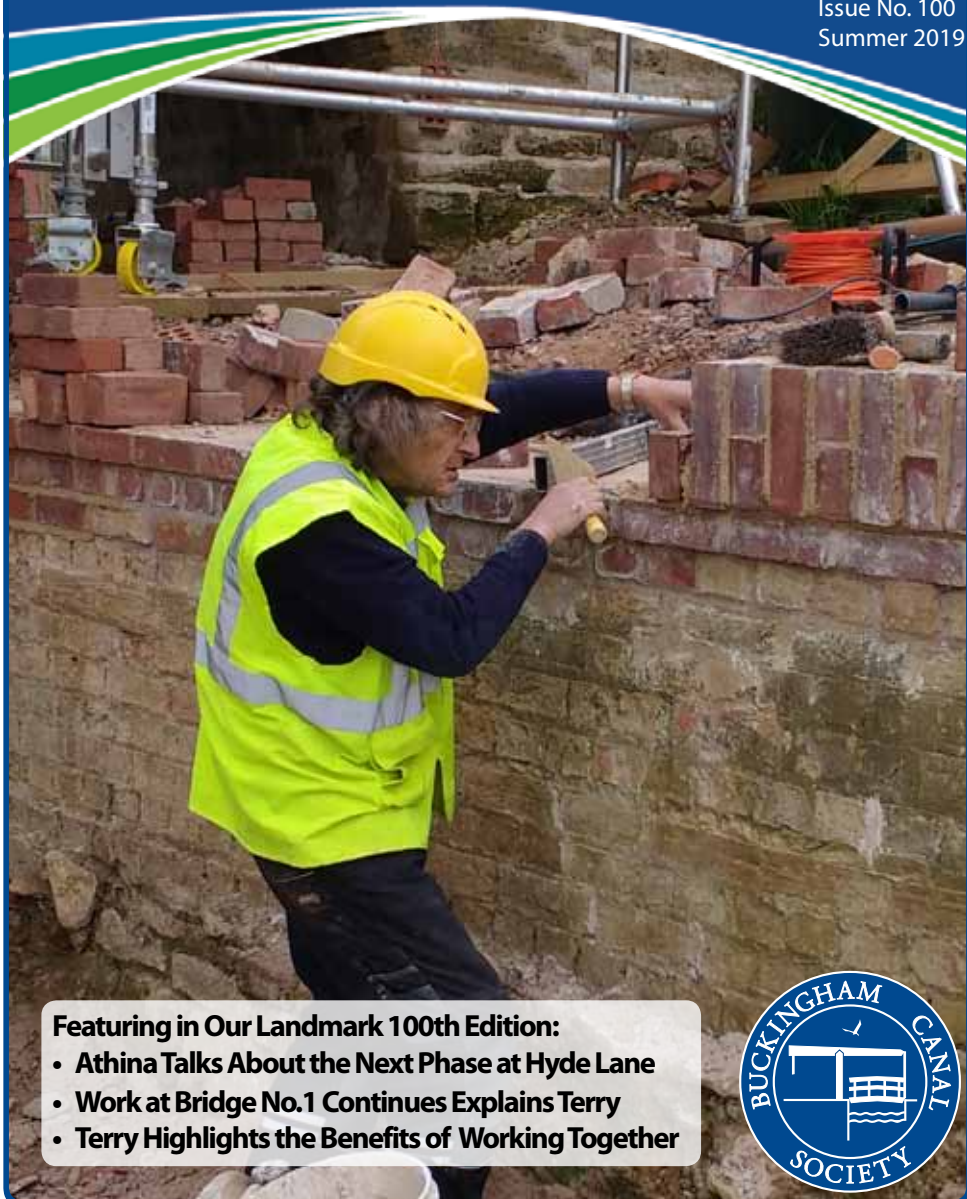


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Editorial

Welcome to the Summer 2019 edition of The Buckingham Navigator!

The 100th edition is finally here! This is also the 20th edition I have been involved in and the 18th edition as Editor. What a journey it has been for the Society. From its very humble beginnings in 1992, it has taken a lot of time, dedication and effort to get to where we are now - on the cusp of completing the restoration of our now legendary Bridge No.1.



Our first major triumph however, was to re-water our first 386 metres of Canal at Bourton Meadow on 23rd August 2013. It was at that point that we began to be taken more seriously as a force for canal restoration, and our restoration goals were becoming more attainable and realistic. Now, the Cosgrove site is partly in water, and much planning is taking place to restore/re-route the canal toward and under the A5. And progress is also taking place at the Buckingham Canal Nature Reserve, with the imminent installation of solar powered pumps for re-watering from the River Great Ouse.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the huge progress we have made in procuring funding, and the support of our partners, supporters, members, and of course, most importantly, our valued volunteers. Thank you, and here's to another 100 editions!

