

MAY

# BRIDGE

2018



Bluebells - Photographed by Chris Leach



## This month's update from Mike Stone (Chairman)

It appears that the weather profile for April – showers and sunshine – was running late this year and had continued into May. What a transformation for the Bank Holiday! A really successful attendance at Woolsthorpe open weekend resulted in GCS receiving donations totalling in excess of £1,500 towards canal restoration. My thanks to all who contributed to the day's activities. My thanks also to everyone who supported the rather wet open days at Woolsthorpe in April. Your support and donations are much appreciated. May is another busy month with short Boat-trips; the usually excellent home-baked offerings and refreshments at the depot; a chance to visit Lock 15 and see the new lock gates; and have an opportunity to meet some of the canal wild-life at close quarters. The gates may even be in place by then! No you don't have to get wet to view them! Activity will be on the Sunday and Monday of the next Bank Holiday weekend so if you have not been before come early for a boat trip; see what life flourishes in the canal below the water; relax over some home-made cake or try your luck on the tombola! It's a great way to pass the time!

I see that an application has been made to return boats to the canal at Hickling in the form of holiday homes. Such a move will bring the attractive basin to life and further extend canal activity in Nottinghamshire. The length of canal towards Hose was restored in the 1990's but has seen little use since as the previous owners, British Waterways, didn't support its use. Let's see how this new initiative progresses.

We were delighted to offer Tracey Davies, from the Grantham Journal an opportunity to join a work party for a day last month. Clearly she enjoyed the experience and wrote extensively about it in her newspaper. We hope it encourages other members of the public to volunteer to join us and restore the canal.

Whatever the weather our very active volunteers

and the towpath users have been out in force. Regrettably our Rangers report increasing quantities of litter – why can't folks take home what they bring? – and the ever present doggie doo's in plastic bags. Please encourage people to tidy up their own, and their dogs, mess and not leave it for our Rangers who have enough to do.

The length of canal east of the A1 is now covered by a Ranger who would welcome more support in the Grantham area. This stretch has been used as the local dump and we will require assistance to improve it to an acceptable condition. Perhaps local supermarkets could assist by supporting the recovery of several of their trolleys that have found their way into the water; they don't float so who thought they could?

The Education team are working with local schools and delivering a week of canal learning at the end of the summer term. Plans are in place but schools would welcome assistance with pupil transport. Please is there a generous company or person reading this who would be willing to sponsor the use of a mini-bus for a week? Rosemary would love to hear from you!

I hope you enjoy the Grantham Canal whatever your interest and wherever you travel.

*Mike Stone.*



Our first outdoor event is on Friday 18th May, when we will meet at the Canalside Heritage Centre by Beeston Lock for 7pm. We will take a walk downstream along the river Trent before crossing to the towpath of the Beeston Cut for the return leg. After the walk there will be a chance to visit the Heritage Centre, who hope to sell us refreshments. To make this work we need some idea of numbers, so if you intend to come, please let us know.

# NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date & Time	Event & Venue
Sat & Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Nottingham County Show
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> May 7.30	Rangers Meeting, Depot
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> May 10.00-4.00	Earlesfield Canal Clean up
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> May 7.15	Information Boards at Harlaxton Parish Meeting
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> May 10.00	Bank Holiday Planning Meeting, Depot
Sun & Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday Boat Trips – lots of help needed
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> May 1.00	Talk: The Spriteleys, Grantham
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> to Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Grantham Steam and Country Show, Stainby
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> June 8.00	Events Team Meeting, Depot
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> June 10.00	Schools' Week Meeting, Depot
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> June 10.00 – 5.00	Bingham Town Fair
Sat & Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Grantham Carnival
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Cotgrave Festival
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Barnstone Festival Family Fun Day
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> June 10.00-4.00	Summer Sunday Boat Trips
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> June 11.00 – 5.00	East Bridgford Village Show
Sat & Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> June & 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Lady Bay Open Gardens Weekend – details to follow
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Dysart Park Family Fun Day, Grantham
July 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> 10.00 – 2.30	Schools' Week at Woolsthorpe Depot
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> July 7.30	Rangers Meeting, Depot
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Radcliffe Carnival
Sat & Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Rempstone Steam Fair
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2.00	Harlaxton Village Fete (Date changed)
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> July 10.00 – 4.00	Summer Sunday Boat Trips
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	WRG Family Weekend at Woolsthorpe – help needed
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug 2.00	Talk: Colsterworth WI
Sun & Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Bank Holiday Boat Trips – lots of help needed
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept 11.30	Talk: Trent Valley Probus
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct 10.00-4.00	Discovery Day 2018

## Community and Education Update May 2018

**Events:** What a difference to the last bank holiday boat trips weekend. Thanks to all the bakers, movers and shakers who helped us raise £1516.65 in sweltering heat.

