

The Buckingham Navigator

The Newsletter of The Buckingham Canal Society

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A word from the Editor...

At the beginning of the year in which we celebrate the centenary of the birth of legendary waterways author and campaigner Tom Rolt, with Towpath Talk giving front page exposure to '40 Years of Waterway Recovery' and Waterways World making the efforts of the BCS known to a national audience, this is undoubtedly an extremely positive time for the society! This quarter we celebrate the contribution and enthusiasm of two dedicated members who recently passed away, and welcome our newest members to the society. On the Grand Union Canal, where I sit typing this, the ice has come (and thankfully gone!) since the last issue and the mooring lines are no longer frozen rods of rope. I find myself dreaming of a life on the cut without coal, without woollen gloves - a life in which I might actually need a refrigerator. A boy can dream, can't he?



Toby Tottle



Thanks to the recent snow-melt and spring rainfall, parts of the Buckingham Canal are in water a little earlier than planned!

Getting in Touch!

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Chairman's Chat

Once again our AGM was held at Buckingham Community Centre and we were pleased to see 50 members in attendance. As before we wanted to emphasize the evening as more of a social event than a formal meeting. This seemed an effective approach, judging by the excellent turnout and the number of people that reported back on how much they had enjoyed themselves.

My thanks go to all those who helped on the night, selling raffle tickets, serving food and drinks etc. Special thanks must go to Helene Hill and her sister Kay who prepared the food and provided the homemade pate. Roger Butler also gave an excellent talk on the 'Heritage and History of the Canal'.

At the AGM Terry Cavender, a local Parish Councillor, was elected to the Committee.

Over the past year Terry has been promoting us to Aylesbury Vale and Buckingham Councillors, which in turn lead to our receiving a grant from the Community Leaders Fund. The committee and I would like to welcome Terry on board. As well as attending the work parties with his daughter Claire, Terry has also been organising the monthly canal survey events and the pub evenings at the Two Brewers in Thornborough.

This year at the AGM we had a larger selection of books and jigsaws for sale, which proved to be very popular, and two of our volunteers, Tony Dawe and Bryan Knight, brought their photographs of the work parties along. There were also several albums from the archive on display, giving everyone a chance to see old and new photos of our volunteers at work!

Ros Woodford has decided to stand down from the committee but she will remain as our Archivist. I would like to thank Ros for all the hard work she has done for the committee over the past year including the open afternoon session she ran at her house.

If anyone would like to see the archive Ros has said she is quite happy for people to make an appointment with her to view the material we have.

Those of you who take Waterways World will have seen the article and photo about the feasibility study in the restoration section. I was contacted by WW who asked permission to reproduce the information, having seen it in the Navigator. Once again it's all excellent publicity for us.

We have recently updated our slide show and talk on the Buckingham Canal and we now have a PowerPoint version. So if you know of any organisation that would like a talk please contact Steve Morley or myself.

Building on previous success we have included a boat trip on the River Nene as part of our social programme. This year it takes place on **Saturday 10th April**. It's the best way to meet up with other members especially if you missed the AGM. Bookings are coming in fast but there are still some places left, so do please contact me as soon as possible to book a place.

Athina Beckett
Chairman

2009: A Review

Secretary Helen Preston takes an in-depth look at what 2009 meant for the society.

At last year's AGM a question was raised about the erection of an interpretation board in Buckingham. This is an ongoing project, yet to be resolved due to issues of location, cost and design which needs to be in keeping with other heritage information in Buckingham.

The Society appreciates the support received from the Milton Keynes branch of the IWA, to which it is affiliated, and from the Northampton branch. Following IWA restructuring the Grand Junction Region has been disbanded and the Society is now allocated to the Eastern Region.

Under new government regulations local authorities are developing new planning structures called Local Development Frameworks. In order to protect the line of the canal (and to put its restoration into context) the Society has contributed to planning consultations for the South Northamptonshire and Aylesbury Vale areas, emphasising the heritage and environmental advantages of restoration. The Society is also now contributing to Buckingham Local Area Forum discussions. Committee members have attended IWA training on planning issues.

The Society has also contributed to consultations from Buckinghamshire and Aylesbury Vale on the development of green spaces and improving the environment. This was an opportunity to promote the advantages of the canal as the basis of a new linear park.

