ready for our trip boat next year?

We would like to see more new faces at our work parties. I have been arranging new sites for us to work on and the Waterway recovery groups are very keen to give their services towards our project.

restoration organiser cont..

We had a lovely supise at one of our recent work parties. We returned to Crews Pitch for lunch after a mornings work on the canal to find the society caravan there with tea and home made cakes for us. Two of our members had given up their mornig to provide us with some refreshments. We greatfully enjoyed our lunch.

As our times and sites can vary now, if you are wishing to join our work party pleas contact me on Hereford 268123.

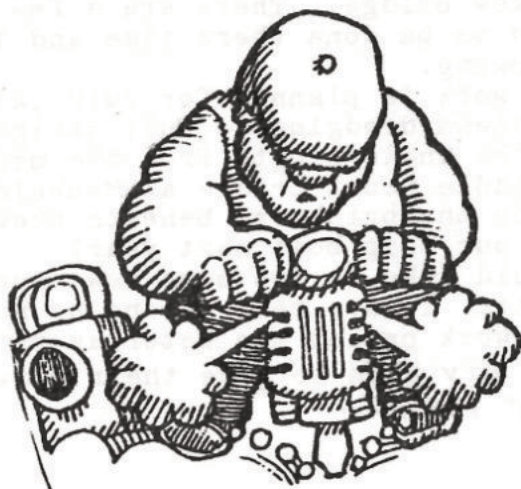
Laurie lavender.

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Yes whirlwind Laurie joined us about 8 weeks or more ago and since then I do not think I have had a day free from canal work. We have visited land owners, borrowed equipment visited canal sites on other canals, attended the Souther canals meeting in Davon, arranged a meeting of the Southern canals group to our canal in October. Helped make displays for our AGM, the Transport festival at Dymock and the National.

Cliff Penny has not escaped either he has probably used a few tons of paper organising our future restoration programme. Others too have not escaped.

Mike Potts





# Summary of the Annual General Meeting of The Herefordshire & Gloucestershire Canal Society.

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Held at The Cathedral School on 25/4/90

The meeting was opened by the Vice President Major Robert Barnes. He spoke briefly about the dangers to our canal in the near future, these dangers being the threat of road improvements in or near the city of Hereford and at Newent in Gloucestershire.

We must be aware and take the necessary steps to safeguard our future restoration of the canal.

The Chairman Tony Austin Bailey then spoke. He began with news that he was to stand down and would be replaced by Cliff Penny. He pointed out that he wished to remain on the committee and that his interests in the society were as strong as ever.

He pointed out some of the changes in the years of his office. Restoration work began in earnest, we had started to use the help available from The Waterway Recovery groups. The society was beginning to be recognised by various authorities. The public were more aware of the canal and we were starting to look towards the possibility of eventual full restoration from Hereford to Gloucester.

There have been many changes and improvements in the society and many more are being put into action at present.

The chairman ended his report with the news that Sir John Knill had donated a trip boat with engine to the society.

The secretary not being in attendance a report was given by the Vice Chairman, Mike Potts. He pointed out that we must not forget that we are all volunteers and we were not always aware of all the background work that went on behind the scenes. He wished that we remember people who had played an active roll in the pst. They had given much of their valuable time towards

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our project and that everyone plays a vital roll, our members support shows this. He wished that we remember; Frank Frecknall, Peter Price, Phillip Ashurst, Robin Andrews, Janet White, Kenneth Cook, Peter Woodfield, Richard Morely plus many others who all played their part.

