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- To promote the restoration of the Wendover Arm of the Grand Union Canal linking the town of Wendover in Buckinghamshire to the Grand Union Canal at Bulbourne Hertfordshire (hereinafter called 'The Waterway' which shall include all waterways, buildings, works and structures associated therewith) to good and navigable order and to maintain and improve The Waterway for the use and benefit of the public.
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- To restore, reconstruct, preserve and maintain canals and inland waterways and works and buildings auxiliary thereto generally provided that such objects shall be carried out in a manner beneficial to the public and recognised by the law of England as charitable.

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Contributions are welcome on any topic related to the Wendover Arm, its construction, history, wildlife and restoration. Letters, articles, photographs, drawings and maps are acceptable. All material will be acknowledged, credited if used and returned. Please send any contributions to:

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EDITORIAL

Well, after eighteen years, the weather finally caught up with us over the Festival weekend causing an almost complete wash-out!

Continuous rain on the Sunday led to only a few hardy souls braving the unpleasant conditions, and by Monday morning the state of the ground coupled with a forecast of more unremitting rain led to the cancellation of the second day of the event. This was unprecedented in the by now long history of the Festival. Apart from the disappointment caused to all concerned, this means that our major fundraising event of the year has failed to raise any funds, and indeed has made a small net loss.

Fortunately, the Trust does not live from hand to mouth so there will be no immediate effect on restoration activity. However, the loss of our usual income from the Festival (£40,000 last year and £57,000 the year before) will inevitably impact on the overall timescale to finish the job; we will still rebuild and restore the Arm, but it may now take a little longer than we had hoped.

This makes it even more important that our next fundraising event, 'Walk an Arm's Length' ON SUNDAY 16th SEPTEMBER is a success. Those of you who participated last time (in 2005) will know that it makes an enjoyable day out so, if you haven't yet registered to take part, DO SO NOW! Please also persuade your friends, relatives, neighbours and anybody with an interest in canals, walking or the countryside to come along. A registration form is included in the magazine.

As this newsletter goes to press, this year's major nine day working party has just taken place with some good progress made at Drayton Beauchamp – read about it in the Restoration Report in this edition.

Finally, notification of this year's Trust AGM is given in this issue. Please do make the effort to come along and support the occasion which provides a welcome opportunity for Trust members to get together and hear about progress direct from your Council.

OBITUARY - ROGER LEWIS

Wendover Arm Trust President Roger Lewis died on 28th April, 2007. To summarise the extensive contribution of one man to the Trust in just a few words seems somehow to trivialise his life.

Trivialise is not a word which springs to mind when looking at Roger Lewis' life. He applied apparently boundless energy and enthusiasm to those endeavours which captured his imagination. Foremost among those was the Wendover Arm Trust and our work to reinstate the canal. Roger didn't mind if a few feathers were ruffled in his drive to get the restoration underway. He may have been single minded at times, but with no malice in his actions or words, and mostly those around him recognised that.

In fact Roger set great store by doing things the 'proper way' with old fashioned etiquette. He would readily set aside any personal embarrassment involved in raising objections or complaints if it meant that social 'wrong' could be righted.

This readiness to get stuck in generated a great deal of respect in those who knew him, whether or not they shared his views. Many of us were cajoled and persuaded by Roger to support the Trust and its work, and as Chairman of the Trust and also our Annual Festival, he was best placed to get others involved.

Roger didn't just restrict his support to social matters. He also carried out an immense amount of practical work 'behind the scenes'. This could be tractor driving at the Festival, shrub-bashing at work parties or giving talks to local societies, to give just a few examples.

In fact, just a few days before his illness overtook him, and whilst confined to his bed, he was still selling Festival programme advertising over the telephone.

Roger was a truly major force in the setting up of the Trust and in helping it achieve its goals. He was Trust and Festival Chairman for many years and in fact to many people the Trust was Roger Lewis.

Certainly not an achievement to be trivialised.

The Trust has opened a memorial fund in Roger's honour, with a view to having something tangible erected for us all to remember him by.

