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2019



Happy Easter



April 8th

Kingston's Lock grows!

Volunteers everywhere!

Photo by John Clark

The
Grantham Canal
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 **HERITAGE**
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This month's update from Mike Stone (Chairman)

Real progress has been made by the teams rebuilding Kingston's Lock (Lock 14)! The walls have now reached a height where scaffolding has to be erected. The GCS guys, of normal stature, were unable to lay further bricks as they couldn't reach the (then) top! Experience gained at the Lock 15 reconstruction has enabled new processes to be implemented and that has resulted in a much reduced construction time during this stage of work. I understand that a further concrete pour – is this number 4? - may happen next week. Recruitment of further volunteers has swelled the numbers working on the project and we thank them for their support and the experienced team members for their positive contributions.

Our thanks are due to the Great British Public who supported **the short boat trips and cake consumption on Mothering Sunday**. These weekend operations contribute significantly to Society income and are only possible through the dedication of our boat crews and those who make and serve the cakes. There will be further opportunities for cakes and short cruises during the year!

Improvements to the towpath have been undertaken by our supporting friends in West Bridgford. If you are in the area **have a look at the canal in the Lady Bay and Gamston areas**. It is looking much more attractive and we thank everyone for their contribution.

So real improvements are being made by supporters in the South Kesteven and Rushcliffe Council regions; **perhaps there could be more active participation by the residents of Melton BC**. If villagers talk to their local GCS Ranger I am sure that similar improvement projects could be developed for their village.

Whilst referring to local councils it will soon be election time and this is an opportunity to encourage your local councillor to support the improvements to the Grantham Canal. Ask them a few questions and see what answers you receive! **South Kesteven have been very supportive of the work of the Society** but a positive response from Rushcliffe and Melton together with Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire County Councils would be welcome.

How far does a monthly copy of **Bridge** travel? I know it is read in the USA, Australia, Japan and several places in Western Europe. **I would like to know which countries are reading this edition**, so please drop an email to the Editor, **bridge@granthamcanal.org**, just giving the name of your town and country.

A Happy Easter to you and your families.



Mike Stone.



**INLAND
WATERWAYS**
ASSOCIATION

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 12th April, 7:45pm Our final speaker for this season of talks will be Chris Madge, Derby & Sandiacre Canal Society, with update on work to renovate the Canalside Cottages at Draycott

