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Woolsthorpe  
photo by Debbie Spencer

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

The light that we all expected to appear at the end of the tunnel has been switched on!

I am delighted to tell you that GCS volunteers will soon be back to actively restoring the Grantham Canal once again, and I thank them for their commitment to our aims. Not for one minute must we forget the efforts made by a number of our stalwart volunteers who, over the past several weeks, have been keeping a close eye on the canal as well as all those who work hard in the background but are seldom mentioned.

As you would expect our management has written the appropriate Risk Assessments, procured the necessary notices and Safe Working PPE and all active volunteers are attending presentations on new Working Practises.

So you can expect to see activity on the navigable length, at Woolsthorpe Depot and at Lock 14. Please don't forget to observe social distancing and, as you would expect, the Depot and work areas are NOT accessible to the Public.

GCS Members have responded positively to our recent appeal in May for materials to support the restoration of the slipway at Woolsthorpe Depot. Thank you for your generosity which has already helped to raise over 33% of our £20,000 target.

We recognise that many readers of Bridge world-wide are not necessarily society members, however we do need your support to help us drive the society forward. Membership isn't expensive but the benefits gained from sheer numbers enables our cause to be heard louder when lobbying for grants and assistance. An application form may be found on page 20 or you can apply on-line.

Incidentally, if you also wish to make a donation, then please see the notice on page 18 which details the simple ways to

give. All gifts made in this way will only be used for this project.

It is most encouraging to record that eleven new members joined the society over the last month. Several have indicated their wish to be active volunteers and are taking up roles pursuing their various interests. These include working on the navigable section or at Lock 14 and being a Canal Ranger.

Thank you for putting yourselves forward and welcome to our open-air world of rural delights!

Now the hard work begins as we recover from nature's growth over the past three months and clear branches and weed growth from the navigation; discover why new leaks have developed at locks and other sites along the 30 miles of canal; get down to the practical work of delivering the plans formulated during the weeks of boredom – actually there was never a dull moment for me! – and we can look forward to welcoming our visitors again as soon as restrictions permit.

Stay alert and safe and thank you for your support.

*Mike Stone.*

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account/register/](https://www.waterways.org.uk/account/register/)



# CANAL WORK UPDATE

From Tony Osbond - General Manager

After due consideration of the Government's gradual relaxation of the 'Stay at Home' guidelines and the comments from various volunteers that they would like to get back to a bit of normality, we have made some decisions to do some work maintaining the canal.

Members of the Exec. Committee had a Zoom meeting (not without some teething troubles on my part) and have put together a set of proposals and risk assessments to get us back working safely on the Grantham Canal doing some maintenance.

My thanks to Roger Charles our Health and Safety Advisor for putting all this in place together with Jane Grylls obtaining all the necessary PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) to enable us to plan a start. We have advised and shared this information with CRT, the owners of the canal, detailing our intentions to mobilise our teams from Friday 12th June.

It is of paramount importance that we work to the guidelines dictated by Public Health England and as set out in our Risk Assessment and our Covid 19 Protocol Guidelines, all of which will be on display at the Woolsthorpe Depot.

I will be emailing our Maintenance Teams to attend a briefing, maintaining self distancing at all times and outside, on the 12th June.

Lock 14 is due to open again in the not too distant future. Mark Owen has now returned to work from his furlough and is making preparations in line with Government guidelines and Public Health England in preparing the site. He is setting out guidelines for maintaining self distancing and obtaining the required PPE so that our volunteers can work safely. We have emailed our Lock 14 construction teams to whet their appetite and establish availability for a return to work. A start date will then be agreed depending on our volunteers response and the site being in a safe state in respect of the necessary precautions.

We hope to see our new weed boat in action later this year.





## My diary from the Isles of Scilly by James Faulconbridge June 2020

The Isles of Scilly have a very marked tourist season with the vast majority of visitors between April and September – usually the May Bank Holiday weekend is the busiest of the whole year but we are still numbered just 120 on this little island whilst lockdown continues. The vineyard usually opens for tours and tastings throughout the season so we would have expected to be rushed off our feet showing people around the site. Instead we've been busy getting ourselves established and beginning to make the vineyard our own – we have now repaired and replaced three of the four polytunnels and the difference between those vines inside and outside is amazing with at least another 2ft of growth under cover!



