

The Buckingham Navigator

The Newsletter of The Buckingham Canal Society
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A word from the Editor...

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all, given that this is the first time I've been able to communicate with the whole society in one go! I consider it a genuine privilege to take on the role of Editor of the Navigator for the foreseeable future. I became passionately interested in the canals only recently, when my girlfriend, Jem, and I bought and moved onboard our narrow boat together in March 2009. Before that I probably knew as little as most people do about a world that, for the most part, is hidden away from modern life, a mute world that most of us only glimpse fleetingly from the railway carriage or the bypass. It is my belief that it is this invisibility to most eyes that makes BCS so important, and why I am so pleased to take on this position. I hope to meet you all in person in the very near future!

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Toby Tottle



Pointing the way! The signpost at Cosgrove marks the point where the Buckingham Arm meets the Grand Union Canal.

Getting in Touch!

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Work Party Organiser's Report

Winter 2009

The work parties are continuing at the BBOWT Nature Reserve and the work has been going well with October being a particularly busy month. We had seventeen people from BITM Waterway Recovery Group join us over the weekend of 17th-18th October. This group worked extremely hard over the two days and involved a lot of very muddy tasks! This was real 'navvying' work as one group were removing mud from the bottom of the lock chamber with wheelbarrows whilst the second group were clearing the reeds that were blocking the canal bed and a third group repairing the flight of steps next to the lock.

I think you can see from the photos here just how muddy some people managed to get but again it was a lot of fun and the weather stayed fine for us. Over the weekend we hired a pump from a local company and as this proved so successful in removing water from the lock chamber (allowing people to work on the brickwork in the lock) we have now purchased one of our own!



On Saturday 31st October we took part in 'Make a Difference Day' again. However because the 31st came at the end of the half term week a lot of people who were interested in coming along were away.

The turn out on the day was a little disappointing but as we were allowed to run the MADD day over the following week we held a second MADD day on Sunday 8th November therefore allowing the people who missed the first one to attend a week later. This was excellent news for some of the unemployed people who attend our work parties as they received a certificate for attending the 'Make a Difference Day', which can now go on their CVs.



Our volunteer work parties have been growing in numbers and this means that the hedge-laying is coming on well. It has been praised by a good number of walkers and fishermen. We increased our volunteer numbers when two members of the public were out walking and offered to join us because they felt we were doing such an excellent job. Because of the extra work done by BITM the clearance work on the lock is also progressing well and the flight of steps is now almost finished.

In January we will be moving the work parties back to Cosgrove for a couple of weeks. Stanley Hope, a local surveyor, had offered his services free of charge to the society about eighteen months ago to carry out a 'level' survey of the canal bed at Cosgrove but when two thirds of this work had been completed he was called away to work in London so was unable to finish the work. He now has more free time and has offered to complete the work by the end of March but for this to happen we need to clear the bed of the canal by the A5. I am hoping we can complete this by holding two work parties on site at Cosgrove and then return the work parties to the Nature Reserve until the end of March.

The other exciting project that is happening will be a community hedge-planting day on Sunday 14th March at the BBOWT Nature Reserve. The BCS has been lucky to secure a grant of a £100 from the Woodland Trust to replant part of the hedge at the reserve. We plan to make this a community day and are hoping to attract many people from the surrounding area to come and help us and if the weather permits hold a barbeque on site. So if you are free on the 14th do come and join us and see the work that is being done by the society.

Athina Beckett
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Meeting at 10.00.

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Sunday 10th January
Thursday 14th January
Thursday 28th January

Thursday 11th March
Sunday 14th March
Thursday 25th March

Thursday 11th February
Sunday 14th February
Thursday 25th February

Thursday 8th April
Sunday 11th April
Thursday 22nd April

Raising the Profile

(has anyone got a tow bar?)

During its existence BCS has gradually been raising its profile in the areas around the route of the canal and also amongst the various waterways organisations, local and national. Despite being in a position to have had the Feasibility Survey carried out, we now face the cost of an Engineering Survey, and the challenge of funding it.