COMMUNITY & EVENTS DIARY FOR 2019

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Event & Venue</u>
Wed 10 th Apr	DLB talk IWA Warwickshire Branch
Thurs 11 th Apr 7.45	Talk and information stand, Langar Cum Barnstone Parish Meeting
Sun 14 th Apr	Walk: Stathern – Hose – Harby headranger@granthamcanal.org
Sun 14 th Apr	Gamston Clean up rob.cook47@virginmedia.com
Sun & Mon 21 st & 22 nd Apr 10.00 – 4.00	Easter Bank Holiday Boat Trips – Depot Open, volunteers needed
Mon 29 th Apr 2.00	Events Team Meeting, Woolsthorpe Depot
Sun & Mon 5 th & 6 th May 10.00 – 4.00	May Day Bank Holiday Boat Trips – Depot Open. volunteers needed
Mon 5 th May	Denton Street Market, Display in St Andrews Church
Fri 10 th May 3.30	Info Social at Woolsthorpe
Sat & Sun 11 th & 12 th May	Nottinghamshire County Show, Newark Showground
Tues 14 th May Evening	Talk: Grantham British Legion, PWG Barracks
Wed 15 th May 2.30	Talk: Marlborough Court, West Bridgford
Fri 17 th May 6.30 -8.30	Harlaxton Wharf Community Space Group Beetle Drive
Fri – Sun 17 th – 19 th May	Dirty Duck Beer Festival and Boat Trips in aid of Canal
Wed 22 nd May	Visit and Boat Trips – Nottingham Society of Engineers
Wed 22 nd May evening	DLB Talk: Kinoulton Parish Council
Sun & Mon 26 th & 27 th May 10.00 – 4.00	Spring Bank Holiday Boat Trips – Depot Open, volunteers needed
Thurs 6 th June 7.30	Talk: Sutton on Trent WI
Mon 10 th June 2.00	Talk: Bingham WI
Sat 15 th June (only)	Grantham Carnival, Wyndham Park (Help needed with gazebo)
Sun 16 th June 10.00 – 4.00	Fathers' Day Boat Trips – Depot Open, volunteers needed
Sat 22 nd June	Folk Evening, Cropwell Bishop Memorial Hall – details to follow
Tues 25 th June 8.00	Talk: Malay and Borneo Veterans, PWG Barracks
Sat 29 th June	East Bridgford Show (Help needed with gazebo)
Sun 30 th June 10.00 – 4.00	Summer Sunday Boat Trips – Depot Open, volunteers needed
Mon- Fri 1 st – 5 th July	Grantham Canal Schools' Week
Sat – Sun 6 th – 7 th July	Cropwell Bishop Heritage weekend.
Sat – Sun 13 th – 14 th July	Rempstone Steam Fair
Thurs 18 th Jul 7.30	Talk: East Stoke WI
Sun 21 st July 3.00	Lyrical Songbirds Concert for Canal at Cropwell Bishop, Old School
Thurs 25 th Jul 10.00	Talk: Grantham Earlybirds WI, Grantham Museum
Sat & Sun 27 th & 28 th July	GRANTHAM CANAL SOCIETY 50 TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT
Wed 31 st July 7.30	Talk: Swayfield Garden Club
Wed 14 th Aug	Walk: Nottingham National Trust Supporters
Fri – Sun 16 th – 18 th Aug	WRG Family Camp
Sun & Mon 25 th & 26 th Aug 10.00 – 4.00	August Bank Holiday Boat Trips – Depot Open
Thurs 5 th Sept	DLB Talk: London Canal Museum
Thurs 12 th Sept 7.00	Visit from Upper Broughton History Group to Depot
Fri 13 th Sept evening	Heritage Open Day Pop in for Teachers
Sat 14 th Sept 10.00 – 4.00	Heritage Open Day: Learning about our Canal + Boat Trips, Depot
Sun 29 th Sep 10.00 – 4.00	Summer Sunday Boat Trips
Sun 13 th October	DISCOVERY DAY

LOCK 14 GCHI PROGRESS



Concreting the Invert

March 14th



The walls grow

March 15th



Erecting the shuttering

March 20th



The pour commences

March 26th



Shuttering complete

March 22nd



Scaffolding in place

April 2nd

Many thanks to John Clark, Jim Freeman & Dave Cross for these photos



Flora & Fauna along the Grantham Canal by James Faulconbridge



Green Winged Orchids

As the Canal meanders its way through the Vale of Belvoir, it passes a National Nature Reserve (NNR). These kinds of designations are often associated with impressive ancient woodlands, expansive flower-rich sand dunes or coastal sites with thousands of breeding seabirds. Muston Meadows NNR on the other hand is just a 9 acres of grassland, but it represents one of the finest examples of lowland meadows in England. Flower-rich hay meadows were once common across the countryside, but we have lost over 97% of this habitat in the last century. Whilst the fields all around NNR are single-crop weed-free monocultures characteristic of modern intensive farming, Muston Meadows has over 100 species of wildflower, over 30 species of grass and supports a colony of 10,000 green winged orchids.

A short walk off the towpath in April or early May will allow you to witness the green-winged orchids en masse. This is one of our less common orchid species, favouring old unimproved hay meadows and flowering early in the season. The flower spikes arise from perennial rosettes, and are typically purple but many beautiful variants can be found at Muston including pinks, whites and everything in between. The name comes from the green translucent lines which mark the sepals on either side of the flower.

Later in the season, after the orchids go over, the meadows are alive with bees, grasshoppers, beetles, butterflies and day-flying moths which are visiting the array of wildflowers such as buttercups, ladies bedstraw, knapweed, burnet and many more.

Sunday 14th April 2019
Join the Grantham Canal
Rangers for a 6.75 mile
(approx) walk from
Harby along the towpath
to Hose and back across
fields to Harby.

Everyone welcome including
dogs.

Meet at 10.30am in the car
park, School Lane,
Harby, LE14 4BZ

The walk is free, donations to
the GCS welcome.

For further information
contact:

headranger@granthamcanal.org

Or telephone:
07926 414652

THE WAY IT WAS

By Mike Atherley



This month Mike asks a couple of questions of our more senior members ...

