

The Buckingham Navigator

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EDITORIAL

This edition of the Navigator has been put together by our web site manager Len Barrows with additional help from the Chairman and Treasurer. A new editor has been appointed and he will be bringing out the Winter edition of the Navigator due out at the beginning of January.

Best wishes, Athina

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THE NAVIGATOR AUTUMN ISSUE

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GETTING IN TOUCH

There is a list of BCS Committee Members and others who are active in the Society on the back page. Please contact any member for details of BCS activities, future events, work party volunteering, sponsorship opportunities, membership details or any other matters.

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Chairman's Chat

Our annual festival, held over the weekend of 22nd to 24th July at Cosgrove Lock,



proved to be one of the most successful ever with £1,400 being raised to help with our future restoration projects. Helen Preston our secretary has written a much fuller report on the festival so here I would just like to thank all those who turned up to help and make it one of the best we have held.

At a recent council meeting, South Northamptonshire Council agreed to form a partnership with the BCS, thereby joining Aylesbury Vale District Council and Buckinghamshire County Council who are all working in partnership with us. The council members were all very supportive of the canal and our case was helped by Mandy Lumb from the Heritage Department who gave a very passionate speech supporting the work of the BCS to council members and also supplied them with maps allowing them to see how much of the Buckingham Canal was in fact in South Northants. A much fuller report with the press release appears in another part of the Navigator.

Discussions are progressing well with BBOWT (Berks, Bucks, Oxon Wildlife Trust) in connection with us taking on a lease from them of the Nature Reserve at Hyde Lane and we hope to complete these negotiations in the near future. Again a first for us!

The other really exciting news is that another landowner has agreed to allow our volunteers to work on his land. This is the stretch of land adjoining the BBOWT Nature Reserve on the west side of the canal nearest to Buckingham. This then becomes the fifth site where we have permission to work and restore the canal.

Discussions have also gone well with British Waterways in connection with their Cosgrove site. We are hoping to carry out a special project for them in November, helping to refurbish the access road and part of the car park at Cosgrove and then later in the year we will be clearing the canal bed at Cosgrove to check out it's condition as BW is allowing us to move forward with our plans to re-water this part of the

canal. At a recent meeting with BW they were very impressed with the of type of work being carried out by our volunteers and have suggested that the BCS carry out a self-certification process for our work parties, similar to one that BW have afforded to the Wendover Arm Trust.

On Sunday 11th

September, as part of the Heritage Open Days weekend, I led a heritage walk along the Buckingham



Canal giving

walkers the chance to see part of the canal at Little Hill Farm, which is on private land and therefore not generally open to the public. I had arranged for our volunteers to be working on site as well and this gave them a chance to speak to the walkers and explain the type of restoration work being carried out by us and helped them to see what sort of work volunteers can undertake. The walkers were very impressed by the work that had been done to restore the bridge and further along the canal at the Nature Reserve where we had our break they were very enthusiastic about the work that had been achieved on the lock and surrounding area.

At our Bourton Meadow site a planning application is being made to re-water this section, so we can hopefully soon start applying for grants to re-line this section of canal and hopefully get it into water in the not too distant future.

Stowe School have again asked us to find projects for their pupils who are taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme and dates have been agreed going up to December for them to join us on site. Most of this work will take place around the Bourton Meadow area where pupils will be clearing some drainage ditches that we hope to use for part of a flood prevention scheme in Buckingham and they will also be carrying out some scrub clearing at Bourton Meadow.

So as you can see from the above a lot of work is in progress and there is a lot of work to do in the future.

Athina Beckett (Chairman)

Cosgrove Festival makes a New Record!

The weather was fine, boaters were very generous, the trade boats and the stalls were busy - it all added up to a very successful festival. Treasurer, Vernon Draper, was rubbing his hands with glee as the money came rolling in. The grand total was £1400.41, over £150 more than last year's record.

However the Festival is not just about the fundraising. It is an opportunity for members and friends to get together and have fun. Many members contributed to the organisation of the event, putting up tents, manning stalls, waylaying unsuspecting boaters and relieving them of their cash, working the lock and making cakes for the cake stall. The trade boats and stallholders that came have all said that they would like to return next year so we must be doing something right!