It will be equally important to win the hearts and minds of the general public within Bucks & Northants to say nothing of the various land owners whose properties would be involved.

The suggestion has been made that the society's sales stall should be taken to sites where the general public can be made aware of our activities. This could include markets, car boots and local festivals. The stall would have one of our publicity boards on display and there would be a supply of information leaflets for inclusion with all purchases and for general distribution.

Now for that dirty word, "Volunteering". Sorry about that but such a scheme does need a number of individuals so that a variety of locations and dates can be covered without relying on one or two hard done by, long suffering individuals. A minimum of two or three people would be ideal.

And now for the tow bar; has anyone got one?

BCS has been donated a small trailer which would be very useful for taking sales stock to and from events but at the moment it languishes in the chairmans garage for want of a tow bar and a driver to get it there! The use of more than one would not go amiss either.

If you would like to be involved, weekdays or weekend, have towbars or information regarding a good car boot, market or event for this proposed venture, then please contact me:

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Michael Freeman

...continued from the front page!

The people I meet on the canals every day are fiercely proud of the heritage, fascinated by the diversity and passionate about preserving the unique spirit of the cut, but people without an active interest in the canal are not at all aware of the problems that it faces. I myself have only recently crossed over from one side of the equation to the other.

The truth is that I have always lived practically on top of the canal system, at Yardley Gobion, at Buckingham and at Milton Keynes, and in all that time I hardly knew it was there, and certainly could not guess at the liveliness of the communities nor the exuberant pride of place that thrives there! That fact is testament to just how well hidden the well maintained and active canals are, let alone the vanished ones, and why half the battle, it seems to this newcomer, is to amplify the modern system still further, to make the most of a bustling lifeline that connects Britain's industrial heritage to its multi-purpose future, in order that its importance and pleasure can be understood by as many people as possible.

Toby Tottle, Editor

"You will nearly always lose at least one listed structure during a restoration project."

This quote may not be entirely accurate but is fairly faithful to the spirit of the occasion and it was an unfortunately accurate prediction for the Buckingham Canal Society.

There were once two listed structures still standing on the Buckingham Arm and now - (to the best of my knowledge) - only Bridge 14 on Mount Mill Farm remains. The loss was that of Lower Wharf Cottages where there is now a bland collection of modern houses near Buckingham town centre. Once the canal was closed and the land had been sold to adjacent owners there was a strong threat of development of the site, although the mad housing boom of the early 21st Century could not have been anticipated and the concept of The New City of Milton Keynes had not been thought of.

HOW LOWER WHARF COTTAGES WERE LOST

Lower Wharf Cottages were almost certainly used originally by workers or officers of the Grand Junction Canal Company of which the canal to Buckingham was an arm. The cottages were set well back from the canal, maximising the available wharf area, and there were stables or storage nearer to the canal at the far end from Buckingham. Remains of the stables were just discernable in the early days of BCS.

After the canal had fallen into disuse the wharf and the cottages fell into private ownership. The last owner and occupier of the cottages was a single lady and the real threat came when she died - her heirs' inheritance could only be realised by selling the site.



The cottages had been listed as 'Grade Two - Building of Historical Importance'. But for this, the fate of Lower Wharf Cottages might have been very different. Despite the designation being applied to a building with the intention of encouraging restoration and upkeep, it can in fact have a detrimental effect. Listed building status often deters would-be purchasers because of the restrictions on what can be done to a property.

Planning permission was obtained for the conversion of the cottages into a single dwelling and a buyer was eventually found but sadly the sale fell through. It was discovered that the legal right of way to

access the property had been lost because the County Council had suspended the right of way in order to widen the road into the town and never had it restored after the road works had been done. Why no steps were taken at this time to rectify the situation is not known. Perhaps the owners were poorly advised or didn't have the funds to chase the County Council. In today's climate of awareness to rights, wrongs and the mistakes due to the bureaucratic inefficiencies of public bodies, there would have been a far stronger case for the owners having their rights returned to them. However the heirs to the property may have been aware that if a listed building deteriorates enough to be deemed dangerous then it would have to be demolished, and deteriorate they slowly did, along with their potential sale value.

