

NOVEMBER

# BRIDGE

2018



A 'Friendly' grass snake at lock 14

Photo by Bob Taylor



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

I'm sure you've heard of Health and Safety. Yes, it gets as much stick as the British Rail sandwich used to in the 1970s! However, it is much more important and we, as a voluntary society, must abide by its rules. I notice that one of the UK's premier railways has apparently fallen foul of some of the basic rules which, in this case, include the ones that relate to maintaining proper records.

As operators of a voluntary society the GCS must also maintain, keep and have available proper records. It is one area of business that it is very easy to overlook particularly when we are busy or there are practical tasks to be undertaken.

**I am pleased to welcome Roger Charles**, an experienced Health & Safety person, who has recently joined the GCS and ask that everybody associated with the Society ensures that he receives the necessary support.

If you think paperwork doesn't matter then clearly, if a major railway is required to cease operations for three months, it does!

Now to the practical tasks which as ever take place during the winter months so that we can pay proper regard to environmental issues during the other periods of the year.

There is much to do to keep the canal navigable and probably not enough people to do it! So if you are able to spend a few more days during the winter as a volunteer please contact Christina, [volunteer@granthamcanal.org](mailto:volunteer@granthamcanal.org) or through the GCS website [www.granthamcanal.org](http://www.granthamcanal.org).

There are so many ways you can help the Society and it doesn't just have to involve physical work. We have new initiatives such as "Buy a Brick" or on-line purchasing, where the GCS gains a small financial reward each time you buy on-line. Of course the SKDC lottery entitled 'LotterySK' is now becoming a great source of income. Details of all these are in this edition of Bridge so please read on and **be assured that every penny raised goes towards the maintenance & restoration of the beautiful Grantham Canal.**

*Mike Stone.*



**Meetings are held at 7.45 pm at Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2-7HY, about 15 minutes from M1 Junction 24 up the A453**

**Friday 16th November,**

Adam Comerford - National Hydrology Manager, CRT concerning the trials and tribulations of keeping the 2000 mile national canal network topped up with water.

## NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Date &amp; Time</u>	<u>Event &amp; Venue</u>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30	Rangers Meeting, The Plough, Stathern
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 11.00 – 4.00	Dirty Duck Christmas Market
Talk bookings are already coming in for 2019!	

If you hear of a local event where we might raise awareness & funds for the society, please let me know

### Community and Education Update November 2018

Those of the team who could make it met last Wednesday with representatives of the Boat Team to review the year and start to think of 2019.

Events and talks brought in over £8,500 and reaching an estimated 3000 plus people. It is harder to estimate the impact of our efforts on membership and boat bookings, but both have increased this year. Thanks to hard work and dedication from our wonderfully priceless volunteers. Of course, some expenses have been incurred, but most of these are covered by volunteers again picking up the tabs and not sending receipts on to the treasurer. I know we should, but that is just more paperwork.

In order to continue to meet our commitments to match the lottery grant, we need to continue to work at this level or higher. The society also needs funds to meet everyday costs.

How can we continue onwards and upwards? We need more volunteers to support those who are already giving as much as they can of their time and energy. Thanks again to all who have contributed to the work of the team throughout the year and most especially to Tony Jackson who shares so much of the load.

*Rosemary Gibson, Community and Education Team Leader*

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# GRANTHAM CANAL HERITAGE INITIATIVE at LOCK 14



## Work progresses well at Lock 14

Top Left: The exposed top cill, the weir having been removed by WRG Team

Top Right: The lock chamber nearly empty

Left: Back breaking work demolishing the nearside wall

Bottom Left: The overall lock area

Below: An interesting find.  
Ammonite at least 65 Million year's old!

Many thanks to Ian Wakefield, John Clark &  
Bob Taylor for these photos



## GCS Secures Funding from SKDC

We recently received some welcome news from South Kesteven District Council (SKDC). A grant for funding was approved for a Woodchipper, and a Winch and Trolley for the slipway.

The Woodchipper will assist work parties operating on the towpaths. Fallen branches and tree debris currently has to be cut into manageable pieces, loaded onto the workboat *Centaury* and taken to the burning ground at Lock 18. This can be quite a time-consuming task, so the Woodchipper will enable work parties to deal with tree debris in an efficient way. The chippings will be used to provide protective mulch/cover for plants/small animals and used during winter months on icy/slippery patches on the towpath.

