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The 'Tip' and the HLF bid—see p10

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## Chairman's column

As I write we are already in mid March and the sun is shining – welcome to Spring and another exciting season of activity further advancing our restoration of the Wendover Arm.

Despite some appalling weather our marvelous volunteers have kept at work lining towards Whitehouses when possible and when not able to do this due to wet conditions clearing banks of scrub and making them look cared for.

Our Tidy Friday group has cleared tangled undergrowth alongside the path from bridge 4 to Whitehouses and will shortly be planting some new trees. The area around the old pumping station site will be landscaped once old cellars have been made safe creating a pleasant area.

Following withdrawal of our lottery bid, of which more detail elsewhere in this edition, we are working with CRT to solve the problem of the in-filled tip area and developing ideas for a much improved final scheme – so please let no one be downhearted! We are also, with the help of Leanda Richardson, one of our regular volunteers on site, looking at alternative funding sources and in addition have also been fortunate to receive a significant legacy.



Jenny Brice has been busy arranging a full season of events kicking off with Aldbury Spring Fair on May 7<sup>th</sup> – do come along and support the Trust – offers of help always welcome – please contact Jenny at

✉ [events@wendovermtrust.co.uk](mailto:events@wendovermtrust.co.uk)

or ☎ 07547 181857.

We are pleased to welcome Tony Bardwell and Clive Johnson to Council – both were co-opted at the February meeting. Tony works closely with Ray Orth to organize and help lead our work parties and Clive, also a restoration volunteer, has kindly taken over our web site. Thank you both.

Chris Sargeant

# Grand Draw 2018

2018's Grand Draw is now underway. Tickets are currently being printed and will be distributed in the summer Newsletter and will be available at all the events we attend. We hope that once again you'll give us the magnificent support that you have done for the past few years – now that we no longer have the ability to raise funds through the annual Canal Festival, the Draw provides the Trust with the regular source of income, along with the membership subscriptions and the Club 100, that allows the Trust to continue to restore the Arm.

Prizes will include the 'usual suspects' headed by the week's canal boat hire generously donated by Wyvern Shipping and as the weeks roll by many others will be added to the 'and many other prizes' category listed on the tickets. If you want to look at the current list of prizes then go to the WAT website and they'll be listed in the summer Newsletter and there you'll find £10 worth of tickets. Buy them all if you can – don't forget you can sell them to family, friends, work colleagues and neighbours too – and if you can sell more all you need to do is to give Michael Wright a phone call, or use the Trust's general telephone number. We do appreciate that some of you, for various reasons, simply do not buy Draw tickets but it is easier to send a few tickets to all Members rather than to try to work by exception. You could always give a donation if you don't want to buy tickets!

The counterfoils and money must be returned by **Saturday 18 August 2018** and the draw will take place at the Restoration Open Day at Drayton Beauchamp on **Sunday 2 September 2018**.

Please do not send the tickets back and keep the counterfoils, the tickets are just the purchaser's receipt. Cheques to be made payable to *Wendover Arm Trust* and please put your address on the back of the cheque; any problems we can then resolve with you. Please don't send cash through the post. We do not need unsold tickets to be returned.

Draw promoter: Michael Wright, 54, Meadowcroft, St. Albans. Herts. AL1 1UF ☎ 01727 860137

# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Other than the article about GDPR on the next page there is little to report.

Traditionally the winter months have been a period of retrenchment for the Trust and it's only when the weather's better and we go out and meet the public that we get new members. So, only two to report and a big welcome to:

**Michael and Rene Fordham**  
from Princes Risborough.  
**Marion Carter**  
from Watford

Sadly we say goodbye to:

**Jack Burnell (2000)**  
**Mr & Mrs Hopkins (2001)**  
**Ray & Barbara Waters, Doreen Palmer and Libby Culshaw (2004)**  
**John & Sheila Piddington (2007)**  
**William & Jean Lawley-Yorke (2009)**  
**Martin Dixon (2013)**  
**Chris Humphreys (2015)**  
**Paul Clark (2016)**  
and we have just been told that **Stewart Sloan**, one of the 1989 intake passed away a year ago.