We had around 50 volunteers I think and about 200 visitors, but I still need to crunch all the numbers.

We've had more event invitations than we can cope with for the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July, so we have had to withdraw plans for attending Dysart Park and Foston in favour of East Bridgford and Lady Bay Open Gardens.

We still need more help than we are getting for events, especially when it comes to packing away. The job rarely finishes when an event is supposed to finish.

**Education:** Busy with planning activities, but plans need finalising.

*Rosemary*

[communityandevents@granthamcanal.org](mailto:communityandevents@granthamcanal.org) or 07971 173069

### A MESSAGE FROM MARY

**THANK YOU** to all the volunteers on The Three Shires, Lock 15 and the Depot, not forgetting the cake bakers and our leaflet distribution team.

**I am also crying out for volunteers for the next Bank Holiday May 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**

# THE GRANTHAM CANAL HERITAGE INITIATIVE

## **Straightening the Record - Lock 14 Access Agreement**

We and our Project Partners, the Canal & River Trust, understand and recognise that many of our members and volunteers have serious questions regarding why the access agreement with Belvoir Castle for Lock 14 has not yet been signed.

Since 2015 the Grantham Canal Society had been working to gain access to the field to build a track up to the lock. Despite one rebuff a second approach managed to secure the Castles "in principle" agreement and our company secretary drew up a comprehensive agreement. However, in September 2017, the Castle became aware of the extent of CRT involvement and requested that a formal agreement be worked up between Belvoir Estates, Canal & River Trust in association with the Grantham Canal Society. Canal & River Trust and Grantham Canal Society officers then worked together over the next few weeks to draft a formal lease agreement to be presented to the Castle. This agreement was sent to the Castle on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017. From that point it became an issue to be dealt with by CRT and the Belvoir Estates solicitors.

Staff from Canal & River Trust and colleagues in the Grantham Canal Society have been in regular contact with the Castle's representatives and are awaiting comments from the Castles Solicitors. The delay in the project is unfortunate and disappointing for all partners, the Canal & River Trust have taken all necessary measures to off-hire equipment that is no longer needed on site.

Works to complete lock 15 continue, with the new lock gates on site ready for fitting in May. The past few months have been a source of enormous frustration for us all, especially given that the funding provision for this project has an overall time limit of 5 years from May 2015.

Once the access agreement to allow works to start on lock 14 is in place we will start work with a vengeance. Many lessons have been learned from Lock 15 and these will be put in place to complete 14 within the allotted timescale. Once Lock 14 is under way we will turn our attention to Locks 12 and 13, to address as soon as 14 is complete, and which will take us down to the 20 mile lock-free pound towards Nottingham.

**David Lyneham-Brown**  
**Chief Executive**



**Many thanks to Ian Wakefield for these photos of lock 15**



## THE WAY IT WAS

### By Mike Atherley



In the last months story about lock 18's bywash that was my final work project for the GCS. Due to personal reasons it was time to hang up my boots and hard hat and move on to pastures new.

Now like a lot of you I only see progress from Bridge and other canal magazines so now I thought I would go back to my early memories of the Grantham Restoration. The friends and colleagues gave me a wonderful retirement present with a helicopter flight along the entire route of the canal then back to the Barnstone Country Club for a slap up meal and evening with all the volunteers I knew, attending. What a send off, Thank you all.

The Canal Society was started by Garland Grylls and some colleagues from the Grantham Civic Trust. They had seen the last mile severed by the A1 Grantham bypass, the demolition of the old wharf and buildings, it became a scrap and recycling depot, the Earlsfield estate low level access bridge and the bit between filled in and used by the local highways dept.



Soon the remains of that last mile was being filled with urban rubbish so the new team started to clear up that section and tidy up

the severed bit. There used to be stables for the tow horses and transhipment sheds and in later years a rail link to Grantham rail sidings. News must have spread down the line and other like minded people started to get involved and the group eventually formed a base at Hickling using the Plough Inn as their meeting room.