We are currently awaiting approval from CRT to rebuild the slipway at the Woolsthorpe Depot and looking at options to fund this project. The Winch and Trolley will be a key piece of equipment; enabling us to get the workboats out of the water for maintenance. Currently, we lift the boats out of the canal with a crane at Harlaxton Wharf before they are transported to the depot. As you can imagine this is very costly! Additionally, a restored slipway with trolley and winch will provide the opportunity for members of the community to use the canal, and provide access for more groups to use the canal such as canoers, kayakers, paddle boarders, etc.

The application for funding was administered by Lincolnshire Community Volunteers Association (LCVS) who support both volunteers and organisations such as ours which are volunteer-based. I am thankful to LCVS, and in particular Jody Rago who provided support and advice through the application process.

I would also like to thank John Clark, Ian Wakefield, Rod Gordon and Tony Osbond from GCS for their input to the application – it wouldn't have been approved without their contribution.

*Neil White*  
*GCS Fundraiser*

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



### Hedgehogs

The annual bonfire night celebrations means that November is a month when hedgehogs tend to be in people's minds which seems like a good opportunity to write about these characterful hedgerow inhabitants.

Hedgehogs are neither rodents (like mice and rats) nor mustelids (like badgers, weasels and stoats) but are the sole members of the Erinaceinae family in the UK, most closely related to moles and shrews.

They are omnivorous, feeding on a wide range of foods including beetles, slugs and snails, berries from the hedgerows and even frogs, which makes the Canal corridor an ideal foraging ground. They like thick hedgerow bases and other dense vegetation to nest in, as well as to hibernate. Hedgehogs are active from spring to autumn, giving birth to their young in June or July. They hibernate from October/November which means that once born, the clock starts ticking for the young to grow and put on enough weight to survive the winter.

The hedgehog has suffered a catastrophic decline in recent years, with loss of habitat through urbanisation as well as intensification of agricultural practises being the most likely causes. There is plenty you can do to help though – access to gardens is one of the biggest challenges to hedgehogs trying to reach suitable habitats but a small hog-hole in the bottom of a fence can help overcome this. Supplemental feeding with catfood at this time of year will help them to fatten up ready to last through the winter.

## THE WAY IT WAS

### By Mike Atherley



When the canal was originally built the owners had several properties constructed next or close by the canal for their personal use and employees. Starting at the Trent end, there was an office and living house on the offside bank near lock 1, demolished when the water authority expanded their building and car park. This must have been an important building having to incorporate a toll office to monitor all movement on and off the canal. Before the lock was rebuilt, the original had a capstan to help tow boats into the lock from the river. You have to remember before Holme sluices were built the river could run very fast and be quite shallow, how the boats came across from Meadow Lane I don't know, whether by chain or quanting poles ? Also were there flood gates on the lock originally?. The occupant of the property must have been kept very busy.

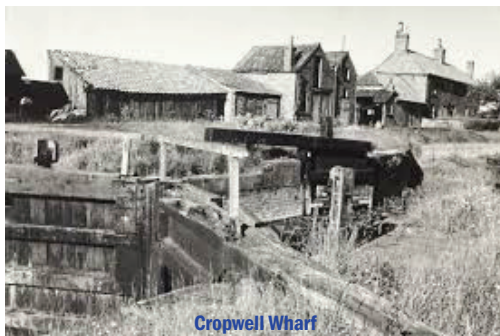
Next we have Joe Skinners cottage next to lock 4 at 4 miles. Joe was Forman for a time.



Skinnners Cottage

This was also an important place situated at a point that the Polser Brook fed water into the canal also with a set of sluices could let water from the canal back into the brook. Joe had made quite a feature of the sluice paddle gear and surrounding garden and it was well maintained. Quite a way to the next buildings, 7 miles, alongside lock 11, Cropwell. This was a large wharf next to the A46 and incorporated stables, workshops and a dwelling house with cottage gardens. The lock has an extra pair of top gates, possibly to protect the twenty mile pound water or to enable boats to be repaired while sat on the cill between the two pairs

of top gates. Again it would have been a busy site being the closest to Bingham.



Cropwell Wharf

All buildings were demolished after the canal closed and the site was used for a time by the canal society, for the engineering team and waste paper collection.

Next we have Hickling basin at 13 miles, this was nearly halfway and has a large basin, brick transhipment shed and toll office near the wharf entrance. It could be that wide barges from Nottingham offloaded here then travelled back to reduce overnight accommodation and narrow boats continued their onward journey's to Grantham. Only relics of abandoned narrow boats beyond this point have been found. The brick buildings still survive and the basin has been rebuilt.