The return of historic boats *Raymond* and *Nutfield* set the scene and attracted a lot of interest. With *Fudge*, *Cheese* and *Cookie Boats*



to choose from, not to mention *Towpath Trading*, there was plenty of canal-side shopping to be done. In addition to the usual BCS stalls of bric-a-brac, games

and cakes, there was an interesting selection of stalls along the towpath. Liz Walpole brought her beautiful canalware, there was jewellery, clothes and a fascinating display on bee-keeping. Ray Smith looked very much the part in his traditional smock and weaving a traditional skep! The marble game was fiercely fought and eventually won by Alan Turvey, with stiff competition from Jonathan Brown. Pluck a Duck, who had had a repaint, was particularly popular with the children, many of whom came back for a second go.



The membership recruitment stall was very busy all weekend explaining about the Society's plans for the future. Many people signed the register of support, seven new memberships were registered, and there was a booking for a BCS

talk. The leader of South Northants Council, Mary Clarke, and one of her colleagues visited the stall and were very supportive.

On the Saturday there was live music on the



lock side from Chris Taylor on his accordion

accompanied by Denise Taylor clog-dancing, which added considerably to the friendly atmosphere of the day. On Sunday the Buckingham U3A Handbell Ringers, the "Buckingham Belles", played on the lock side for passers by and passing boats. "Somewhere over the Rainbow" was particularly well received by those aboard the trip boat, *Elizabeth of Glamis*, as she passed through the lock. Once again there was great enthusiasm for the excellent fish and chip supper on Saturday evening, sourced from the very efficient Smarts in Stony Stratford. Entertainment was provided by Janul who played folk music with a canal-based theme. She can be seen cruising in her tug boat Storm and her website janul.com has details of the books she has written

And we were very pleased to see Jane & Peter Caswell who paid us a visit on the Saturday afternoon. Jane was membership secretary until earlier this year, and Peter was the Festival Organiser in the previous few years and whose expertise was sorely missed this year. Both have had serious health problems this year and Peter had only recently been discharged from Harefield Hospital after a stay of very many weeks.

The site at Cosgrove is quite restricting and it was felt that it was at full stretch this year. Planning is already in the early stages for next year so if you have any bright ideas about how we can improve the event do let us know.

The committee would like to thank all our members who put in so much effort and helped make this year's festival such a success. We would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone to join us on 21 and 22 July 2012.

Annual General Meeting – 28 January 2012

Forget Christmas! The social event of the winter is the Buckingham Canal Society's **Annual General Meeting**. This is to inform you that it will take place, as usual, at the **Buckingham Community Centre, Cornwall Meadow, Buckingham, MK18 1RP at 7.00 pm ready for a prompt start at 7.15 pm**. Since we were rather crowded last year we have decided to hire the larger hall to give us plenty of room for displays and for circulating during the refreshment interval. Numbers attending have been steadily increasing since 2005 and we would like to maintain the trend so do put the date in your diaries and bring your friends.

The successful format of the evening is unchanged beginning with the presentation of the **Annual Report and Accounts**. The formal agenda will be included in the Winter Navigator. This will be followed by the **election of the committee** for the following year. Recently we have been operating with only 8 members out of a possible 10 so we would be delighted if any members wish to come forward to join the committee. If interested you could attend a committee meeting as an observer in order to learn more about us. Give me a call if you would like to find out more or to put your name forward.

It would be helpful if members who wish to raise any specific questions at the meeting could let me know in advance, but of course all questions will be welcome.

We will then move on to the less formal part of the evening with **wine and refreshments** while we circulate to greet old friends and meet new ones. The speaker for the final part of the evening is yet to be confirmed. Confirmation will follow in the Winter Navigator.

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New Members

We are pleased to extend a warm welcome to the following new members who have recently joined the Society:-

Richard Lewis	Akeley
Donald Coker	London
Jan & Ed Ault-Hopkinson	Ashland, MK
Martin & Noreen Borrill	Great Holm, MK
Mr R Travell	Stony Stratford
Di & Andy Witts	Bletchley
Michael & Angela Theobald	Buckingham
Mick & Val Huckle	Wootton
Mr H Carr	Silverstone
Alan Hall	Buckingham
Jenni Burke	Buckingham
David Turner	Buckingham
Julia Randall	Buckingham
Jim & Chris McIlroy	Yardley Gobion

Work Party Organiser's Report

The work at Little Hill Farm has progressed well with the bridge restoration work nearing completion. Special thanks here must go to a new volunteer Hallam Carr for his skills in cutting stone to replace parts of the bridge arch. This has made a great deal of difference to the appearance of the bridge. As I state in my 'Chairman's Chat' the walkers on Sunday 11th September were very impressed with the work on the bridge and the appearance of the rest of the site.



