

# WENDOVER ARM NEWS

Newsletter of the Wendover Arm Trust

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## From the Wendover Arm Trust Articles of Association:

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.

To promote the fullest use of The Waterway by all forms of waterborne traffic and for all forms of local amenity, tourist and recreational and water-related activities for the benefit of the public

To promote, and educate the public in, the history, use and associated wildlife of canals and inland waterways generally and of The Waterway in particular.

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 to Wendover Arm News

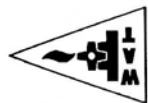
Contributions are welcome on any topic related to the Wendover Arm, its construction, history, wildlife, and of course any aspect of the restoration project.

Letters or articles can be in any format, and accompanied by photographs or sketches/drawings if possible. All material will be returned if requested.

Send any contributions %WAT News Editor  
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### Disclaimer

Views expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Wendover Arm Trust



Vice Chairman's Comment

The Sun shone, visitors came in their thousands, the event went without a hitch, and the Trust acquired an additional £24,500 for restoration. We are of course talking about the Late May Bank Holiday Canal Festival, held alongside the Arm near Tring. Of course, this was the Tring Canal Festival. Or possibly the Wendover Canal Festival. Or even the Wendover Canal Festival at Tring.

The change of name to the Tring Canal Festival seemed a sensible thing to do, considering the number of people who seem to annually search Wendover town for the event. The name is short, snappy, geographically correct, and draws even closer the ties between the Arm and Tring. However not everyone was taken with the new name. Especially among boaters, a groundswell of dissent was evident over the weekend. People do not like change, and they have a point. The Festival has been known as the Wendover Canal Festival for years, it's on the Wendover Arm, and promotes the Wendover Arm of the Canal. So what's to do?

The first planning meeting of the 2002 event discussed the alternatives, and (unusually for a committee) came to a decision, and hopefully a solution. If you are a boater – it's the Wendover Canal Festival. If you are a visitor - it's the Tring Canal Festival. Compromise is a wonderful thing. Everyone gets their wish, and we can all look forward to another successful weekend next year, whatever it's called. Enjoy this issue!

Bob Wheat

Membership Status (as at Wed 15<sup>th</sup> August 2001)

Number of Memberships		'special memberships' are for a defined period	
149	Special Single	1	Special Single
173	Family	2	Special Family
13	Corporate	345	Total Memberships
2	Honorary Single	525	Total Members
5	Honorary Family		

Barry Martin

## NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the twelfth Annual General Meeting of the Wendover Arm Trust will be held at the Aston Clinton Sports and Social Club, Aston Clinton, Buckinghamshire, on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2001 at 8pm.

- Agenda
- 1 Apologies for absence.
  - 2 Minutes of the eleventh Annual General Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2000.
  - 3 Vice Chairman's Report.
  - 4 Individual Trustee's Reports.
  - 5 Honorary Treasurer's Report.
  - 6 To receive, and if thought fit, approve the report of the Committee (Council of Management).
  - 7 To receive, and if thought fit, approve the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet of the Trust for the year ended on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2001, and the Report of the Honorary Auditor thereon.
  - 8 To re-appoint Mr F. W. P. Lea F.C.A. as Honorary Auditor
  - 9 To elect Members to the Council (see note 1 below)

By Order of the Council  
John Hopkins  
Secretary  
19<sup>th</sup> September 2001

Registered Office  
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- 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 by the person nominated, confirming his or her 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.

Please see the map on the back cover for venue details.

## Bridge Handed Over

If you drive from Tring Northwards through Little Tring to Marsworth you will notice nothing unusual near the hamlet of Little Tring. A quick glance to the right just before you approach the houses reveals the stop lock at the navigable end of the Arm.

A glance to the left shows the towpath wall being built. Nothing unusual - but, look again. You might notice the new brick walls and parapets. That's about the only evidence from the road of a major civil engineering work.

To get a proper appreciation of what has been achieved, you should stop well before the houses, get out of your car, and walk to the embankment and down the steps.

You will see a fine new brick arch spanning the dry bed of the canal in an elegant span. Your eyes should also be drawn to the plaque marking the rebuilding of the bridge by BW, funded entirely by WAT.

The plaque was officially unveiled at the start of the May 2001 Festival by the well-known actor and canal enthusiast, David Suchet. The unveiling followed a simple ceremony when Trust Restoration Director Roger Leishman handed the bridge over to Dr David Fletcher, Chief Executive of BW,

both of whom praised the co-operation between the Trust and BW.

