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Council Update

Clive Johnson is the new Chairman of the Wendover Canal Trust, Chris Sargeant having recently asked to step down. Chris said "I have now been involved with the Trust for ten years and have had the honour of being chairman for eight. My mission has always been to build the team for the future and to develop good relationships both within the trust and externally. I am confident that we do now have a strong team in place and I thank you all for being part of it. As I approach my 79th birthday I now wish to step down from the roles of chairman and trustee."



Chris Sargeant

The Trust is very grateful for all that has been achieved under Chris's chairmanship, and a fuller appreciation will follow. All Trust members have since been asked whether they would like to put themselves forward to be Chairman. A special Council meeting was held on March 2nd to consider all nominations. Clive Johnson, the current Deputy Chairman was the only nomination and was therefore elected by the Council members as our new Chairman. Clive

says "I look forward to working with as wide a team as possible as we continue bringing the Wendover Canal back to life. Many of you will know me as a restoration volunteer for the last 30 years, often behind the wheel of a dumper truck, and I'll still be doing this."



Clive Johnson

Our Partnership Director, Peter Elwin, and our Honorary Secretary, Mike Beckley, have each agreed to act as Deputy Chairman when required. The Trust thanks them both for their continuing service. Our newsletter editor Carol Williams has asked to step down as a trustee, but we're very glad that she's agreed to continue as newsletter editor. Chris Sargeant will continue to help her with the newsletter.

Another recent appointment was our Operations Director, Chris Bent. When we appointed him, we knew that he would be largely unavailable from April to June this year, and Mikk Bradley has kindly agreed to be Acting Operations Director while Chris Bent is unavailable – thank you Mikk.



Mike Beckley, Honorary Secretary

Council members 2021/22

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Chairman's Column

As you will have seen from our recent announcements we are in a period of change in the trust and after eight years as your chairman I am now stepping down as I approach my 79th birthday. It has been a privilege to hold this office. My objective has always been to build the team for the future to ensure the restoration project continues to move forward and to establish good relationships both within the trust and with our partners externally.

The recent period of the pandemic has been challenging for the trust but I want to particularly thank Tony Bardwell, our Operations Director through this period for tirelessly adapting our working methods to ensure social distancing on site and to keep our volunteers safe from the virus.

As you will know, Tony stepped down in January after a decade of immense contribution to the trust. We were pleased to welcome Chris Bent who has now taken on this role - please join me in wishing him well.

I am confident we do now have a strong team in place and wish them and my successor Clive Johnson and colleagues every success going forward.

During the last eight years we have



evolved a new structure with Council delegating day to day running of the trust to sub groups for restoration, marketing, finance and partnerships and modernized our systems – bringing eighteenth century restoration the benefits of 21st century methods. This is still an evolving process but is already showing substantial benefits.

I thank all of my colleagues on Council, our volunteers in all areas, and our members for their unwavering support.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chris'.

Chris Sargeant, Chairman to March 2nd
chris.sargeant@wendovercanal.org.uk

Boyd Goes Viral

Boyd Williams is one of our regular restoration volunteers (and is married to your editor). He also produces video updates about our work, and his most recent update was posted on YouTube in December (to see this, check our website under About Us - Videos, or search YouTube).

<https://wendovercanal.org.uk/about-us/videos-of-our-canal/>



While we all know he makes a good video, we've been taken aback at the staggering number of views his latest YouTube video has achieved. By the end of February, his video had been seen FIFTY THOUSAND times, and it regularly receives comments from around the world.

Our YouTube channel is getting towards 1000 subscribers, at which point we would be able to earn a few pence from YouTube for advertising. Well done Boyd! Another reason for its popularity may be, that our more consistent use of the Wendover Canal name may be making it more likely for Internet tools like YouTube to find and recommend us.



Margaret's Bench

Margaret's bench was installed this month by the volunteers as part of the work schedule.

Overlooking this winding hole, there has for some time been an oak tree. This was planted by Margaret Leishman, the wife of our Vice President Roger, who for many years was our Restoration Director. In Margaret's memory, Roger has now sponsored a bench alongside the oak tree. This is a lovely location to remember Margaret.