Before the formation of the BCS, the Buckingham Society (a local group dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the town) wanted the buildings preserved as they represented the driving force behind the town's prosperity during the 19th Century. Indeed many of the town's finer old buildings date from the early 1800s, before the arrival of the railway.

The Buckingham Society were aware of the threat of demolition now hanging over the cottages, and of the role of the local authorities in assuming responsibility for the repairs, however we all know that such authorities are never flush with the funds required for such work. Today there are grants available that would cover these situations (the refurbishment of lock number two, for example).



The Buckingham Society funded the re-slating of the cottages' roofs to protect the interior from further deterioration and for a short time the prospect for the cottages looked better - until the frustrated owners saw an opportunity and promptly sold the slates. The owners were reported for stealing the slates and putting the property at risk. The owners were duly arrested. However they were released without charge on the basis that the property was theirs to do with as they liked. You may have thoughts as to the validity of this decision as they were damaging a listed building, but that is what happened and may also have been the correct lawful decision. The marriage of the law and listed buildings is a minefield of interpretation.

By the time BCS arrived on the scene the cottages were in a very sad state and would have needed a good deal of money spent on them for habitation or uses such as an interpretation centre for the canal and the public footpaths that had been provided for the public as rights of way when the canal was sold off.

It was not long before a planning application for several modern dwellings was odged for the site.

Despite words with a planning officer and the solicitor acting for the owners, it was with virtually no knowledge of the events related so far that I found myself sitting in front of a meeting of the Planning Committee. Having heard them reject the name Canal Road for the name of the entrance to the new site as being too common, they eventually settled for Wharf Crescent. The Committee made short work of us, as we had no funds of our own for development or purchase. The Cottages were lost and had BCS been more experienced then a different outcome might have been possible.

The result was disappointing in the extreme but a study of the sequence of events that took place and the decisions that were made by all concerned give pointers for future vigilance by both BCS and other groups, lest the canals lose any more of their historic buildings.

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Michael Freeman

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Our present Buckingham Canal Society was formed in 1992 but there was an original group formed in the 1970s, which included such figures as legendary waterways author David Blagrove.

EARLY CRISIS

Rodney Hardwick from Northampton IWA was there in person and this is his account of what happened when the new town of Milton Keynes first crossed the path of the Buckingham Arm.

Swings & Roundabouts

Northampton IWA always seems to be involved in some crisis, most recently concerning adequate funding for the waterways. Hence the current 'SOS 2010' campaign.

In the early days of the Branch, campaigns were more varied. An unsuccessful attempt to preserve the Whitworth's grain traffic from Brentford to Wellingborough was one. Another, also unsuccessful, was the fight to ensure that the construction of the A5 diversion through Milton Keynes did not jeopardise the future restoration of the Buckingham Canal, which leaves the main line at Cosgrove Lock but within yards is cut off.



Members of Dunstable and District Boat Club clearing the bed of the canal in the early 1970s when the bridges were still intact. Perhaps the first work party on the Buckingham Arm?

I recall clearly the Public Inquiry held at Stony Stratford into the proposals. It was held by the Eastern Roads Construction Unit, and they proposed to build the re-routed Watling Street across the waterway (also known as the Old Stratford Arm) below the bed level of the canal. Although the canal had been abandoned some years previously, the Branch asked that nothing further should be done to prevent future restoration. To their credit, the then Milton Keynes Development Corporation offered filling materials to enable the road to be raised and cross the canal at a navigable height. But some of the residents of Old Stratford opposed our aims, some of their objections being that if the canal were reopened children from boats would use the swings in the local playground!

Working Parties

The Branch organised working parties, supported by a variety of others (including Blisworth Scouts), clearing trees at the Cosgrove end of the canal.

This was 1973 before Health and Safety; for example, chainsaws were borrowed from work places and used without training, perhaps in hindsight a tad rash but we all survived.

