



Newsletter

This year the AGM is on 9th November at 8.00pm in the usual venue : Cropwell Bishop Methodist Church Hall, Nottingham Road Cropwell Bishop (near the butchers shop).

Waterfront Editor

At present we still do not have an editor for the magazine. This newsletter is to inform members of the many new and exciting developments that are taking place on the Grantham Canal.

It is not intended to replace Waterfront. If anyone has the necessary skills, access to a computer and for the vast salary £0.00 would like to take on the Editorship please get in touch. You will excuse us if we pounce upon you!

Weekend Project Organiser

Are you a practical person, familiar with Work Method Statements, Health and Safety Risk Assessments etc? If that's you, then we desperately need your help. For many years the GCRS have run weekend work parties doing minor (and some major) works on the Grantham. We have an excellent relationship with BW, and need someone who is prepared to work closely with them and take on the organisation and running of our Workparty each month. We recently decided that it was more practical to run one Saturday and Sunday weekend per month. If you feel you could help, once again with a salary of £0.00, please get in touch. BW have kindly put out our request to their retired staff to see if anyone might be interested in joining our happy band.

WRG

London Wrg made a very welcome, if surprise visit (to us at any rate) on the 1st and 2nd October. Ten people arrived . They were accommodated at Barkestone Old School and they were here to do heritage brickwork assisted by a few members of GCRS on bridge 18, the deck of which was removed earlier in the summer. They managed to replace many of the damaged bricks and reposition some of the coping stones that over the years had either been moved or finished up in the bed of the canal. Fortunately for everyone concerned bridge 18 is in the dry section so there were no particular difficulties. Our grateful thanks to the London Group and our sponsors John Stevens (Building Supplies) who once again provided materials free of charge. We were delighted to see Mr Stevens on site when he came to to see the work in progress on the Sunday.

On the 15th and 16th October WRG BITM (Bit In The Middle) are at Cropwell Bishop, clearing the spill weir dyke and trees near the Lime Kiln. Colin has secured a BBC (N.C.C. Building Better Communities) grant and the Nottingham, Derby and Leicester branch of IWA have also given a grant to help fund this work. It is an expensive job which has necessitated a bat and environmental survey and will involve the closure of Kinoulton Road for 2 days for safety reasons.

TOOLS

At the moment our tools and materials are kept near Woolsthorpe but because of the distance between there and Cropwell Bishop, where current work is ongoing, we are looking for a secure base in the Cropwell area. If you know of anywhere we could use please contact: Colin 0115 9892248

WORKBOAT

Our Seastrike workboat arrived courtesy of a 5am start for Fred Marsh and one of his lorry driving friends. On the 18th July we formally received the cheque from the IWA and we had a photo shoot at the Council Offices in Grantham. The Partnership provided the remainder of the cost. Photos are on the website. The first outing of the boat will be later in the year.

If you have any comments or require further information please contact:

The Newsletter Editor :- Ian on 0115 989 2128 or the GCRS at www.granthamcanal.com

Grantham Canal Restoration Society Promotional Garments

We now have available a range of shirts and base ball caps with the GCRS logo in both embroidered and printed form.

Garments are excellent quality produced by 'Fruit of the Loom', embroidered, and printed in a pale silver logo. They are available in sizes S to 2XL, in three colours, burgundy, bottle green, and navy. [sizes above Large are to order about 14 days]

Prices

T shirt 100% cotton with printed logo

Price General Sales.....£5.00
Members.....£4.50

Polo shirt 65/36 Poly Cotton with embroidered logo

Price General Sales.....£10.50
Members.....£ 9.50

Sweat shirt (raglan) 70/30 Poly Cotton with embroidered logo

Price General Sales.....£12.50
Members.....£11.00

Base ball cap one size adjustable 100% Cotton with embroidered logo

Price General Sales.....£7.00
Members.....£6.25

Packing&Postage £1.30 per item

Ring Tony Pitman on 0115 9562363

List of forthcoming IWA events. Members & non-members All Welcome.

**Rushcliffe Arena at 7.45pm
Rugby Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.**

21st October 2005: People I meet. By IWA National Chairman, John Fletcher.

18th November 2005: Talk by Caroline Killeavy on her role as General Manager for British Waterways, East Midlands.

16th December 2005: The Chesterfield Canal by Mick Golds, followed by Christmas Social Buffet.