Do you remember these,

1/ BLOW UP BRIDGE.

This was a low level concrete deck which crossed the canal near the outfall of Denton Reservoir close to the start of Harlaxton cutting. After the standard gauge mineral railway closed that crossed the Denton Road on route to Harlaxton Quarry, the track was lifted and the route made into a farm type track, there was also a vehicle entrance that fishermen could use to access the reservoir. At about the same time the new bridge appeared which blocked the canal even for canoeists. We contacted British Waterways to protest but were told it was only a temporary structure that would be removed before serious restoration was completed. What the bridge was for I don't know, it did carry some heavy lorries but on the opposite side of the canal to the original quarry. Just as it was built, one day it had completely disappeared, we were told by local folk that the contractors used dynamite to remove it. Hence the name blow up bridge. Certainly when Fred and I passed the site on our boat trip in the mid 1980's you could see the remains of the abutments on each bank and lots of broken concrete lumps on the canal bed. I assume they used a long arm excavator from the bank sides to remove the bulk of the debris. Any more info would be appreciated.

2/ BABY GRUMPLIN.

This boat was a creation by Jill and Chris Tizzard who lived near Hickling Basin at the time. Baby Grumplin came in various guises, it could be a small two berth wooden cruiser, often seen moored on Hickling Basin and pictured on the cover of Bridge for a while. A mock up narrow boat that could be carried in a small car trailer and taken to away events. A miniature boat that could float in shallow paddling pools for children to interact with but more importantly a cartoon type character that appeared in a regular newssheet for children completely invented and drawn up by the Tizzard's. Baby Grumplin could be a naughty and difficult character. The idea was to attract parents with children to join the canal society and the children would subscribe to the free newssheet. Many badges and novelties were given to children who took part in organised events. I think another idea was to attract a newspaper or magazine to publish a regular feature which could have brought in a regular income for the society. When the Tizzard's left Hickling for new ventures Baby Grumplin finalised. I don't think it was the success they hoped it would be.



Top picture:
Baby Grumplin pictured on the front cover of May's edition of Bridge in 1973.

Bottom picture:
Baby Grumplin on exhibition in the Vic Centre, Nottingham.

Community and Education Update April 2019

Events: Mothers' Day Boat Trips was a real success raising £565.20. A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped with setting up, run and clear up after the day on the boat, boat bookings and in the depot. Delicious array of baked goods as usual!

Easter Sunday and Monday and the May Bank Holiday Sundays and Mondays are looming. Any help with these will be just as gratefully received – the odd hour or longer, thank you in anticipation.

I am also receiving invitations to outside events which we can only accept if we have the volunteers to set up and/or run them. More help as always is needed to make it possible to continue to get the word out there and increase our membership. I daren't accept invitations unless I am sure we have help.

Some additional events we could attend if help was available:

4th May Harlaxton Village Fete and Beer Festival

23rd June Foston Fete

13th July Radcliffe Carnival – we have been offered help, but need someone to take responsibility

Please let us know if you know of any others.

Education: We're still awaiting 5 schools to accept our invitation enjoy a day at the canal at Woolsthorpe. Feedback from last year was positive and we are planning to make this year's week, July 1st to 5th even more exciting. If you know of a primary school in the canal corridor that might like to bring a class of 30 to enjoy one of our days, please encourage them to get in touch.

We also love welcoming Brownies, Beavers, and other such groups or visit them with Water Safety Activities.

Oral History, Research, Archiving

I am gradually collecting images of the last 50 years of the society's existence to display in the depot. I made a start for Mothers' Day. If you have any images, published articles or personal stories you are willing to share. I want to fill the Depot with displays celebrating the society's challenges and achievements.

The Archive Training Day at the Depot with archivists from the National Waterways Museum, has been deferred because of unavailability of interested people from the Canal Society, so another date is being tried for. More members, including new ones have expressed an interest in this, so I hope we get a date soon. **Please get in touch if interested.**

Talks I get a regular trickle of bookings, including for next year. These are not as onerous as events and help the society's coffers as well as getting the word out there. If you know of a group that would like a talk about the canal, please give them my contact details. I do the general history and current achievements. David Lyneham-Brown does the more technical stuff.