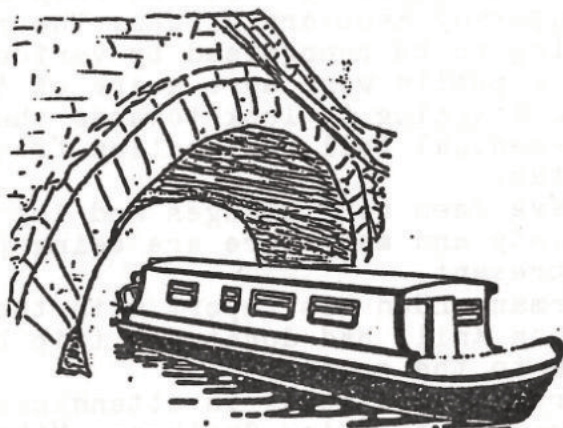
Treasurers Report; The treasurer provided copies of the society's accounts for the previous twelve months. He also pointed out that he was satnding down and his position was being taken by Karen Mc Kay and Gwynn Stephens.

The election of committee members followed, they are as listed in the front of this edition of the Wharfinger.

Thanks were expressed to The Cathdral School for the use of their room again for our meeting.

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WE WISH TO EXTEND OUR THANKS TO PETER BALL  
AGAIN FOR THE KIND USE OF HIS EXCAVATOR.

DO YOU NEED A PLANT CONTRACTOR?

CONTACT PETER ON: TRUPMET 512

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## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

### WELCOME!

Here is your new look *Wharfinger*! For some months your Committee have been anxious to improve the content *and* print quality of *Wharfinger*. Thanks to continued efforts by your Editor, Vice Chairman Mike Potts, the newsletter has been published, over the last few years, within a few days of deadline, 4 times a year, at minimal cost. On more than one occasion the whole of the contents were written by Mike - promised contributions having failed to appear. Your Committee appreciate that many of our Members receive no benefit, other than *Wharfinger*, [apart from the satisfaction of supporting our efforts] in return for their subscription, so we are determined to improve the standard of *your* newsletter.

Thanks to Land and Leisure - Tir A Hamdden (one of the Welsh Water group of Companies) *Wharfinger* - and much of our other printing - is being sponsored for the whole of the current financial year. We are very grateful for this support (from one of my employer's subsidiary companies). Special thanks to Martyn Roberts, the Print Room Manager at Dŵr Cymru - Welsh Water H.Q. at Brecon for his assistance in getting this issue into print. [We will be working on an improved layout as the year goes by.]

What we must now ensure is that the *content* - which we hope you will agree has been steadily improving - matches the print quality. I know that Mike is not very happy at my meddling with his domain; introducing pages produced on word processors, complete with *spell check*, - "they won't be able to spot my spelin mistakes" he was heard to cry! I am sure that a few will still slip in; they should be easier to spot! However, one thing that we must *not* do is to take for granted the very hard work that goes into each issue - thank you Mike.

It is *your* *Wharfinger* - contributions are welcomed.

## CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS...(ii)

### .THANK YOU

Whilst thanking people may I take this opportunity to thank our retiring Chairman, Tony Austin-Bailey, for all his work on behalf of the Herefordshire and Gloucestershire Canal Society over his three years as Chairman. At our AGM in April James Dunn, who has been our Treasurer for many years, also stood down. His work has been very much taken for granted - "books" always correct, Members subscriptions "chased", cheque book ever at the ready... I am pleased to say that Tony and James are both staying on - the basis apparently being that a change is as good as a rest!

### THE CHALLENGE OF 1990...

Your Committee are determined that 1990 is going to build on the very successful "Promotion Days" that we held for local authorities (and other influential organisations) last year. There is a great deal of interest in canals/canal restoration throughout the country - we are seeing this on "our" Canal as well. Through professional attitudes, improved publicity (of which Wharfinger plays an important part) and sheer hard work - by pen and spade - we intend to show the local councils that we are an organisation that is worthy of their support. It is only in this way that we shall succeed - *working together* - in our long term objective of (once more) linking Hereford City to the inland waterways network at Gloucester. [See also "It can't be done" elsewhere in this issue.]