Thank you to all the contributors. Cover photo of the Society's new Trustee and Construction Manager Gerry Millard restoring Brickwork at Cosgrove's Bridge No.1 © Alan Mynard. **Why not drop me an email about what you enjoyed in this issue, and furthermore, why not contribute ideas or articles for future editions (see page 31). Please visit our website at: www.buckinghamcanal.org.uk. While you are online, why not also follow us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/buckinghamcanalsociety and please "Like" us.** Thank you.

Ian Matson
Editor

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Restoration Site Update



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On Thursday 4th April we took part in the Great British Spring Clean event, a nationwide effort organised by the Keep Britain Tidy team. Some of our volunteers undertook a litter pick in and around Lock Lane and along the towpath at Cosgrove. As we have adopted Cosgrove Lock, part of the agreement is to keep this area free of rubbish, so we removed eight wheelbarrow loads of litter and waste material from the lock side and also cleared the area around the lock itself.

Cosgrove Gets a Great British Spring Clean

Besides the Spring Clean described opposite, the main work party practical tasks are also taking place at Cosgrove, with the restoration work continuing on Bridge No.1 as shown below with images from 25th April. Here we hope to carry out a concrete pour on the newly built section over the next few weeks, while work will also continue with the towpath. Full details about the bridge restoration work are covered by Terry Cavender on page 8, leaving me to update you on other events over the last three months or so.



Bourton Meadow is Looking Very Trim Indeed

We have also been working to keep our Bourton Meadow and Buckingham Canal Nature Reserve sites looking good, as they are both open to the public. I would like to thank Gerry and Ruth Millard for all their hard work in looking after our Bourton Meadow site where they have been grass cutting and hedge trimming.



The water levels were getting low at Bourton Meadow as our solar panels had not been working well in winter, so recently the water in the canal bed has been topped up using another pump to extract water from the River Great Ouse. This site also now looks very attractive at this time of year, with all the Marsh Marigolds being in full bloom.

Preparations Continue for Solar Power at Hyde Lane

Plans are in place to return to the Buckingham Canal Nature Reserve where we will be working with some external organisations, alongside our own volunteers, in order to dig out a chamber to install the equipment to get the solar panels working here.





© Athina Beckett

Volunteers will also be carrying out the regular maintenance tasks, including strimming, reed and hedge cutting at the Hyde Lane site (above) over the next month.

*****STOP PRESS***** As this edition goes to press, I can tell you that we did have a successful session recently at the nature reserve, where volunteer groups from several external organisations worked alongside our very own team of hard working volunteers. The solar powered pump is now installed, and re-watering of this section has begun in earnest!

Corporate Volunteer Groups are Booking Up in Droves



© Athina Beckett

Once again, this year we will be working with the help of some external organisations, and as with last year they are booking up in their droves, with twelve corporate volunteer groups already booked up. These include regulars like Vinci Technology UK and several groups from Network Rail and Santander. Others are making a return visit after a few years of absence, one such group being Mercedes-Benz Cars UK Ltd. These bookings cover the period from April to September, but we are happy to take bookings for October and November and even into next year!

If you know of a company or organisation who may be interested, please pass on my details, which can be found on page 30.

Athina Beckett

Trustee, Volunteer Leader and Work Party Organiser

Whilst We Wait to Proceed with Cosgrove's Bridge No.1

Lots of work has been done whilst we await approval from Canal & River Trust (CRT) Engineering for the next stage, as well as an improvement in the seasonal weather of course. Several volunteer days have been spent on towpath improvement (below) as well as repairs to the towpath brickwork under the bridge.





© Alan Mynard

As I write this, we await a further update from CRT and are hopeful to proceed with the pour of the concrete deck over the next few months. We will also be returning the corner stones (below) to the wing walls as they reach appropriate stages of the rebuild.



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*****STOP PRESS***** As this edition goes to press, the necessary permissions to proceed are now in place and the first of three concrete pours have been completed thanks to the work of our tireless team. The corner stones are in place on three of the four corners, and brickwork on the parapet walls is now due to start in the coming weeks.



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Although re-watering at Cosgrove continues, to reduce interference with the harvesting of the wheat crop, we have now dropped the level slightly and are continuing to bring the soil and gravel level of the towpath up to its correct height along the re-watered section.

Terry Cavender

Trustee and Executive Officer

Do You Dig Canals?...We Do!



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Work parties are held most Thursdays and the second Sunday of each month and are always friendly, welcoming and very rewarding. Additional work parties are also held on most weeks.