The ceremony was attended by many of the Mayors and Chief Executives of County and local authorities, and other invited guests. In all approaching 100 people were there to see the ceremony, and subsequently to view the Trust



**Little Tring Bridge was demolished in 1973 amid concerns over safety. In fact the original bridge which had stood since the Arm was first built at the end of the 18th Century was so strongly constructed, it was only demolished with difficulty.**

**The bridge you see today was designed by British Waterways and built by Priory Construction Ltd to reflect as far as possible the original design.**

**The construction is of pre-stressed concrete on mass concrete abutments, and is faced in hand made local brick, chosen to match other canal structures.**

**The rebuilding of Little Tring Bridge was entirely paid for by the Wendover Arm Trust, from funds raised by individual donations and from proceeds of Canal Festivals, held annually close to this spot.**

**Completion of Little Tring Bridge marks the first major step in the Trust's work to fully restore the Wendover Arm to navigable standards.**

**The completed bridge was formally handed over to British Waterways on May 27th 2001, and this plaque unveiled by Mr David Suchet.**

display in the large marquee erected near the stop lock.

A permanent replacement for the temporary plaque will be fixed to the towpath wall - when it is built!



Bob Wheal

### Cooperation Rules !


When BW approached the Trust last year with a proposal to jointly run the Festival in May, there were those who assumed the Trust would play a minor

role in a largely BW show. Meetings were held to explore exactly what each organisation could offer the other, and a formal memorandum of agreement was drawn up.

Of immediate benefit was the ready acceptance by Liz Kelly at BW Marsworth to take on the role of Festival Chairman. This was achieved by the simple ploy of getting her agreement, before fully explaining what was involved!

In the event, it can't have been too bad because she has already enquired about next year's event..

The first planning meeting has been held for the 2002 event, and the Committee confidently expects to build on the success of previous Festivals to produce the best event. ever.

 WAT



### Signature Sale!!

Most guests elected to walk back to the 2001 Festival from the bridge hand over ceremony via the towpath, taking advantage of the Summer sunshine and viewing the boats along the way.

Once back at the Festival site, David Suchet welcomed everyone to the Festival and officially declared it open.

He was immediately surrounded by autograph hunters asking for their programme to be signed.. Not to miss an opportunity, Roger Lewis made sure a collection box was close at hand, and each autograph hunter made a modest donation to Trust funds. In all, over £80 was collected this way.

Thank you David.

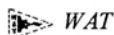


Actor David Suchet

**Winners All: Canal Festival Grand Draw 2001 winners**

Ticket	Prize	Sponsor	Winner
178	Canal Holiday	Wyvern Shipping, Leighton Buzzard	Ms Wilson, Milton Keynes.
1297	Family Ticket Alton Towers	WAT	Mrs Cavanagh, Tring
680	Day Boat Hire	Grebe Canal Cruises, Cheddington	Mrs Stevenson Berkhamsted
1180	Coffee maker	WAT	Mrs Biggs High Wycombe
803	Auction Voucher for £50	Brown and Merry Tring	Mrs Miller Aston Clinton
275	Bottle of Whisky	WAT	Mr Collins Chesham
1371	Teddy Bear	Johanna Wheal	Mr Davies Billericay
159	£10 Tesco Voucher	WAT	Mr Chandler Kempston

The Grand Draw organised by John and Renee Hopkins raised £958 towards restoration funds.

**Trust Cleans Up**

The Trust was asked by the IWA to keep the public toilets and showers clean during the recent National Inland Waterways Festival at Milton Keynes, in return for the IWA donating £500 to the Trust..

Ray Orth volunteered to put together a roster, and in the event there were enough WAT members willing to take on the stygian task.

Ray as Chief Mop, and his Marigold-gloved team (too many to mention here, but thanks to all) worked hard all through the weekend to keep the loos in good condition.



Various visitors made a point of complimenting the Trust on the clean state of the facilities, and even backed their praise with donations.

In all, the collection boxes raised over £210 for Trust funds.