Friday 17th May 6.30 – 8.30 Beetle Drive: Harlaxton Wharf is managed by volunteers from the village. To raise funds to keep the landing stage and pathways clear, we are holding a Beetle Drive in Harlaxton Village Hall. £5/family of team of up to 4 including light refreshments and raffle.

Rosemary communityandevents@granthamcanal.org or **07971 173069**

A FINAL NOTE ON EARLE'S FIELD



I came across this photo in a copy of "The Grantham Canal Today", written by Chris Cove-Smith in 1976. The text reads - *"Crossing Earle's Field lane the canal now ends on the south-west boundary of John Lee & Sons' property and the final pitiful channel can be seen by going round the bridge and walking north-eastwards of what remains of the towpath for a distance of about 200 yards."*

Ed

Harlaxton Wharf Community Group

Beetle Drive

Friday 17th May 6.30 - 8.30

Harlaxton Village Hall

£5/ Family or Team [max 4]
includes light refreshments

Raffle

Tickets available at the Village Shop

All proceeds towards the upkeep of the Harlaxton wharf






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The Three Shires Update – April 2019

Following works to improve the canal near the A1, The Three Shires carried out a pre-season test trip on 16th March. Whilst the boat made it to the landing stage, winding (turning the boat around), proved to be a challenge. Sadly, we will not be operating passenger trips there until further works have been completed.

Our refresher training courses on 19th and 24th March were attended by Ros, Ian, Hugh, Owen, Phil, Alan, the two Mikes, Adrian, Hilary and Chris. The days were a good chance to handle the boat and look at some of the changed procedures now that we have the mooring between locks 17 and 18.

Mother's Day short trips on 31st March went very well. This was the first time that we have operated the boat this early in the season. Helped by the sunny (but somewhat chilly) weather, we carried 79 adults and 30 children, taking £297 in fares.



Next up are the Easter 'Turn Up and Ride' trips – a free Cadbury's Crème Egg is available for every travelling child so tell your family and friends.

Our private cruises continue to be popular with 13 booked already. Our gift vouchers will shortly be available in denominations of £10, £20 and £50 which can be used as part payment for a private cruise. To book a private cruise, purchase a gift voucher, or to find out more about The Three Shires, please contact our booking team on 07486 955775 or email bookings@granthamcanal.org

Grant Awards

Last month we were awarded three grants through HeritageAlive. HeritageAlive grants are made available by South Kesteven District Council and intended to support Heritage projects across The South Kesteven area and nearly £50,000 of grants were recently awarded to Heritage Projects in the second round of funding.

The Grantham Canal Society was awarded three funding grants. The first award is from a fund entitled 'Inspiration' and is awarded to support our 50th Anniversary Event. It will help us promote our work, purchase some new banners, provide fuel for the Three Shires and go towards the marquee.

The second award is entitled 'Interpretation' and is for £1300 and is going towards two exciting projects. GCS has teamed up with Sea Lane Media to create aerial imagery of the restoration of Lock 14 using a specialized drone. Eight filming visits will take place over the course of two years to provide an educational video of how the lock has been restored. Volunteers on Lock 14 may have already seen the drone flying overhead and some of the footage can be found on our website and Youtube Channel. The £1300 will also towards the building of a 'mock' canal boat cabin, which is being built in conjunction with the local Men's Shed society. The portable cabin will give local students the chance to experience what life is like on a canal boat and will be a vital resource for our Education lead, Rosemary.

The third award entitled 'Intervention' is for the purchase of 8,000 bricks for Lock 14 and makes a sizeable contribution to the 32,000+ bricks that are required.

Many thanks to members of the GCS Executive Committee for their inputs in putting the bids together – it was a real team effort. Thanks also to Alison Berwick from InvestSK for her support in helping me put the application together.

Further details on the important work of HeritageAlive can be found at

<https://heritagealive.co.uk>.

Neil White, Fundraiser

fundraising@gramthamcanal.org

A Folk Concert by 'The Beltonas and friends'

A Ceilidh band who will soon have you tapping your feet!

Saturday June 22nd 7.30 pm - 10.30 pm

Cropwell Bishop Memorial Hall

14 Nottingham Road, NG12 3BP

Tickets £10 available after Easter from Carole Troops who will also have a supply with her on Open Days at the Depot

Phone: 01476 566279 or Email: rosetroops@talktalk.net

All proceeds will go to The Grantham Canal Society

Tea coffee & biscuits will be available.