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Operations Report

This is a summary of our Operations Reports from November 2021 to February 2022, edited by Clive Johnson. The full reports can be read on our website.

Re-watering from Bridge 4a to Bridge 4

We were delighted to re-water the Wendover Canal from Bridge 4a to Bridge 4 (these are the 2 wooden foot-bridges). However our delight turned to disappointment when we realised that this section was suffering unexplained water loss. We have followed the CRT hydrologist's recommendation to use biodegradable fluorescent dye to try to trace the water loss, but so far this has revealed no obvious flows and we are not yet any nearer to tracing the cause. Recently the water loss seems to have slowed. Chris Bent is leading a small team of specialists to quantify the loss and investigate further.



As a charity we are required to be prudent and take the greatest care in how our money is spent. Until we trace the cause, in January we felt obliged to temporarily pause further relining beyond Bridge 4. This decision had to be taken at short notice, and we're sorry for any disruption it caused to people's plans.

Bentomatic

Before we had to pause re-lining, we successfully used our Bentomatic excavator attachment, to quickly and safely unroll entire 40 metre lengths of Bentomat without cutting it. The towpath 40 metres was unrolled in less than an hour and the speeded-up video can be watched on YouTube.



The off-side 40 metres took a little longer, but was still achieved quickly and safely. Below is a picture taken from the excavator at twilight, with Bridge 4 barely visible in the distance. We look forward to when the water loss has been explained and any lessons learned, so that we can use the Bentomatic again.



Ash Removal

At last we've said goodbye to some of the Tip. We placed a contract with a large waste disposal company FCC, and this is the first contract of any size that WCT has negotiated and delivered as a principal contractor to CRT. This material is 100-year-old Tring Urban District Council (UDC) rubbish, mainly ash. The work this month was largely paid for by Tring Town Council, thank you!

44 lorries took around 870 tonnes of material (which is about 15% of the total amount to go from the tip) to the large FCC waste disposal site at Calvert. Here is a 13 tonne excavator loading ash into one of the lorries. The red on top of the front of the lorry, is a soft retractable top to prevent the ash flying away in transit.



Removing the ash was only the last step in a long hard process. Time has been spent over the past year by the Tip Group, led by Steve Chapman, to find the best quote for the removal of the ash. This was a long process, as several rounds of sampling showed that the ash was not 'hazardous' as the initial sampling and testing in previous years had indicated.

We then had to spend the first few days of this work party resurfacing the short access slope "cart-track entrance" from Little Tring Road. This also included the turning area where the lorry is standing, all in preparation for the vehicle movements. The car park also needed a new layer of stone, because it had become muddy for our volunteers and their cars. We bought suitable material, spread it with the excavator, and hired a vibrating ride-on-roller to flatten it. Terry Cavender of Bucks Canal Society helped train our volunteers on the roller. Next there was a backlog of clean clay spoil from previous months. Once removed, we started excavating the ash from near the winding hole and storing it at a temporary stockpile ready to load into lorries. We carried out a COSHH assessment (Control Of Substances Hazardous to Health) which concluded that those working with the ash had to wear masks to protect against dust from the ash. Some volunteers also completed online banksman training to maintain site safety.



The above picture shows ash being dug out. In the background is a narrow boat “winding” (turning) at the current head of navigation (which we opened in 2005). The ash is about to be loaded into a dumper and taken to the pile shown on the previous page for removal. At the end of the working party, all the ash previously piled up at this location near the winding hole had gone, and most of the ash on which that pile was standing, has also been dug out. Over a 6 day period, our volunteers moved some 270 loads of ash in the 2 dumpers, that's about 1 every 10 minutes.

We did this work now, a pilot, because we were keen to prove the feasibility of our plans. A small amount of ash in a specific location had been found to include a higher lead content, and these 6 loads were removed during the February working party. We now need to review any lessons learned, and the availability of sufficient funding, before we continue with more bulk ash removal.

Narrows

We have started constructing a narrow section of canal (a “narrows”). This will be next to the Little Tring winding hole, which we built in Phase 1 opened 2005. This narrows is necessary to prevent wider



boats trying to go any further, since they would not be able to pass any other boat as they go through our relined channel. We have been carefully excavating next to the winding hole, to expose the end of the Phase 1 concrete walls and lining. Pictures by Steve Bonser.