## Membership Secretary's contact points

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## CLUB 100

### WINTER DRAW

The prizes winners were:

<b>1st</b>	<b>Colin Parlett</b>	<b>£247.20</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Margaret Leishman</b>	<b>£103.00</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Paul Deane</b>	<b>£41.20</b>

There were 206 subscribers to the Draw and the next will be held at the April meeting of Council

As you'll read elsewhere in the Newsletter with the withdrawal of our HLF bid we are likely to have to raise significantly more funds to complete our task. **Club 100** won't get the big sums we need but it's an easy way to raise regular modest sums with the advantage to the donors that there's the possibility of winning prizes. So we have no qualms about asking you to join—or to increase the number of subscriptions you take out and to this end an application form is stuffed in this edition.

To remind you, **Club 100** is a **members only** draw. Very sorry, if you a reading this as a non-member you cannot take part . . . Why not become a member then you can, and your £10 membership fee plus a £15 subscription buys you the chance to win about £250 four times in a given year. About 50% of the income is redistributed as prizes. Complete the form, return it to the Membership Secretary and she will send you the subscription form and, hey presto, you'll be in the next four draws.

# GDPR

## Initials that are striking fear into the hearts of Charity, Club and Association Committees

Uh? Many of you will be saying, what's GDPR and what has it got to do with me? A few will understand already but bear with us as we explain to the many who don't know what this is all about and what it means to you.

You all will probably know that there's a thing called the Data Protection Act – it's been around a long time. GDPR, the General Data Protection Regulation, overlays this and is a EU harmonisation regulation. 'Hang on a mo', we hear you say, 'What about Brexit?' Sorry folks we can't invoke that excuse! GDPR is being taken into the UK's new Data Protection Act that's currently going through Parliament but it's not yet law and won't be before GDPR's implementation date at the end of May.

Although mainly intended to control large organisations who process your data (for example, when you buy things on-line) and may flog it off to other people, etc. GDPR's tentacles spread widely and small organisations, for instance your local cricket club, the WI and others become involved. WAT also. The term 'data' is widely drawn, these days you tend to think of data as 'electronic' but they are hard-copy records too, and anything else that identifies you.

For you, GDPR is valuable. Organisations, like WAT, must now specify why they need to keep your data; they need to get your positive agreement to their keeping them; they must not keep them for longer than is necessary; they must keep data securely and you now have a right to ask an organisation what data it holds on you without being

charged for that service – something that's important when dealing with commercial organisations who can Hoover-up anything they find out about you. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, you have a 'right to be forgotten', you can tell an organisation not to keep any or all of your data.

What does this mean for WAT and for you as our members and contacts? We have to specify to you what data we need to keep on you and to get your agreement to this so, one of the stuffers in this edition is a data use agreement which we ask you to sign and return to us.

### THIS IS IMPORTANT

Why? We can pester you for a while to get you to sign but within about a year, if you haven't replied then the Trust will need to delete your data from all of its records and will no longer be able to contact you so, you'll get no Newsletters, no reminders of subscription renewals and no information about the Trust or its activities.

So PLEASE do it now. Where there are family or partner members the signature of one implies acceptance by everyone. For preference to minimise the cost to the Trust, scan the completed form and send by email to the Membership Secretary. If you can't then return the form in the reply paid envelope enclosed.

Is there any good news in this? Yes, there is; any data you acquire or hold for your personal or domestic use are not affected by GDPR so you can continue to keep and expand and use your contacts lists, electronic or otherwise, without restriction.

## December 2017

The December work party again went very well with fifteen metres of banking on both sides profiled, lined, blocked and backfilled. We then went on to more bulk excavation and profiling in preparation for lining the next section.

## January 2018

The outer gate to our site was wrecked over the Christmas period so we've had to buy and install a new one. A minor nuisance you might think but it diverts us from the task of restoration and it has a cost consequence.

Before we could begin we had to spend a day pumping water from the canal – we have to keep reminding ourselves that the canal was abandoned because it leaked!

Heavy snow over Christmas, the freeze and then the rapid thaw caused some slippage of the newly filled banking and remedial work on this further diverted our efforts. We then spent the remainder of the work party in survey work, bank clearing and bulk excavation in preparation for the next stage of profiling.

Those of you who regularly walk the towpath will know that the offside bank between Bridge 4 and the cart track at Little Tring has become very overgrown. scrub-bashing has started (an ideal way to keep warm in the cold winter weather) and is greatly improving the appearance of the canal.