There was a late frost around much of the UK in May which many of you will have noticed if you have a garden or allotment – many vineyards were badly hit with significant loss of this years' growth. We are fortunate in that frosts in Scilly are almost unheard of, especially late ones, but we have our own nemesis to contend with and that is the wind! As I write this, the weather is calm, sunny and still, but easterly winds gusting 60mph in early May did cause some wind-burn and die-back and we are carefully removing these damaged leaves. We are converting the vineyard to organic management and minimising the risk of mildew and botrytis is critical as we have limited tools to address these issues if they take hold. Another job on today's list is continuing with tucking in the vines – this means ensuring that new growth is positioned between the guide wires to train the vines and give them support against the wind.

Scilly has fantastic populations of song birds and this week has seen the vineyard filled with fledglings – we have song thrush families hopping around together cracking snail shells; blackbirds waiting for their parents to return and feed them; a starling family who zip from field to field and tiny baby wrens fluttering through the hedgerows. We are still waiting for the house sparrows in the tractor shed to fledge – their chirping is a constant background during the day!

Finally, our website should be going live as you read this! I'll be back with another diary next month, but if you'd like to find out a bit more about the vineyard in the meantime, do take a look!

[www.stmartinsvineyard.co.uk](http://www.stmartinsvineyard.co.uk)



## Where does the GCS go from here? A Ranger's View

There's a very long way to go to meet the stated aim of the GCS, that is, to re-connect the canal to the River Trent. It is easier on the brain not to think too deeply of the plethora of individual projects required to approach this goal. But think deeply we must!

We should begin to seriously consider the BIG picture; the whole caboodle. We need to identify, discuss, think through, design, plan, obtain permissions and how to resource each separate item. We must produce a "living" document with all of this recorded and updated. Quite a dizzying task! How on earth can we do this?

Well, considering that there are so many dedicated people who are actively working to achieve the BIG goal, and enjoying their time doing it, then, yes, it most definitely can be done. We must begin to realise that there is no single point or area on the canal that is more important, or which has a greater priority, than any other area where work should be concentrated. But there are a couple which really do stand out among all the others.

One of these, **Rebuilding the Woolsthorpe Flight** is the obvious priority. It's where we currently attract a large amount of publicity. This includes the boat trips, Hickling here we come! That achievement will be truly colossal, plus a really good fund raiser.

The other is simply **Fix the Dry Section**. On that theme please consider the following information below which was provided by some of our hard working fellow Rangers.

### Two scenes of Bridge 26 taken at different times.



The one on the left was taken on 16th November 2019 and shows the canal running over the bund wall into the dry section.

On 11th April 2020, on the right, the canal level is so low that water isn't even touching the bund wall.



At the end of March one of our Rangers reported that the water level at Bridge 37 was quite low.

See photo on right.

The photo on the left shows low water level on the canal at Kinoulton.



By mid April I was receiving information that other areas were suffering a similar fate. This was almost unbelievable since we had been talking about flooding only a few weeks before.

Another of our Rangers from the Kinoulton area discovered water leaking from the canal through a hole in the bank into a broken culvert. This was in addition to the one we've known about for many years which is believed to be the principal cause of the dry section of canal.

*Continued ...*





The photo on the left is of a CRT temporary works site which is an attempt to stop water leaking from the canal bank into a culvert below the canal.

During February this year it was suggested that the flooding in the Bottesford area was made worse by a breach in the bank in that area. Perhaps it's the other way round, that the flooding caused the breach, along with some of these leaks in other areas.

We don't really have a complete canal. **Yes, we must fix these leaks also!** These two photos are of the leak near Kinoulton.



On the right hand side the photo shows water leaking through the canal bank into the culvert at the very same site.

Reports of these and other incidents about low water levels and of leakage, were reported to CRT. However, because of the present Covid19 problem, many of their staff had been furloughed and their contractors stood down so they were unable to respond to most items.

Many members of the general public use our towpaths for leisure. It is almost certain that a high proportion of them are well aware of the poor state of our canal in the "middle areas". As Rangers we talk to people about our on-going achievements and our plans for the future, particularly the excellent work by our teams rebuilding locks. Occasionally, we meet those who look only at negative aspects such as the number of bridges to be dealt with, the silt, reeds, how could we ever clear the dry section and "You'll never connect to the Trent".

The problem is that we have so many different areas to work on/in and so many difficulties to overcome that it is almost impossible to convince anyone who is prepared to listen that we can actually get the canal restored. The task seems simply too vast.