Once the bridge work is completed we will move to the BBOWT Nature Reserve for a one off special work party where we will be filling in the pot holes in the track to the car park and also replacing a farm gate for Mr Pullen the landowner. This is all part of an arrangement with Mr Pullen so that we can get agreement to work on the next stretch of canal, which is on his land. This will then make five sites where we have on-going restoration work taking place. After that we will be moving the work parties back to Cosgrove and in November we plan to carry out a special project with British Waterways, which involves improving the access road and part of the car park there. This is connected with the scheme involved with the

'Peoples Millions' fund and the improvements that British Waterways are carrying out to the Iron Trunk.

Once we have finished the car park work we will be returning to Cosgrove proper and clearing the canal bed which hasn't been touched for about three years and now has plenty of re-growth in it. Agreement is now in place with BW for us to go ahead with plans to re-water this section of canal. These plans involve re-watering 100 metres at a time and then some fairly technical studies will take place to work out the water loss rate. If the canal bed still holds water, and this is what we hope, this will advance our plans to restore this section of canal considerably but if we have to re-line the canal bed not only will it be much more expensive but it will be a lot longer before this section of canal is in water!

After the Cosgrove work is complete there are plans to return to the BBOWT Nature Reserve and continue with the work started there last year. This includes removing more reeds blocking the canal bed, re-pointing several parts of the lock and weeding around the saplings which we planted last year, most of which have survived.

Pupils from Stowe School taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme will also be helping us again, spending most of their time at the Bourton Meadow end. Last term they enjoyed themselves clearing part of a Buckingham drainage ditch that we hope will be used at a later date as part of a flood prevention scheme for Buckingham. This time the drainage clearance work will be interspersed with scrub bashing in the canal bed at Bourton Meadow. As part of our planning application to AVDC we are required to keep this section of canal trimmed .

So as you can see from the above, quite a variety of work is planned to suit most people who attend our work parties and who all have different skills. So if you haven't joined us on a work party do think about coming along. They are a lot of fun and a chance to meet new people and make new friends and help restore a canal.

Athina Beckett
Work Party Organiser

Marketing and Memories

The BCS road show is now fully functioning. In August Tony Dawe and I set up the tent with updated information boards in the Saturday

Market at Buckingham. The weather was reasonably kind to us and we had an interesting day, showing off photos of some of our current projects and explaining restoration plans for the future.

Buckingham residents were very encouraging, showing enthusiasm for the canal and sharing their memories



with us. John Cornwall remembered catching perch at Leckhampstead Wharf and also fishing at Cattleford Bridge in the late 1950s so there must have been some water then! He was proud to report that his grandfather, two generations earlier, had taken advantage of a very cold winter and skated all the way from Buckingham to Stony Stratford. Perhaps this is evidence of global warming? John also remembered that the traditional hump-backed bridge over the A422 near Deanshanger was a notorious accident spot, which probably accounts for its removal and replacement with an unexciting straight piece of road.

Another long-standing resident of Buckingham remembered many walks along the canal in her courting days. Her grandmother was Mrs Meakins of Lock Cottage and she visited her very regularly. She also remembered bathing near Maids Moreton Mill on hot sunny days!

Helen Preston

*****STOP PRESS*****

The lease for the Hyde Lane Nature Reserve has now been signed. We now have our own length of canal!

What an Archivist does on Holiday

What does an archivist do while on holiday? Search out the local canal of course. And that is just what Jeremy and I did while we were visiting the Languedoc region of France this year. The canal in question is the Canal du Midi that runs over 240 km or 150 miles, from Toulouse through to Sete on the Mediterranean coast.

The person mainly responsible for the building of the canal was Pierre-Paul Riquet, a salt tax collector born in Beziers in 1609. He was given permission to construct the canal by Louis XIV on the understanding he was both engineer and co-financier. It took 12,000 men and women 14 years to complete, and was known as the Canal Royal until the French Revolution. It had 69 locks including a 9 chamber staircase at Fonseranes near Beziers, and a round lock at Agde. On 24 May 1681 Louis XIV officially opened the canal by taking a trip through the 9 locks. Unfortunately Riquet had died a few months before the great occasion.