Because we've had so little water flowing to

Drayton Beauchamp due to a combination of low ground water levels affecting the flow at Wendover and more seriously, excessive reed growth in the canal up stream for Drayton Beauchamp impeding the flow, the restored sections began to dry out, a problem both for the wildlife that's colonised the restored sections in abundance and for the stability of the new lining. To alleviate any drying-out problem in future we deepened the channels in the bunds to improve the flow from one section into the next. Thankfully, CRT began to cut the reeds this month and already flows are much improved

## February 2018

February fill-dyke is the old saying and so it proved to be. It wasn't possible to continue with profiling and lining due to the extremely wet and muddy conditions on site. To attempt to do so would not have been at all sensible as we would have caused more harm than good by churning up the bed of the canal. So we spent the majority of the work party continuing to clear the undergrowth along the off side bank between Bridge 4 and the cart track, with it in check it will help this section of canal, always notoriously wet, to dry out more quickly and not remain such a quagmire.

The other task this month was to dig some trial holes within our compound to determine the exact line of the former canal bed through the old tip at Little Tring. When the boundaries were



pegged out in 1997 the existing offside fence was assumed by BW to be correct but when WAT subsequently installed the towpath side fence we nearly lost a crowbar into loose ash in the canal bed, leading us to realise that the line of the canal strayed a bit off course.

### **March 2018**

While February was wet March started off by being fffffreeezing cold and snowy, not really weather to do much restoration work.

The first two days were called off, resuming on the Sunday to continued clearing the offside scrub. The subsequent four days we spent laying the next twenty metres of bed lining and almost getting it finished by the time the week ended. A sterling effort in trying conditions and we should raise our glasses to the hardy souls on that work party.

### **Whitehouses**

CRT has agreed with our proposal to refill the cellars after an archaeological survey that's now been completed. CRT are very keen on carrying out this work themselves as part of their programme of interaction between their staff and restoration groups, we wait to see what happens!

The false weir – the saga continues: the design is complete and CRT has approached their contractors with a view to their carrying out the work. The estimate needs to be finalised following further investigation to include site visits. Wendover Arm Trust has always agreed to cover the cost of the work.

### **Work Party Schedules**

All work parties run from Friday through to the following Thursday

**6 to 12 April**

**4 May to 10 May**

**1 June to 7 June**

**(June 3 is our summer  
Restoration Open Day)**

To volunteer contact Ray Orth:

✉ [restoration2@wendoverarmtrust.co.uk](mailto:restoration2@wendoverarmtrust.co.uk)

### **New Team Leader**

Michael Wright (not the Michael Wright who runs the Annual Grand Draw for us) has agreed to be a Team Leader at working parties.

### **. . . and a (probable) departure**

Ray Orth, our Deputy Restoration Director has told us that he and Jo are giving serious consideration to a move to Dorset to be near his son and his wife.

Ray says, '[with the failure of the HLF bid]. . . we find ourselves well and truly back in the driving seat and are likely to be in that position for the foreseeable future. However, I firmly believe that the time is right and it would be of great help and benefit to the Trust if it took this opportunity to recruit and develop some new blood to work with CRT, possible sponsors and supporters etc. and take the restoration forward into the next decade (at least) and on to the next phase of restoration and eventual completion.

For this reason Jo and I have made the decision to go ahead immediately with our plans and investigations into moving,

hopefully within the next 12 months or so. Obviously all our plans are heavily dependent on all the various complications regarding finding a property, selling our own etc.'

## Tidy Fridays

Remedial work continues on the Whitehouses site as you will see in the pictures, clearing the area and preparing the proposed picnic site. The group had hoped to transplant the promised saplings from Holy Trinity Prestwood but the plan was thwarted when the van wouldn't start so that job will have now to wait until the autumn.

The group would like donations of English spring bulbs and primroses to plant by the footpath along the glade to Whitehouses and Jenny Brice would like to hear from you if you can offer any. Contact her at:

✉ [jenny@johnbrice.co.uk](mailto:jenny@johnbrice.co.uk)

The dates for the next three months are:

**Friday 13 April**

**Friday 11 May**

**Friday 8 June**

If you'd like to help the group contact John Reynolds in advance on:

☎ 07787355515 or

✉ [scubajr4@gmail.com](mailto:scubajr4@gmail.com)

Meet at 9am at Little Tring, bring a picnic lunch, finish at 2pm. The work, although manual is not strenuous and would suit those who wish they could help with the restoration but feel they don't quite have the strength to do that work.

## After the HLF bid

Our front cover picture may seem to you to be a bit boring, a picture of mud, but the story behind it is far from boring and has far-reaching consequences on the future of the restoration.

The winter Newsletter gave you the news that our HLF bid had been withdrawn and a joint statement from WAT and CRT on the matter. Since then Council has had time to reflect on that decision and consider what courses of action can be taken now.