About 3 miles further at Long Clawson Bridge No.37 is Tommy Brooks cottage, it used to be difficult to find a route by it but it is ok now. Tom was employed by BWB at the time the Society was formed. On the route so far some remains of small buildings known as lengthmen's huts can be found I don't know whether the original canal company built them but those that remain were rebuilt or built by the railway company and are timber, built with old railway sleepers with brick fireplaces and chimney's. The lengthmen could take shelter and rests there also dry off or make a brew etc, there was also a long bench to sit or lie on. They were also where tools and equipment could be stored. I rather think they were placed in places where regular repairs or maintenance had to be done. Further along there are some more modern built ones possibly built by BWB when they took over the ownership. More next time.





## Canal Clean-up

On Wednesday 24th October 8 willing volunteers spent another 5 hours clearing the section of canal at the Earlsfield Estate, Grantham of rubbish built up over the last few years.

The items taken from the canal included a vacuum cleaner, child's cycle, 10 tyre's and over 20 bags of assorted rubbish.

The section between Earlsfield Lane and Trent Road is really looking better than for many years after the work put in by a few people.

The section between Trent Lane and the A1 slip road is next on the agenda but will require more work including reed removal.

**Would you like to help, if so please contact me on 07926 414652 or e-mail:**

[headranger@granthamcanal.org](mailto:headranger@granthamcanal.org)

## Milepost Survey

Early this year GCS was approached by Nottinghamshire County Council via CRT asking if anyone would be willing to inspect items on the Counties list of Historical Properties.

This list included some of the mileposts situated along the canal along with a couple of bridges and an aqueduct.

The survey was done by Charmian Bullen (Ranger) and Chris Cobb (Head Ranger) and reported back to NCC on 31st October.

## Guided Walks

After the success of the guided walk and bat walk in August and September this year another 4 walks and hopefully 2 bat walks will take place next year.

The Guided walk dates are:

### Sunday 14th April:

Stathern Lodge - Hose - Harby 6.5 miles

### Sunday 9th June:

Denton - Denton Res'r - Denton 7.25 miles

### Sunday 21st July:

Kinoulton - Hickling - Kinoulton 6.5 miles

### Sunday 1st September:

Redmile - Plungar - Barkestone 7.25 miles



**Bat walk dates will be announced early in 2019**

# Walking west into Storm Ali along the Grantham

I've been walking the canals of England for six years but I had yet to walk one which is not open to boats\*. It makes for a strange sensation, knowing no boats will appear.

Canal towpaths are on the whole pretty deserted places – the occasional dog walker/runner/biker near built-up areas and, of course, everyone comes out at the weekends. I did wonder as I walked into Storm Ali on a weekday how long it would take anyone to find me if I got knocked out by a flying branch!!

The upside is the canal becomes a wildlife haven – no boats, no people, no disturbance. My crowning moment was to see an otter and her two cubs swimming along the canal towards me. They chattered to each other and one cub got out to explore. They gave me the once over and swam on. I could see the trail they left behind in the duck weed for quite some way.

What is so appealing about the canal is that it passes through an extremely rural area, cutting across the Vale of Belvoir, that great flat open hunting country. I walked for hours without crossing a road. It took me two and a half hours to push Belvoir Castle off my left shoulder. But what a site it is. Magnificent, sitting on the eastern end of the Nottinghamshire Wolds. It may be mainly Victorian but from afar it could be straight out of an Arthurian legend.

I also liked the hand-written numbers to the bridges and the quarter mile markers which are unusual, mile markers being the norm. I was impressed by the ongoing works to restore the locks at Woolsthorpe. Hopefully, my £25 brick will appear with [kateswalks.com](http://kateswalks.com) on it. It's going to be a long process to restore the canal fully and I wish all the people involved well.



I eat a marmalade sandwich at 10.30, the only thing I can guarantee to make at a hotel breakfast for sustenance en route. Wrapped up and squashed into my pocket it makes for a delicious gooey treat three hours into the walk.

On the second day my marmalade sandwich stop was Kinoulton Churchyard where I had the delightful experience of joining the Mums and Tots entertaining the elderly of the village at a coffee morning. I was intrigued why it was Grade 11.

Hence my decision to look inside. A well-informed lady showed me the curved banister up to the gallery which apparently gave the church its star status.







She also told me the story behind the church's location. The old church and village were further up the hill but everyone moved down to be near the new brickworks on the canal. The local lord, the Earl of Gainsborough, suggested he would build them a new church if they agreed to let him use the stone of the old church to build a folly in his garden which his wife wanted. Hence the red brick church of St Luke with its three stage tower, dating from 1793.