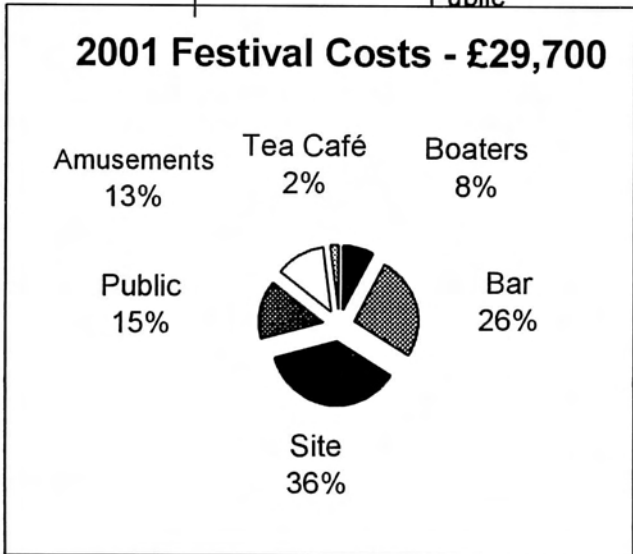
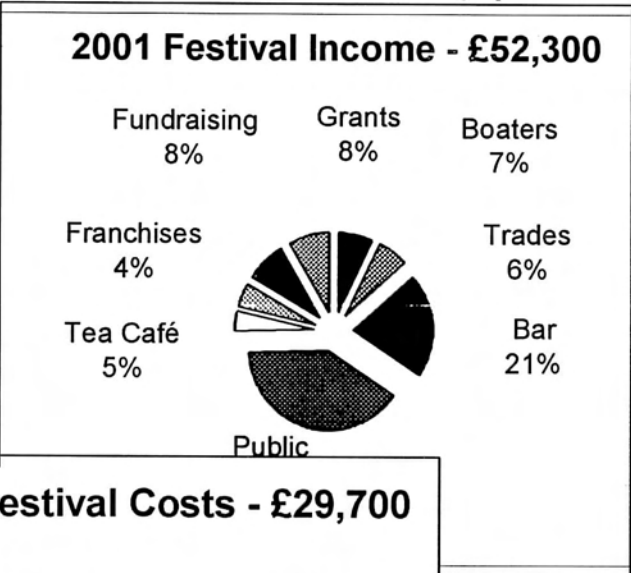
Next year the Festival is to be held in Huddersfield, and it can fairly be said that the Trust has set a precedent and standard of cleanliness that will be hard to beat..

Bob Wheal

### Festival Ins and Outs

Planning and running the Tring Canal Festival has grown into quite an industry. Relatively large sums of money are involved, and it is of interest to see where it all comes from, and where it all goes. This year, income was in excess of £54,000, and costs totalled nearly £30,000. The net result of course (un-audited) was a well-earned profit for Trust funds of over £24,000.

The breakdown shows clearly that the main income is the gate money from the visiting public. Main costs are associated with setting up and running



the site, especially the marquee and toilets hire which together total over £6,200.

In business terms a healthy profit is made from running the event, and all goes to restoration!





### Quirky Quiz

Long standing Trust members will remember Jennifer, most notably for her tireless campaigning on behalf of waterways restoration, and the Wendover Arm in particular. It was she who cajoled £'s and £'s out of passing visitors to various events via the 'spend a

penny' scheme, laying coins end to end along a large scale map of the Arm.

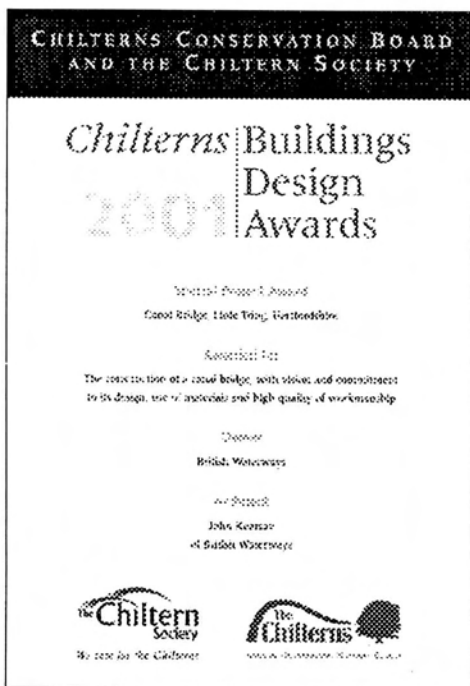
Jennifer is now living in Hertford, teaching croquet (!), and still fundraising, but has somewhat lost touch with events on the Arm.. However, she has not forgotten us, and sends the following Quirky Quiz to tease.