Firstly let us emphasise that WAT and CRT between them voluntarily withdrew the bid. The bid was NOT rejected by HLF.

### Why then was the bid withdrawn?

The cost estimate put forward to HLF included what seemed to be a very reasonable estimate of the costs of removing the tip to allow us to drive the restoration through on the canal's original line.

(For those of long-standing in WAT bear with us a moment while we explain for our more recent members who may not know to what we are referring:

The 'tip' is a section of infilled canal at Little Tring just beyond the winding hole and presently we use it as our work site for storage of materials – that's the front cover picture. Part was removed when the winding hole was built about a 250m length remains, then the profile of the canal continues towards Wendover, albeit waterless until bridge 4a. It was used about a century ago to deposit Local Authority

domestic waste with the agreement of the canal's owners at the time, the Grand Junction Canal Company. That is was domestic waste was confirmed about twenty years ago when we allowed bottle hunters to sift through the site looking for items of interest. What was found were bottles [and lots of them!], broken china, cooking pots, metal pots and pans, and a great deal of ash.)

When samples from the tip were taken and analysed during 2017, one of them showed high levels of lead and the others evidence of potentially toxic elements.

That they were found is not surprising; those of you 'of a certain age' will know, for instance, that paints up until fifty years ago were likely to contain lead so dumping them into domestic waste would give a contaminated landfill. Now, with our present level

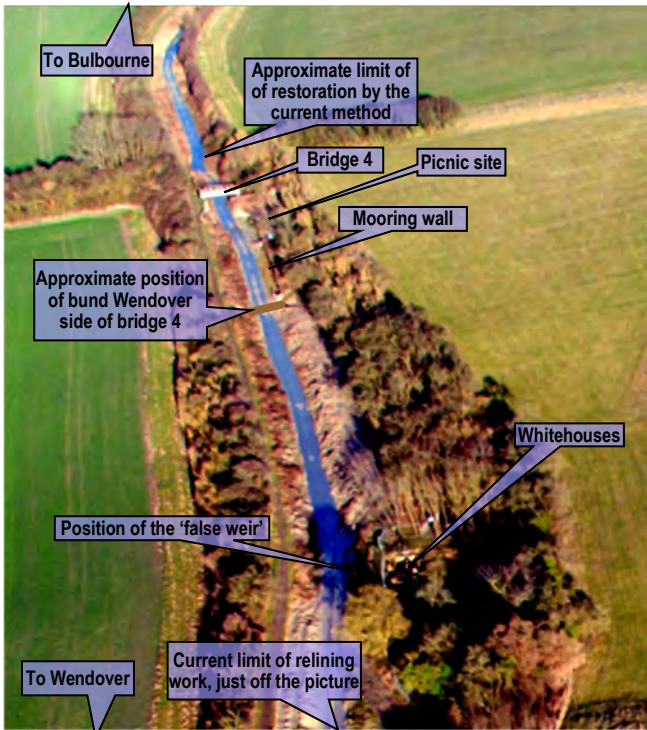
of control for environmental protection purposes, the contaminants mean that we cannot simply remove the tip and dump it elsewhere, it has to be disposed of carefully – and expensively; in broad terms this would have doubled the amount of money we'd have to ask HLF to provide.

As time was running out to tell HLF the definitive estimate for restoration and with no firm disposal route or costs for the tip, reluctantly we withdrew the bid. By doing this voluntarily we retain our credibility with HLF. If we had simply tried to press on regardless only to fall at

the final hurdle that credibility would have evaporated and with it our chances of success in any future bids.

### What now then?

One possible option is to restore the Arm as far as the tip and then call it a day, we'd then have two Wendover Arms, one connected to the network and a



Whitehouses and Bridge 4 area

Picture courtesy Anthony McGill©

disconnected length from the tip to Wendover. Although this could work in so far as CRT would be able to supply water from Wendover to the reservoirs and the summit it fails miserably in terms of the Trust's main object:

*To promote the restoration and maintenance of the Wendover Arm of the Grand Union Canal to good and navigable order'*

thus Council only wants to consider this as a last resort.

The alternative we are investigating is whether it's possible to construct a 'by pass' canal around the tip. It's early days for this yet, a lot of work to be done to examine it fully and to negotiate and get agreement from interested parties, but if we can then we would be able to leave the 'nasties' in place and it would release space for a public car park for visitors to the Arm and to the Pumping station.