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Have you paid your subscription yet? *Please* pay promptly if it is outstanding; our income from subscriptions is vital to our work and reminders cost us time, effort and money - all very precious! Thank you. **Cliff Penny**



## COMMITTEE      MATTERS

In the last Wharfinger we started a new column to keep you better informed about our Committee meetings. Here are details of some of the main issues reported to:-

### MARCH COMMITTEE

\* London Waterway Recovery Group had undertaken some 290 "person hours" (there ~~were~~ ladies present!) of voluntary work over the weekend of the 23/25th February. A section of hedge was laid to the west of the A4103; further brush (and limited tree) clearance was undertaken on the same section of canal, and stop planks were inserted - after much hand excavation of mud - under Middle Court Bridge.

\* Arrangements for the Easter work Camp were discussed - to be at Newent, on land owned by Mr. Robin Styles, involving preliminary clearance work in the vicinity of the locks. It was considered important that we commenced restoration work in Gloucestershire and neighbouring land owners were also very interested.

\* There was a discussion about the need for small signs to remind walkers that the majority of our work sites remained private land and there was, therefore, no *automatic* public right of access.

\* It was agreed that the Canal Society should formally object to the proposed new trunk road (A40 Longford to M50 Gorsley Improvement - between Newent and Gloucester) as there was no provision made for the Canal where the new road crosses it. This was considered essential to "reserve our position" pending discussions with the Department of Transport.

\* The Canal Society had arranged for a display in the Hereford City Library for 3 weeks in August - prior to the National Waterways Festival.

## APRIL COMMITTEE

\* Hereford and Worcester County Council had agreed to erect an official "no dumping" sign at Middle Court Bridge (at no cost to the Canal Society) to try and reduce the "fly tipping" that had increased recently both on the Canal towpath and the adjacent "green lane".

\* Arrangements were already in hand for the major Summer Work Camp on the section between Middle Court Bridge and the Skew Bridge, from the 20th to 29th July; it would include dredging, towpath levelling, landscaping and brickwork repairs. The National Rivers Authority (Welsh Region) had given WRG a £750 grant towards the costs of this work.

\* The special sub-committee established to plan our major display for the National Waterways Festival [to be held at Gloucester Docks over the August Bank Holiday] was meeting monthly - although a great deal of work was involved good progress was being made. The Hereford branch of Messrs Jewsons were making available materials for our display panels at a very substantial discount. The first of these panels would be on display at the AGM.

\* The National Rivers Authority (Welsh Region) had given the Canal Society a conditional grant of £1,000 towards the costs of a detailed professional engineering feasibility study, of the prospects of restoring the section of Canal from the crossing of the River Lugg right into Hereford City - this followed on from the free study that had been undertaken by the Consulting Engineers Messrs John Burrow and Partners (as reported on pages 15/16 of the previous issue of Wharfinger). It was decided to defer this detailed study until there was a better indication of how our approach to the County Council had been received regarding the provision of a bridge for the Canal as part of the Roman Road improvement scheme.



## COMMITTEE MATTERS ...(iii)

\* Arrangements had been made that future Committee meetings would be held at Yarkhill Village Hall so that we had a permanent base for such meetings.

### MAY COMMITTEE

\* Following his election as Chairman Cliff Penny expressed thanks to Tony Austin-Bailey (the retiring Chairman) and to our long serving Treasurer James Dunn (who had also stood down). Both would be continuing to serve on the Committee.

\* The papers relating to the formation of a Charitable Trust were then discussed. Unfortunately the list of "Subscribers to the Memorandum of Association" that had been completed by some of our Members at the recent AGM was technically invalid as some had only printed their name and address and had not signed it. Attempts had been made to get the missing signatures but one had eluded us. As it was considered essential to get the papers to the IWA as soon as possible (in the hope that the Society could be a Charitable Trust in time for the National Waterways Festival) a new list of "Subscribers" was drawn up.

\* A letter from the County Engineer and Planning Officer was reported regarding the Roman Road Bridge. It was agreed that further advice should be obtained from the Inland Waterways Association and that an informal meeting should then be requested in order that this important matter could be progressed. Further details soon.