The GCS must be able to demonstrate to CRT, the Heritage Lottery Fund, Nottinghamshire County Council, Rushcliffe Borough Council, the Parish Councils and above all, the general public, that we are not just scratching the surface of the problems but that we have a complete and thorough understanding of the whole package of measures required.

We need to produce a clear overall plan listing ALL OF THE WORKS REQUIRED to see the Grantham Canal connected to the River Trent.

For each subject item on this list a file should be created containing a brief description of the works, a programme of works, a budget cost and a list of human and other resources all accompanied with photographs and sketches. At the same time, keep up the maintenance. I'm willing to put time into helping create this. [Are there any other taker's living in Rushcliffe?](#)

*Ranger Rob*



# Jim's Story - how we rebuilt Lock 15

## Part 3 REBUILDING



The cleaned cill



Scaffolding erected April 2016



First of over 3000 concrete blocks delivered



John laying blocks



A completed row May 2016



Road roller training



The first concrete laid June 2016



Area prepared for rebuilding



Friday gang welcomes apprentice Jacob



Jim, John, Richard & Jacob celebrate the first row finished



Brick laying training



Mike mixes 1 of 1000's



# Jim's Story - how we rebuilt Lock 15

## Part 3 REBUILDING continued



WRG Easter 2016



WRG summer camp



Friday gang in May



Top weir exposed ready for demolition



1st level of scaffolding



Sometimes it's good to have a sense of humour



Rod & John remove shuttering



Another layer of blocks



Unseen work preparing the shuttering for another pour



Another shuttering completed



Blockwork progresses



Offside brick walls up to height by November 2017



Final blockwork in place



## A SEA ADVENTURE

### By Mike Atherley



**Mike's recounts a holiday trip to Ventnor - and testing out his new boat**

Before I started canal and river cruising I purchased a small powerboat via an ad. in the local newspaper. This was a Marine ply hull by a company in Norfolk approx. 12ft with a 40hp West Bend outboard engine. The whole outfit was near derelict but sound, the engine a non runner but with several spare parts. It took a while to clean up the hull, fit a new screen and repaint but



bit by bit it all came together. The engine eventually ran by using most of the spare parts, plus spark plugs, oils, etc. The first real test on the Trent was disappointing, very little power or speed, but checking the spark plugs found one to be faulty. Second try was more successful, soon on the plane and up to 25mph. We tried it towing a skier! It was ok but not enough power.

An opportunity came when my sister and family together with her sister in law and family had booked a camping holiday at Ventnor on the Isle of Wight. They asked if I wanted to join them so I thought it would be fun to take the speedboat and cross the Solent from Portsmouth to Ventnor in it, about 20 miles. I thought it would take about an hour! I had, as a towcar, a small Triumph Herald Coupe which I had removed the roof, it all unbolted like meccano. However on the morning I had planned to start the trip the weather was atrocious and I had to refit the roof before I could get underway. After a very wet and stormy journey I arrived at Portsmouth only to find the sea boiling with horrendous waves. There was no way I could launch or attempt a crossing. Having no accommodation booked I visited the ferry office and was lucky to find a place on the next ship. Not quite as planned having to carry the car and boat on a boat ferry.

Luckily my relatives met me at Ventnor and took me back to the campsite but over the following week there was only one decent day to launch the boat from the beach. It performed well on the sea and I could see one of those concrete towers reasonably close enough to investigate but all around it was a rocky outcrop and landing was not an option, unlike the canals the sea doesn't stop still, rising and moving about too much. There were other day's I was able to visit other parts of the island but boating was a total failure, very strong winds most days. I had booked a return trip on the ferry but they could only find me a slot several days before my planned departure and also very early in the morning. So I set off with a young relative, parked the car and boat in Portsmouth and returned to the island to finish the holiday. The day we all returned to Portsmouth on the ferry had its problems because I had mislaid my ticket and had to purchase yet another one. The car and boat were all ok and the journey home was uneventful.

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



### June – Nursery Web Spider

This photograph popped up on the Facebook/ Twitter page recently and Bob Dawson (a fellow Scillonian) kindly supplied the identification – this impressive structure belongs to the nursery web spider which is common in grasslands, heathlands and woodland clearings.