Members will be aware that Buckingham regularly suffers from flooding. Following an initiative from member and local parish councillor, Terry Cavender, the Society has been included in local discussions to address flooding issues. The possibility that restoration of the Buckingham Arm could contribute to measures to ameliorate the effects of flooding has been raised.

Although there is some scepticism from the Environment Agency, local politicians from Buckingham, Aylesbury Vale and Buckinghamshire have encouraged the Society to include it in our planning for a restoration feasibility study.

In the light of this political support the Environment Agency has given the Society access to surveying data that would otherwise have been prohibitively expensive. This support is much appreciated.

In an attempt to capitalise on the local authority interest generated by the flooding issue the committee revisited the possibility of a restoration feasibility study. However, an alternative approach has proved more practical. A pre-feasibility study has been solicited from engineering firm, Halcrow. They will use the data from the various surveys that the Society has been collecting over recent years to inform the viability of the proposed restoration and set a framework for future detailed studies. It will cover key restoration issues and identify the next steps that will be needed to take the restoration forward.

The Society has been awarded two grants towards this study, £1000 from the IWA Restoration Fund and £750 from Buckinghamshire County Cllr. David Polhill's 'Community Leaders Fund'.

It is possible to meet the balance from our existing funds. It is hoped that this independent report will be a positive step towards the credibility of restoration and will enable more substantial grant applications for a full engineering study to be successful.



Terry Cavender has led a project to use digital mapping techniques to audit the current condition of the canal. Terry and his team have walked the whole accessible length of the canal and produced precise photographic and other data that updates the 1994 members' survey.

Ros Woodford, our new archivist, has been reviewing the archives and putting them into more accessible form. During the year we received a donation of an original document dated 1793 relating to local lengths of the Grand Union Canal. Advice has been taken as to the conservation of this and the other valuable resources in the archives.

Members enjoyed a pleasant day in April on the Grand Union at Gayton aboard the St John Ambulance boat, Mountbatten. In May the Society was pleased to host a visit from Kingdom Tours study weekend, "Waterways of Buckingham". A large group visited Hyde Lane Lock and inspected progress, learning about the history of the canal from Steve Miles and plans for the future from the chairman.

A number of activities have been undertaken to promote publicity for the work of the Society and to raise funds.

Talks about the canal and its history have been given to a diverse range of organisations, including the Stacey Hill Museum Society, Buckingham Heritage Trust, Tingewick History Society and MK Natural History Society.

The Society was pleased to be invited to the Deanshanger Heritage Association 10th Anniversary in May. There was considerable local interest in the canal including personal reminiscences.

There was a variety of community involvement during the year. Working party volunteers took part in Action Earth Day, a national conservation event supported by Morrisons Supermarket in March, and Make A Difference Day in October. A student has been earning her Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award working on the canal. The Bric a Brac stall attended the Stoke Bruerne Village at War event, and boat rallies at Northampton, Wendover, Stoke Bruerne, Lionhearts Cruising Club open Day, the IWA Lock Ransom at Three Locks at Soulbury and the Linslade Waterside Festival, which once again was blessed with good weather. In December the stall attended the Buckingham Christmas Fair, which was well attended this year following a fine day for the town parade. The Bric a Brac stall continues to make an important contribution to Society funds.

The committee would like to express its warm appreciation to the chairman who, in addition to all her other responsibilities, has been acting editor of The Navigator since November 2008. During this period the newsletter has retained its freshness and carried a wide range of material.

Buckingham & Winslow Advertiser has continued to give the Society good publicity, with photos of Action Earth Day and an excellent feature on the Lock Ransom with members appearing in traditional costume on the front page. Thornborough Village News published a three page article on the canal and local residents are showing increased interest following the improvements at Hyde Lane Lock.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the Lock Ransom Festival at Cosgrove in July. Under Peter Caswell's enthusiastic leadership this event is going from strength to strength. Despite poor weather on the Sunday there was a record profit and the event was well received by members, visitors and stallholders, some of whom have already rebooked for this year. The Pump House Ladies Clog Morris Dancers provided colourful entertainment and a greater range of trade boats gave visitors plenty to keep their interest.