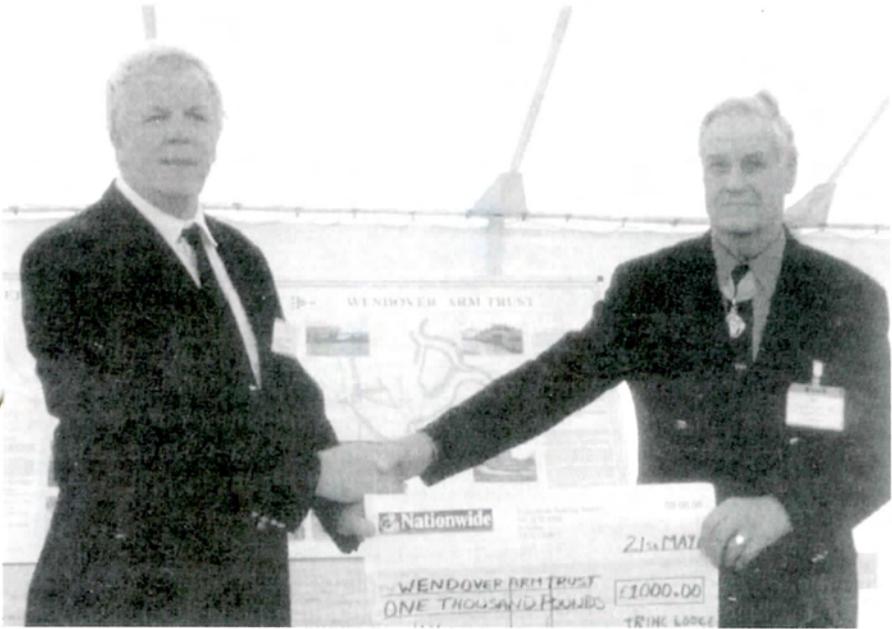
Whatever form that memorial takes, in the long run a fitting tribute will be when we complete the work Roger dreamt of and devoted his time to.

A condolence book will be available at the WAT AGM for anybody to add their comments to. Afterwards the condolence book will be presented to Roger's widow, Sheila.

I know I speak for us all when I say Roger will be sorely missed.

Bob Wheal

WAT Chairman



Roger Lewis(r) handing over a donation to Bob Wheal at the 2003 Festival

WHEN AND HOW CAN WE FINISH THE RESTORATION?

The new Group, reported in the May edition of 'Wendover Arm News', has now had its first two meetings, and the members have walked along the canal to see first-hand the issues to be tackled.

To cover the wide range of issues involved, the Group had adopted the title "THE WENDOVER WATERWAY GROUP" under which name their progress will in future be reported.

The principle objective is to facilitate fundraising, but before that is possible firm, costed plans are essential. Such plans must, of course, have been agreed by all interested parties. To get to the stage of having firm, costed and agreed plans may even require intermediate fundraising to cover the cost of professional studies and/or reports.

Two sub-groups have been set up to look in detail at the two issues with highest priority and we will keep you informed of progress.

In parallel, the Group will need to develop links with as many other bodies and organisations with an interest in the canal as possible.

Their support will be vital ingredient when seeking funds in the future.

RESTORATION REPORT

First to report is the completion and opening for public use of footbridges 4 and 4a. They were opened in time for the Festival although, due to the atrocious conditions, few would have ventured along that weekend to see them..... Most of the work was done at the early May weekend working party, where we were joined by members of the Kent & East Sussex Canal Restoration Group, stalwart helpers in our restoration. Bridge 4 (Pat Saunders Bridge) could be opened immediately, on 7th May but bridge 4a (The Chiltern Bridge) had to wait until replacements for the vandalised steps arrived. These arrived in the nick of time for the Festival weekend, allowing it to be opened for public use on 27th May. Because the Public Footpaths have not yet been legally diverted over the bridges, the original routes across the canal bed must also be maintained for the time being. However, most walkers are using the bridges.