There is no bar but you can bring your own drinks!

Inland Waterways Association (IWA) Restoration Conference 2019

On Saturday 30th March, Tony Osbond and I attended the IWA Restoration Conference in Wolverhampton. The event co-hosted with The Canal and River Trust (CRT) was fully booked with 120 attendees. The focus of this year's event was funding and there were three main sessions. The first session focused on a new IWA report entitled "*Waterways in Progress*" and Mike Palmer from IWA outlined the main findings of the report. The report can be downloaded from the IWA website and includes several case studies of successful canal restoration. Steve Higham from CRT produced some evidence-based data outlining the benefits of volunteering and restoration to local communities. As you will be aware the restoration of Locks 14 and 15 are part-funded from a grant from Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). HLF has recently been re-branded as The National Lottery Heritage Fund (NHLF). Liz Shaw outlined the changes following the re-brand and details about grant funding application. Tony and I were delighted to see that The Lock14 and 15 project was highlighted by Liz as an example of a volunteer driven project that successfully engaged the local community.

In between each session there was the opportunity to participate in smaller break-out sessions where we attended workshops on securing NHLF funding, engaging the local community and engaging media in restoration projects. There was also the chance to meet and share experiences with members from CRT, IWA and other canal societies during coffee breaks and lunch. Overall the event was superbly organized and the food was excellent!

I encourage members to read the "*Waterways in Progress*" publication and look out for details of next years conference. Additionally, for the MPs reading this article, can I urge you to join the All Party Parliamentary Group for Waterways who are hosting an information event in May.

Neil White, Fundraiser
fundraising@granthamcanal.org

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ON THE RE-BUILDING OF LOCK 14

We are not using concrete blocks this time round. The time and money-saving method of bracing between the lock walls was devised by one of our GCS members. The bracing beams are resting on hangers which in turn rest on the chamber walls. The beams are held in place by wedges.



There are brick ties protruding from the rear of the walls and this helps tie the concrete to the brick. It also means that the concrete will fill any gaps in the brick mortar thus helping to stop any water seeping into the structure.

The concrete pours are exactly the same as Lock 15. Each concrete pour will come in about one metre to give a stepped appearance to the rear of the structure.

In another change, we are using a different method of anchorage for the shuttering panels - they are held down by a threaded rod which is resin bonded into the concrete and a "wing nut" is placed over the rod and screwed down until it grips the rear of the shuttering. This eliminates the possibility of the shuttering lifting as the concrete is poured. After the pour the rod is cut at ground level for re-use on the next pour. The photo courtesy Bob Taylor.



If we were using concrete blocks, we'd still have another month to go before being ready for the pour. Instead, each pour is taking place 24 calendar days after the last one. That's progress!!

Many thanks to John Clark for this excellent detail.

Ed



#Trending



Our Twitter followers continue to increase, with 2,282 of you now following us. The most viewed tweet since we last checked in, was one, perhaps a little tongue in cheek! I mentioned the population of Grantham is approximately 45,000, and yet only two men and one woman made it to the Workparty on Friday April 5th.

Twitter is starting to get busy with reports of our summer visiting birds along the canal – oh yes, our canal's appeal often extends to overseas visitors! With a name like Twitter, does best!



Award winning photographer Jacqueline Spindley posted this picture, among others – but leaves us guessing! I think it may be a Chiffchaff? So there you are, those more knowledgeable will now be either nodding with approval – or tut tutting their disapproval!

Geoff has been providing us with compilations of images from his trek along the canal's entire length, which he submitted in video format on YouTube. Many of us tend to have parts of the canal we visit more regularly than others. So it's nice to see those less visited bits!

Whereas Balint, treats us to views from the air, as he works his way along the canal demonstrating his aerial agility with video taken from his drone.

Both our Twitter and Facebook followers were able to enjoy Geoff's and Balint's offerings.

Facebook followers, on the other hand, not being limited to the restrictions on characters, receive more in depth – almost - daily reports of happenings along the canal. You liked the historic pictures of Hickling Basin! The picture shows the bridge, which sadly, is no more.

Tony Jackson



Canal depot open for refreshments

Adults £3 Children £2

Free egg for each travelling child!