Our aim then is to develop a full specification for the remaining entire length of restoration from bridge 4 to the winding hole at Little Tring, including any resolution to the problem of the tip. With the design and costings and time estimates agreed with options for a) carrying out the work entirely with volunteers, b) using contractors, c) using a combination of both contractors and volunteers, we can then look into how we are to achieve sufficient funding to enable the completion to take place.

### **In the meantime. . .**

We shall continue to restore the canal using the methods currently employed past Whitehouses up to and through Bridge 4 and as far as the first inspection chamber past the bridge. A 'stop plank'

facility for which the grooves are already installed will be put in the walls of the bridge.

The 'false weir' structure in front of Whitehouses will be completed by CRT at the Trust's expense before the relining goes beyond there.

At a suitable point between Whitehouses and before the mooring bay leading up to Bridge 4 we shall build a bund across the canal. The we can re-water from Bridge 4a and water can flow from the canal into Wilstone reservoir.

You might ask, 'Why here rather than under Bridge 4?' First, it will be easier to install the bund in this position rather than under the bridge. Second, it will allow the remainder of the lining, up to and through the bridge, to be carried out methodically and with care rather than to rush to get through the bridge within a specific time scale. Third, we can retain access to Whitehouses and be able to work on, and complete that site, finally opening it up to the public

By that time the specification and design for the 'alternative' agreed in the 'what now then' section above should have been adopted and the remainder of the restoration work can continue.

### **Finally, what about the money the Trust has spent on the aborted HLF bid?**

As you know from previous Newsletters the Trust had to allocate 'matched funding' to the bid (both stages) and the question, 'Have we wasted the money spent from WAT's coffers to date?' will

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# RESTORATION IN PICTURES DECEMBER 2017—FEBRUARY 2018

1. **December:** Laying hollow concrete blocks Picture: Stephen Bonsor
2. **December:** using the telescopic grab to clear offside brush Picture: Stephen Bonsor
3. **December:** at least the scrub we bashed could keep us a little bit warm! Picture: Stephen Bonsor
4. **February:** backfilling the bed in the mud (you can see at the bottom left where the backfilling on the walls has slipped in the wet weather) Picture: Stephen Sumner
5. **February:** profiling and laying Bentomat® on the next section to be blocked and backfilled Picture: Stephen Sumner
6. **February:** a tea-break in the snow. You can see the effect of removing the offside scrub Picture: Stephen Sumner



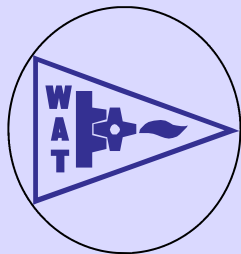
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# A WENDOVER TIMELINE — PART 2: 1800-1835

An edited version of Barry Martin's archive notes on matters relating to the Wendover Arm

**1800:** Tring summit was connected at its northern end to the section to Fenny Stratford and it became quickly apparent that the water supply from Wendover was inadequate

**1802:** The problems that beset the Arm for the next century became apparent when leakage was reported and 'urgent repairs' were started

**1802:** The Canal's Committee sought estimates from John Woodhouse for a steam engine at the Bulbourne summit (at Wilstone – 'Whitehouses') and a plan and estimate for the construction of a reservoir as Jessop's proposal on the stream below. The Committee contracted Woodhouse in a consortium with the Tissingtons in June that year for the erection of an 'improved' second-hand Newcomen engine and associated buildings. The Woodhouse/Tissington consortium was bankrupted in August by changes to the Blisworth tunnel plan and his son agreed to work on the Wilstone pumping engine

**1815:** Construction work begins on another new reservoir at Startops End

**1817:** The GJCC place a contract with Boulton and Watt to supply and erect a beam engine to pump water from Tringford reservoir (under construction)

**1817:** in the summer Startopsend and Tringford reservoirs are complete; the former takes overflow from Marsworth reservoir, the latter from Tring drainage.

**1817:** Construction starts on Tringford pumping station.

**1821:** William Praed, first Chairman of the GJCC retires

**1824:** Thursday 9 September, two ladies drowned in the wide section near Perch Bridge when their horse-drawn skiff overturned. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

1800

**1803:** June – the heading to Wilstone reservoir to the pump complete (*A survey in 1990 showed this heading still to be in good condition.*)  
Autumn – extensive infrastructure repairs between Whitehouses and Bulbourne Junction

**1810:** William Grover purchased a triangle of land at Gammel with the purpose of erecting a windmill, a wharf and setting himself up as a wharfinger to trade goods. The wharf was soon built but the windmill . . .when?