Unlike many of the typical UK spiders you might be familiar with, the nursery web spider actively hunts its prey rather than spinning webs to capture them. It instead saves its silk-spinning skills for making a protective canopy for its offspring. The reproductive cycle of this species starts with courtship - the male catches a fly or other prey as a 'gift' for the female during mating. The female will then carry the large, round egg-sac in her fangs and build the silken shelter for them just as they are about to hatch making them very attentive mothers! The young will stay in the nest until they are large enough to fend for themselves.

The nursery web is a striking spider to see out and about – large with furry brown legs and a yellow stripe down the length of its body. In terms of physical appearance, it can be easy to confuse with a raft spider, especially if you saw it along the banks of the canal, but the raft spider is much more localised and not currently recorded along the canal. The British Arachnological Society currently lists 663 species of spider on its recording scheme and they come in a whole range of colours, sizes and shapes.



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**Don't forget to nominate the Grantham Canal Society**

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# *Brush strokes!*

*The making of Traditional English Rocking Horses*

*By Tony Jackson*

The manufacture of rocking horses having died out; the art of painting them had to be relearned. One of the trailblazers of the late 1980s, went off on the wrong tack. Publishing books to this effect, set the painting technique back many years. For, as we know – once it's in print, it's gospel!

Working out the method, patterns, brushes and medium, preoccupied me for sometime. Once learned, it wasn't long before others in the trade were beating a path to my workshop door. Painting other peoples' work was a large part of my business; my work often appearing in the brochures of other businesses.



Replicating 'antique' finishes became a speciality too. Dapple grey, as the vast majority of old horses were, were actually painted blue/grey. The shade of this varied between makers and the era in which they were produced. Finished with shellac varnish, over time, this yellowed. Horses which were painted a darker blue/grey, tended to take on a green patina, whilst those of a lighter shade, would turn yellow.

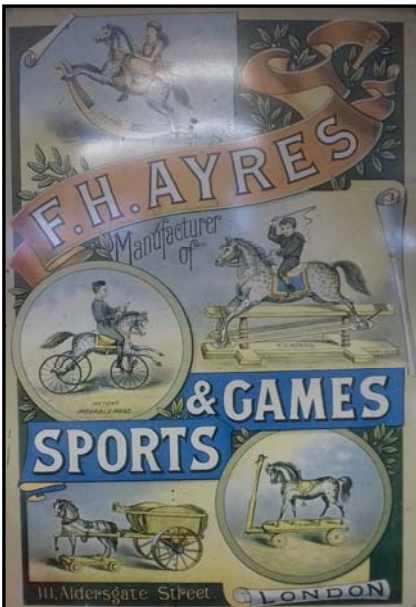
Blends of shellac and natural earth pigments, enabled these colours to be replicated, and could be tailored to a particular maker – useful for old horses which needed a complete repaint, with the customer wishing their horse to look its age.

It was around this time, in the mid '90s, that I had honorary membership of the Guild of Rocking Horse Makers bestowed upon me for my 'significant contribution to the craft'.





The horse pictured, dating from the 1930s, was made by F. H. Ayres, London, 1810-1940. Marketed as their 'D' type, is often regarded as their top of the range. These horses had a lot of 'extra carving' and, a particular pattern of dappling, replicated here.



It wasn't actually this firm's top of the range. They made an 'E' type (no, it wasn't really fast and pulled the birds). This was covered in calfskin – not so palatable these days.

The company made a range of toys, to include croquet, tennis and cricket sets – even supplying tennis balls for Wimbledon – that is, until 1902, when some young upstart called Slazenger hit them out of court!



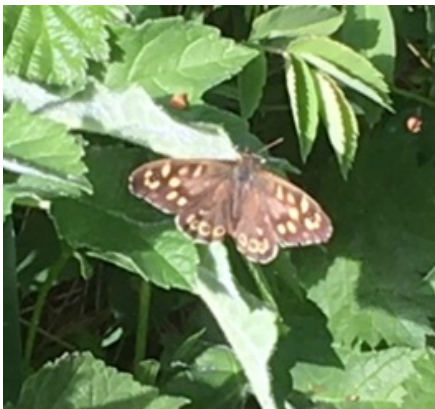
## Meet the Rangers – Part 3 June 2020

**Steve Hircoe and Jackie Healy jointly  
Section 10B Bottesford Bridge (55) to  
Muston Gorse Bridge (57)  
1.3 miles**

Steve and Jackie are fairly new to the role of ranger; they only took up this role in February 2020. Steve is a former civil servant and currently furloughed Market Researcher and Jackie is a retired former civil servant they live in Grantham. The canal section they cover is approximately 6 miles from their home but both said that it was nice to get out into the countryside for walks away from built up Grantham. Steve has been a member of the GCS (and its predecessor GCRS) for about 20 years, having always had an interest in the canal and walking. They have walked the entire length of the Grantham Canal (in stages) twice 1999/2000 and 2017/18 with their dogs Molly on the first run and Kylie more recently. Steve and Jackie are dog lovers and regularly provide holiday placements for other people's dogs.