Like so many canals it fell into disrepair and could very well have been lost forever. Fortunately in 1996 the Canal du Midi was classified as a UNESCO world heritage site. It is state owned by the Voies Navigables de France (the French waterway navigation authority) and employs 350 staff who have restored it to the beautiful tranquil waterway it is today.

The canal was later extended to the Atlantic by the Canal Lateral a la Garonne, a distance of 193 km / 120 miles.

The French seem to enjoy boating as much as we do if the number of craft moored along the banks of the canal, or sailing quietly along, is anything to go by.

Jeremy and I spent a delightful morning at Fonseranes along with a large number of visitors (what is the French for gongoozler by the way). We were in time to see a Tupperware tub ascend the staircase locks. There are now seven chambers and the gates are all fully automated. So the craft had no trouble raising the 21.5m over a length of 300m. We were mystified by a large piece of machinery standing next to the canal. On reading the guide book I bought (you didn't think I knew all this did you?) it turned out to be a water slope. A boat enters a channel filled with water; it is then pushed by the engine mounted on wheels, either up or down stream. The water slope was designed to speed up the movement of traffic avoiding the slower

staircase locks. Unfortunately in 1984 it arrived too late as commercial traffic on the canal was dying out. Today it is an interesting but useless curiosity.

BCS T-Shirts

You can now order your very own BCS T-shirt. See photos below. The T-shirts come in sizes **S, M, L, XL, XXL** and in **red, white, blue and black**. They cost £9 each but if we can get an order

of 15 or more the price is reduced. If anyone would like a T-shirt please email me at info@buckinghamcanal.org.uk and I will confirm details and price.



Athina Beckett

Partnership news



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Northamptonshire
Council

Another council pledges support for canal restoration project

South Northamptonshire Council has pledged its full support for the restoration of the disused Buckingham Canal, which closed down in the 1960s. The Buckingham Canal Society (BCS) would like to see the waterway restored and reopened, using the original route wherever possible, and is seeking to develop partnerships with landowners, local authorities and other organisations to help it achieve its aims.

At a meeting of South Northamptonshire Council's Policy Review and Development Committee in July, following a report from council officers, Members gave their backing to the restoration plans and approved a partnership agreement with the BCS.

The council will now work to:

- Keep BCS informed of any consultations on plans and strategies, or other opportunities for the canal society to contribute to the development of its plans;
- Provide advice on grant funding opportunities and assist BCS in applying for funds;
- Consider opportunities to provide the canal society with equipment and materials; and
- Introduce the canal society to other organisations that may assist its restoration plans.

The project is expected to have a positive social and economic impact on the area as well as being of environmental benefit. Restoration of the canal would provide new employment, create a range of leisure opportunities, increase the diversity of the natural environment and preserve important structures and artefacts.

Terry Cavender of the Buckingham Canal Society said: "The support for the restoration from the district councils through this partnership enables us to further demonstrate the community support for the project. This support is essential when making fundraising applications to grant giving bodies to enable the progression of the restoration project.

"Along with our existing partnerships, such as those with British Waterways, Buckinghamshire County Council, Aylesbury Vale District Council and Buckingham Town Council, the support of South Northamptonshire Council is viewed by the society as a major step forward as we move further into the delivery phases of the restoration work."

Councillor John Townsend, Chairman of the Policy Review and Development Committee, said: "The restoration of the canal is an exciting and ambitious project, and one that the council feels is worthy of its long term support. During, and on the completion of the restoration of the canal, it will enhance the existing environment bringing real benefits to those living and working along its route from Cosgrove through to Buckingham and the surrounding area. We look forward to working with the canal society to help take the project forward."

Since its opening in 1801, the canal has been used to transport bricks, coal and manufactured goods as well as imports from the London Docks. It also provided transport for agricultural produce from the farms and villages along its route.

The waterway to Buckingham ran a total of just under 11 miles from the Grand Union Canal at Cosgrove Lock along the Stony Stratford and Buckingham Arms. The original route passed through Old Stratford,

Deanshanger, Thornton, Leckhampstead Wharf, Thornborough Mill, Maids Moreton Mill and Bourton Meadow.

Much of the canal is now dry, and parts have been built over. Certain sections of the route would need to be created anew due to the development that has taken place in and around villages since the canal's closure.

Early in 2010, BCS commissioned an outline feasibility study regarding the restoration of the entire length of the canal arm. The report concluded that it was a feasible project, although significant funding and commitment will be required.