The major summer nine day working party took place from 28th July to 6th August, and fortunately enjoyed good weather - although the long approach route along the dry bed from Little Tring to Drayton Beauchamp was anything but dry to start with; deep mud did not make the movement of plant any easier!

The objective was to commence lining with Bentomat and concrete blocks, working back from Drayton Beauchamp. Before this could be done the pipe conveying the water under the bed had to be capped with reinforced concrete, to prevent any future problems should the pipe collapse. 150 metres of this capping were already in place, up to the first manhole into the pipe beyond the present sump, and the manhole itself was capped with a concrete slab in May.

A length has been successfully completed, using the final method adopted after previous trials. After re-profiling the channel, and consolidating the earth, the Bentomat lining is laid. The sloping sides (at approximately 45 degrees) up to final water level are protected by a wall of hollow concrete blocks, which are keyed in with cement at the bottom. The hollows in the blocks are also filled with cement, once laid in place, to tie them together and strengthen the structure.

Once the wall is complete, it is capped with coir rolls which are held in place by compacted earth laid on the remaining (above water level) part of the bank. This will soon re-generate with vegetation. Finally, the Bentomat on the level centre section of the canal bed is covered with a layer of spoil for protection.



Bridge 4a (Chiltern) open, and being used as a 'resting place with view' by walkers! Note how it is already blending into the vegetation.



The canal takes shape at Drayton Beauchamp. On the extreme right is a fully completed section, with coir rolls and earth topping the blocks. See cover picture for Bentomat being laid on flat bottom of channel and covered with spoil for protection.

As usual with the work done by our volunteers, the result is very neat and professional looking and will result in a most attractive length of rural canal with vegetation right down to water level on both sides. A learning experience from this working party, the first to really tackle the adopted method 'in earnest', is that due to the restricted and somewhat tortuous

access it can be counter-productive to tackle all aspects of the job simultaneously. Rather than attempting profiling, consolidation, Bentomat laying, block laying, coir roll installing and bank finishing all together it will be more productive in future to concentrate on doing one, or a limited, number of tasks at a time.



The Church of St.Mary, Drayton Beauchamp, the only Grade I listed building along the arm. It will be specially open for teas on Sunday 16th September for WAAL so take the opportunity to visit it then.

FESTIVAL 2007

The run-up to this year's Festival went smoothly, with warm dry weather and a lovely firm field..... Setting-up was therefore a pleasant job, much easier than the quagmire of last year which stretched our faithful organisers to the limit. However, the weather forecast for the coming Sunday and Monday did not bode well, with rain and implausibly low temperatures predicted - could it really be that bad?

It was. The rain arrived on cue at about eight on Sunday morning and was still coming down, without a break, at nightfall on Monday. Overnight, strong northerly winds added to the downpour dropping the temperature to 5C by Monday morning, conditions more typical in December than late May. Indeed, it was the coldest recorded day in late May for 50 years. The miserable conditions on Sunday meant that few visitors turned out, and who could blame them? Conditions on the Monday morning left the organisers with a very difficult decision - whether to try and soldier on or close the event a day early. Eight gazebos had blown down, one of the main marquees needed re-guying and other traders had damaged stands, stock or displays. No birds of prey would be flying, no outside entertainment would be possible and no steam in the traction engines. The car park was a slippery mess and any vehicles venturing onto the site might not be able to get out again.....

Taking all this into consideration, the painful decision was taken to cancel Monday's Festival, the first time in eighteen years that this has happened. There is a substantial amount of fixed cost incurred in staging the Festival (marquee and toilet hire, for example) which has to be paid irrespective of income so there were concerns that we would have made a large loss. However, when the sums were totted up afterwards we were relieved to find that the loss was not as great as had perhaps been feared, although obviously still a great disappointment, and still a loss that we can ill afford. Particularly heartbreaking is that all the effort put in by the Festival Committee and helpers was to no avail. The site looked magnificent this year, well laid out and signed; our visitors, had they have been able to come, would have enjoyed a splendid event.....