**1814:** The GJCC under pressure to start on the Aylesbury Arm (authorised in 1794) obtained an Act to construct an additional reservoir at Marsworth to feed this Arm and work began on Tringford reservoir in April.

**1814:** A temporary engine was ordered to pump water from Weston Turville reservoir when the Arm was short of water; most likely it was a Newcomen engine and installed by John Woodhouse Jr. Its exact location is unknown but part of its fabric may have been discovered in the 1990s near to Perch Cottage

**1818:** August – Tringford pumping station and engine complete and functioning

**1820:** Messrs Boulton and Watt report on the state of the engines at Braunston, Tringford and Wilstone. The Company orders Messrs Boulton and Watt to send 'a proper person' to repair them – particularly Wilstone.

**1820:** Bryant's 1820/21 map shows a windmill at Gammel Wharf.

**1825:** Favourable report on Tringford and Wilstone engines on re-inspection by Messrs Boulton and Watt.

**1827:** Wilstone No.1 reservoir again enlarged by raising its banks, capacity to 1400 locks.

1835

*The timeline is marked at approximately 5-year intervals*

## Thomas the Tortoise

It has always been a moment of some trepidation. While winter runs its course, Thomas our tortoise is in a controlled hibernation, safely in her own space waiting for the weather to warm up. We reach the day when it is time to wake (warm) up, and we have food, water, heat lamp and hide ready. Mostly, after a period of warming baths, and a session under the lamp, Thomas takes a gulp of water and maybe a bite of cucumber, and we know all is well.

Not this time.

Thomas of course is mostly well known to Trust members – especially those who have seen her (Thomas = Thomasina really) at various events where the Trust has appeared. She could often be found next to the WAT marquee, within sight but safely away from over eager children and dogs.

It is usual for us to take her with us on our canal-boat travels; she sits in her 'penthouse' pen on top of the boat, watching the world go by and is quite well-travelled across the canal network. When we moor up, we try to choose a spot with space suitable for her mobile pen to be erected, so she can stretch her legs and forage for weed. Over the years she collected donations from

casual passers-by, with all monies going to WAT. At some locations (e.g. Stoke Bruerne) locals stop to renew acquaintance with her from previous years.

We lost her a couple of times.

Once she wandered off (escaped) to an adjacent stream on the Southern Oxford Canal. It was only after all the boat traffic had passed and peace once more descended that we found her by listening for the sound of her pushing through the bracken. We remember the time she invaded someone's garden and sampled multiple strawberries by taking a single bite out of each. She also tried to break into the

grounds of Hampton Court from the tow-path. Luckily we were able to save her from being arrested or worse!

All this may read somewhat like a eulogy, unfortunately it is.



When Thomasina came out of her hibernation quarters (on Mothering Sunday) she appeared very sluggish. That would be normal at 5°C, but as she was warmed up, there was no sign of a response. Repeated checks confirmed the sad and unexpected fact that she had not survived. She'd been fine at bi-weekly checks throughout her hibernation – weight, appearance, response – but when it came to waking up, she didn't make it.

Thomasina was rescued by us some 46 years ago, and when her estimated age



then was added she reached a grand total of some 75 or 76 years old. It's possible that in time we could acquire another young tortoise. We would probably get a great deal of enjoyment watching it grow and could introduce it

to the places we know from experience are suitable for a tortoise to visit. But however much time and care we invest with a new tortoise, we will always remember Thomas with affection.

Thomasina 1943-2018 RIP

## FUND-RAISING UPDATE

We've been using Golden Giving as our fund-raising partner for some time now and 2018 marks its 10th anniversary. Golden Giving is a local organisation (based in Aldbury) that the Trust uses to manage its donations, subscriptions and gift aid. It's a not-for-profit organisation run by a group of committed IT professionals, who believe in giving back and their CEO, Nathan Pinkney, says it's been a wonderful experience to support so many great causes over the last 10

years and he looks forward to the next 10 years, supporting good causes and creating social good. Nathan says the organisation has 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary goals of enrolling 3000 charities and good causes, which he says will yield over £22million extra to them compared with using for-profit giving platforms. Certainly WAT has been very pleased with the service, low cost and speed with which contributions are posted to our bank account and we wish them well.

It's every so easy—and we've told you this before. Indeed, we keep banging on about it and make no apologies for doing so as it's a painless, costless, effortless way of donating to the Trust whenever you buy on-line so why have we still only got 62 supporters? At the time of going to press those 62 gallant supporters have raised nearly £1850 for the Trust and the leading fund-raiser has raised almost £300.