If you would like to become involved, please contact me using my contact details on page 30.

In addition, work party dates can be found on page 29, and more detailed information about these and extra curricular dates can be found by visiting our work parties web page at: www.buckinghamcanal.org.uk/events-and-news/work-parties/

Athina Beckett

Trustee, Volunteer Leader and Work Party Organiser

Health & Safety Refresher

Buckingham Canal Society (BCS) has a duty of care to its members, volunteers and the public to comply with all current Health & Safety legislation. BCS operates work parties under terms of Insurance provided through the Inland Waterways Association (IWA). As a part of this arrangement, we work within many of the principles and methods of Waterway Recovery Group (WRG) as well as some specific Canal & River Trust (CRT) guidance.

All work party volunteers need to be aware of WRG's Site Health & Safety video and their accompanying Volunteers' Health & Safety Guide booklet, which was recently revised in 2013. We ask that you please take some time to review the WRG Health & Safety material on a regular basis, for your and your team's safety and peace of mind. This is especially important when working on a site involving construction machinery (plant), as it is a requirement to confirm that you have reviewed this material within the 12 months prior to the event.

We would also ask all those new volunteers who haven't yet done so, to pre-read all of the WRG Health & Safety material before their first day on site. You will always be given a Health and Safety briefing at any work party, but pre-reading can speed things up. Please bear in mind that the WRG Health & Safety material is only an introduction to site safety, and does not remove the need for any volunteer to have a full briefing about a specific site or project.

To view the video and booklet, please visit our WRG Health & Safety Video web page at: www.buckinghamcanal.org.uk/wrg-health-safety-video/

Ian Matson
Editor

The Spring Statement

Well, what a busy time it has been since the last edition of The Buckingham Navigator. For those following us on Facebook, you will have seen the massive amount of progress made on Bridge No.1. By the time you read this we will have also completed at least two of the three concrete pours needed to complete the bridge section, leaving the railings and approach ramps to complete. Hopefully Christmas will see us driving over the bridge and even hosting an opening party. For the work parties we now have a beautiful blue container at the bridge which should mean there will less need to carry tools from the marina to the work site. The container was courtesy of a grant applied for by fellow Trustee Colin Levett.

The recent warm period has seen a restriction put in place on boats using locks so as to conserve water. Swift action by Terry saw us obtain an exemption to the ban on pumping water in order to maintain the health of the fish in the first section, though we have kept to the spirit of the water restrictions and there is noticeably less depth in this section.

As can be seen on page 18, BCS attended the IWA's Parliamentarian of the Year reception. As our Patron, The Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP was close in the running, but was pipped at the post by the eventual worthy winner. We also held our AGM in Buckingham, back in March. This event saw those trustees up for re-election being so elected, whilst also welcoming two new trustees to the board.

Despite this swelling of trustee numbers, we still have a need for volunteers for certain specific support roles, especially in the media communications area. So if you know someone who would like to volunteer to help with the canal restoration, but doesn't fancy working on site, then this could be a perfect role for them. Get in touch and let us know, we also need people to help with community engagement activities as well as a variety of other support work, so again if you fancy helping out but are not sure how, then please get in touch with myself or any of the trustees using our contact details on page 30.

Rob Morris

Trustee and Chairman

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The 27th BCS Annual General Meeting



The 23rd March saw the 27th Annual General Meeting of the Society.

We had 7 trustees, 43 members and 5 non-members in attendance. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted, with one minor alteration. A full copy of the trustees report was made available to all attending, and was summarised by myself, the Chairman. An opportunity was then given for all present to ask questions.

The accounts for the year ending 30th November 2018 were accepted unanimously by all members.



In accordance with the three year rotation requirement of the constitution, Alan Mynard, Doug Pell and Athina Beckett stood down as trustees and stood for re-election. They were re-elected by unanimous vote.

The meeting also saw the election of two new trustees, in the shape of Keith Rawlings and Gerry Millard, who were both warmly welcomed on to the board of trustees.

Following some questions from the floor, thanks were then given to Chris and Jean Beddard for continuing to act as our Membership Secretaries. A cheque was presented to Terry Cavender by myself in my role as master of the Windrush Mark Lodge, in thanks for an excellent presentation given to partners and guests at the Lodge's Christmas Dinner.



© Terry Cavender



© Terry Cavender

All attending had opportunity to watch the time lapse video of the steel beam installation at Bridge No.1, as well as listen to an update on our current activities. Following a short break for cheese and wine, an interesting talk was given with regards to the work on the Lichfield & Hatherton Canals by Bob Williams and Peter Buck from the Lichfield & Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust.