\* It was decided that each Member of the Committee should be persuaded to hold a specific post (or two!) in an effort to spread our increasing workload and make it easier for people to know who dealt with what. Details appear elsewhere in this issue and are subject to change as we review our progress.

## COMMITTEE MATTERS...(iv)

\* Laurie Lavender reported on a number of successful meetings with land owners regarding potential new sites for restoration/conservation work. It was stressed, however, that we intended to concentrate on our existing sites first with the completion of the length from Middle Court Bridge to the A4103 as our top priority. The National Rivers Authority (Welsh Region) had asked for a three year programme to be drawn up.

\* Land and Leisure - Tir A Hamdden (one of the Welsh Water plc group of Companies) have agreed to sponsor all of our printing for the financial year 1990/91. [This is why this copy of Wharfinger is slightly more legible than in the past!] Apart from Wharfinger the arrangement includes many thousands of copies of a number of promotional leaflets - these will be available shortly before the National Waterways Festival; eventually each paid up Member will receive a set.

\* Hereford and Worcester County Council have invited the Canal Society to be involved in the preparation of a ten year "County Countryside Recreational Strategy" document. Cliff Penny tabled a draft of his suggested comprehensive response - more details in the next issue.

\* The Canal Society has obtained a 30% grant, towards the cost of small tools, jointly from the Countryside Commission and Hereford and Worcester County Council. Hereford Industrial Supply Company have supplied the tools at a greater than normal discount. The total grant is £125.

\* It was agreed that we should arrange a small display, promoting the work of the Canal Society, as part of the Dymock Festival of Transport - on Sunday 24th June  
- WHY NOT COME AND SUPPORT US?

CRP



## IT CAN'T BE DONE

To those who say to our long-term objective, of (once more) linking the City of Hereford, via 34 miles of canal to the national inland waterways network at Gloucester - "it can't be done", we point to the Kennet and Avon Canal - where similar words were spoken 15 to 20 years ago - to be re-opened by Her Majesty the Queen this August.

There are many other restoration schemes around the Country where hard working volunteers are "doing the impossible" and restoring canals, overcoming all sorts of problems, providing an important leisure facility (and a living museum of our industrial heritage) that will be enjoyed for generations to come.

200 years ago, men of vision, with very limited financial and physical resources built the Canal; with modern day resources we have the opportunity to conserve, restore, replace the Canal... it's amazing what can be done if you believe in it, if you enlist the help of others. The easiest option is to give up, BUT it is amazing what can be achieved - with a little help - if you try!

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## HARD HATS

Recently introduced safety regulations REQUIRE that approved safety helmets are worn AT ALL TIMES when on building and construction sites. There are a few exceptions - none of which are likely to apply to our work. SO, in future, no matter what you are doing - even just watching - even if you are there "just for a quick look" - if you are actually on one of our restoration sites THE LAW REQUIRES THAT YOU WEAR AN APPROVED SAFETY HELMET AT ALL TIMES.

If the law is broken both the offender and the Canal Society could be prosecuted. Further details from the Restoration Manager, Laurie Lavender. CRP

## PLEASE STOP!

A few months ago a Member wrote asking us to stop appealing for help from the Membership; pointing out that some of our Members might just want to be "armchair supporters" and *not* take an active part. Obviously we respect the view *but* how else are we to appeal for help? Your Committee cannot do it all alone!

Our work *is not* all physical activity - there is masses of other equally important work, just as interesting, needing to be done - administration, fund-raising, liaison with land owners and local authorities, press and publicity, organisation of social events, sales, talks to other organisations, contributions to *Wharfinger*... Even if you feel unable to help with any of that lot (and there are bound to be topics that I have forgotten) there is still one vital thing that every Member could do in 1990 - recruit new Members - PLEASE.

