

GCS News Sheet

The Society plans to issue an electronic News Sheet to those members who would like to be updated on its activities and progress. This first issue is being sent to you with a request that **you reply** indicating your wish to receive further copies.

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IWA WATERWAYS FESTIVAL - REDHILL

For 3 days over the August Bank Holiday The GCS were allocated space in the Prestige Marquee at Redhill on the River Soar. We met many old friends, made some new ones and found some useful contacts, as you do at these events. The stand was busy for most of the weekend with visitors from all over the country. There was a lot of interest in the Trent Link and the Trip Boat. Tony Pitman had a red hot pen from signing copies of The Grantham Canal Guide. Thanks must go to Tony, Mike Stone, Ian Goodson, Kevin Mann, Jim Barker, Leigh Hood, Martin Day, Fred Marsh and Ian Wakefield for holding the fort at various times over the weekend. There are pictures on the website www.granthamcanal.com

Latest News

1. Langar Bridge – Harby: Leicestershire County Council are closing the Harby to Langar road in order to remove the existing bridge over the canal at Harby which has deteriorated and is no longer fit for purpose. A replacement is being constructed the deck of which will, in the future, be capable of being raised using hydraulic rams to permit the passage of boats. Work should start on Monday 19th October.

2. Trip boat Appeal: has so far raised over £600 in three weeks. This is an excellent response and a big **Thank you!** to all those who have donated. *If you haven't sent your donation yet, today would be a good time!* Details are on the GCS website.

3. Lock 18: Tests involving filling and emptying the lock have revealed that there are voids in new brickwork mortar. The contractors have been recalled to carry out rectification work and to complete other minor outstanding tasks.

4. BBC: An interview with the society's chairman was broadcast on Radio Nottingham on the John Holmes show on Wednesday 7th October. Several volunteers painting Woolsthorpe Locks were filmed for an Inside Out programme to be screened on BBC One on a Monday during October or November.

5. A46 Development: The canal has been filled in at Cropwell Locks to facilitate the construction of a new dual carriageway road. Don't worry it will only be temporary and the canal will be restored on completion of the work. Indeed a new bridge will carry the new road over the canal at this point.

6. Mann's Bridge: Discussions are ongoing with the various bodies involved with the A46 improvements at Stragglethorpe to secure the area for future bridge raising.

7. Workparties: Thurs. 29th & Sat 31st Oct - clearing trees from the bed of the canal at Oddhouse Farm.

Sat. 21st & Sun 22nd Nov. WRG Bitm Group return to Mann's Bridge for more major tree clearance. More details on the website or ring Leigh Hood on 01400 281648 (Mob. 07919 888024) or Ian Wakefield on 0115 9892128 (Mob. 07789 383266)

8. GCS AGM : Wed 11th Nov at Cropwell Bishop Methodist Hall, Nottingham Road. 7.30 start

Temporary earth bridge near Cropwell Lock. Viewed from A46 bridge looking towards Nottingham. Towpath is centre front & bed of canal still green with vegetation



Langar Bridge at Harby before work starts.