The following article, kindly submitted by Trust member Samantha Elgar just about sums it up.....

THE EPIC ADVENTURE OF 2007

Monday 28th May, 2007

Today was the last day of this year's Wendover, well sort of, as officially today was cancelled!

Beer tent opened on schedule though and formation drinks were had. So not all was lost (unlike contents of the BW tent, last seen flying OVER the fairground rides)!

This evening, I shall make a record of the adventure which has been the 18th Festival.

Actually left Peartree, Milton Keynes, 3 weeks ago and got as far as Fenny lock before it started to RAIN. Travelled down to Marsworth in the RAIN and finally down the Arm in the RAIN.

Had to work week two of the adventure so a car shuffle was arranged. Steve (Tequila Sunrise) turned up in his Landrover which did the job, even if hard and bumpy in the back and of course leaked in the RAIN.

The Wednesday before the Festival Graham (Wilfanza) and I decided we'd stroll a little further down where the Arm will continue to Wendover. It was a really pleasant and interesting 'stroll' so we walked further and further and accidentally ended up in Wendover!

[ED: I hope you're doing it again on WAAL....] Our feet hurt by this point and Jasper (Graham's Labrador), being nearly 10, did not relish the thought of a return walk. We decided to get the bus to Tring, but there wasn't one 'till Thursday! So, a cab was decided upon, but the only driver who takes dogs wasn't in 'till Thursday..... We had to send Steve and his trusty Landrover an SOS (and I got in the back again).

Thursday I had large blisters on my feet, due to the totally unsuitable footwear worn on the previous day's 'stroll'.

Friday it all began! We donned our pink badges and at 7pm the beer tent opened. Milton Keynes Formation Drinking Team signs went up, new improved industrial drinking carriers appeared (milk bottle carriers with chalk boards for orders) and we drank in formation! [Ed: now I see why the losses were not as great as feared.....]

Saturday we got excited as the traction engines arrived, and we sang and danced in the bar and then noticed the RAIN. Well it always rains a 'bit' at the Wendover, but this RAIN did not stop until this evening!

Sunday we sloshed around the site and sheltered in the beer tent.

Then came the evening with of course the RAIN and also now the WIND! First casualty the BW tent which took off in a dramatic fashion, straight over the 50ft high fairground rides. After that bit of drama, formation drinking resumed, to be interrupted by a flurry of Tanoy announcements:

- all traders please ensure your marquees are secure
- if the Indian food traders are here, please retrieve your marquee from the top gate (Ken - Chipp quote: The MAKERS of Indian food suffering from wind, now that's justice.)

- campers please be aware there are two loose tents on the pitch
- anyone with a tent or marquee please check it immediately.....or you won't have one

The BBQs were lit and in true Brit style, people actually stood out there in the RAIN and gale force WINDS, dodging flying debris and used them! The beer tent roof began to leak and the bands equipment began to fail. Somebody donned flippers and began drinking beer poured down his snorkel! We were able to see our breath, as in January temperatures. With teeth chattering Mike (Bramble) was heard to say "I'm not sure how much longer I'm able to go on enjoying myself for". I managed to get Jasper the Labrador to lie on what I believed to be my feet, even though I couldn't actually feel anything there.

Up and out by 9.30am this morning for gate duties and in my wellies, managed to see the funny side of the lake I waded through on the tow path. Arrived to find, however, that both gates had blown away in the night and the event cancelled! Managed to get invited under the tarpaulin of the only stall not blown away and got a few bits. The bar opened at £2 a pint, then dropped to £1. Then Ken (Chipp) became auctioneer for leftover bottles, cans, cakes etc.. Continuing on to bin bags, no public access signs, a £5 note and even an invisible carrier bag! Only 362 days 'till Wendover 2008!