**Psst...!**  
Raise **free donations** when you shop online!

- 1 **Visit:** [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)
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From: Nick Parker on 12th March 2018

'Keep up the good work on the restoration and good luck with the continuation of the Heritage Lottery bid, despite the setback.'

Sending us £1,000.00 plus £250.00 Gift Aid, the third such donation Nick has made.

The trust's grateful thanks to you Nick for your generosity

*Restoration update (Continued from page 12)*  
surely occur to some. The answer is emphatically no as the money spent has been a small fraction of the 'matched funding' and this spend has provided us with environmental and

accessibility audits, community involvement principles and design suggestions as to how to reconstruct the canal beyond bridge 4.

## Hemel School Dragons Apprentices support Waterways Experiences

A group of sixth-formers from Hemel Hempstead School helped take a party of disadvantaged people on a trip on the canal and then decided to make Waterways Experience their chosen charity for the year.

Based by the canal in Kings Langley Waterways Experiences is a volunteer-run charity that takes disadvantaged people on canal boat trips.

Apart from generating a lot of interest and enthusiasm for canals as a result the

Dragons Apprentices have now raised over £2200 against their target of £1000 and are planning more events to raise money for the charity.

John Bennett, a WAT member, is the organiser of the Dragons and one of the students and co-organiser is our chairman's grandson Adam (who you may remember waited on tables at the AGM last October.)

Well done all!

## WAT AGM

Maybe you think it's a bit early to be talking about the AGM in October but as we are now at the end of our financial year Council has been giving thought to the date, venue and format of the meeting.

The date was easy, this year it will be on Wednesday 31 October.

The venue and format resulted in a lot of discussion and the decision is to move away from Green Park, our venue for the past four years, and have an afternoon meeting in Wilstone Village Hall with a speaker (tba), and tea and cakes.

So, put it in your diaries:

**AGM Wednesday 31 October at 2.30pm in Wilstone Village Hall**

. . . and you can always go to the Half Moon for lunch beforehand, Guy and Abi will welcome you, they do some great grub.

## From the Archives

Below are two pictures from Ivan Cane's portfolio from his boating trips around the country. Ivan is Chairman of the North Walsham and Dilham Canal Trust and a trailboater. They were taken during his visit to the Wendover Arm in 1961. Our thanks to Ivan for his permission to reproduce them.



**Left:** the pumping station, before the boats were dumped there. The towpath is overgrown and looks impassable

**Right:** looking through Little Tring Bridge. You can just about see an old metal gate and barbed wire preventing access to the bed of the canal beyond the bridge



## News from our Neighbours

### BUCKINGHAM CANAL SOCIETY

Has been awarded a LEADER grant of £70k. With a donation of £10k from IWA plus some of its own funds, the materials and plant hire for the reconstruction of bridge 1 at Cosgrove are now funded. After a lot of excavation work and foundations testing rebuilding is now underway. Beyond a temporary bund at Bridge 1 the newly dredged 200m of canal beyond it is filling nicely with rainwater. The Society sounds very chipper!

### B & MK TRUST

Their 'John Bunyan' trip boat had its most successful year to date despite having less cruising time as the boat was out of action for three weeks for a 5-yr service. With a 75% load factor and more passengers income was up and more profit went back to the Trust.

The Trust is planning to 'MARK THE ROUTE' with footpaths, benches, art work and way-markers and have a £8300 grant from the Central Bedfordshire Green Infrastructure project.

## FROM THE WEBMASTER

Hello! As you will have seen from Chris' Chairman's report, I've taken over from him as the Trust's Webmaster.

Let me introduce myself to those of you who don't know me, I'm Clive and I have been a regular attender at WAT work parties for many years, since the days of scrub clearance for the initial restoration through Little Tring bridge. I've been helping canal restorations since my early teens, on the Southern Stratford, then what we now call the Cotswold canals, then the Basingstoke. Having recently retired from an IT career, I've got time to be webmaster, as well as sending out Roger's bi-monthly work party newsletters to the Restoration Volunteers.

I see our WAT website as part of our shop window (alongside Facebook, Twitter and our Newsletters, which continue to be managed by others.)

My objective is a clearer message if you land on our website for the first time, whether you use PC or mobile. The

website is too 'busy', and I shall ask Council to agree our key messages which we'd most like the website to shout about.