Tony Bardwell, Operations Director
&
Clive Johnson, Chairman

Tidy Friday; 8:30am - 4pm

If canal restoration sounds like hard work, then joining our Tidy Friday group might be for you. This entails light work keeping our canal, bridges and towpath looking spick and span and cared for.

The provisional days are below, and come after the main work parties above.



April 8th

May 13th

This is organised by John Reynolds, for further details or to volunteer please phone John on 07787 355 515.

Tony's Magnificent Decade

Thank you, Tony Bardwell, for your magnificent contribution to the Wendover Canal Trust over the past decade. After more than ten years devotion to the Wendover Canal restoration, culminating in the role of Operations Director, Tony Bardwell has now stepped down for a well-earned rest.

With a welcoming approach, he has encouraged many new volunteers to join our ranks. He also encouraged them to learn new skills to aid our progress, as well as the important health and safety practices essential on site. This was a vital ingredient in ensuring safe working conditions during the current pandemic.

Tony has always been a great innovator. His most recent development has been the "Bentomatic". This has enabled us to lay 40 metres of canal lining continuously, through an ingenious excavator attachment. In moving to a slightly quieter life, Tony will still be seen on site during our work parties. He'll be making his knowledge and skills available to others as well as developing who knows what.

We are pleased to welcome team leader Chris Bent, who has stepped up to cover the role of Operations Director. This will initially be until the end of March, when he goes away for three months, and then on his return.



Tony Bardwell



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Obituary - Bert Matraves

It was with great sadness I heard the news that Bert Matraves had passed away.

I knew Bert for many years as we both worked at Kodak and had many discussions on canals and boating. As a true enthusiast of our inland waterways he cruised all over the canal system and was a keen supporter of the Herts IWA.

After I became involved with the Wendover Arm Trust he showed great interest in the progress and often jokingly asked “when are you guys going to complete that restoration so that I can cruise to Wendover” to which I used to reply “if you came along to help it would be completed sooner”.

Finally Bert retired from Kodak and admitted that he no longer had any excuse and he asked when he could start. He and Val became members of the Trust and Bert became a volunteer.

Bert was an enthusiastic and willing restoration volunteer. He and Val supported and helped at Trust events including the annual Wendover Canal Festivals held at Tring and at two National Festivals where the Trust was given the privilege of being able to raise money for our restoration fund by cleaning and maintaining the public loos over both, 4 day, festivals. I can still remember Bert and Val wearing their yellow Marigold gloves with pride!

Bert’s hardworking approach made a real contribution to the restoration, enthusiastically tackling any task he was asked to do.

He was well liked by the rest of the team and always had a laugh and a smile for everyone, even when up to his knees in mud or working in the pouring rain. The attached photograph is just how I, and I am sure all the other volunteers who worked alongside Bert will remember him.

Unfortunately, failing health prevented him from continuing on work parties but he never lost his interest and support for what we were doing. He followed our progress with interest and continued to attend the Trust events and gatherings whenever he could.

I know Val will continue to support and follow the progress of the Trust and I know you will all join me personally, and on behalf of the Trust, in sending her our very best wishes.



Ray Orth

Picnic in the Pocket Park

Whitehouses pocket park is now open to the public. Why not make a date to visit and see how the area has been transformed?

Ten years ago this canal offside area was overgrown with scrub and nettles over 2 metres tall. Not a hospitable welcome to walkers passing by. As the restoration along the canal came to the old Whitehouses pumping station work was required to change its use to an overflow gauge to control the depth of water. Access for the work was completed by a new winding pathway through the wooded area.



The original pumping station comprised of two workers cottages with access via a swing bridge over the canal. These were used during world war two for housing refugees, but in the years after, with no facilities nearby they were levelled by British Waterways. This left the cellars which needed to be filled in with gravel and made safe, the underground working area was rebuilt for its future use with an access grill installed by CRT.