BCS is actively seeking new members and welcomes participation at all levels from the community. For more details, please visit www.buckinghamcanal.org.uk or email info@buckinghamcanal.org.uk.

A Multi-Purpose Leisure Facility



The old Buckingham swimming pool that was where the canal and the river ran together along Stratford Road. This Buckingham Advertiser cutting from 1935 is not very good quality I'm afraid but you can easily see Maids Moreton Mill (that's now gone of course) - and the houses that are still there - in the background.

*Caption reads: Buckingham's New Summer Resort for Bathers below the Stratford Road.
1 and 2: At the Opening Ceremony by the Mayor (Councillor Hudson.)
3: Cool moments amid rural Beauty*

Special "Advertiser" Pictures

With thanks and credit to Geoff Kirk

Why bother.... or should we bother??

Zooooooooooooom. There goes another lump of the year. It's the tail end of August and as I look out of the window at 8pm, it's already getting dark!!!

As you will see elsewhere in this newsletter we now have the support of South Northamptonshire Council.

.....so its time to up the anti

We need help from you and your friends and neighbours in order to make this restoration a success and reality.

Why? Because we now need to start looking at 'serious' funding streams and in order to do so we need to demonstrate serious support. Whilst the support of the various councils goes a long way to doing this, people power is the real ingredient.

So can I ask you nicely to do three things for the BCS before Christmas:

1. Find a new member. Neighbour, friend or relative; near or far; active or passive. If each current member got one more by Christmas then we would literally double our numbers before the next AGM. Family memberships are especially welcome.
2. Find us a source of funding. Most of you have contacts such as friends, family or employers and we have recently had some good success with BCS members promoting the canal restoration in workplaces. This can lead to corporate training days, grants, members and more. Please give it a thought. Funding can come from helping sell raffle tickets through to grants for hundreds or thousands of pounds (of course grants for hundreds of thousands won't be turned down!)
3. Do one thing in the BCS calendar that you have not done before. Maybe go along to a fundraising event, help on the

stall, phone and offer to help with the festival next year, or even telephone and beg to help with the paperwork (☺)

There are many many other ways to help. Feel free to call one of the committee for a natter or come to the pub as per the note below. Let's keep bothering to care about that old canal and get it restored!

We are still progressing partnerships with other organisations within the Northamptonshire part of the canal and have met with local councillors and MPs in some of those areas. If any of you know anyone in appropriate parish / town / district / other organisations then please email me their details including email and phone number. You never know when these contacts can be useful.

Now we also have the Environmental study for the Bourton Meadow area, we are able to start moving forward with the necessary planning applications once we have all the necessary agreements from the landowners (which are work in progress albeit hampered by the holiday season).

Another raving fan

Tim Coghlan (Chairman Northampton Branch IWA; Proprietor, Braunston Marina) recently wrote in an article for **Canals and Rivers** about the Braunston Canal Festival:

... One stall that really caught my eye was the Buckingham Canal Society. If an award were to be made for the canal society that just won't give up, they would be in contention. There was a fine display of their hopes and achievements in restoring where they could. Importantly I learnt that they had got the Buckingham District Council on side and convinced them they were serious to the extent that restoring the canal is now in the local plan. Their stall also had a white elephant section to which you could give all those unwanted Christmas and birthday presents – no questions asked – for them to sell for the Cause. A lady volunteer told me of the large sums they regularly raised at rallies from this, and they make sure things are sold for their true value.

My wife's eyes lit up at this, and I feared my bottom drawer would never be safe again. ...

Finally, the usual cry for help



**Or put another way
HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
(Please, as in come
and help us!)**

Previous experience is not necessary - although please do shout if you have some relevant skills to offer. Tasks include typing up the list of notes from

the walk or using MS Excel or MS Access. As some of you know by now, I am always willing to come up with an opinion but hopefully equally as willing to listen to others' suggestions. To this end, we meet regularly at the Two Brewers in Thornborough where Andy (the landlord) is very receptive to us using his electricity for laptop PC as well as us buying his rather good beer. This will hopefully be about once every month or so to join up all the bits of activity we have done around the elephant and work out which leg of the elephant we need to put on the bar-b-cue next!

As many of you will already know, some of



the BCS members re-visit and survey sections of the canal from time to time for various reasons..