**Helen Preston
Secretary**

Work Party Organiser's Report

Spring 2010

The work parties are currently back at the BBOWT Nature Reserve but the particularly hard winter has cost us several work party dates early in the year, I'm glad to say we are making up for it now. Work has continued on the hedge laying and we are clearing and preparing the site for our 'Community Hedge Planting Day' on **Sunday 14th March**. We have over a hundred saplings to plant on the day, all of them native species purchased with a grant from The Woodland Trust, and I have spread the word to various other groups and societies in the hope that we might attract a large crowd on the day. We also hope to get extra publicity from the local press with the Buckingham Advertiser taking photos.



The work has also continued at the other end of the site where another group of volunteers have been dredging the bed of the canal in front of the lock. As you can see opposite, more evidence of our 'canal in water' here! Work will continue on this site up until the end of April when we will be returning to Little Hill Farm for the summer.



This year we will be taking part in two 'Action Earth Days' This project is sponsored by CSV and Morrisons Supermarket and we receive a small grant for taking part in these events.



The first event is scheduled for **Thursday 25th March** at the BBOWT Nature Reserve and the second one will be taking place on **Thursday 22nd April** at Little Hill Farm where we will have a group from the Open University joining us.

On **Saturday 24th April** we have a 'special' work party with a group from Basell Polyolefins UK Ltd joining us. They are taking part in a 'Global Care Day' and will be working on site at Little Hill Farm.

We have also received inquiries from Mercedes and Santander in connection with team building days.

So a lot is starting to happen this year already and again if anyone wishes to see any of our sites but feels they don't want to join us on a work party this can be arranged.

We are particularly pleased with the way the Hyde Lane site is looking at present. Last year our volunteers clocked up 1,209 hours on site and this year we hope to do even better, putting the lost January work parties behind us as quickly as possible.

As ever new volunteers are always welcome to come and try out the work parties and see if the work appeals to them.

Athina Beckett

LOUDLY SING, CUCKOO!

Mark Vallance works as Reserves Manager for the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxford Wildlife Trust (BBOWT). Significant stretches of the Buckingham Canal run through BBOWT reserves, and Mark sets the scene for the coming of spring in what must be an extremely busy time of year for the trust.

Step out into one of BBOWTs splendid woodlands in the Bernwood area on a cool spring morning and your senses will be treated to a joyous display of colours, sounds and smells.

The air will be thick with the fragrance from the stunning display of woodland flowers including some real British specialities; Bluebells, Primroses and Ransoms (wild garlic). These species also carpet the floor in an array of different colours. A whole host of different woodland birds will also be competing in song, to be the loudest and to get the ladies!

Producing the natural world's most stunning musical composition, spring migrants such as Willow Warbler, Black Cap, Cuckoo and Chiff Chaff have recently returned after their winter in the warmer climes of southern Europe and Africa. At this time of year you can expect them to be in full song!

(BBOWT own and manage several woodland sites in North Bucks in what was the old Royal Hunting forest of Bernwood. All of which are open for the public and Trust members to enjoy all year round. For more information please visit the BBOWT website: www.bbowt.org.uk)

Mark Vallance
BBOWT Reserves Manager

A Very Warm Welcome! **to the following new BCS members:**

A J Fleming – Buckingham
Geoff Holland – Castlethorpe, Milton Keynes
S Sumner – Hitchin
Stuart Cummins - Bicester
Anthony Dawe – Bletchley, Milton Keynes
Mr & Mrs Davies – Deanshanger, Milton Keynes
Mr & Mrs L Martin – New Bradwell, Milton Keynes

B.C.S.

How it All Began

Part I

Michael Freeman recounts his early experiences of the canals and how a series of seemingly unrelated moves and events combined on one another and led to the formation of the Buckingham Canal Society.

So how did it all begin?

Like most questions there are, in this case, at least two answers; the short one and the long one.

The short answer is - it was my idea!

Well not really, it was more the natural outcome of a mixture of factors with a small input from myself and the fortuitous coming together of a number of decisive events involving the following:

- A Birmingham Corporation bus
- The Dudley number two line
- A friend with the idea of a canal holiday
- An old map
- June Stevenson, Richard Hyde, Jeremy Cooper, Steve Miles and many others.

During the early 1940s, riding on the top deck of a No. 12 bus from Harborne to Bartley Green one passed through the village of California. I was impressed by a deep clay pit which had inside it a strip of dark green water. I was possibly about six or younger at the time and was told that it was an old Canal, which didn't mean much at the time but the image stayed with me. I was eventually to realise that this was part of the Dudley No2 line which connected the Worcester & Birmingham Canal at Selly Oak with the BCN at Windmill End.