I could find no handy pub for lunch. The one marked on the map near Colston Bridge 23 is now a nursery school. Luckily, there was lots of wild produce to eat – apples, plums, damsons and blackberries. The day before I had stopped at the Windmill in Redmile for delicious roast tomato soup and caramel ice cream. I also looked in on the church which had some terrifying cracks in the walls – quite alarming. Do I remember correctly it was something to do with an earthquake?!!

The towpath was restored in 1993 to celebrate the bicentennial of the canal. I have to say it was a joy to walk along, particularly the section of grass path which is designated a SSSI. Some of the best walking I have had on canals.

There is limited choice for overnight stays along the canal and my bed for the night was the Crown and Plough at Long Clawson, quite a hike off the canal path but worth the effort. I hadn't realised I would be passing through Stilton Country and Long Clawson is home to one of the six dairies who are certified to make Stilton Cheese. Four of those dairies are in the Vale of Belvoir. I had noticed many a field full of fat happy cows!

The next day found me standing on Trent Bridge, having managed to find where the canal joins the Trent River. THE Trent Bridge, I realised, as I spotted the cricket ground nearby! Both front and back end of the canal are going to give the canal restorers quite a headache where later buildings obscure the original line of the canal. A quick walk up the Nottingham Canal took me to the railway station and my train home to London.

There is a section open to craft from the A1 to Woolsthorpe

*Kate Ainslie Williams*  
[www.kateswalks.com](http://www.kateswalks.com)  
November 2018

## DISCOVERY DAY 2018

You came. You saved us from an interminably long day talking amongst ourselves and eating mountains of cake – most of us are of an age where we were brought up not to waste food!

With gale force winds on the Friday before this year's Discovery Day, and not forecast to drop much before the event on Sunday, I couldn't see how we were going to prepare the site. The marquee and gazebos needed to be erected ready for stall holders arriving early on Sunday morning!

I, and I think it was I alone, uttered the words 'perhaps we should cancel?' I've never felt so isolated! We were going to have an event come hell or high water – and we did – and it was good!

On site at 6 o'clock on Sunday morning, yup, in the dark, volunteers worked to prepare the site in readiness. A very few stall holders couldn't make it, in some cases, not because of the weather.

Ayup Meduck said 'I was busily selling duck race tickets to stall holders and volunteers, when I started to see faces I didn't recognise



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– people had donned cagoules and wellies – they had come out determined to support us in the pouring rain!

Entertainment in the Carpenter's Shop was provided by award winning duo Clarty Sough and local folk singer Gary Cadwallader, always popular on Discovery Day. The Maids of Clifton, who usually bring the sunshine with them, failed us on this occasion – adding instead, to the atmosphere inside the canal depot with their Lancashire style clog dancing.



We haven't broken the news to our esteemed Honorary Treasurer yet, but stall holders and visitors in the marquee found themselves almost as wet as those outside – sorry me ducks! We're hoping he'll sanction a new marquee for next year – unless anyone wants to donate one? Which is how we got the last one!

Suzie Sparkles – didn't she just sparkle in challenging conditions! Local radio presenter Suzie, your Mistress of Ceremonies in her third year with us!



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Raptor Rescue, Lincolnshire Bat Group and Hedgehog Welfare popular as always with our visitors.



We were supported this year by the Inland Waterway Association, and neighbouring waterway groups; Sleaford Navigation Trust & Melton and Oakham Waterways Society.

Thank you to the Woodland Trust; Towpath Talk, the UK's Number One read for all waterway users and Clive's Hook-a-Duck for braving the rain. The silliest duck race ever and children's activities building bridges and laying bricks all added to the fun.



## DISCOVERY DAY 2018

Rosemary, our Community and Education Team Leader would like to thank all our volunteers who made cakes, manned stalls, shepherded cars, cut grass and strung bunting hither and thither. Some we know, particularly those who had outside duties, found conditions trying towards the end of the day.

Stars of the show were you, our visitors, who turned out to supported us – gold stars one and all! Over £1,300 raised on the day, with more donations coming in after the event and, a very warm welcome to eight of you who joined the Society on the day!

*Tony Jackson*



Some mouth watering goodies!

Many thanks to Adrian Bond for all these photos



CRT Regional Director, Philip Mulligan and CRT Project Manager, Karen Rice receive a cheque for £20,000 from the GCS Chief Executive, David Lyneham-Brown.