Samantha Elgar
Dreamcatcher

GRAND DRAW WINNERS 2007

First prize, a weeks narrowboat holiday: Mrs A Biggs (ticket 04709)

Second prize, hot air balloon flight: Mr M Joseph (ticket 02238)

Third prize, a canal day boat hire: Mrs J Barea (ticket 04921)

Fourth prize, £100 Tring Market Auctions voucher: Mr C A Pollard (ticket 00431)

Fifth prize, a Georgian doll's house: Mrs O Watts (ticket 03001)

Sixth prize, £50 M & S voucher: Mr E Storm (ticket 02371)

Seventh prize, family ticket to Mead's Open Farm: A E Page (ticket 06070)

Eighth prize, Golden Ticket to Roald Dahl Museum: Mr R C Everett (ticket 02928)

Ninth prize, toiletries: Mr L Smith (ticket 00915)

Tenth prize, WAT shopping bag: Mrs J Watsham (ticket 02967)

POETRY PAGE

These two linked poems, by David

Coe, were conceived whilst walking along the Grand Union Canal near Pitstone on a cold, windy, day. David writes "I met a husband and wife team, working together, laying a hedge. As we looked up, two red kites were cruising menacingly above us".

RED KITES

Red Kites - a pair!
Climb from leafless copse,
On russet wings unfurled. They soar,
Ride on the blustering wind.
To cruise the raw March
Air.

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Red Kites - shuss, slide
And slither down the sky,
Conquer the squalling westerly.
As mewling cries ring out,
Small creatures, crouching,
Hide.

**

Red Kites; o'er
Frost-gripped, sleeping hedgerows,
Seek out, and peer – unblinking, stare –
To hunt for flesh. Warm; fresh.
Even a lifeless
Corpse.

**

Red Kites stare down.
Eyes focus on a new-
Laid hedge. The skittering, frantic feet
Of prey exposed! Talons
Unsheathed, death-dive
Begun.

**

Red Kite's quick kill!
Vice-gripped, immobilised,
A cowering shrew, fear-frozen. Silken
pelt,
Pierced through by lunging beak,
Air-borne to Pitstone
Hill.

HEDGE LAYERS

"Red Kites!" She cries.
"Look up!" They're hunting, whilst
We work; watching for flushed-out
prey."
Husband and wife pause; gaze
At the wind-whipped
Skies.

**

Hard faces, grim.
Lashed by a raw March gale.
They sever, chop and lacerate,
Then lay to rest, slantwise,
The hedge's butchered
Limbs,

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And tightly twine
Sinews and ligaments,
To heal and bind the wounds. Ready
For Spring's life-sap to surge
Along the hedge's
Spine.

[Ed: further contributions welcome]

WILD FLOWERS ALONG THE ARM: AUGUST

The weather has been very good for vegetation, and when the rain eventually stopped, we carried out a survey of wild flowers between Drayton Beauchamp Bridge and the sump. This article lists the flowers we found on 1st August. If we missed any, or if someone wants to challenge the identification, we'd be delighted.

- Black Medick *Medicago lupulina*
Bramble / Blackberry *Rubus fruticosus* "More than 400
microspecies are known"
Broad-leaf Sorrel also 'Little Vinegar Plant' *Rumex acetosa*
Broad-leaved Dock *Rumex obtusifolius*
Common Comfrey also 'Knitbone' *Symphytum officinale*
Common Knapweed also 'Hard Heads' *Centaurea nigra*
Common Mallow *Malva sylvestris*
Common Poppy *Papaver rhoeas*
Common Ragwort *Senecio jacobaea*
Cow Parsley *Anthriscus sylvestris*
Cushion Calamint also 'Wild Basil' *Clinopodium vulgari*
Dandelion also 'Fairy Clock' *Taraxacum officinale*
Field Bindweed *Convolvulus arvensis*
Hedge Woundwort *Stachys sylvatica*
Hogweed also 'Cow Parsnip' *Heracleum spondylium*
Marsh Woundwort *Stachus palustris*
Meadow Buttercup *Ranunculus acris*
Meadow Vetchling *Lathyrus pratensis*
Nipplewort *Lapsana communis*
Orange Balsam *Impatiens capensis*
Ox-eye Daisy also 'Moon Daisy' *Leucanthemum vulgare*
Red Clover also 'Meadow Trefoil' *Trifolium pratense*
Rose-bay Willowherb *Epilobium angustifolium*
Rough Hawks-beard *Crepis biennis*
Smooth Sow Thistle *Sonchus oleraceus*
Spear Thistle *Cirsium vulgare*
Square-stalked St John's wort *Hypericum tetrapterum*
Stinging Nettle also 'Comon Nettle' *Urtica dioica*
Travellers Joy also Old Man's Beard *Clematis vitalba*
Water Mint *Mentha aquatica*
White Campion *Silene alba*
White Dead-nettle also 'Archangel' *Lamium album*
Yellow Iris (Yellow Flag) *Iris pseudacorus*