My father's family came into property in the Cotswolds village of Ebley and the family, with the exception of my father, moved there from Birmingham.

Visits to Ebley found me passing the time catching "Gold Fish" in another strip of

green water. My Aunt told me that this was the canal that went to Stroud and she remembered boats delivering coal to the Stroud gas works. To this day I am not sure when this traffic stopped, but it must have been before 1941 which was the year all traffic ceased there.

My aunt worked at the canal adjacent Ebley Mill, and a towpath walk revealed the remains of a weir where the waters of the river and canal had become common.

Whilst attending Handsworth Grammar School, the No. 11 Bus from Harborne passed over The BCN main line. A frequent sight was a horse drawn day boat travelling towards the toll island and its toll house. Whilst brief, these views were striking - The sky reflecting from the water and the horse, boat & boatman almost silhouetted, with the pattern of the boat's bow wave completing the picture.

Years later a university friendship brought with it an introduction to boating. A rowing boat with a lid on it and a single cylinder Stuart Turner engine. The trip was Wolverhampton to Llangollen and back in a week! The most memorable event of the trip was entering Woodseaves cutting and being confronted by a train of loaded narrowboats that were struggling to pass shallows created by a land slip. These were the first working boats I had been close to. There were whistles being used for communication between boat captains, black smoke from overloaded diesel engines jetting towards the sky.

Now I don't know what the basis of my actions were but I leapt ashore to investigate, landing in deep dredgings on the towpath. One motor was taking a run at the obstruction and a



second motor followed behind, ramming its stern fender to help it on its way. It rapidly became apparent that we and our craft were going to be of little concern to the boaters. Turning to return to the boat I could see my friend cling to a tree on the off towpath bank with the laden boat approaching him fast. A jump and I was on the narrowboat cargo and made it to the fore end just in time to fend off our boat and get back onboard at the same time.

I had had the excitement, dangers and interest of the canals etched into my mind.

Sitting outside a pub the reedy bed of a disused canal was pointed out in the evening dusk. This time it was the Dudley No 2 again, between Mucklow`s Hill and the portal of Lappal tunnel. My curiosity was aroused and before long my "A-Z of the Midlands" had every canal that had ever existed highlighted. I was soon to be found poring over ordnance survey maps with similar views in mind.

A few more boating trips & I was hooked.

Financial disaster loomed, I thought I might like to own one of my own!

However I did think that I ought to know more about them. I joined the Inland Waterways Association. This rapidly led to involvement with the fledgling Waterways Recovery Group and many mucky weekends. Stratford, Bath, Manchester, Welshpool etc. Eventually the plunge was taken and a Blue Top Butty was bought off the dock at the yard of Les Allen & Sons. This was the EXE which I renamed Lapal as I reasoned that nobody would ever stand for a canal boat named after a river (I still had much to learn!)

When eventually I sold Lapal the new owners reverted its name to EXE. Members of the Historic Narrowboat Owners Club took great delight in referring to the boat as

EXE ex Lapal ex EXE!

My job moved to Milton Keynes and I went to a meeting of the recently formed local branch of the IWA. June Stevenson, the then secretary, gave an open invitation for passers by to drop in for a cuppa. Much to her surprise I did. Eventually our meetings led to my being chairman of the branch. The British Waterways Bill was in preparation and amongst regional discussions was the



Michael Freeman unveils the 'Buckingham Arm' signpost at the first Cosgrove Festival in 1994.

potential impact on the canals in the region. The implications for the Wendover and the Aylesbury arms were being discussed, when I said: "What about the Buckingham Arm?"

There were no great shouts of "Of course!" at the time but I went away to think about it.

I talked to a number of people to get a feeling for the prospects of forming a Buckingham Canal Society and enlisted the help of Richard Hyde, at that time a member of the Navigation Cruising Club. We met in the grounds of the Navigation Inn at Castlethorpe for a meeting of interested people to discuss the formation of such a society. The meeting took place with Jeremy Cooper Chairing, Myself, Richard Hyde, Jill Gourlay, Don Allison and some others.

This meeting took the view that a Buckingham Canal Society should be formed and the date was set for an inaugural meeting...

Michael Freeman

My First Year as Archivist

When I was asked to take over as archivist for the Buckingham Canal Society I had little idea of just how big the archive was.