Rob Morris
Trustee and Chairman

Partnering with Other Societies is Mutually Beneficial

BCS were present in Wolverhampton for the seventh annual Canal Restoration Conference on Saturday 30th March. This was jointly hosted by the IWA and CRT. The event saw over 40 different restoration societies and 116 individuals come together. This year's conference was entitled 'Relining Your Pockets' and focused primarily on how to source and secure funding for a restoration project.

One of the keynote speakers was Liz Shaw from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. She gave a very interesting presentation on new funding frameworks and how restoration societies could bid for grants of between £3,000 and £5m.

Also at the event, WRG chairman Mike Palmer launched the IWA's latest report, which aims to provide restoration societies with case studies that show the wide-reaching benefits that a canal restoration can bring to a local area.

The Waterways in Progress report highlights the fact that a canal restoration project doesn't need to be completed to have a positive impact both economically and socially, it starts to give back to the community right from day one.

You can download the report and read it in full at:

www.waterways.org.uk/waterways/restoration/waterways_progress/waterways_in_progress_report.

There is also a video to watch at: www.binged.it/2HZFn4C.

Attendees at the conference were among the first to see the Waterways in Progress video, which is introduced by IWA Vice President, David Suchet. The video can be used by all restoration societies to support the Waterways in Progress report and standalone case studies.

Steve Higham, Head of Service, Partner & Outcomes Development at CRT spoke about the positive mental health and wellbeing benefits of volunteering and being involved in canal restoration. The Trust has done a great deal of research into the value of being close to waterways as well as the motivation behind volunteering. Steve played a moving video about a young man called Bernard whose life has been turned around thanks to his volunteering role with the Trust.

I myself was one of the breakout presenters and part of the closing panel discussion. I also joined Colin Levett and Rob Morris when they attended the IWA Parliamentarian of the Year reception (see page 19) in May to encourage support and action from MPs to enable some restoration challenges to be improved.

New Channel Planning Application Process Initiated

We recently had a good meeting to progress the pre-application discussion with South Northamptonshire Council. This is to enable us to move towards the formal planning application and eventually to gain permission for the new channel that will replace the lost section of canal.

It is often a good idea to meet the planning officers for an informal discussion before submitting a formal application. The planning team are supportive of the principles of restoring the canal, and are helping the BCS team refine some of the detail and research to enable our successful applications and restoration work.

Connect and Network at Our Festival Over Wi-Fi

We hope that this year's festival will have Wi-Fi coverage, and we are working closely with Cosgrove Marina to enable Wi-Fi for the area of the festival and hopefully all the way to Bridge No.1 along the Buckingham Arm.

If there are any Wi-Fi/network gurus out there who would be able to assist us further in setting this up, please contact myself, Terry Cavender, using my contact details on page 30.

Help! No Really...Help!

Regarding your help, we would love to hear from anyone who wants to get more involved. You don't need to dig holes or drive a digger! There's plenty to do with pens, paper, application forms, and a trillion other bits. Of course, digger drivers and spade drivers are always welcome as well.

Terry Cavender

Trustee and Executive Officer

Parliamentarian of the Year

On Monday 13th May, IWA held their Parliamentarian of the Year reception on the terrace at the Houses of Parliament. This was well attended by representatives from over 30 different waterway restoration societies, as well as 45 MPs and 5 Lords. Amongst these attendees were our very own Terry Cavender, Colin Levett and myself.

BCS's very own Patron, the Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP for Buckingham, was one of the leading nominations for this prestigious award which ultimately went to Andrew Bridgen MP for North West Leicestershire. All of us at BCS congratulate him on deservedly winning this award.

This event also saw the official launch by IWA Trustee Mike Palmer of the Waterways in Progress report, during which he stressed the importance and value of the relationship between restoration societies and their MPs. Our Society is very fortunate to enjoy the support and patronage provided by the Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP.



©Emma Reynolds MP

Rob Morris

Trustee and Chairman

Our Festival Welcomes Raymond, Nutfield...and Roger

Raymond and Nutfield have been an exciting feature at our Canal Festival for several years now, and also very popular with the public. This year we have an added attraction with the expected visit of the narrowboat Roger, who was the original partner for Raymond.

Now for some history. Nutfield was built in 1936 by W.J. Yarwood of Northwich for the Grand Union Canal Carrying company. Raymond was constructed at Barlow's dock in Bruanston in 1958 and was the last wooden working boat to be built in the UK. The two boats were brought together by Blue Line in 1968 when the ageing Roger was replaced by Nutfield.