Sunday 21st & Monday 22nd April
Easter Bank Holiday
Narrowboat Trips
on the
Grantham Canal

Enjoy a 30 minute trip on The Three Shires narrowboat
departing from lock 18 on the Grantham Canal

No pre-booking. Places subject to availability

First trip departs 10.00 am

Park at 'The Dirty Duck' public house, Woolsthorpe by Belvoir, NG32 1NY
(Parking by kind permission of Lynne and JF)

See www.granthamcanal.org

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COMPUTER TECH TIPS BY GILES



Portable Device Care

Over the years I've encountered hardware issues which could've been avoided with a bit of extra care. Portable devices are a more fragile than they really should be & I'll identify which bits are most vulnerable to damage.

The first thing I want to highlight is light bleed damage often caused when picking a laptop up by the screen. I've seen this so often and always on a laptop where an area of the screen has a spot of light shining through. Laptop screens are fragile and not designed to be picked up in that way, it can also cause the screen to crack and fracture.

Device charging ports are fragile too (which includes USB ports) never force a connector into a port and never yank on a cable, any forced sideways or up and down movement can cause the port to come away from the motherboard and can be fairly expensive to fix.

Electronic devices and excessive heat don't mix, anything with a processor is going to produce heat and the device will be designed to dissipate the heat using air vents and a fan or through a device's metal body / heat sink. It's important not to cover any of the vents to avoid overheating and although a laptop is called a laptop, using it on your lap can block the air vents, it has small rubber feet underneath to allow air to circulate. Also ensure the vents are free of dust and debris.

Solid state storage (with no moving parts) is becoming the norm inside new laptops these days but older machines with mechanical hard drives are susceptible to damage from heavy knocks and jolts. Care should be taken when transporting a laptop to protect the storage inside. A padded bag or protective cover for your device helps to keep it from being damaged.

Technology can be frustrating and sometimes a device will fail due to other reasons but if you treat your devices with care they should last a good few years past the warranty.



CANAL SIDE BENCHES

Would you like to sponsor a bench on the towpath.

We aim to place a basic flat bench every mile along the canal and at the picnic sites at Fosse Bridge and Denton Wharf.

Each bench costs £40.00 and is made from reclaimed timber.

The first of the bench's should be in place shortly just above Lock 18 near the 'Three Shires' landing stage.

For further information please contact:

Chris Cobb (Head Ranger)

e-mail: headranger@granthamcanal.org

mobile no: 07926 414652

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COMMUNITY CLEANUP AT GAMSTON



Despite a forecast of really bad weather for the morning of **Sunday 10 March 2019**, a group of keen volunteers met at Morrisons Café before starting work on the first Grantham Canal (Gamston Section) Task Day this year.

The volunteers, Kath, Alistair, Nina and her two sons Harrison and Luke, really worked very hard to make another big improvement to the width of the towpath. The grass had encroached so much that it was only wide enough for one person to walk on it. By the end of the day we had more than doubled the width. The continuous hard work ensured that no one had time to feel cold. Thank you volunteers.

Thanks also to Gareth and Ayden of the Canal & River Trust (CRT) who provided the supervision, edging cutters, spades, shovels, wheelbarrows, brushes and safety equipment along with more muscle power.

The morning's work was a continuation of the good work started on the Task Day of 09 December 2018. Everyone concentrated on the single task of clearing the overgrowing grass from the towpath which meant that excellent progress was made. Unfortunately we were unable to do any litter picking that morning as there were too few of us today to split up the tasks. I had to deal with that a few days later.

From our work we've actually amassed quite a pile of really good soil (containing grass and pea gravel) which would be a very good draining medium for a garden or allotment. If anyone would like to collect some please contact Rob Cook on 07986 701348 or by email to rob.cook47@virginmedia.com.

The next Gamston Section Task Day has been planned for Sunday 14 April 2019. Any volunteers willing and able to take part please contact Rob confirming your interest. In addition to the usual litter picking, towpath edging, painting steel gates I'm hoping we'll be doing more clean-up work actually in the canal using a group of experienced paddle boarders. I would also like to try and remove tree cuttings from within Lock 3 using our grappling hooks and long poles.



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membership you would like:

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**Alternatively you can email the above details to
our Membership Secretary at**

membership@granthamcanal.org



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