Our Membership is our strength. Every form that we complete asking for grant aid asks for details of the number of Members; we may have to appear at a Public Inquiry to "fight" for bridges over the Canal - again we will be asked "how many Members do you have" - "armchair supporters" - your time has come - PLEASE recruit new Members NOW!

Hopefully you will find a copy of our Membership Application Form with this issue of *Wharfinger* - if not, or you require more copies, please contact our new Membership Secretary, Gwyn ("Steve") Stephens, 11 Meadow Close, Hereford, HR2 6AA.

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## NATIONAL WATERWAYS FESTIVAL

Volunteers (sorry!) are sought to assist in "manning" our display and sales area over part of the August Bank Holiday - names please to Mike Potts or Cliff Penny. CRP



# SOME OF OUR PLANS FOR 1990

## THE ORGANISATION

Form a Charitable Trust to be known as the

*'HEREFORDSHIRE & GLOUCESTERSHIRE CANAL TRUST'*

Restructure the Organisation of the Society [Trust] so that each Member of the Committee holds one (or more) specific posts

Major improvement in content and presentation of *'THE WHARFINGER'*

Greatly increase circulation of *'THE WHARFINGER'* to aid recruitment

## PROMOTION EVENTS / DISPLAYS

Dymock Festival of Transport [June]

Hereford Museum / Library [August]

National Waterways Festival, Gloucester [August Bank Holiday]

Canal Promotion Public Meetings - various - to be announced

Canal Promotion Meeting - Local Authorities etc. [3rd meeting]

Host 'Southern Canals' Meeting [October]

## SOCIAL EVENTS / VISITS

Canal Tour & Cruise, Droitwich / Birmingham [June]

Steam Railway Trip, Severn Valley Railway [July]

Coach to National Waterways Festival, Gloucester [August]

## RESTORATION PROGRAMME

Dredging, towpath levelling, landscaping & tree planting to finish

Crews Pitch to Middle Court Bridge, Monkhide

Further work at Newent Lock Cottage site - clear Canal/restore water levels

Commence work on adjacent section at Newent

Clear (and possibly dredge) section at Swinmoor Common

Complete dredging/tidying at Roman Road, Hereford

Investigate the purchase of our own excavator

***THIS IS JUST PART OF OUR INTENDED PROGRAMME FOR 1990***

***It is all subject to revision / confirmation***

*Membership Secretary: Gwyn Stephens Esq., 11, Meadow Close, Hereford, HR2 6AA [SAE please]*

# WHAT IS A RESTORED CANAL?

IT'S NOT *JUST* FOR BOATS . . .

## *A RESTORED CANAL IS*

An informal recreation facility for the community★

A 'green corridor', whether in City, Town, Village or the Countryside

A haven for wildlife, flora and fauna

An important land drainage facility for adjoining land owners

A traffic-free link between established footpaths and highways★

An immediately available emergency reserve of water for fire fighting

A significant tourist attraction - on foot, by car & (eventually) by boat★

A (restricted) irrigation asset for adjacent land owners

An important 'living museum' of our industrial heritage

★ subject to access agreements where existing rights of way do not exist

A restored Canal is an asset to the community through which it passes and to the area in general. A restored Herefordshire and Gloucestershire Canal would link Hereford City, Ledbury and all points on the Canal to the established Inland Waterways network at Gloucester - giving access to over 2,500 miles of navigable waterways

**JOIN THE CANAL SOCIETY *TODAY***  
**AS ACTIVE MEMBER *OR* ARMCHAIR SUPPORTER**  
**WE NEED *YOUR* HELP TO RESTORE THE CANAL**

*Membership Secretary: Gwyn Stephens Esq., 11, Meadow Close, Hereford HR2 6AA [SAE please]*

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH INLAND WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION.

Sunday 15th July.

Annual coach trip to the Basingstoke Canal.

For further details and application form contact

Gordon Lowthian on Gloucester (994) 730227.

Saturday 25th to Monday 27th August.

GLOS 90. OUR OWN NATIONAL WATERWAYS FESTIVAL ON CASTLE MEADS.