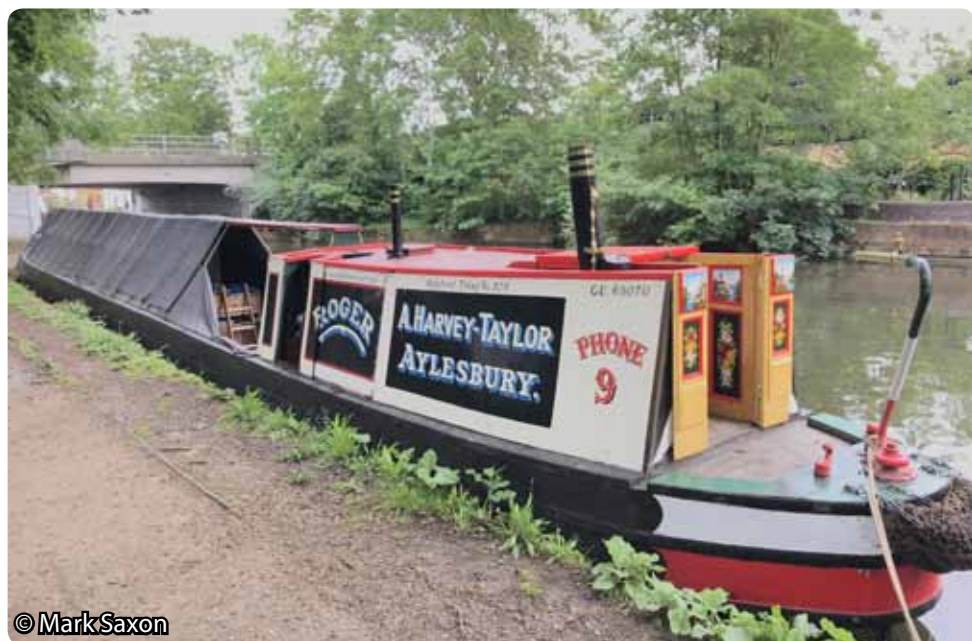
The Friends of Raymond was formed in 1996 and took over ownership and responsibility for Raymond which was in such poor condition that it had to be dismantled in situ at the Black Country Living Museum. In 2000 Phil Babb completed a total rebuild, and for several years the restored boat was shown around the canals in its original Barlow's livery.

In 2003, the Friends also acquired Nutfield and reunited one of the last pairs to work on our canals. Both boats are now resplendent in the old Blue Line livery of 1968.

Members of the Friends of Raymond will be on hand at our Cosgrove Canal Festival & Craft Fair to answer questions about their history and ongoing restoration.

Athina Beckett

Trustee, Volunteer Leader and Work Party Organiser



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Cosgrove Canal Festival & Craft Fair

The Village Hall will be Bursting at the Seams This Year!



© Alan Mynard

As part of this year's festival, the village hall will again be hosting its very successful craft fair. This artisan extravaganza runs in conjunction with all the festivities you will find along the canal towpath and by the lock. This year's craft fair will be bigger and better than ever, and we will be joined by some new talent with some delightful handmade items on offer!

We are now fully booked with twenty very different stalls showcasing a huge variety of hand crafted products for you to buy as gifts, or as a treat for yourself! Refreshments, sandwiches and cakes will also be on offer.

This year the village hall venue will feature, amongst others:

- *Altered art*
- *BoHo style bits and bobs*
- *Canal story books*
- *Cards*
- *Ceramics*
- *Chutneys & jams*
- *Clay shell creatures*
- *Cushions*
- *Dream catchers*
- *Fabric bags*
- *Foraged fruit infused gins*
- *Funky fabric crafts*
- *Fused glass work & quirky lamp work animals*
- *Hand stamped metal items*
- *MK map prints*
- *Mosaics for home and garden*
- *Natural History*
- *Oil paintings/demonstrations*
- *Painted wood items*
- *Polymer clay jewellery and items*
- *Pre-loved items*
- *Scented soy candles, wax melts & oil reed diffusers*
- *Semi-precious stone jewellery*
- *Silver jewellery*
- *Textile and fabric gifts*
- *Turned wood*
- *Vintage home wares and nic-nacs*
- *Walking sticks/walking canes*

Sharron Comerford

Craft Fair Organiser

Meet the Trustee



I have always hated having my picture taken, and refrain from it as much as possible. My ID cards from my last employer always made me look like a criminal, but these days as the years pass, my face looks "lived in" - in other words I look much older than I am! I hate my pictures being taken to such an extent that my passport is out of date and I still possess the original paper driving licence with no photo!

I was born on the side of the Birmingham Navigation in the heart of the Black Country. Canals are in my bloodstream, having spent all my youth in and around them. I moved to sunny Buckinghamshire over forty years ago, and was employed as an electronics engineer. The final five years were spent renovating the company's buildings along with managing the service team.