During these years WCT volunteers attended a “Tidy Friday” day a month to restore the woods to its former glory. Many dead trees and dangerous wood were removed and the area planned as a future wild flower meadow, a woodland walk and a picnic area by the mooring bay wall. This Pocket Park will always be work in progress as every seasons needs various work to keep the undergrowth at bay.

IWA Family camps have been held here, planting snowdrops, bluebells and wild flower seed for the meadow. They built bird and bat boxes which have been erected among the trees, piled up logs as homes for invertebrate, filled a bug hotel with inviting material and built a hedgehog house.



Over the last 3 years 1500 trees and hedging have been planted, to replace tree gaps along the farmers field fence. These were also used to replace missing hedging along the towpath and around the Little Tring winding hole. Many WCT volunteers, with Aston Clinton scouts support completed this task.

We will again apply for a further 500 to be delivered this Autumn, as there are still hedging gaps along the banks of the canal. These trees and hedging will give future shelter to the sheep in the adjacent fields.



We hope that on your future walks along the canal you have time to sit a while and enjoy the views. Check out our WCT website for dates of the next “Tidy Friday” volunteers are always welcome.



We generally work the second or third Friday of the month, between 9am – 2pm. Our next Tidy Friday session is currently planned for Friday 8th April.

Jenny Brice, Events

Shall we go for a walk?

After two years of being in lockdown or with limited access to entertainment and sporting events, isn't it time we got out and enjoyed life again? Time to simply take in the fresh air, appreciate our beautiful Countryside, and 'get back' with nature? We are offering just that.

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As part of our commitment to local involvement, **starting on April 2nd , 10:30am** the Wendover Canal Trust is leading a series of free monthly circular guided walks. The walks start and finish at the recently completed Mead Farm Café, which is:

While on the walk, you will be able to:

View a restored section of the Wendover Canal - fed by a chalk stream (one of a limited number in the World).

See fine examples of 18thC Engineering, recently refurbished by the trust to meet current safety and operational standards.

Have a chance to spot extensive Bird and Wildlife in and around the large Wilstone reservoir, graded as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

Discover why the reservoirs were built, and what purpose they still play today.

Learn some of the fascinating history of the area from your experienced and knowledgeable guide.

Wendover Walks will be held on the first Saturday of the month, lasting about 2 hours over a route which is approximately 3 miles. The way is over a mixture of natural unsurfaced paths and may climb a couple of sets of (somewhat uneven) steps, consequently the route is not recommended for pushchairs or wheelchairs.

Along the way you will see a section of the Canal restored by the Wendover Canal Trust, and will be able to appreciate the immense effort that has gone into the project. Walks are scheduled to match our work party

dates, so you may have the chance to speak with our volunteers and ask about any aspect of what they are doing.

For further details, on how to take part and contact details, please refer to our website www.wendovercanal.org.uk, or email Jenny at events@wendovercanal.org.uk

P.S. If you or your partner would care to lend a hand for an hour or so at one of the walks (e.g. handing out information, etc.), please let us know. We never say no to an offer of assistance!

Wendover Canal Trust Membership Subscription

With effect from **1st April, 2022** revised rates will apply to new and recurring Wendover Canal Trust membership subscriptions. These rates will apply to any new memberships, and to existing memberships on the date of their renewal (up to 12 months, or up to 5 years).

Subscription levels were last reviewed almost 10 years ago, and many cost changes have occurred since then both to the restoration work and to the routine management of the Trust. It is regretted that the increase is necessary, and every effort has been made to limit the increases. Consequently, changes to membership subscriptions reflect only a portion of the increases in costs. The next Fee Structure will be routinely reviewed in three years' time

Membership Type	2021 Fee	2022 Fee	2022 Fee for Direct Debit
1 Year individual	£10.00	£15.00	£14.00
5 Year individual	£40.00	£60.00	n/a
Life individual	£150.00	£225.00	n/a
1 Year family	£15.00	£22.50	£21.00
5 Year family	£60.00	£90.00	n/a
Life family	£250.00	£375.00	n/a
1 Year Corporate	£25.00	£37.50	n/a
5 Year Corporate	£100.00	£150.00	n/a

As a member, the simplest and most effective way you can help the Trust (and in particular, help our Membership Secretary) is to pay by Direct Debit. It really saves our time, eliminating the need to send out reminders, and also means you don't have

to remember to write out and send a cheque, or change a standing order. If you do still send a cheque or rely on a standing order, please note the new rates and make the necessary changes.