**Answers based on places in a 20 mile area around New Mill  
– site of the Trust's annual Canal Festival  
(The first answer is given to set the style)**

1	At your last prayer?	<i>Answer: Wing</i>	4
2	Strikers final stand		8,3
3	No flies round here!		8
4	A Pict bids you welcome		9
5	Home to the circus		12
6	What! No bacon left?		9
7	That tar's an odd colour		5,5
8	Not the place for the Really Wild Show		5
9	"Finish thy cabbage lad"		5,5
10	What is a mother's value?		9
11	"Not feeling well?" chuckled the undertaker		9
12	It's certainly not a carmine river		8
13	Audley Harrison should be encouraged here		7
14	It's how Titchmarsh describes ravaged hostas		5,5
15	Someone from Friends is very annoyed		9,5
16	Yorkshire wedding band?		5
17	Harry's heavy load		7
18	End of a meander		8
19	Birth of a beefy baby boy		10
20	This Knight's had his day		8

No-one said it was easy! – answers on next page.

## Little Tring Bridge Wins Awards



The new bridge at Little Tring has won two design awards.

The Chilterns Conservation Board and the Chiltern Society, made the award in their Chilterns 2001 Buildings Design Award scheme. On May 4<sup>th</sup> John Savage for WAT accepted the certificate from personality Lucinda Lambton, who coincidentally lived as a child in the cottage alongside the lock.

The award cites the 'construction of a canal bridge, with vision and commitment to its design, use of materials and high quality of workmanship'.

Within BW there is also a design award scheme, and John Kearsey, BW Engineer has disclosed that Little Tring Bridge has recently won the BW Regional Environmental and Heritage Award.

John has good reason to be proud – his design input was crucial to the construction and building of the bridge. The experience gained by BW and its contractors in constructing LT Bridge, especially the facing brickwork, has already been put to good use elsewhere on the system.



## Quirky Quiz – Answers

1	Wing	8	Thame	15	Chandlers Cross
2	Piccotts End	9	Eaton Green	16	Tring
3	Flitwick	10	Marsworth	17	Halton
4	Beaconsot	11	Aylebury	18	Wendover
5	Chipperfield	12	Redbourne	19	Bulbourne
6	Haddenham	13	Boxmoor	20	Ivinghoe
7	Pitch Green	14	Lacey Green		

With thanks to Jennifer!

### Footpaths And Rights Of Way On The Wendover Arm

Our Publicity Director, John Savage also has a keen interest in Footpaths and Rights of Way in the Tring locality. His summary of the various footpaths along the Wendover Arm is reproduced below:

From Bulbome Junction to Little Tring bridge the towing path is a Permissive Path (NOT a public Right of Way).

Public Footpaths Tring Rural 46 and Tring Urban 50 cross the canal to the north and south of Whitehouses respectively.

A Public Footpath (Number Tring Urban 52) follows the non-towing path side from the Tring Feeder to Little Tring Bridge.

A path (NOT a public Right of Way) crosses the canal at the site of the Halton Camp Railway bridge. This path is included in one of the Wendover Parish Council publicised circular walks (supported by Buckinghamshire County Council) the only non Right of Way to be so used.

The towing path (yet to be reinstated) from Little Tring bridge to the access track just north of Little Tring is not any sort of path. It would be an excellent community/public relation exercise to persuade BW to dedicate this length as Right of Way when restoration is complete



**Aston Clinton Bypass effects:**

Public Footpath Number Tring Urban 67 runs from Little Tring bridge on the non-towing path side for a short distance before bearing off left where the canal turns sharply right.

A Right of Way will be established along the towing path of the diverted section.

From the access track just north of Little Tring, the towing path is a Right of Way (Public Footpath) all the way to the terminus at Wendover. (Numbers Tring Rural 47, Drayton Beauchamp 14, Buckland 28, Aston Clinton 41, Halton 18, Halton 19, Weston Turville 36, Halton 19 and Wendover 12).

The existing Right of Way will be maintained along the line of the old towing path on the eastern side of the new road bridge but the old towing path to the west of the bridge will be extinguished as a Right of Way. New sections of Rights of Way will cross the old canal line either side of the new road bridge to connect with the new Right of Way on the new towing path.