I took early retirement and started a handyman and renovation business which has exceeded all expectations. I work on a variety of structures from the modern, through to Grade 1 & 2 listed buildings. All this along with the day to day repair, plumbing and electrical work I undertake as a self employed person. Basically the older the structure or building then the greater the interest I have.

The restoration of the Buckingham Arm, which I thoroughly enjoy, is really an extension of my day to day work, and having been brought up living by the canal I feel that I have the knowledge and some of the skills needed to help complete this project.

Gerry Millard
Trustee and Construction Manager



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Our Publicity & Bric-a-Brac Stall Needs You



Our Publicity & Bric-a-Brac stall is out and about throughout the year attending canal festivals and village events, while raising funds for the Society. If anyone fancies a change of scene, we readily welcome new people to come along and give a helping hand in running the stall. It's really good fun and you'll also get the chance to attend a wide variety of canal festivals and local events whilst helping to raise funds for BCS to restore the Buckingham Canal. So why not come along and help us make a difference. You won't regret it.

To try and tempt you, some of the festivals we have previously attended include:

- *Buckingham Spring Fair in April*
- *May Day Fayre at Leighton Buzzard*
- *IWA Milton Keynes Lock Help Weekend at the Three Locks, Stoke Hammond in May*
- *Family Festival Weekend at Stoke Bruerne in June*
- *Braunston & Historic Narrowboat Rally & Canal Festival in June*
- *Our own Cosgrove Canal Festival & Craft Fair in July*
- *Linslade Canal Festival in July*
- *The Festival of Water at St Neots in August*
- *Village at War Weekend at Stoke Bruerne in September*
- *Buckingham Christmas Fair in December*

The Village at War event is always great fun, as you get the chance to dress up in 1940s costume! It's worth noting that over £1,800 was raised for BCS by our stall alone last year!

If you have any good quality bric-a-brac that you would like to donate, or would like to give us a hand on the stall this year, please contact me using my contact details on page 30.

Athina Beckett

Trustee, Volunteer Leader and Work Party Organiser

BCS Craft Group

As well as involving yourself in one of our work parties, attending our Society's Project Group, or even being part of our Committee, another way of helping BCS to raise funds is to join our Craft Group. Our group has gone from strength to strength, and continues to meet on the last Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.

Nowadays, we get together either at my house in Pennyland, Milton Keynes or in Stony Stratford where we make rag rugs that can be sold on our bric-a-brac stall. We are a very friendly group and would welcome other like minded people interested in learning or teaching new crafts, or to simply join us for a very pleasant and sociable evening and discuss the various crafts that interest you.

If anyone has any old T shirts (bright colours and black preferred), please save them as we can use them for the rag rug making.

If you would like to attend, please contact me using my contact details on page 30.

Athina Beckett

Trustee, Volunteer Leader and Work Party Organiser

Win Up to £20,000 with Vale Lottery

The Vale Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes. BCS has registered with the Vale Lottery as a beneficiary. Tickets are just £1 per week and 50% of that will come directly to BCS, provided you nominate us as your preferred charity.

Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance of winning a prize, with a top prize of £20,000. Every ticket consists of 6 numbers and each of those is between 1 and 9. There is a draw every Saturday night when a 6 digit winning combination is picked. Match all 6 and you can win the jackpot! However, before you buy, please do not forget to select Buckingham Canal Society as your preferred charity otherwise your money will be directed into a general charitable fund, which we do not benefit from. Good Luck!

To play and support BCS you will need to visit the Vale Lottery website to register and buy tickets at: www.valelottery.co.uk.



The Quarterly Grants Update



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First a catch-up on some of the successes of last year. We are now into the current round of the Co-op Local Community Fund. Co-op members can choose our cause to give their 1% to when they spend on selected own-brand products and services. We have so far raised £389. The funding period will run for twelve months until 26th October 2019, so please carry on spending!

We have also received the first grant payment of £2,500 from The National Lottery Community Fund, and will be in receipt of this amount every six months for the next five years. This money will be used to engage with the local community, to publicise our work more widely, to evidence community support and to encourage active engagement. We will also be trying to increase our core group of volunteers who regularly turn out to help restore our canal.



This year, we have received a grant of £300 from the Alpkit Foundation for bench seating in a rest area along the canal bank.

Buckingham Town Council have awarded us £1,150 to promote the canal in the town. We have not yet decided how this is best spent.

One area for which we sought funds was for the repair of the canal bank at farm crossings, so I am pleased to say we have received £3,000 from The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust to help with these costs.

Throughout May and June we will be one of the featured charities at Tesco Stores in Buckingham with their Bags of Help scheme. This will raise a minimum amount of £1,000. If we get sufficient votes it could be as much as £4,000! Please make sure you get the blue coins and vote for us.