My first job was to collect all the material from Pam Forrest. Pam had been archivist for some time, unfortunately her health had deteriorated and she felt she could not continue in the role.

I discovered that the archive consisted of an old and battered filing cabinet full of photos, files, newspaper cuttings, audio tapes and original letters dating from the early years of the last century. There was also a large cardboard folder containing several original maps and a number of copies of these and other maps. The filing cabinet was the old type that allowed you to open all the drawers at once, and there was no lock on it. I was not happy to have the cabinet in the house and decided that my first job was to look for a newer one.

Secondly I organised an open afternoon to give committee members the opportunity to look through the material. This proved very successful and led to Athina finding a survey done on the canal some years ago.

At some time in the past someone had made copies of the original letters. But the letters themselves were in a fragile state and I was concerned that they would deteriorate further. Also as Athina had acquired an original 1793 document relating to the canal we decided to arrange a visit to the Archives Conservator at the Buckingham County Record Office. The meeting proved very useful and it was recommended that the letters be kept in polypropylene pockets to protect them from further decay.

Terry Cavender has scanned a number of original documents from the files onto the computer.

Vernon Draper is also interested in digitising some of our historic content, in particular the tape recordings; some of which are the reminiscences of people who were involved with the canal.

From time to time I intend to compose reports for the Navigator about interesting items from the files.

It has been an interesting year and I am pleased that I have been able to contribute, all be it in a small way to the work of the Buckingham Canal Society.

Ros Woodford

Society Boat Trip on the River Nene

Due to the success of last year's trip the Buckingham Canal Society are organising another boat trip on the River Nene on **Saturday 10th April**.

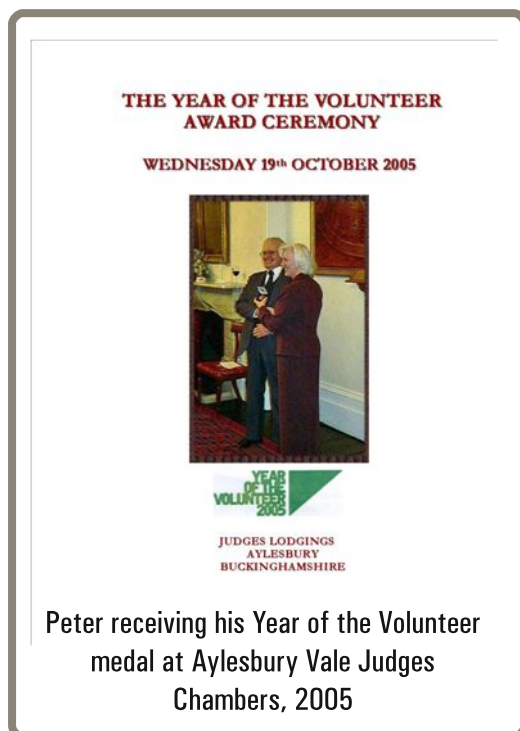
The trip will start at 10am and finish around 4pm leaving from Becketts Park in Northampton. We will be cruising the St John's Ambulance wide beam boat 'Northamptonshire Crusade' which has disabled/wheelchair access and a covered deck in case of bad weather.

The cost will be £8 for the day including food. To book tickets or for more information, please contact Athina Beckett - **tel: 01908 661217** **email: info@buckinghamcanal.org.uk**

PETER BREEN

Peter was what you might call a 'character'. He first started volunteering with us in September 1998 and became one of our most regular volunteers, hardly missing a work party until ill health made him give them up. When he first joined us he had already endured a heart bypass operation but far from stopping him or slowing him down he would volunteer for every task on the work party! This included managing the Tirfor Winch, one of the hardest jobs of all. In fact I spent most of my time trying to slow him down and stop him from doing too much!

Those of us who worked with him will remember his cheerful face and the jokes he told. He didn't have his own transport so I used to give him a lift in my car and he would then proceed to sing to me all the way to site!



He also helped on the bric-a-brac stall and loved a bargain. If any items were left over at the end of the day Peter would buy them and take them home. I never did get inside his house to see where he put everything! He will be missed by everyone that knew him in the BCS.

In 2005 we nominated Peter for the Vale Volunteers 'Year of the Volunteer' award and he was selected, being one of only six volunteers in the area to be chosen.