Fortunately a number of these plants could be very useful for the Working Party. A little research has indicated how and when they could come in handy.

Ailments:

Should anyone be found to be not pulling their weight, the leaves of **Traveller's Joy** are used in Bach Flower Remedies to combat indifference and absent-mindedness.

Or, a tincture of **Hogweed** can be given 'for general debility'. The root is under investigation for the treatment of leukaemia, AIDS and psoriasis.

[NB. Not to be confused with the alien Giant Hogweed, (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) which can grow to 10 feet and can be poisonous to the touch.]

If anyone should break a limb, **Comfrey** (popular name 'knightbone') contains "calcium, potassium, phosphorus and allantoin which speed renewal of broken bones".

For problems back home, **White Dead Nettle** is drunk as a tonic for the reproductive organs. Wives and girl-friends may be given a product of the **Ox-eye Daisy**, as this plant is dedicated to Artemis, and is considered a women's herb.

For bruises or wounds, the distilled water of the leaves and flowers of the **Ox-eye Daisy** can be applied.

The white sap of **Dandelions** treats warts, corns and verrucas.

Drink:

The root, young leaves and shoots of **Hogweed** can be boiled and brewed into beer [see above].

The **Stinging Nettle's** young leaves and shoots are rich in vitamins and minerals, and are used for beer or an iron-rich tonic tea.

The leaves of **Broad-leaf Sorrel** quench thirst.

Food:

In March, you can pick **Comfrey**. The young leaf spears when no more than a couple of inches tall make an excellent salad, and are similar to sliced cucumber.

Mallow leaves can be cooked like spinach, or deep fried in hot oil. A recommend recipe for them is an Egyptian soup, Melokhia, because the leaves are extremely glutinous, like the leaves used in the Middle East for this dish.

Recipes

Pissenlit au Lard: Take small pieces of crispy fried bacon, raw dandelion salad leaves, a few flower heads, vinegar and seasoning. Serve the bacon on the salad leaves.

White Dead Nettle Soup: Wash the leaves and cook with no additional water but a knob of butter, salt and pepper, and some chopped spring onion, for about 10 minutes. Finish with a dash of lemon juice and a sprinkling of nutmeg.
Ask us for details of Nettle Haggis.

Barbara Kazer and Shelley Savage

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[Ed: any volunteers to catalogue the flora along the whole Arm?]

LISTED STRUCTURES ALONGSIDE THE ARM

Professor Timothy Peters, a member of our recently formed Wendover Waterway Group, has obtained (from English Heritage's National Monuments Record) details of listed structures within 250 metres of the Arm.

There are sixteen such structures, all except one of them being Grade II. The exception is Drayton Beauchamp church, which is Grade I. Starting from the main line, the first two are in Marsworth parish and are the Dry Dock/Lock 45 and house to south of lock 45, both near the junction of the Arm.

There are two in Tring parish, Gammel Bridge (No.2) and the Toll House by the junction. Tring Rural parish has another two, The Manor House at Little Tring and Tringford Pumping Station.

Next along, Drayton Beauchamp provides three, with the Church of St Mary, The (Old) Vicarage and The School House in Church Lane.