Everything else will still be there for enthusiasts who want to browse it all, but in sub-menus. For example:

- what WAT is all about – why we are doing what we do.
- a big section on the restoration itself
- then, maybe, fund-raising
- events – where you can come and meet us
- and green credentials

or maybe you can suggest something more important? Let me know:

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### Fetes, Festivals and Open Days

- 7 May: Aldbury Fete
- 27 May: Wendover Celebrates
- 23 June: Tring Carnival
- 28 July: Linslade Canal Festival
- 23 September: My Wild Chiltern Event  
College Lake (BBOWT)
- date TBC: Tringford Pumping Station

### Restoration Open Days

3 June and 2 September

### Educational Events

School visit:  
TBA during the Spring term

### 2Arms on 2Legs fun-run

16 September

We cannot do this without new volunteer help during 2018. We have a great band already that joins us in different capacities e.g. helping at the gazebo, selling draw tickets, obtaining memberships – being tour guides and selling our small range of bespoke stock – but we need more.

## Will you join us in 2018?

*any help would be appreciated*

## Local IWA Branch Events

### CHILTERN BRANCH

Little Chalfont Village Hall, Cokes Lane, Little Chalfont HP8 4UD.

25 April at 8pm **Captain John Hutchinson will talk about Concorde and other things**

### MILTON KEYNES BRANCH

17 April at Cruck Barn, Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre, Bradwell Abbey, Alston Drive, Milton Keynes, MK13 9AP

Joint meeting with MKNatural History Socy:

#### Speaker on wildlife

### CHILTERN BRANCH AUTUMN WEEK-END AWAY 21-23 SEPTEMBER 2018

This year we are looking again at the Basingstoke Canal on the Friday (a different section from our last visit) and will have a 2½ hour fish-and-chip luncheon cruise on the canal. Then to our hotel at Lower Beeding where we stay for two nights

On Saturday we look at restoration progress on the Wey and Arun with a 2½ hour luncheon cruise on the canal.

Sunday is the tradition day for the railway buffs and we visit the Bluebell Railway with a freedom pass. Then at the end of a day steaming backwards and forwards along the line, back home

Cost is £295pp (£50 single supplement.)  
The cost is all-in except for lunch on Sunday, personal items, insurance and beverages.

Anyone is welcome, Branch Member or not and to register an interest contact:  
Colin Bird ✉colinbird@waterways.org.uk  
or Dave Chapman ☎07808 720555



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## **. . . and the last word, from the Editor**

My apologies for the lateness of this issue, it wasn't until almost a month after the copy deadline that sufficient copy began to appear to make anything like a Newsletter; until then you'd probably have had pages and pages of recipes from the Editor's cookbook!

I'd commend to you the article on 'After the HLF bid' and thank Ray Orth for the essential draft of it. Also I ask you to read carefully and respond to the Trust's request that you re-permission it to hold your data and, indeed, some of you who've been members for years will never have been asked about the Trust's holding and use of your data. It's a blessed nuisance we know, but it's made the Trust think about why we keep the data we have, how we use it and how we protect it – let's hope some good will thus come of it.

Two bits of 'stop-press' news . The first: we've had a donation of £300 from Milton Keynes IWA and out grateful thanks go to them. The second: this will be Michael Wright's last year in charge of the Grand Draw. Over the time Michael (with his wife Greta's help) has been running it he's managed to double its return. In the absence of a Festival to provide income it's made a very valuable contribution to our restoration fund. We'll be putting out a job advert soon to seek a new Draw Manager – it's not a Council post so you won't have to turn up every month for meetings. Just maybe we have an 'expert' Draw organiser out there who'd volunteer to do the job?

# Yet More Grand Days Out!

The date is booked



The boat is booked

The grub is being organised

All we need NOW is for **YOU** to book your place

The date for the first boat trip this year is Tuesday 8 May.

We will depart Cow Roast at 10am cruise through the Tring Cutting to the end of the Wendover Arm. At the winding hole we'll stop those for who want to see the restoration team at work to go on a guided walk. Then a buffet lunch on-board and cruise back to Cow Roast by about 4.30pm.

There will be plenty of opportunity for you to 'have a go' under our helmsman's expert tuition – or just relax and enjoy the trip (about nine miles in total)

The cost is £30 per person including morning coffee, lunch, soft drinks and afternoon tea.

You can book your friends and family in too.

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With our thanks in advance



# WENDOVER ARM TRUST

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Approved by Wendover Arm Trust, Council Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018

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