Peter's funeral was held at St Mary's Church on Friday 26th February and eight members of the BCS attended. The family had hired a jazz quartet to see him off and I feel Peter would have loved that. We met up with Peter's family and they all told us how much the work on the canal meant to Peter and how it had helped him overcome his depression after his wife passed away. His two

daughters had even gone so far as to have a wreath made up to look like a canal boat, which impressed us all.

Happily the family connection with the work parties may not end with Peter as his brother recently retired and has expressed an interest in helping us.

Athina Beckett



Peter Breen (far left) was an avid volunteer who lent his enthusiasm and good humour to many work parties.

I first met Peter in 1989 and I had some good laughs with him on the work parties. He was always coming out with obscure facts about all manner of subjects, whether they were true or not I didn't know! I used to rib him about it.

He also told a funny story about his rescued greyhound escaping and going back to Hanslope, where it came from, and his escapade travelling by bus and foot to locate the dog - and how he then had to walk the dog all the way back home to Bletchley. He said he was tired when he got home!

Peter Caswell

June Stevenson

June was an extremely active member of Milton Keynes Inland Waterways Association. She attended clean ups and the Lock Ransom events over many years.

Michael Freeman makes mention of June elsewhere in this issue, citing her as a founding member of the BCS, a testament to how strongly her enthusiasm for the society was felt by those around her. June and Roy attended a great number of our festivals at Cosgrove.

She will be very sorely missed by all who knew her and our sympathies go to her family and partner Roy.

Athina Beckett

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April

Thursday 8th
Sunday 11th
Thursday 22nd

May

Thursday 6th
Sunday 9th
Thursday 20th

June

Thursday 3rd
Sunday 13th
Thursday 17th

July

Thursday 1st
Sunday 11th
Thursday 15th
Thursday 29th

Meeting at 10am.

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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 June for inclusion in the Summer 2010 Issue**) to either of the following:

by email: editor@buckinghamcanal.org.uk
on paper: The Editor, 22 Woodward Place, Loughton Lodge,
Milton Keynes, MK8 9LG.

Future Events

Fri 26th - Sun 28th March

MK IWA Spring Clean Up

Friday 12 noon start at Fenny Lock

Saturday 09.15 start at Black Horse, Gt. Linford

Details: Peter Caswell (01908 282589)

Monday 29th March - 7.45pm

TALK: Richard Thomas - The Stort Story

MK Village Pavilion, Worrell Ave. Milton Keynes MK10 9AD

Tuesday 9th April - 8pm

TALK: Steve Miles - The Recovery of 'Raymond'

The Walnut Tree Inn, Blisworth, Northants. NN7 3DS

Saturday 10th April

BCS Boat Trip on the River Nene

Tickets £8

Details: Athina Beckett (01908 661217)

Thursday 22 April - 10am

BCS Action Earth Day

Little Hill Farm.

Details: Athina Beckett (01908 661217)

Monday 26th April - 7.45pm

TALK: MK Parks Trust - Wildlife Along the Canal

MK Village Pavilion.

Frid 30th Apr - Mon 3rd May

IWA Northants Annual Boat Gathering at Becket's Park

Tuesday 11th May - 8pm

TALK: Pat Crecraft - George Smith 'Children's Friend'

The Walnut Tree

Frid 23rd – Sun 25th July

BCS Lock Ransom Weekend

Cosgrove

Details: Peter Caswell (01908 282589)

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Inland Waterways Association

Northampton Branch



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BUCKINGHAM CANAL SOCIETY LOCK RANSOM WEEKEND AT COSGROVE LOCK, COSGROVE GRAND UNION CANAL 24TH - 25TH JULY 2010

(Saturday 10am till late - Sunday 10am to 4pm)

All Are Welcome – Free Entry but donations towards the restoration of The Old Stratford and Buckingham Canal Arms will be gratefully received and offers of help on the days would be much appreciated

Boat Bookings – Peter Caswell
01908 282589

ATTRACTIONS (subject to change)

- ❖ Historic Narrowboats Raymond & Nutfield
- ❖ Cake Stall (loosen your belt and enjoy a slice or take one home!)
- ❖ Saturday Night: Music & Raffle draw
- ❖ Bric-a-Brac Stall - Books & Video
- ❖ Pump House Clog Morris
- ❖ Trade Boats
- ❖ Game Stalls



Come and pay us a visit over
the weekend.
See the boats and enjoy the
canal scene.
Support the restoration so
future generations can
enjoy this canal too.