The pub had this odd large upstairs room filled with old settees and chairs, I don't remember there being a table, but it was quiet and good for a snack and a pint. I think the group had designs on eventually restoring the old semi derelict wharf building opposite of which the farmer had possession. But that never materialised. The committee comprised of Chairman Garland Grylls, Secretary Richard Brown and Treasurer Mr. James who I never met, and a near equal amount of men and women members with Sir Denis Le Marchant as President. The name then changed to the Grantham Canal Society. They were fortunate to be in time to help with saving Harlaxton Bridge No.66 which was rebuilt as original under the Bridgeguard scheme and later Muston Bridge No.59 both were to be demolished and culverted. Unfortunately they were too late to save Kinoulton Bridge No 28, the last in the Notts County Council area. More next time.

# GCS Rangers



Since our last report the Rangers Team have taken on the responsibility of the South Kesteven District Council owned section of the canal on the East side of the A1

Richard Jackson, our Ranger for this Section is already making vast improvements along the canal with regular litter picks.

Richard and myself are arranging a clearance programme to enable us to clear the canal of rubbish.

The first date for this work is Tuesday 15th May, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. If you would like to join us please contact me on **07926 414652**

If you are interested in becoming a Ranger, we are looking to add to the following sections. (telephone as above)

River Trent to Gamston  
Cotgrave Country Park to the A46  
Hickling to Hose  
Woolsthorpe to Casthorpe Bridge

*Chris Cobb* Head Ranger

## Flora & Fauna along the Grantham Canal by James Faulconbridge



### May – Garlic Mustard

Cycling along the Canal towpath over the last few days, the white flecks of garlic mustard flowers have blended with the dappled shade almost everywhere I've been. This species is perhaps not the most attractive of the towpath wildflowers but blooming early in May, it is a vitally important species for our pollinators. Typically a woodland specialist, the shadier banks of the canal, especially in places like Harlaxton cutting, provide ideal habitat.

Variously called garlic mustard, hedge garlic, jack-by-the-hedge or its latin *Alliaria petiolata*, this member of the cabbage family is popular with the orange-tip butterfly, the beeflies and countless hoverflies and solitary bee species. It is a foodplant of the larvae of cabbage white butterflies – so a patch in your garden might tempt them away from your crops! Later in the season, the seeds of the plant are an important part of the diet of many farmland bird species who will use the towpath habitats as part of their foraging area.

Hedge garlic is a biennial, which means that it takes two years to complete its life cycle.

Amongst the tall fronds of leaves and flowers you can see this year will be the young leaves of next year's flowers establishing themselves.

The common name of 'garlic mustard' refers to the scent given off by the smooth, heart-shaped leaves when they are crushed. The leaves are in fact edible and can be used as salad greens, especially when young and fresh.



# COMPUTER TECH TIPS

BY GILES

We welcome Giles, a well regarded Web Designer and Technical Support Person, who has agreed to do a regular article for Bridge Ed



## User accounts confusion

I often encounter a bit of confusion over some of the different user accounts needed these days which isn't surprising really, I will try to clarify.

Microsoft, Apple and Android devices require an account for login access and certain online services, the user name is always an email address. I think some of the confusion comes from the fact that you have an account for your device or computer and an account for your email service and both 'can' use the same email address but both serve different functions.

If you have a hotmail.com, outlook.com or live.com (.co.uk) mail account then this functions as both a Microsoft Account and an email account. Similarly an icloud.com, mac.com or me.com mail account functions as an Apple ID too but both Apple and Microsoft accounts can use any email address as the logon ID depending on what was registered when the account was created. Android devices require a gmail.com (.co.uk) email account which is a Google

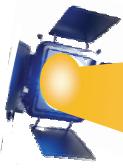
account giving you mail and other Google services.

You can sign into Windows and Apple computers with a local user account which is stored and authenticated locally (not online) which is fine but there are some benefits to having an online account. Email contacts, purchased apps and calendar events can be stored and synchronised across multiple devices. If you use different device types for instance a Windows laptop and an Apple iPhone then it can be a little more difficult to synchronise information across both devices.

This is a lengthy topic which I've summarised here but more information can be found online.

## ALERT REMINDER:

Please be aware of recent scam phone calls claiming to be from BT or Microsoft saying that your computer has a problem or that services will be terminated or shut down shortly, they are bogus.