Keep these dates free. Looking forward to meeting friends old and new.

Tuesday 18th September 7-30pm.

Video/Slide talk by David McDougall. "How we saved the Barge.

A friends event in the Museum Schools Room Glos Docks.

Friday 19th October 7-30pm.

I.W.A. Gloucestershire Event. Restoration of the Rochdale Canal.

A talk by Brian Holden, Secretary of the Rochdale Canal Society.

In the Museum Schools Room Glos Docks.

Thursday 22nd November 7-30pm.

Birmingham first bypass-The Tame Valley Canal. Talk/Slides by John Foley.

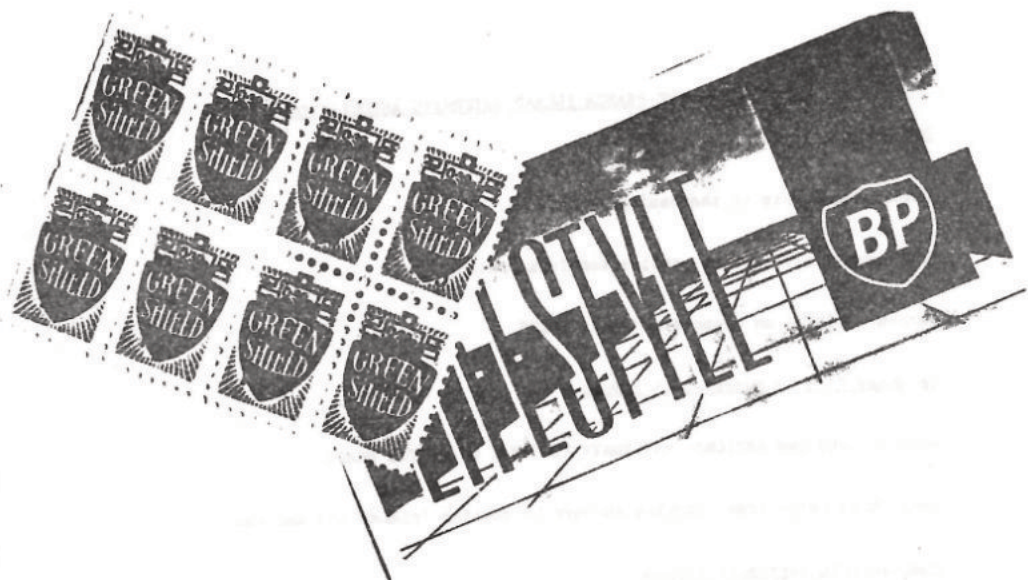
A Friends Event in the Museum Schools Room Glos Docks.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH INLAND WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION.

Tuesday 18th December 7-30pm.

I.W.A. and Museum Friends social for Christmas. Bring some refreshments.

In the Museum Schools Room Glos Docks.



### DON'T STAMP IT OUT!

Please keep on sending in your Green Shield stamps and petrol vouchers. We are making good use of them.

From the stamps and vouchers sent in so far we have ordered a number of very useful tools.

All of our stamps and coupons are sent in to the I W A pool and from this pool we are able to draw the tools we need, any excess will be used towards I W A funds.

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Please send in your letters for inclusion in the Wharfinger. Preferably typed on A5 format. (A4 folded in half)

It will ensure that I cannot Knobble it wiv my spellin then.

Articles in by the 12th of previous month please.

N.B. To enable us to get the next edition out early ready for the National Waterways Festival all articles for the Autumn edition should be in by the 2nd of August please at the latest.

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### FIRST PRIZE IN THE OLD CROCKS RACE.

Yes, thanks to the usual generosity of our members the appeal in the last Wharfinger for crockery, cutlery and cooking pots etc we have collected a vast amount.

We can provide our visiting volunteers with utensils to cook and eat without having to share. We have over 50 mugs! They will all come in very useful. We can of course use these items for catering at various events too.