The cheque is part of the £100,000 match funding which the GCS is responsible for paying. This arrangement was put in place to comply with the requirements of the Heritage Lottery Fund and goes towards the restoration of locks 14 & 15.



## What is a Celebration Pledge?

A Celebration Pledge is when you make your Birthday or Christmas extra special by asking your family and friends to make a donation to the Lock 14 Brick Fund instead of giving you a gift. Celebration giving is a fantastic way to celebrate your special event, while at the same time supporting a cause close to your heart.

### Setup an online giving page at

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/lock14>

### You are a quick 10 Steps away from supporting The Lock 14 Brick Fund

- Go to:  
<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/lock14>
- Click on **START FUNDRAISING** tab in Blue above the Twitter Feed on the right hand side of the screen
- Click on **REGISTER** and start to enter your details (Email address, name, password etc)
- Create either an **INDIVIDUAL** or **TEAM** event as required
- Enter the event/celebration that will be used to raise funds and add date. (For Example, "Pledge Birthday".
- Search for **THE GRANTHAM CANAL SOCIETY**
- Click on **CREATE MY PAGE**
- Complete the Fundraising Page
- On the **ADD YOUR STORY** let your friends and families know a bit more about the campaign

**For example** – *Pledge your birthday to The Grantham Canal Society. An estimated 18,000 bricks are required to fully restore Lock 14. By pledging your birthday, you are doing something to help restore the Grantham Canal, so maybe this year, ask friends and families to donate instead.*

Neil White  
GCS Fundraiser

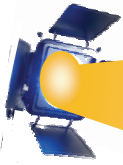


## Fake system alert messages

Although fake fraudulent or scam web pages have been around for a while, a variant seems to be doing the rounds at the moment which shows what appears to be a windows system message saying that your system has either been infected with a virus or files have been corrupted. There is usually a fake countdown timer which is trying to pressure you into taking immediate action to click an install or update button which installs malicious software or they may show a phone number to call. Don't click or call anything it suggests!

Although the message appears to be coming from your system it's just a fake web browser pop up. The best action to take is to close your web browser and reboot your system. Sometimes they use programming techniques to stop the browser from being closed or immediately re-launch the web page when you close it, in this instance try holding down the 'Alt' key and press 'F4' repeatedly to close the browser, this may prompt to shut down the system which is okay, shut down and then power the system back on. Alternatively you can forcibly close the browser using ctrl-alt-delete keys and then select 'task manager' (or press ctrl-shift-escape keys), a task manager window will then show a listing of the current programs that are running on your system, click to select the web browser you have open and then select the 'end task' button (bottom right). You can also use this method to forcibly close any software that is frozen and can't be closed.

If you keep receiving these kinds of messages or suspect you have clicked on a malicious software installer then your system may be infected with malware. Your antivirus may not always be 100% effective at blocking or removing all treats especially those classed as AdWare or extensions added to your web browser, you can download a malware scanner such as: **MalwareBytes** from [www.malwarebytes.com](http://www.malwarebytes.com) or **Hitman Pro** from [www.hitmanpro.com/downloads](http://www.hitmanpro.com/downloads) these can be run as a one off or installed temporarily as a trial to remove the problem.



## Spotlight on Volunteers

*By Tony Jackson*

**Jane Grylls**  
**Membership Secretary**

Hi, I'm Jane Grylls, and I am the new membership secretary for The Grantham Canal Society, having been volunteered into that post by Mary Noble, who has been very helpful in ensuring a seamless transfer of duties – any errors are purely my own.

I became interested in the Grantham Canal at an early age – nearly 50 years ago as it happens, when my father, Garland Grylls, and other interested persons set up the society in 1969. I was just eleven then, so not really able to help much on work parties, although I have fond memories of paddling round in an inflatable dinghy (barely larger than a rubber ring) and helping pull weed from the canal. I remember great excitement one day when the TV crew came by, I think it was at Hickling, and interviewed Dad for what was probably a news programme. Dad continued as an active member of the Society for many years, but by then I was distracted by school and other interests, and then a full working and social life elsewhere, however an awareness of the Grantham Canal in particular and canals in general has threaded its way through my life, with several narrow boat holidays and an academic interest in the innovative engineering which the canal builders brought to the particular problems of our countryside.

I retired earlier this year and wanting to spend more of my time in the open air instead of being in administration in an office, the obvious choice was to volunteer for the Society, and I was able to join a

couple of workparties in the spring. An unrelated injury has temporarily halted that, but instead I've found I'm able to put to use the IT and other skills I've learned throughout my varied working life and take on the role of Membership Secretary, which I will fulfil to the best of my ability.