## Spotlight on Volunteers

**Rosemary Gibson - Community & Education Team Leader**

*By Tony Jackson*



During the ensuing years, Rosemary has added illustrated talks to her repartee and started the Learning Team. It has been a fascinating few years, but she does admit it's been exhausting attending so many shows!

Desk and computer work has increased dramatically since the restoration of the Woolsthorpe Lock Flight came to fruition – preventing her from her original aim of hands-on physical work along the canal in the 'outdoor gym'.

Speaking of things dramatic, she is often found treading the boards on stage or helping with productions in and around Grantham, where her needlework skill and knowledge of costume is also much sought.

Rosemary joined the society in 2009, while visiting the society's stand at the Inland Waterways Association Festival at Redhill on the River Soar.

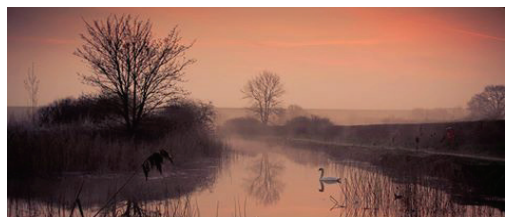
When asked if she'd like to help at shows, Rosemary, with a background in teaching and re-enactment, had only one proviso – that she could dress as a boatwoman!

Having set to work with needle and thread, she's instantly recognisable at shows in her confection of a boatwoman's bonnet!

Recently retired from the teaching profession, adept at putting up displays and disseminating information – she soon found herself in the role as team leader.



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## Letters to the Editor

As someone who lives near, and uses the towpath regularly, I would like to read about the overall plans for the completion of the project e.g. when boats will be travelling from the Trent to Grantham, how much has been spent so far etc.

Most of the sections near me are without water, and I often think about the day the dogs and I could wave to boaters as they pass. Perhaps an article or two showing the overall progress rather than just the sections individually, as it is hard to appreciate the full story from the newsletter, which is excellent by the way.

Best regards  
Rod

**I'm sure that many would like the answer to this  
- I've asked those who should know!  
I look forward to your comments .... Ed**

*Thank you for the write up in the Bridge about the hedgehogs it is really appreciated. Thank you Sally for the lovely drawing, it is just lovely.  
Janet*

Thanks Steve  
Some fabulous pictures.  
Tragic news re loss of funding due to the sloothness of those who live up at the top of the pile.  
Anne

**TERRY BEAN**  
**Janine Bean has notified us that Terry Bean passed away in February this year.**  
**We offer our condolences.**

### **From Friends of Cotgrave Country Park (FoCCP)**

Firstly as you are aware the towpath along the canal through the park was resurfaced two years ago and a great job it is too. However it has produced a rather troublesome problem in that many more cyclists use it. This is causing problems with walkers in as much as the speed of these bikes is getting out of hand. They seem to think they have priority and are coming up behind people and not giving any warning of their presence, they seem to think that a bell is just for show. Walkers do step aside when they see them but it those from behind that are causing problems. Can I ask you through your magazine to print a note advising cyclists to use their bell or other warning of their presence? I will send the same request to CRT for warning signs at the entry points.

Secondly, one of our volunteer wardens, Roy Southern, has single handedly taken on the task of clearing rubbish from the hedge alongside the towpath between locks 6 & 7 after the problem was brought up at our last meeting. This was no mean task as the bank side over the hedge falls away steeply into a water filled ditch at the bottom. He did the job over two weeks and in total removed ten large bin bags of rubbish. His hard work won't be noticed now because the hedge row is now in new leaf.  
Harry Burrows

So lovely to see one of my pictures in this! I've made a note of the dates of the canal trips to see whether we can fit a trip in as my Grandson would be very excited. What a fantastic project to be involved in and wonderful that it connects with the wildlife, including hedgehogs, too.  
Very best wishes  
Sally



GCS members and the public regularly raise the subject of swans, especially at this time of year.

Imogen Wilde, Ecologist for the Canal & River Trust on the East Midlands Waterways, ruefully accepts that swans have a habit of nesting in the most inconvenient places! Unfortunately they are large and very protective of their nests. The best advice is to give them a wide berth and to keep dogs on leads and toddlers close at hand.

Obviously, if there is a nest right next to a towpath, it is not very easy to give them space but it is illegal to move them or disturb them in any way while they are nesting. In extreme cases we may be able to screen the nest off with temporary fencing – I know this has been done elsewhere – but it is not something we would want to rush into except under exceptional circumstances.