Steve and Jackie were enlisted to the role of ranger by Tony Osbond – General Manager at the GCS New Year dinner event. Shortly after, they met up with Rob Cook Head Ranger to discuss the role and their section of canal. They attended their first rangers meeting shortly before the Covid-19 lockdown when Jackie too became a member of GCS.



**Speckled Wood butterfly**

Section 10B is 1.3 miles long and is a grassy path stretch, there is only one barely visible building on this stretch – a farm/kennels near bridge 55. Steve and Jackie normally park in the middle of their section at bridge 56 walk one way and back and then do the other way and back. During their walk they manage litter and spray/highlight dog mess as well as notice water levels, fallen trees etc. Steve and Jackie started the ranger role just before the country went into lockdown so whilst they have noticed considerable more traffic in the way of walkers and cyclists during this time, sadly opportunities to chat have been avoided due to social distancing.





Steve and Jackie have increasingly noticed the wildlife as they have regularly been walking this section. They have monitored the swans and ducks who have had cygnets and ducklings now growing and they have seen a wide variety of birds including finches, Great Tits and a Great Spotted Woodpecker. They say walking the same patch regularly helps them notice the wildlife more, there are trees near bridge 57 that house a Robin and Great Tits and they now often take their binoculars to get a better view. Recently they have also noticed unusual butterflies such as the Orange-tip .

Fortunately they don't encounter much litter, just small amounts of cans/food wrappers under benches and recently the dog fouling has been very little. Steve makes notes of their canal walks and submits details of flowers/foliage and wildlife on a regular basis.

Steve and Jackie enjoy their ranger duties walking the paths and observing the wildlife, they may even get another dog to share the experience with them.



**If you would like to volunteer for ranger duties within the GCS adjacent section 10A Redmile Town to Bottesford Bridge currently has a vacancy.**

*Michelle Storer*



## Woolsthorpe Slipway funding appeal

Our thanks to those of you for your donation towards this project.  
However we are still some way off our target of £20,000 so if you feel that you could support us, and haven't already done so, we would be very grateful.

We need to make a start on this very necessary project.

Full details can be found on our website page detailed below, please share it

<http://www.granthamcanal.org/woolsthorpe-slipway/>



An interesting 'Britain from Above' photo of the Wharf area in Grantham sent in by Paul Watson



A 'VE 'DAY TRIBUTE

A beautifully restored and painted wheelbarrow by Jim Freeman



# COMPUTER TECH TIPS

BY GILES ([giles@jigster.com](mailto:giles@jigster.com))

Here are some useful tips from Giles, who is a well regarded Web Designer and qualified Support Technician