John Savage

## A Conversation with Roger Leishman

The name Roger Leishman occurs frequently when restoration matters are reported. Roger has been the Restoration Director of the Wendover Arm Trust for some years now. Under his leadership work is well underway to rebuild the first 300 yards or so of the Arm, and the Trust took an active part in the design and preparation work leading to the rebuilding of Little Tring Bridge (as well as funding the work!).

Roger would far rather that we concentrate on news and issues than on personalities, but his name has cropped up often enough in restoration reports to justify a closer look at the man behind the title.

So who is Roger Leishman, why does he do it, and what does he hope to achieve? Roger would be the last to make any claim to celebrity status, but nevertheless agreed to a Q & A style interview, as follows:

### *What qualifies you lead the restoration work?*

*R:* I attended the oldest Public School in the Country, St Albans School, followed by further education in Civil Engineering. My working life has been spent in very practical occupations. My railway experience stretches 38 years

from site engineering for marshalling yards via bridge building to railway workshops, until I retired in 1986. I have been boating since 1976, and my previous involvement with the upper Lea Valley Conservancy Group led me toward working with the Wendover Arm

Trust and the restoration project.

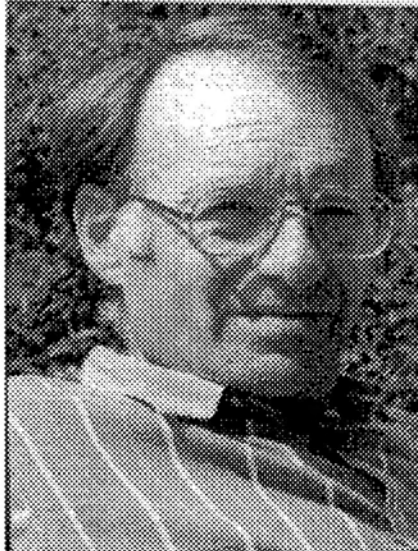
### *How does working with volunteers differ from working with employees in a large organisation?*

*R:* A key element is the knowledge that each member of the small team of volunteers who work with me on the restoration are self-reliant and able to work with little supervision. There is also the obvious difference that tasks which once could be delegated to 'Head

Office' (ordering materials, letter writing, admin, etc.) now have to be done personally, with help from other volunteers. Let me take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank my wife Margaret for her help and support.

### *Why do you do it?*

*R:* Basically for the gratification of constructing something of value, and being able to contribute my own skills and experience. I suppose you would call it 'Job Satisfaction'.



WAT Restoration Director  
Roger Leishman

**What do you personally want to achieve?**

R: All the volunteers are becoming 'wrinklies', i.e. not in the first flush of youth any more. We are all conscious that regrettably few younger people are coming forward to volunteer. It is unlikely, given the limitations of budget and resources, that we will see the restoration completed to Wendover in the next few years. Consequently we try to be realistic in our expectations. For my part I am looking forward to the completion of Phase 1 (from the stop lock to a new winding hole beyond Little Tring Bridge). That will take the next 2 or 3 years, after which I hope to take a less 'front-line' role in the restoration.

**How do you place the WAT restoration work in relation to other restoration projects?**

R: In some ways we are a jump ahead of many projects. For example, we developed a safety culture embodied in our safety manual that has been taken as a benchmark elsewhere in the canal

community. We also share our experience with other groups that we have visited, and we also gain from their practical experience thereby saving both time and money for WAT. I remain a member of several restoration societies, partly for the cross fertilisation of ideas. However it is clear to me that each restoration project is different and carries its own problems and solutions.

**In terms of the restoration, what are you proudest of?**

R: Of course, Little Tring Bridge is a magnificent and lasting achievement for the whole Trust. However, the bridge is a 'thing'. I am most proud of something more intangible – the teamwork that has developed within the Restoration Group, and which has contributed so much to our high quality work and accident-free record to date. If, however, you insist on something 'concrete' that I am proud of, I would point to the aesthetically pleasing curved towpath wall that we have constructed entirely by hand.

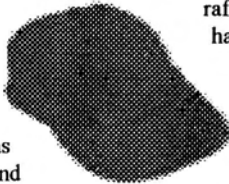
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**Wanted (again!)**

In a previous issue Johanna Wheal asked for old Festival Badges, so that a Teddy could be suitable dressed for auction at the 2001 Festival.

The response was excellent and Ted was suitably adorned and raised £52.