Halton Village has the biggest group, with house number 6, The Old Post Office, Lower Farmhouse, Ivy Cottage, the Church of St Michael and All Angels and the 'Rothschild' bridge over the canal.

Finally, at Wendover, is Castle House, 86 Aylesbury Road.

(Obviously Wendover has many more listed buildings, but this is the only one within 250 metres of the canal).

If you are interested in the heritage adjacent to the Arm do look out for these buildings which make a walk along or around the canal so much more rewarding.

[Ed: this poses the question why the other two original bridges, Stable Lane and Harelane together with the other 'Rothschild' bridge at Halton Lane are not protected by statutory listing?]

NEWS IN BRIEF

DONATION FROM CHESHAM BUILDING SOCIETY

We were delighted to receive an unconditional donation of £500 from the Chesham Building Society. Ray Orth went along to be presented with the cheque. We thank the Society most sincerely for their generosity.

CLUB 100

Winners in the Spring Draw were:

First Prize (£106.80) Mr J Brice. Second prize (£44.50) Mr L R N Lewis. Third Prize (£17.80) Mr S J Lewis

Don't forget that you can support the Trust by taking a number (or additional number) in the Club 100 by contacting Barry Martin; details inside back cover.

NEW SECRETARY FOR TRUST

Due to his forthcoming emigration to Australia, John Hopkins has resigned as Trust Secretary. In recognition of his long service on the Trust Council he has been made an Honorary Member. The Secretary's job has been taken up by Shelley Savage.

BRITISH WATERWAYS MOVE

The Waterways South East Office has moved, to another office block in Milton Keynes; details inside back cover. The telephone numbers remain unchanged.

FESTIVAL FOOTNOTE

Some members, aware of the Festival wash-out, have been most generous in making donations to help compensate for their enforced non-attendance or just to give something towards the event. We are very grateful for this help.

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I would like to be registered to WALK AN ARM'S LENGTH on Sunday 16 September 2007

Forename: _____ Surname: _____ Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss
(please indicate)

Address: _____

Post Code: _____ Tel No: _____

Age: _____ (only if under 16 when you must be accompanied by an adult)

E-mail address: (if applicable) _____

Declaration

The organisers would like to remind you that you enter this event at your own risk and that they will in no way be liable for any injury before, during or after the event. All children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

I have read and agree with the declaration above.

Signature : _____ Date: _____

The 1998 Data Protection Act. The Wendover Arm Trust will hold your details only in connection with The Trust, and will not pass them to third parties.

I do not want to receive other communications from The Trust.

Please return your registration form with a size A5 SAE by 1 August 2007 at the latest to:

Walk an Arm's Length, c/o 45a Wharf Road, Wendover, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP22 6HF

You will be sent a full information pack in good time before the event.



NOTICE OF WAT AGM 2007

Notice is hereby given that the eighteenth Annual General Meeting of the Wendover Arm Trust will be held at the Aston Clinton Sports & Social Club, Aston Clinton, Buckinghamshire at 8pm on Wednesday 7th November 2007.

Note 1. Under Article 39, nominations for election to the Council may be received by the Secretary up to seven clear days before the date of the meeting.

Nominations must be in writing and signed by the proposer and person nominated, confirming their willingness to be elected. Only members qualified to vote at the meeting may make nominations or stand for election. A list of Council members standing for re-election and other members standing for election will be given at the meeting.

Note 2. Any person being a member of the Trust is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his behalf at the Annual General Meeting. Such a proxy need not be a member of the Trust. A letter nominating the proxy, signed by the member, must be received by the Secretary before the start of the meeting.

The Sports & Social Club is a comfortable venue, with a fully stocked cash bar available to those attending the meeting.

It may be possible to provide food refreshments and/or a guest speaker but these have not been confirmed at the time of writing. If you would like further details please contact the Secretary nearer the date.

ACCESS TO THE ASTON CLINTON SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB IS OPPOSITE THE 'DUCK IN' IN THE CENTRE OF THE VILLAGE – IF YOU NEED FURTHER DIRECTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARY

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