There are just a couple of extra items we could do with but we will purchase these if necessary. A) a large frying pan, a large kettle, a boiler, burco type (calor gas or electric) and some cereal bowls.

The response was terrific and our thanks goes out to you all.

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### BAKE A CAKE.

A number of you have promised us cakes for our stand at the National Waterways Festival in Gloucester over the August bank holiday. As many of you are already aware my memory is hopeless.

I would be most grateful if you could contact;

Mrs Joan Stephens 11 Meadow Close  
Belmont Hereford Tel (0432) 268739, the wife  
of our new membership secretary. She has  
kindly offered to co-ordinate the collection

bake a cake cont..

etc.

We would like as many as possible please, they proved to be an excellent fund raiser last year and are apparently always very popular at shows.

Please let us know what ingredients you would like us to provide and if you would like us to collect them a couple of days before the holiday.

Hygiene regulation state that they must be all wrapped and not openly displayed so please can you either put them in cling film or a polythene bag.

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### MONKHIDE MARINA?

We are starting to accumulate a few small boats on or at our canal. My little dingy comes in quite handy (it seats just two) to collect Major Barnes's boat from its mooring on the opposite side of the winding hole at Crews pitch. We also have a small boat capable of carrying about 4 people and now!

Sir John Knill, one of our members residing aside the Kennet and Avon canal has most generously donated his twelve seater trip boat to us. At the very moment of writing this article I am about to depart with Laurie Lavender to go and view it in order that we can make the necessary arrangements for its collection shortly.

Although I have not seen it Sir John has told me that it is 19'6" long and 6'7" wide with a diesel inboard engine and hydraulic outboard drive. I hope I have remembered correctly!

This could prove very useful at next year's open day hopefully.

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### JOIN OUR TRIPS.

The response to our last outing was rather poor. 14 of us enjoyed a very nice day out at the Birmingham Science Museum and steam rally this month.



join our trips cont..

So rather than disapoint people I hired a 15 seater mini bus for our day out. Unfortunately it was not the most comfortable of rides but it did enable us all to have a very nice day out. The weather was very mild and the sun shon in the afternoon. It was a very good show and all free,

I have at this date not received enough bookings for our June tour/cruise to make it viable but it will still go ahead. With the trips where I have to hire a boat, we have to book very early and are unable to cancel, this is a risk I have no chioce but to take. The last few years I have had to turn people away as we are limited by the boat size as to how many we can take.

Because of haveing to book the boat so early I had a problem with our June trip. Being a little late confirming my provisional booking the boat had been hired out to another group (and this was in March) so I had to scrable arround to find another for that day. Brungem boats had one available so I have booked that. The cost is a good deal more but they have agreed to let us have their luxury boat at the same price as their normal boat.

I also would like a few more for our trip on the Severn Valley railway please. This should be a good day out. Five engines in steam and you can ride as much as you like. You will find that it is also very good value.

Come and join us.

Non members welcome too.

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#### CARPENTER REQUIRED.

Do we have anyone out there who is good at carpentry? We could do with some help in making stands and repairing/replaceing the wood work on our boats.

If you are able to help please contact one of the committee.

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## THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

A number of changes took place at our recent annual General Meeting amongst them were the following;

James Dunn who has been our treasurer and membership secretary for many years has given up this post but is still keen and active. He will be our archivist. Jim has been very busy over the years quietly receiving our membership forms, keeping records of our membership, providing us with regular lists and providing me with all the envelopes to mail the Wharfinger in. He has been keeping an eye on our finances and always kept us notified of our financial situation. He has arranged space at the Cathedral School for our committee meetings, our annual general meetings and many of the other events we have held. All of this plus more has been done without many of being aware even of this work.

Tony Austin Bailey also has stood down from his position as Chairman which he has held for a number of years now. Very progressive years they were too.