You can look up your new subscription in the above table, or on the Trust website at <https://wendovercanal.org.uk/support-us/membership/>

As you renew your membership, you will know that your subscription is contributing towards helping us to restore the Canal.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Peter Bird, Membership Secretary

Progress with the Wendover Canal Restoration

First of all I should advise readers that the name of the Wendover Arm Trust was changed to Wendover Canal Trust during 2021. There were a number of reasons for this decision; the logo showed paddle gear which is provided for locks and there is no lock on this canal, secondly we established that the word "Arm" created some confusion with the public.



The new logo is a stylised version of Little Tring bridge, rebuilt by the Trust at a cost of about £250,000, with a narrowboat passing through. This bridge formed part of the Phase 1 restoration which opened up a further one quarter mile of navigable canal to the restored basin which was opened in 2005 by the Trust's Patron, David Suchet, a well known actor.

Following completion of Phase 1, work commenced on Phase 11, comprising 1.75 miles of dry bed from Drayton Beauchamp back to Phase 1 at Little Tring of which part had been completed by the Highway Authority and a further section by the then British Waterways (now renamed the Canal & River Trust). This left 1.25 miles to be undertaken by the Trust's volunteers who normally work one or two weeks every month, although Covid stopped work for a period of time in 2020/2021.



Before re-lining of this section the earthenware pipe laid in 1912 beneath the bed required a plan of action since this was badly cracked in places and the possibility existed of this collapsing and the resulting subsidence rupturing the waterproof membrane to be laid

over. The solution was to construct a re-inforced concrete slab over and this method has continued.

The Trust has constructed two footbridges across the canal, Nos 4 and 4A, to take existing footpaths across the canal required as a result of re-watering - the public being unable to cross via the dry canal bed.

Between these two footbridges is the former Whitehouses pumping station which, together with others at Weston Turville and Marsworth lifted water from the Wilstone, Startops End and Tringford reservoirs into the canal and thence to flow into the main line of the Grand Union canal at Bulbourne Junction. Following the centralisation of pumping at Tringford the others were demolished.

The Trust has spent a considerable time and money on archaeological investigation and part restoration of Whitehouses.



In November 2021 a further length of dry canal was re-watered between the two footbridges extending to approximately 491 yards. This will not be to full Navigable depth until connection with Phase 1 is made and there is a major obstruction by way of an old tip, which contains some hazardous

materials, and will involve the Trust in a very considerable sum of money extending well into six figures. Funding for this work is currently being explored. The Trust has to raise all the funds for restoration which to date has cost well in excess of £1 million.



Meanwhile good progress is being made and the return of wildlife is particularly rewarding. The Trust welcomes new members and particularly donations to fund continuation of the restoration.

Further details can be found on our website, www.wendovercanal.org.uk

Nigel Williams, Publicity Director

Volunteer Opportunities -

Can you help us?



We have vacancies which might suit you.

Several years ago, our son completed a degree and a Masters course in Town Planning. This was followed by a career as a Chartered Accountant then a move into industry where he now holds the position of Divisional Finance Director with a blue chip international medical supplies company. Town & Country Planning to Finance - quite a leap, but not so uncommon. If you have the time maybe you would consider a change of scenery – jobs-wise?

We have vacancies in the Wendover Canal Trust, not so well paid (actually, no pay at all – we are a team of volunteers!). No pay, but the jobs are rewarding, helping to manage our volunteer organisation restoring the Wendover Canal. Our vacancies are in topics or fields you may not be directly familiar with, or have no direct experience with, but that doesn't stop you being an excellent fit in to the position.

Who do we need?



Someone to keep our extensive and rich collection of **historical documents** in shape, with simple access and retrieval.

Someone to organise our growing store of **online photos**, to make it easier to find that relevant photograph.

Someone to look after attracting **donations** from people and organisations. This position complements our existing Partnership position, which develops major funding sources.



Someone to be responsible for managing all aspects of **restoration volunteers**, policies (recruitment, retention, scheduling, etc.).