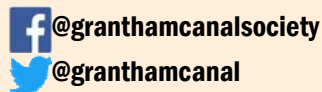
## Coronavirus vs technology

- Recently cyber criminals have been preying on fears of the coronavirus and sending 'phishing' text messages that try and trick users into clicking on a bad link. Messages are short and simple and often claim to be from a known entity like the government or NHS. Web links are harder to spot on a text message as they are shortened so please be careful if you receive any kind of text about Corona virus.
- Cybercrime has been on the increase during the pandemic so take extra care when dealing with any unexpected communication particularly relating to pandemic precautions. These may appear as financial support from your bank, offers of virus beating health supplements or a penalty fine for breaching quarantine lockdown rules
- Passing on the virus through physical contact on devices can be overlooked especially on surface hot spots that are touched by many people like the numeric keypad when checking out at the supermarket, cashpoints or automated tills, use some disinfectant wipes to clean your hands after touching these or protective gloves that you can then discard.
- You can utilise your own wired or wireless keyboard and mouse to avoid touching the keyboard and mouse/touchpad of any computer you share with someone else. Any PC or laptop will accept additional USB keyboard and mice plugged into it. An Apple Mac will happily work using a Windows keyboard and mouse too.
- Your mobile phone can be a breeding ground for bacteria and other nasties and should be cleaned regularly, particularly in the current situation. Apple advises you to use 70% isopropyl alcohol wipes or Clorox disinfecting wipes. The alcohol quickly evaporates from the surface of your phone and kills all the microbes. Don't use Dettol wipes or any other chemical based cleaning products. You can also use soap and water. Clearly don't put your phone under running water even if it's water-resistant. Lightly moisten a cloth or a paper towel with washing-up liquid or hand soap and wipe it over the phone, then wipe that off with a dry cloth or paper towel but be careful that you don't get moisture into any of the openings.
- Technology can be a good distraction during the Corona virus pandemic, with the internet, social networking, online and local gaming, video and audio streaming and the ability to stay in contact with video calls at your disposal. Perhaps if you've never tried any of these things it would be a good time to try out something new. Maybe use the time to do an online course to better yourself or learn a new skill. Also, computer gaming isn't just a pastime for kids, there's plenty of distractions to keep the mind occupied and challenged, for instance my neighbour across the road regularly plays bridge online with many of his friends. I play scrabble with a lady on Gordon Road via Facebook, plus there are many virtual pub quizzes and other interactive experiences happening now especially during lockdown. I shall detail some of these next month.

Stay safe and well...

# #Trending

By *Tony Jackson*



Some rain at last! If we want our inland waterways, we have to put up with rain sometimes! Indeed, if we want life, we need rain! I had a day out boating on the River Soar recently – I've never seen the river so low – and that was after a couple of days of rain!

At the beginning of Coronavirus, I was poised at the keyboard to rattle off an email to Mike, our Chairman. I was going to say I think we'd better knock our social media on the head for the duration. What on earth were we going to discuss? No events, boat rides or work on the canal to talk about – so pleased I exercised restraint! You've been fabulous! Sending in pictures from your daily exercise walks and cycle rides. I don't know about you, but I've found our Facebook page a welcome escape from the gloom of mainstream media.

Doing his bit for the canal, Stephen carried out a litter pick while enjoying a paddle in his kayak, this, only a few days after a group of paddleboarders having done the same! Sorry guys, I lost the pictures I took due to my technical ineptitude.



Most are familiar with ladybirds, but perhaps less so with their larval stage. ALG on Twitter, provided us with this insight into a ladybird's life cycle, taken on one of her regular walks along the canal in the West Bridgford area.

**Do follow us, do share and retweet – it matters!**

**Do join us – that matters too!**



## HEDGEHOG RESCUE NEWS



We have been kept on our toes with lots of dehydrated and starving hedgehogs being brought in. Many have lots of internal parasites too.

**Please help by putting out lots of bowls of water and scatter extra cat/kitten biscuits around the garden.**

If you have time it may be beneficial to put food out a bit earlier – about 20.00 - and again just before you go to bed. Some hedgehogs, especially mums with hoglets, come out a bit earlier at this time of year. Also, if you save the water after washing salads or vegetables you could empty it onto the same patch of garden. This damp patch will tend to attract worms and insects which is food for both hedgehogs and birds.

Please take extra care if you use a strimmer. We have had two hedgehogs recently with cut spines - probably the result of a close encounter with a strimmer. Luckily in both cases there were no serious injuries just a cut spines, we hope this is not how people are marking hedgehogs, as the spines are there to protect the animal.

We have also been asked to remind people not to cut hedges until the end of August. The RSPB recommends this to provide birds with nesting areas and a food supply.

*Janet Peto*

## 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**

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Under 18/Over 60: ..£15

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their various tasks.**

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Councils to support our efforts to  
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post or email it to our Membership  
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details in the post.**

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

If you would like to become a member of  
the Grantham Canal Society then please  
complete the form below and post it to:

**The Membership Secretary,  
340 Harlaxton Road, Grantham, Lincs,  
NG31 7JY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle which category of  
membership you would like:

**Single Adult (£20)**

**Family (£30)**

**Under 18/Over 60 (£15)**

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

**[membership@granthamcanal.org](mailto:membership@granthamcanal.org)**

**The  
Grantham Canal  
Society**

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**We are please to welcome 11 mew members in  
the last month**



Flora and Fauna all in one place - beautifully photographed by Debbie Spencer

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