The Branch also hired a solicitor to represent us at the inquiry and then we had to organise the 1973 rally, billed as a Waterways Festival at Becket's Park to help pay his fee.



An inspection of the Buckingham Canal in 1973.



The Inspector was very sympathetic, but his recommendation was that the road should go ahead as planned, although he suggested it would be possible to reopen the canal, create access between it and the 'new' A5, and build a marina!

For the purists amongst us, the canal up to Old Stratford was wide beam and known as the Old Stratford Branch (of the GU). From Old Stratford onwards, it was narrow and, indeed, termed the Buckingham Canal. The navigation was closed in 1948 and officially abandoned in 1965.

In retrospect, I think the Branch was somewhat remiss in failing to list two stone bridges between Cosgrove and the A5. Had we done so, they would certainly have been a feature of this length, which, hopefully will eventually be re-watered.

Another more successful campaign was to result in getting the new A43 Blisworth bypass moved further away from the Northampton Arm, but that's another story.

Rodney Hardwick

BCS Receive Grant from Buckinghamshire County Council

We are very pleased to announce that the Society has recently been awarded £750 by Buckinghamshire County Council, from their Community Leaders' Fund, to be used to help fund the Pre-Feasibility Study which is currently in the course of preparation by Halcrow – details elsewhere in this issue.

The award was at the instigation of David Polhill, County Councillor for Buckingham North who is also chairman of the Local Area Forum and is particularly interested in the possibility of using the canal as some form of flood relief channel for Buckingham, a subject close to the hearts of many Buckingham residents.

To quote from his letter sending us the cheque: "The work you have been doing to support the community is very much appreciated, both by myself and the County Council and the cheque is a recognition of that work."

We would like to thank County Councillor David Polhill for his support for the Society and for his kind words about the work we are doing.

Vernon Draper, Treasurer

Future Events

Monday 25th January 7.45pm

Talk by Pablo Haworth: 'Donald Bailey and his Bridge'

IWA Milton Keynes Branch

Milton Keynes Village Pavilion, Worrell Avenue, Middleton, Milton Keynes, MK10 9AD

Saturday 30th January 7.15pm

BCS AGM plus Cheese & Wine Social Evening

Buckingham Community Centre, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham, MK18 1RP

Tuesday 9th February 8pm

Talk by Mike Beech: 'Canal Structures'

IWA Northampton Branch

The Walnut Tree Inn, 21 Station Road, Blisworth, Northants, NN7 3DS

Monday 22nd February 7.45pm

IWA Milton Keynes AGM plus Classic Waterways Films

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Tuesday 9th March 8pm

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Sunday 14th March 10am

BCS Tree Planting Community Day

BBOWT Nature Reserve

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Talk by Richard Thomas (famed IWA Speaker): The Stort Story

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26-28th March

IWA Milton Keynes Clean Up

politics, LiDAR... & Beer?

It's just before 6am and I have a sudden urge to write a few words for the newsletter. For those who are new or just forgotten, I am Terry Cavender and have been involved with the BCS since October 2008. For my previous introductory ramblings, please see the Why bother bit in the spring and summer editions of The Navigator. Meanwhile, read on for thoughts about feasibility studies, youth involvement and local political impact on the canal.

As some of you will know, the society has continued to promote the canal and I have particularly been focusing on local politicians. Through various contacts we have provided updates to all the elected representatives in the Buckingham and surrounding areas using the local area forum. Additionally we have produced earlier in the year an overview of the work so far. Why bother I hear you ask! Using these contacts has helped us obtain financial support from County Councillor David Polhill and a further grant from Buckingham Town Council. This level of local support is also positive in applying for other grants as it demonstrates true community involvement and support. I am looking forward to finding a quiet time over the Christmas break when my children are out playing and my US work colleagues are asleep; in which I can update this with further progress reports before I circulate it to all the town, parish, district and county councillors in the relevant area to keep awareness of our efforts in their minds.