I join the teams on the Grantham side of the A1 in their cleaning up days, good fun and interestingly fruitful, a metaphorical prize being given to the strangest object having been plucked from the canal during the day – a whole set of duvet and pillows, a table parasol, a Hoover, several bicycles of all sorts, the inevitable shopping trollies – the list goes on, and on, and on ...

Cycling has taken over a little of my life in the last couple of months, and as I'm lucky enough to live within a couple of hundred yards of the canal, the towpath has given me a lovely traffic-free and flat place to gain some exercise, enjoy the wildlife and chat with passers-by, and gradually extend my range. I'm not good with cold weather, so the cycle may well stay in the warm and dry for a few months, but I'll be back out on warm days in winter I hope.





## HEDGEHOG WELFARE

Although we have turned back our clocks please remember that our hedgehogs are coming out earlier now, not only because of the time change but because the nights are getting dark earlier. At this time of the year they are trying to put on as much weight as possible before they hibernate, so a helping hand with a dish of water and some cat or kitten biscuits scattered on the grass or patio can be a real life saver.

**Fern Charity Enterprises**  
are delighted to announce a **Summer**  
**afternoon concert by the Lyrical**  
**Songbirds which will be held next year**  
**on Sunday, 21st July 2019 at 3 pm in**  
**The Old School, Cropwell Bishop.**

The Choir will entertain us from a range of musical repertoire so there will be 'something for everyone'.  
Proceeds in support of the work of volunteers of The Grantham Canal Society.

A glass of sparkling on arrival, home-made cake in the interval and of course a Raffle with super prizes.

To reserve your ticket (£10) kindly RSVP to contact details below:

*Elaine & Mell*

[jarobinson1981@gmail.com](mailto:jarobinson1981@gmail.com)

**0115 989 4459**

*Fern Charity Enterprises  
12-14 Fern Road, Cropwell Bishop  
Notts NG12 3BU*

## Grantham woman wins £25K jackpot in first ever LotterySK draw

A Grantham woman has won the £25,000 jackpot in Saturday's first ever LotterySK draw.

Mrs M, who had bought her ticket to support Friends of Sandon and Ambergate (FOSA), was among almost 30 people to scoop prizes in the first weekly on-line draw.

Mrs R from Grantham won £250 supporting Grantham Disabled Children's Society, Mrs E from Stamford won £25 supporting Mindspace Stamford Ltd, Mr D from Bourne won £25 supporting the Butterfield Centre in Bourne and Mrs R from Grantham won £25 supporting Grantham Lions Club. Twenty-one other people supporting a variety of causes also won three extra tickets.

And Mr P and Mrs R from Grantham, who were both supporting the Belvoir Cricket and Countryside Trust, each won one family ticket to see Dick Whittington at either Stamford Arts Centre of Grantham Guildhall Arts Centre. The Deputy Leader of South Kesteven District Council, Councillor Kelham Cooke, said: "What a lucky place South Kesteven must be! How fantastic for us to have so many winners in the first week. And of course we must not forget all our other winners – the 61 good causes - because every ticket you buy you are helping one of those organisations raise much needed funds. Congratulations to you all.

"LotterySK is now a weekly on-line draw and we hope that over the coming months and years it will help to raise thousands of pounds for local good causes. We know there are lots of other charities and groups who could benefit so I would urge them to get in touch. It's free to register and it could be another way for you to raise money for the work you do in our communities."  
61 good causes have registered as beneficiaries.

Winners will be informed via email and will have the money transferred automatically to their chosen bank account.





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US**



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<https://www.lotterysk.co.uk/>  
or call the Lottery Team on 01476 347474

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

Why not join the 8 new  
members we gained on  
Discovery Day?

It doesn't matter if you live  
miles away or don't wish to  
actively volunteer - you will be  
supporting our efforts

THE COST IS MODEST!

The annual subscription rates are  
as follows:

Single Adult: .....£20

Family: .....£30

Under 18/Over 60: ..£15

## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

WEEKDAYS AT LOCK 14

or

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS WITH ONE  
OF OUR WORKPARTIES

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

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

K.Jessop, K. Ainslie Williams,  
R.H.Charles, M.Heather,  
John Dodwell & Raptor Rescue



Some more photos from Discovery Day  
by Kevan Bailey

Top:

Bob & John cooking up a storm!

Below:

Dave - always on the GO!

Bottom:

The Three Shires - rain supreme!