He has been liaising with councils, land owners, companies and The Inland Waterways Association to name but a few. He has played a key role in organising our stands at the national Waterways Festivals we have attended. Also in arranging the two very successful promotional days we have had.

We have thanks to Tony plus efforts from others in our group received a number of grants and donations towards our restoration programme.

We do not realise all the unseen work that does go on in the background. We all take a very active role in the administration side of the society, in arranging outings and events, in arranging stands for shows. We also of course work on raising funds, getting local authority recognition, making the public and various bodies aware of our canal and our aims.

We do not always make the progress we would like and we all occasionally get a bit wroth over issues that concern us. do not let any of us forget that we are all volunteers we receive nothing in payment for our efforts other than the pleasure of our project expanding and succeeding. This is all we want and is

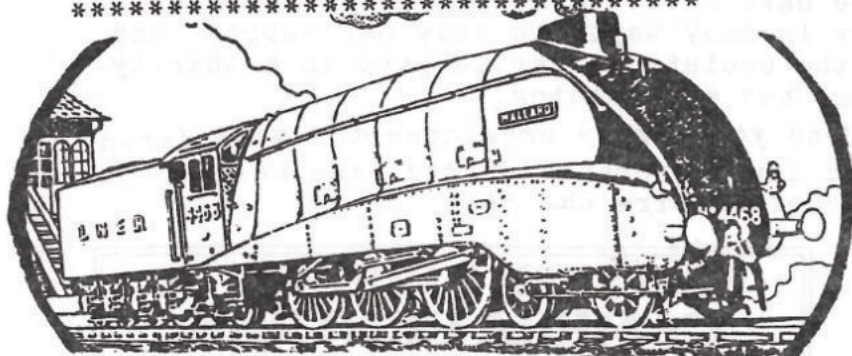


thanks for your help cont..

enough. We would like one day to be able to take a boat from Hereford to Gloucester along our canal, we may never. The problems are imence, but we will try.

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### MIDSUMMER IN DYMOCK - FESTIVAL OF TRANSPORT

A 'Festival of transport' will be held on the Sunday of the well-known 'Midsummer in Dymock' weekend! The village hall will house an exhibition of all forms of local transport, such as; steam railways, electric tramways, car clubs, canal societies, cycle clubs, footpath projects, flying clubs etc.

Across the road at 'The Lanches' will be a static display of Veteran, Vintage and pre1960 cars, light vans, motorbikes and bicycles. There will also be spacious under-cover seating for the continuous showing of archive films.

So, just come on the day and follow the signs in Dymock for our informal, friendly, free (to exhibitors) rally on Sunday 24th June, 1990 between 11.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Hot and cold food and drink will be available during the day and a guided one-hour walk will be organised for the afternoon. Any profits from this event will go to local charities.

Tel Chris Clark on Dymock 204 for trade stands and enquiries.

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\*\*\*\*\* OUR SOCIETY STAND WILL BE THERE \*\*\*\*\*

## DEVELOPING OUR FUNDS!

We all take photographs at some time or other and as the summer approaches more and more will be taken.

We have received help from Hereford Camera Centre in many ways. To show our support and help the society we participate in a charity scheme they are running.

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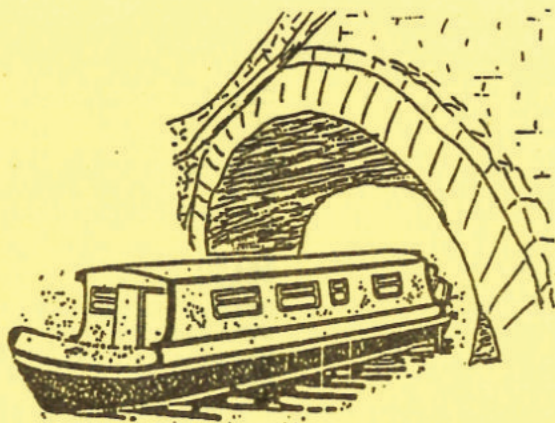
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