The mapping software I mentioned in previous editions has worked well, although problems with my foot, dense vegetation and work pressures have meant reduced focus on the mapping over the summer. I hope we can get this back up and active in January although we still meet for informal verbal ramblings at the Two Brewers pub in Thornborough. This is currently on the 3rd Thursday of each month and usually becomes an informal brain storming on challenges ranging from sludge in the lock through canal memorabilia to registering land.

As part of the mapping work we have done to supplement the feasibility study, we have successfully obtained LiDAR data from the Environment Agency. This is computer produced information that describes the land through which the canal passes and includes accurate height information so 3D models can be produced similar to what can be found on Google Earth; If you want a geeky moment then try Google on the internet. We are grateful to the E.A. for licensing this to us for free, a gesture representing nearly £12,000 worth of savings to the society.

The next spin off from the mapping is to work with the land registry team in Leicester to get full details of the adjoining land parcels to the canal so we can establish a record of where we have access and who we need to build relationships with to gain access to other parts of the canal. I am hopeful to get a local school involved in this work, probably as part of their community involvement. If you know of any schools who may be interested please contact me.

If you are interested in any of the points covered in my ramblings above, including helping with the mapping and audit further, then please either email me at terry.cavender@btinternet.com or get in touch via Athina or the Navigator.

And to finish.... I asked my youngest daughter how her day had been and received the inevitable answer of "fine". When I asked her what the best bit had been to try and prolong the discussion she thought for a moment and said "Maths was really good today but the best bit was, of course, you picking me up". Beaming with pride I could do nothing other than give in to her request to eat out for tea. A short while later in Subway she told me "I knew you would say yes when you have that grin on your face". Maybe she has already become the next generation of politicians and just might one day give us a grant!

Terry Cavender

Recycle for the Waterways!

How we can all help to restore the canal just by
collecting together and recycling almost anything!

Stamp Bank is a scheme to raise money for canal restoration by collecting together small amounts of materials into quantities large enough to sell. Although Green Shield Stamps and cigarette coupons are now a thing of the past we still derive income from other items for the benefit of restoration projects around the country. BCS itself has benefited in the past; ground-level lighting for use at the Cosgrove Festival was purchased with Argos vouchers which had been collected from various sources. Other projects which have been helped over the years include the Pocklington Canal Society, Foxton Inclined Plane Trust and the Waterway Recovery Group.

It is a no-cost way of raising money; people donate things that they would otherwise throw away but which can be turned into cash or goods if sold in bulk by those who know where to sell them. Used postage stamps are sent to the Shropshire Union Canal Society to help fund restoration of the Montgomery Canal. Current or recent stamps, preferably on paper, trimmed about ¼ inch round the stamp, are sent abroad to dealers. Overseas stamps and other items such as first day covers are sold to UK dealers.

We also collect aluminium – foil, cans, etc – which generally goes to the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust for sale for recycling. Coins and banknotes (current or out of circulation, any country) normally go to the Chichester Ship Canal Trust, and we have a contact who knows how to raise money from old die-cast models (in any condition) – Dinky Toys, etc. We can also gain income from ink jet and laser toner cartridges and old mobile phones.

Please will you help in one (or both!) of two ways. Please collect any of the items mentioned and bring them to a BCS event such as the AGM. Christmas is a particularly good time to do this as Christmas cards increase the normal amount of post. Alternatively, they can be sent (or delivered) to IWA/WRG Stamp Bank, 33 Hambleton Grove, Emerson Valley, Milton Keynes MK4 2JS.

Secondly, I am always on the look-out for volunteers to trim the stamps that come in on large chunks of paper. The stamps are sold by the kilo and collectors want to pay for the stamps and not too much paper. This is a job which has absolutely no deadline attached to it so you can commit as much or as little time as you like. If you would like to be involved, please contact me.

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Chairman's Chat

For a long time the BCS has been fund raising for a Feasibility Study. I am now able to report that this is about to happen. This is a first stage feasibility study, which will be carried out by Alec Kowalski from Halcrow in the near future. Alec recently met up for a site visit with BCS Committee members Bill Upton and Vernon Draper and Jonathan Brown who assists with the work parties.