MILTON KEYNES HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

Milton Keynes Heritage Association (MKHA) have generously granted £300 to our cause for the reprinting of our walks leaflet.

Looking forward, we have submitted further grant applications to The Radcliffe Trust, South Northamptonshire Council Community Event Fund, Foyle Foundation and Morrisons Foundation among numerous others, and now wait with fingers crossed. We are particularly looking for funds for heritage craft training, festival support and a new excavator. As always, we are extremely grateful, to our grant funders without whom the restoration would remain a dream instead of a reality. **A complete list of our most recent funders can be found on page 26.**

Colin Levett
Trustee and Grants Officer

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Terry Cavender
Trustee and Executive Officer

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Funders

We are very grateful for the financial support from all of our funders. In chronological order, below is a list of our most recent funders.

- Milton Keynes Heritage Association (MKHA)
- Tesco - Bags of Help (Buckingham)
- The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust
- MJ Camp Charitable Foundation
- Buckingham Town Council
- Alpkit Foundation
- DHL UK Foundation - Match It!
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- Co-op - Local Community Fund
- Vale of Aylesbury Housing Trust (VAHT) - Thriving Communities Fund
- Rectory Homes
- Postcode Local Trust
- Northamptonshire Community Foundation - David Laing Family Fund
- Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC)
- Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation
- Heart of Bucks Community Foundation for Buckinghamshire - Heart of Bucks General Fund
- Amazon - Smile
- LEADER

Patrons, Partners & Supporters

We are very grateful for the continued support of our patrons:

- Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP
- Lord Boswell of Aynho

We have formal partnerships with the following:

- Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC)
- Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT)
- Buckingham Town Council
- Buckinghamshire County Council (BCC)
- Canal & River Trust (CRT)
- Deanshanger Parish Council
- Environment Agency (EA)
- Inland Waterways Association (IWA) Corporate Member
- Northamptonshire County Council (NCC)
- South Northamptonshire District Council

We are very grateful for the ongoing support of:

- Inland Waterways Association (IWA) Milton Keynes Branch
- Inland Waterways Association (IWA) Northampton Branch
- Waterway Recovery Group (WRG) and their regional volunteers

We have been recognised by the following:

- Cosgrove Parish Council
- Foscote Parish Meeting
- Maids Moreton Parish Council
- Old Stratford Parish Council
- Thornborough Parish Council
- Thornton Parish Meeting

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Corporate & External Volunteer Groups

We are very grateful to all of the organisations that have ever assisted us with their volunteer groups. In chronological order, below is a list of our most recent attendees.

- Network Rail
- London Waterway Recovery Group (LWRG)
- Santander
- Computacentre
- Stowe House
- Vinci Technology Centre UK
- The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)
- Stowe School
- Waterway Recovery Group (WRG) - Bit In The Middle (BITM)
- Trees for Cities
- Milton Keynes College
- Kent & East Sussex Canal Restoration Group (KESCRG)
- Argos
- Network Rail - Bletchley Maintenance
- Virgin Money UK
- Mayflex UK
- Community Payback - Buckingham
- Waitrose
- The MacIntyre Charity - Green Genies
- The Parks Trust Young Explorers
- NHBC
- G4S Secure Training Centre - Milton Keynes
- Tech Mahindra
- The Woburn Hotel
- Hewitson Moorhead
- Waterway Recovery Group (WRG) - Forestry
- Tearle & Carver - Chartered Accountants & Business Advisors
- Mace
- Explorer Scouts

Future Events

Saturday 20th July - Sunday 21st July

The Buckingham Canal Society's 26th annual Cosgrove Canal Festival & Craft Fair

Cosgrove Lock, Lock Lane, Cosgrove, Milton Keynes, Northants, MK19 7JR

As always, extra help will be needed to begin setting up the festival on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th July, and also to dismantle everything at the end of it on Sunday 21st July. I want to thank everybody who helped last year, but we do need your help again this year. There will be a great variety of tasks to suit everybody, and we will need assistance with activities including, but not restricted to the following: Baking cakes for the Cake Stall; Serving cakes in the Village Hall; Working on the Games Stall; The Lock Ransom, whereby training will be given to operate the lock gates.

Whether you can spare a couple of hours or a whole day, all help would be much appreciated as this event is our one big opportunity where we can reach out to the public to explain our current and future projects and promote the Society. If you haven't been involved for a while, it's a chance to meet up with the other volunteers. Why not also invite your family and friends along to the event for what is promising to be a very enjoyable weekend! You would also be very welcome to join the boaters on Saturday evening for a fish & chip supper, although this must be booked in advance.