If a particular severe problem arises (extreme vulnerability to disturbance, unprovoked attacks by swans) please let Imogen know at CRT (01636 675745) - they may be able to put up warning signs in the first instance, and that may prove sufficient.

## HELP OUR FUNDRAISING BY DONATING...THINGS!

**We have the contacts to raise money for the society from certain donated items.**

**Do you have any of the following which you would like to donate?**

- Stamp collection
- Cigarette Cards
- Model railways - 00 and N gauge
- Beer mats
- Beer pump clips
- Good quality pottery and porcelain
- 12" vinyl LPs, singles and CDs
- DVDs
- Rocks & Minerals

**If so email David on**

**david.lyneham-brown@granthamcanal.org**

**or ring on 07970 858458**

**WE WILL  
DISCUSS WHAT WE CAN  
TAKE AND SELL FOR  
ADDITIONAL FUNDS  
EVERY LITTLE HELPS!**

## GOOD NEWS

**We will be having a small quantity of Bridge commercially printed this month which we hope will improve circulation. If you feel that you could help with this then please email me.**

**Ed**



## News from the Cut



**Workparty returning to Woolsthorpe with Mudlark in tow**



**Time for a chat!**



**Two Tony's sealing L16 lower gates with oakum**



**The location of the slipway at the Depot**



**Cutting the grass whilst waiting for a boat trip!**



**Preparation work has already started**

**Many thanks to Ian Wakefield for all these photos & captions**

# Summer Cruise to West Yorkshire Pt 1

By Norman Woolley on his narrowboat "Bruin"



My summer cruising plan for 2015 was to navigate the Huddersfield Narrow and Rochdale Canals. It would be a round tour of over 700 miles and as I was in my 79th year I wanted to achieve this challenge whilst I was still fit enough to undertake it.

The planned voyage was to be in five sections, the first from Pyrford Marina on the River Wey to Braunston Marina, via the Thames and South Oxford canal, the second from Braunston to Kings Bromley Marina on the Trent and Mersey canal; the third from Kings Bromley Marina along the Trent and Mersey canal to Anderton Marina, the fourth leg from Anderton via the Bridgewater canal through Manchester, thence along the Ashton canal to connect with the Huddersfield Narrow canal, through Huddersfield, then heading down the Huddersfield Broad Canal to join the Calder and Hebble Navigation to Sowerby Bridge. There connecting with the Rochdale canal, back through Manchester, along the Bridgewater and Trent and Mersey canals to Kings Bromley Marina. The final leg would embrace the RN Rally at Titford Pools, followed by the BCN Cruise, then to Braunston Marina via the North Stratford canal and GU Main Line, after which back on the River Wey Navigation along the South Oxford Canal and the Thames.

Owing to delays in repairs to Romney Lock on the Thames I eventually cast off on Thursday 26th March, 20 days later than planned. This resulted in my having to reach Kings Bromley Marina in 10 days.

Fortunately, a friend crewed for me from Oxford to Braunston; otherwise I boated

single-handed.

Stage 3, 8 days from Kings Bromley to Anderton went according to plan and was much less hectic than my earlier mad dash. From Anderton Marina I planned the longest stage, hoping to cruise the Huddersfield and Rochdale canals and connecting links. I say hoping to cruise them, as it didn't quite work out as planned.



**The maze under construction for the children's play area, made out of the old counterweights**

My first cruising day from Anderton was lock free, and the second day only involved a very shallow stop lock at Dutton before joining the Bridgewater canal. Dutton Lock is at the point where the canal was breached in September 2012.



**Picture from 'You Tube' in 2012**

Mooring rings had been provided in the renewed towpath, making this location an



ideal mooring spot with views over the Weaver valley.



**Open view from Breach Mooring on Trent & Mersey Canal near Dutton.**

After passing through Preston Brook Tunnel my planned overnight mooring involved a diversion along the Leigh Branch towards Worsley, as I didn't wish to moor overnight in Manchester. This did involve a double-crossing of the amazing Barton Swing Aqueduct.

The next cruising day involved the Rochdale nine locks through Manchester, where my plans went somewhat awry, as negotiating these difficult locks uphill single handed took a lot longer than expected. It took me an hour to negotiate that first lock with water flowing over the top and bottom gates and complex winding mechanism with chains to open and close the heavy gates.