This group then visited the problem areas connected with the restoration of the canal.

These included the A5, Old Stratford, Thornton Road, Cattleford Aqueduct and the river and weir section of the canal. They also looked at the difficulties with returning the canal to Buckingham. Halcrow will be using LiDAR data supplied by the Environment Agency in part of their research.

The feasibility study has only been made possible by the generous donations and grants given to the society the latest being a grant of £750 from Buckinghamshire County Council 'Community Leaders Fund'. In a letter to the society, County Councillor David Polhill wrote 'the work you have been doing to support the community is very much appreciated both by myself and the County Council and the cheque is a recognition of that work'.



A site visit for feasibility. Alec Kowalski from Halcrow with BCS Treasurer Vernon Draper.



Alec Kowalski and BCS committee member Bill Upton survey the scene...

We have also received very generous grants and donations towards the feasibility from the IWA Restoration, Northants IWA, Milton Keynes IWA and Buckingham Town Council.

Since the last newsletter we would like to welcome Toby Tottle on board as our Newsletter Editor. Toby, who lives on a canal boat with his partner, has introduced himself on the front page of this issue and we hope to persuade him to write further items about 'life afloat' for future issues of the Navigator.

We also have two social events coming up in the next few months one in January and one in March. The first being our AGM on Saturday 30th January. Those of you who have attended in the past will know as well as the serious business of the AGM we also try and turn the second part of the evening into a social gathering by offering a cheese and wine party.

This year there will also be books on sale plus a talk by Roger Butler on 200 years of Canal History and Heritage who, as well as being a brilliant speaker, is also a canal historian and has worked with British Waterways. Part of his talk will involve a quiz to test your canal knowledge.

The second event happens on Sunday 14th March and as well as being a work party day will also be a community hedge planting day and we hope you will come and join us. If the weather is fine we also hope to hold a barbeque as well.

As the year comes to an end we feel the BCS has gained a lot of headway this year particularly with the support now being shown by Buckingham and Aylesbury Vale Councillors and we see a very positive future for the society.

Athina Beckett
Chairman

Improving our Public Talks

For some years I have been giving talks to local groups and canal societies. The talks are illustrated by slides from the BCS collection, augmented by my own photographs.

The BCS collection consists of about 200 slides taken over a number of years; in particular a photographic survey undertaken by the late John Russell in the 1960s. The

talks raise awareness of our work in educating the public about the history and future of the Buckingham Canal and provide a small income from donations.

There is, however, a snag. Having, like most people, changed over to digital photography, all my recent photographs are digital, which means that I can't bring the talk up to date, demonstrating the recent progress we have made on the ground.

The Society needs to have the slide collection scanned into digital format, which would bring two benefits. Firstly it would be a better medium to store the archive material, as I am not sure of the stability of transparencies over time. It would also make copies more readily available for use in publicity material, library displays and the like. Secondly I would be able to produce a digital presentation for my talks which could be updated as work progresses.

Sadly, with my other commitments I just don't have the time to transfer the slides to digital format. The answer may be for BCS to pay to have this done, although this would direct funds from other activities, unless we could source a grant to cover the work. Alternatively, would a member be able to scan the slides, or know someone who could do it as a volunteer project?

Any offer of help would be gratefully received to allow our talks to continue and increase our public relations effort. If you can help, please contact Athina.

Steve Morley

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submissions

Handwritten or typed, we're always keen to receive contributions to the newsletter.

Articles, photographs, reminiscences, ideas for the future; anything! Please send all submissions **(by 5th March for inclusion in the Spring 2010 Issue)** to either of the following:

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Buckingham Canal Society

Cheese & Wine
Social Evening / AGM

Saturday 30th January
at

Buckingham Community Centre
Cornwall's Meadow 7.15pm

Slide show & talk by Roger Butler

Canals: 200 Years of History & Heritage

*An illustrated journey looking at the
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