So that we can get an idea of the volunteer numbers and the days you will available to help out at the festival, please contact either myself - Athina Beckett, or the Cosgrove Festival Team using either of our contact details on page 30. You can also use these to book a stall, boat mooring or fish & chip supper. Additional details can also be found by visiting: www.buckinghamcanal.org.uk/events-and-news/annual-festival/.

Thursday 25th July 7.30pm

BCS - Craft Group Meeting

2 Staters Pound, Pennyland,
Milton Keynes, Bucks, MK18 8AX
or Stony Stratford. Details: 01908-661217
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Saturday 27th July 11am - 5pm

Linslade Canal Festival

Tiddenfoot Waterside Park, Linslade,
Leighton Buzzard, Beds, LU7
Details: www.leightonlinslade-tc.gov.uk

Saturday 3rd - Sunday 4th August 10am - 5pm

Fenny Stratford Residents' Association Fenny Stratford Canal Festival

Grand Union Canal, Bridge 96,
Fenny Stratford, Bucks
Details: rosemarysmith@uwclub.net

Saturday 10th - Sunday 11th August

Blisworth Canal Partnership Ltd Blisworth Festival

Blisworth, Northampton,
Northants, NN7 3BU
Details: www.blisworthfestival.org

Thursday 29th August 7.30pm

BCS - Craft Group Meeting

2 Staters Pound, Pennyland,
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Saturday 7th - Sunday 8th September

Friends of the Canal Museum Village at War Weekend

Stoke Bruerne, Towcester,
Northants, NN12. Details:
www.friendsofcanalmuseum.org.uk

Thursday 19th September 7.30pm

IWA Milton Keynes

Talk: Waterway Videos - The Huddersfield Narrow Canal - David Tucker

Royal British Legion Hall, off Melrose Ave,
West Bletchley, Bucks, MK3 6PU. Details:
www.waterways.org.uk/miltonkeynes

Thursday 26th September 7.30pm

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Work Party Dates 2019/2020

July

Thursday 11th
Sunday 14th
Thursday 25th

August

Thursday 8th
Sunday 11th
Thursday 22nd

September

Thursday 5th
Sunday 8th
Thursday 19th

October

Thursday 3rd
Sunday 13th
Thursday 17th
Thursday 31st

November

Sunday 10th
Thursday 14th
Thursday 28th

December

Sunday 8th
Thursday 12th
Thursday 26th

January

Thursday 9th
Sunday 12th
Thursday 23rd

February

Thursday 6th
Sunday 9th
Thursday 20th

March

Thursday 5th
Sunday 8th
Thursday 19th

April

Thursday 2nd
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Thursday 30th

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Thursday 14th
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Next Navigator

So we are nearing the end of another issue of the Navigator and I am sure many of you are eager for more. You can be part of what appears in the next issue. There are regular items from the committee but there is space assigned to YOU, our valued members, for your submissions. I am also always very interested to hear what you think of the newsletter and comments are most welcome!

Please submit all contributions for Issue 101 (Autumn 2019) by the 1st August 2019 via email, CD, or typed/handwritten letter (in that order of preference) to:

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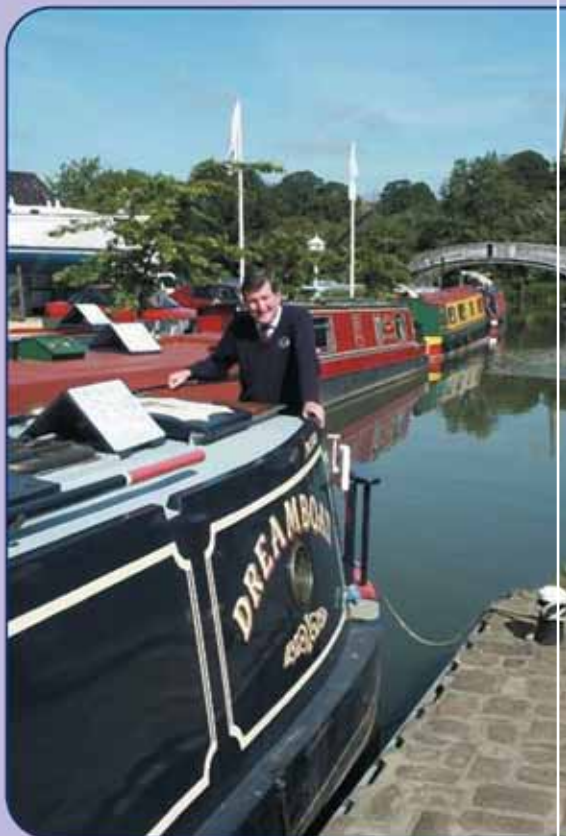
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