Different aspects of this work range from a fair bit of walking up and down the canal through to reading various documents held in the archives in order

to glean all the information we can about each of the assets on the canal. We will then need to pull it all together and enter it into the mapping tool and the database. It's not as frightening as it seems but as the electricity board always say, many hands make light work. Please note that I

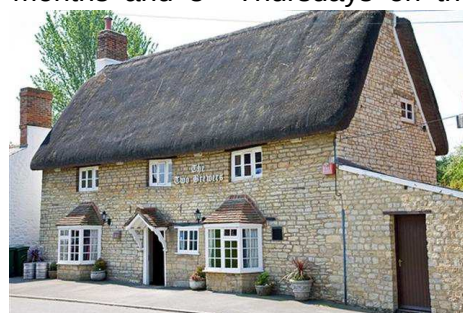
use the word surveying in multiple connotations! Some of the surveys have been of the type where we walk and check the state of the path, fences, hedgerow, rights of way, and counting rabbit holes. Others have been the full blown staff and surveyor's level survey as discussed above and even painting some of the bushes and manhole covers! We are still doing this work and would welcome anyone to come and help with The Elephant Project (elephants are very big and the saying goes you can't eat it all at once and have to do so bit by bit – plus I am large and turning grey!)

If you are interested in any of the topics covered above, or the software, or helping with the mapping and audit, or indeed anything else connected the Society, then please either email me at terry.cavender@buckinghamcanal.org.uk or get in touch via Athina or call me on 01280 860316.

Fancy a Natter?

We are still meeting at the pub! It's the 3rd Friday on the odd months and 3rd Thursdays on the even months

(some folk can't make Thursdays and others



can't make Fridays hence the alternation). The purpose is to make it a regular social and open topic discussion about the canal restoration progress. We are happy to move venue if folk want, or happy to meet at Thornborough as we have been. Please let me have suggestions for other venues

Thursday October 20th

Friday November 18th

Thursday December 15th

And to finish...

Q: Why can't a canal be stolen?

A: There are too many locks!

Terry Cavender

Work Party Dates For Your Diary Oct – Jan 2012

Oct	Thursday	6 th
	Sunday	9 th
	Thursday	20 th
Nov	Thursday	3 rd
	Sunday	6 th
	Thursday	17 th
Dec	Thursday	1 st
	Sunday	4 th
	Thursday	15 th
Jan	Thursday	5 th
	Sunday	8 th
	Thursday	19 th

All winter dates are subject to suitable weather conditions.

For further information contact Athina Beckett
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Future Events

Tuesday 11 October

IWA Northants 8:00pm

Saving the Kennet & Avon Canals
David Blagrove
Walnut Tree pub, Blisworth

Friday 14 - Sunday 16 October

IWA Milton Keynes

Canal Clean Up

Meet Friday 12. Noon, Fenny Stratford
Saturday 09.30 Br. 83 near Woolstone
Sunday 09.30 Br 72, New Bradwell
Details: David King 01908 661309

Thursday 20 October 8:00pm

'Fancy a Natter'

BCS Pub Get-together
2 Brewers pub, Thornborough

Monday 24 October 7:45pm

IWA Milton Keynes

Cruise on the Basingstoke Canal
Rodney Evans
The Pavilion, Worrelle Avenue
Middleton, Milton Keynes

Tuesday 8 November 8:00pm

IWA Northants

Bridges across the River Nene
David Bond
Walnut Tree pub, Blisworth

Friday 18 November 8:00pm

'Fancy a Natter'

BCS Pub Evening
2 Brewers Pub, Thornborough

Monday 28 November 7:45pm

IWA Milton Keynes

A Thames Lockkeeper's Lot
Peter Payne
The Pavilion, Worrelle Avenue
Middleton, Milton Keynes

Sunday 10 December 5:00pm

Illuminated boats and Christmas
Carols at Stoke Bruerne

Monday 12 December 7:45pm

IWA Milton Keynes

Christmas Social
This is a pre-booked ticket event
Worrelle Avenue
Middleton, Milton Keynes

Tuesday 13 December 8:00pm

IWA Northants

Thames Tugs
Richard Thomas
Walnut Tree pub, Blisworth

Thursday 15 December 8:00pm

'Fancy a Natter'

BSC Pub Evening
2 Brewers Pub, Thornborough

Monday 23 January 2012 8:00pm

IWA Milton Keynes

Scottish Puffers & the Waverly
John Toy
The Pavilion, Worrelle Avenue
Middleton, Milton Keynes

Saturday 28 January 7:15pm

Buckingham Canal Society AGM

Buckingham Community Centre

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