Someone who has a working knowledge of WordPress® (or is happy to learn) to act as our backup supporting our **website manager** (our website www.wendovercanal.org.uk is written in WordPress®).



Last, but certainly not least, an experienced person to oversee our **Marketing** activities, working closely with other groups within Wendover Canal Trust, to help us achieve our Aims.

You will notice there are no formal job titles mentioned. That is because you will have the freedom to define the job according to your own skills and aptitude. Of course, it won't all be up to you; help will be given where needed from others with a long and extensive experience.



No one is pretending these jobs can be done properly by spending the odd half-hour or so now and then. However, there is no timetable, no stop-clock, no commuting. There is, on the other hand, freedom to do the job in the best way you can, plenty of job satisfaction.

As well as the positions described, we have a variety of tasks which need someone to help with. Not jobs needing a position of management, but still important jobs which need doing. Such things as:

Occasional graphics design of a banner, sign, notice board, leaflet (mainly to support events).
Gardening , vegetation control, and landscaping to help with our Tidy Friday activities.
Driving your own towbar-equipped vehicle to deliver/collect our trailer at events.
Leaflet distribution at events.

We operate as a series of Groups; Finance, Operations, Marketing, Partnership. Each Group has a wide degree of autonomy, but we meet frequently and are all conscious that we work together to spend our donor's money wisely in order to meet our goal of Restoring the Canal.

Of course, the classic reason to volunteer is also still very much valid. We are always happy to hear from anyone who wants to grips with the practical **restoration work**. For that, it is best if you contact volunteer@wendovercanal.org.uk

Have we described you? Are you willing to take a closer look at one of the other jobs advertised?

We will be happy to hear from you.

Please contact 07547 181 857 or bob.wheal@wendovercanal.org.uk to find out more.



Club 100 Lottery

Please consider joining Club 100. Club 100 has been really helping our funds since 1997, and the Trust has profited by a little over £22,500.

We think that the July 2022 draw will be our 100th Club 100 draw, so please help us make this draw as big as possible. We need every penny and the winner could be you!

This draw was made at the January council meeting.
The winners were....



Dave Gray, £225.60



Geoffrey Woodward, £94.00



Bob Wheal, £37.60

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all members who take part in the Club 100 lottery.

If you would like to be in with a chance of winning next time, joining Club 100 couldn't be easier. Simply complete the application form and arrange payment (cheque, BACS transfer or standing order). Each lucky number costing £15 per year is entered into 4 quarterly draws. The jackpot is directly proportionate to the number of subscribers.

Remember you have to be a paid up member of the Trust to enter Club 100, each lucky number costs £15 per year for 4 prize draws. The prize fund increases with every new subscription taken out. **Join today** - the application form can be found on the website.

The next draw will be in April 2022

Waterway books for sale

I recently collected a donation of over 300 waterway books from Mrs Marina Long. They were a lifetime's collection by her late husband and herself. They seemed to me to be a very interesting collection; I thought they would sell quite easily and make a good addition to Trust funds. I listed them on a spreadsheet and looked up a possible sale price for each.

I've raised around 250 pounds from a handful of people including myself who enjoy reading printed waterway books. However, interest so far has been less than I'd hoped. Until now, I have only sold to those who I could meet up with, because I live a mile from the nearest Post Office, and packing them up and covering postage seems a pain (they vary considerably in size and weight).



The collection includes some Thames books as well as a large number on canals, and even some children's stories. A few may be quite rare. If you think you might be interested and could meet me to collect your purchases at Little Tring or Luton, email me webmaster@wendovercanal.org.uk and I'll send you the spreadsheet list.



Ideally, is there anyone (member, family, friend) who knows how to sell online e.g. eBay, who could take them from me and sell them to raise money for the Trust? You'd be welcome to keep a reasonable amount of the proceeds to cover any costs. I need to get them out of my house before my daughter's wedding in August. So if no-one steps forward, I will have to give them to the local Oxfam book shops (which is what Mrs Long was otherwise going to do).

Clive Johnson, Chairman



Regards from your Editor
Carol Williams (left)
Assisted by Janine Jones (right).

Deadline for the next
newsletter is 30th
June



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