

## Grantham Canal News Sheet

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### 1. Battle for Mann's Bridge:



All very quiet at the moment but it's strange that the Highways Agency maintained that Mann's Bridge falls outside the boundary of the A46 works yet the new road surface, seen in the foreground of the picture left, extends some distance beyond the bridge, away from the road works. It is also obvious that the bridge is on the apex of the sharp bend.

**STOP PRESS.** According to the Nottingham Evening Post on Thursday 29th July the Minister of Transport has turned down the appeal for Mann's Bridge to be raised. (More details next month)

### 2 The Trip-boat:

[The Three Shires](#) is booked for at least two days during most weeks until the end of August. This is an excellent response considering the boat only arrived on 28th April. Everyone seems to have enjoyed their trip, so our thanks go out to the Skippers and Crew who have given up so much of their free time for our visitors who continue to comment on how different the canal looks from the water!

Our website now has a page which shows the dates [The Three Shires](#) is available for bookings. Just go to [www.granthamcanal.com/boattrips/availability](http://www.granthamcanal.com/boattrips/availability).

If you missed the launch and first trip of [The Three Shires](#) on the 28th April, a professionally produced 14 minute DVD is available for a donation towards new lifejackets for the skipper and crew. Please contact the editor.

### 3. Workparties

The Workparty team took **Centaury** out on the last two Thursday's of the month to clear some of the summer growth around the Bridle Bridge and Harlaxton cutting. As in any garden, the vegetation needs to be kept under control. Unfortunately our garden is 4 miles long but we have a loyal team of willing volunteers who really enjoy working on the canal, especially from a 65 year old boat that has a charm all of it's own! Workparties are always the last Thursday and Saturday of each month plus the odd day thrown in for good measure. Please contact the editor if you wish to join us.



Why do you always meet other boats in the most difficult places?



Fred enlightens Simon about the mileposts whilst Jake holds the underwater obstruction that the Trip Boat crews had reported



We do work hard - honestly!

### 4. GCS at the Shows and Events

Rosemary, Tony and their team continue to extract money for the Society from the unsuspecting public at various locations. There is always a lot of interest in the stand as can be seen from the photo on the last page, taken at Harlaxton at the beginning of the month.



## 5. Harlaxton Wharf

The official opening of the Restored Harlaxton Wharf by Tony Wilkinson was on on Sunday 4th July 2010. The sun shone and the Wharf was filled with visitors. There were Boat Trips and a free BBQ. The restoration was made possible by a Grant from the Community Spaces Programme funded by the Big Lottery Fund and WREN.



Centauri is invited to the ball after all!



Safety instructions to passengers from the crew of The Three Shires.



John Brydon arrives with Otter



From left to right in the pictures above are Peter Hawkins - Chairman of the Harlaxton Wharf Community Group, Mike Stone - Chairman of the Grantham Canal Society, Mike Kennedy of WREN and Tony Wilkinson - Chairman of the Grantham Canal Partnership who declared the wharf formally open.



Mike Stone receives a cheque for £50,000 from Mike Kennedy of WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Limited) as the companies contribution towards the cost of restoration of Harlaxton Wharf. (The Big Lottery Fund financed the remainder).

Photos : Mike Stone, Colin Bryan & Ian Wakefield. More on page 3 (no, not that one!) and on the website.

## 6. Oops! My apologies to Derek Bolton for calling him "David" in last month's photo gallery.

## 7. Plea from the Chairman

The society still requires a volunteer to take over the role of **Hon. Treasurer** as Jim Barker has signified his wish to hand over to a younger person. The post requires the holder to have some financial expertise, an orderly mind used to dealing with figures, honesty and to be computer literate. Please contact the Chairman if you have any questions or wish to be considered.

*If you spot anything new or unusual on the Grantham, please contact the editor with photos if possible. Any questions and I will try to find answers.*

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## PHOTO GALLERY (with tongue in cheek)



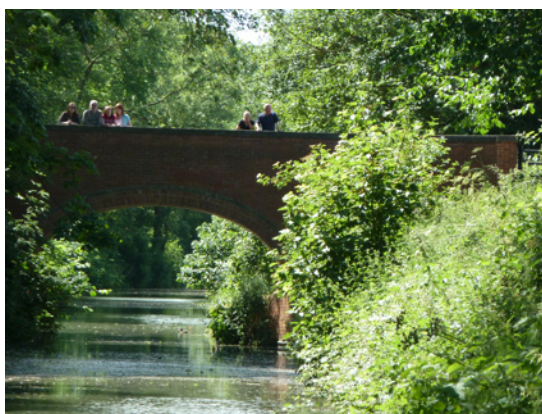
*Are the canoes really getting a tow from the trip boat?*



*Rosemary checks to make sure the coins are genuine, whilst Tony supervises.*



*African Queen springs to mind!*



*Peace and tranquility*



*A bit of congestion here!*



*And this is only the queue for the BBQ.*



*This was 'fished' out of the canal at Harlaxton before the Opening Ceremony. Anyone got any ideas what it is please?*



*Finally, a scene from the Erewash Canal. Someone is obviously very proud of our Grantham Canal or hoping for a mooring!*