It wasn't until mid-afternoon that I reached Ducie junction with the Ashton Canal. Just at the start of the Ashton Canal I came across a safe mooring with 3 pontoons in a side area. I planned an early start the following morning!

Part 2 next month - you'll be amazed! Ed

## **Creating a Culture of Safety**

Making safety an inherent part of our working culture is one of our key standards in the GCS.

OK you volunteers - stop yawning and give it a look. A Waterways Recovery Group (WRG) video, much of it shot at Lock 15 - 5 minutes of insight and plain common sense.

WRG have distilled everything they have seen by way of good practice into three basic principles and they invite you to consider how GCS and others perform in each category. If you see anything here that you believe requires comment and/or action raise it with your team leader.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e64s8EFXACM>

The  
**Grantham Canal**  
Society  
CHARITY NO: 507337

**DON'T FORGET THAT IF YOU  
WISH TO VOLUNTEER YOU  
NOW MUST BE A MEMBER**

**Our grateful thanks to the following who  
have recently made a donation to  
the Society:**

J.R.Black, M.E.Arnold, A.Bailey,  
Alan Holmes Grantham Rotary,  
Kate Ainsley Williams.

**New for  
2018**

The  
**Grantham Canal**  
Society  
CHARITY No: 507337



on 'The Three Shires' Trip Boat

[www.granthamcanal.org](http://www.granthamcanal.org)

Enjoy a half hour boat trip on the scenic  
Grantham Canal on the following dates:-

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> April

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> May

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> May

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> May

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> June

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> July

Sun 26<sup>th</sup> August

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> August

Sun 30<sup>th</sup> September

**10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Where to find us:**

Trips depart from Lock 18,  
Woolsthorpe by Belvoir, NG32 1NY  
(Close to the Dirty Duck Pub).

**£3 Adults  
£2 Children**



## Data Protection Statement

The Grantham Canal Society may ask for some personal details from its members and volunteers. This ensures that we can contact you and take account of your Health & Safety.

The Grantham Canal Society takes our responsibility for looking after information seriously. We follow the data Protection Act at all times when asking for or handling your information including:

- Personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully
  - Data is processed only for the purpose (s) for which it was collected
  - Data is adequate, relevant and not excessive
  - Data is accurate and kept up to date
  - Data is not kept longer than necessary
- Data is kept secure against unauthorised access and loss or damage

Sometimes sensitive information may also be asked for e.g. health information. We will always ask for explicit consent before collecting or using this information.

A copy of this statement will be brought to the attention of all members and volunteers.

GDPR1805/R0

**On 25th May the GDPR comes into force & the Society is making every effort to comply with the requirements.**

**The distribution of Bridge, whilst keeping you informed on all matters related to the Grantham Canal and its Environs, must comply to these rules & give adequate opportunity for you to [unsubscribe](#) from receiving further copies.**

## Hedgehog Update



Hedgehog drawing by Sally Smith

We are hoping to release at least 10 of our over wintering hedgehogs. Once they are out of hibernation it is very important to make sure they are released quickly once they have been checked over, as we find that they get very stressed. I have heard from other carers that they have had hedgehogs die of stress in their cages if they are not released as soon as they are out of hibernation.

Hedgehogs in captive have it easy and usually within a few days they are wanting their freedom and to breed, whereas the hedgehogs in the wild have to build up their body condition before they want to breed.

Please continue to put out food and water for them.

Janet Peto

## ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE GRANTHAM CANAL SOCIETY?

THE COST IS MODEST!

The annual subscription rates are  
as follows:

Single Adult: .....£20

Family: .....£30

Under 18/Over 60: ..£15

**The benefits to the Society are  
enormous.**

Apart from the obvious increase in  
regular income, enhanced further by  
Gift Aid, we are then given a louder  
voice to “talk” to the local councils.  
The canal’s corridor passes through  
more County & Borough Councils than  
you may think!



Nottinghamshire  
County Council



Rushcliffe  
Borough Council

If you are already a member could you  
persuade a friend to join?  
You will also be encouraging those who  
volunteer and support the Society in  
various practical ways.

**A membership form is available to  
download from our website - just click  
the ‘join now’ tab.**

## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES



**WEEKDAYS AT LOCK 15  
or**



**FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS  
WITH ONE OF OUR  
WORKPARTIES**

If you can spare some time to join  
one of our teams then please  
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or [ian.wakefield@granthamcanal.org](mailto:ian.wakefield@granthamcanal.org)