Now Johanna has a more personal appeal. Some time during the Festival she lost her blue WAT baseball cap. She wears it to each event and it has become



her 'trademark' as she collect hundreds of pounds for WAT from the boaters' raffle (£394 this year). The cap also has each of the badges from previous

Festivals pinned to it, and would be difficult to reproduce.

If you saw it anywhere, or maybe even picked it up, please let Johanna know.

Johanna can be reached on

07815 172113. ➡ Bob Wheal

**Correspondence**

*Wendover Arm News does not receive much in the way of correspondence, but occasionally an issue arises which warrants putting pen to paper. The following letter was addressed to British Waterways earlier this year, and copied to WAT:*

23rd June 2001

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my concern at the deplorable state of parts of the Wendover Arm of the Grand Union Canal. In particular the stretch adjacent to my property.

The water is so choked with weeds that the young moor hens and ducklings are able to perform 'biblical feats' of walking ON the water. Sadly due to the disgusting behaviour of persons unknown who use the canal as a general waste bin, there is a resulting accumulation of rubbish entangled in the weeds. This not only presents a hazard to the wildlife, but creates an appalling eyesore.

Were I a younger man I would be prepared to tackle the problem myself, as I have done in the past, but feel it is beyond my capabilities, particularly in view of the depth of the water since the heavy rains of the winter months.

I am hoping that the British Waterways Board can at least do some minimal clearing allowing the water to flow and thus enhance a very popular stretch of the waterway.

Awaiting your favourable response.

Yours sincerely

Stuart Dyson

Wendover.

*The following reply was sent : by **British Waterways***

12<sup>th</sup> June 2001

Dear Mr Dyson

Re: Weed problem along the Wendover Arm

Thank you for your letter raising concerns at the state of the Wendover Arm at certain sections. There is a management strategy for this canal, which does include the spraying, and removal of weeds within the watered section. The chemicals used in this process have been fully approved by the Environment Agency and do not cause any harm to the habitat in which they are applied. However, as an extra

precaution British Waterways have delayed spraying until the glut of the breeding, nesting and growing season has finished. We do have planned in the Wendover Arm work programme to spray the weeds in early September. This however is being monitored, as we do not want a repeat of the blooms encountered in 1999. There may be cause to spray the weeds earlier than this to ensure the water channel remains in flow.

With regard to your other concern the litter problem has been noted and local staff will be going on site to drag the litter away. This will also be addressed during the spraying contract, as the litter needs to be removed prior to spraying. The local British Waterways operatives will be on site to remove the litter as soon as they can.

I hope this has addressed your concerns and the moorhens return to their normal avian feats as soon as the weed have been removed.

Yours sincerely

Paul Holton, Recreation Officer  
Grand Union Canal - South

**A.G.M.**

The date for the Wendover Arm Trust Annual general Meeting has been set for **24<sup>th</sup> October 2001.**

The venue is the same as before, the Aston Clinton Sports and Social Club, at 8.00 pm.

The bar will be open before and after the AGM, and after the formal business, members will be introduced to a waterway far, far away ...

A Ploughman's Supper will be available, so no need to let the inner man starve whilst the Trust conducts its business.

Please take the opportunity to ask any of the Council Members about the

Trust, the Restoration, or any other issue concerning the Wendover Arm

**A.G.M.**



**Free Leaflet**

In with this issue you should find a reprint of a recent article from Canal Boat and Inland Waterway. The reprints proved very popular at the recent National IWA Festival. Please show it to a friend – who knows, they may join the Trust.





## CLUB 100

### DRAW RESULTS

Held at April/August 2001 Council Meetings

<b>Spring 2001</b>	<b>1st</b>	Mr S Sloan	£127.20
Drawn	<b>2nd</b>	Mrs J Wheal	£53.00
<b>101 CLUB 100 Members</b>	<b>3rd</b>	Mr D J Freeman	£21.20
<b>Summer 2001</b>	<b>1st</b>	Mr R C Everett*	£130.80
Drawn Aug 15th	<b>2nd</b>	Mr S J Bell	£54.50
<b>109 CLUB 100 Members*</b>	<b>3rd</b>	Mr B F Ing	£21.80

\*Mr Everett 'recycled' his prize as a donation.

Next CLUB 100 draw will be at the A.G.M. on Wed 24<sup>th</sup> October

## GIFT AID REPORT


Gift Aid money 'accruing' for this year totals nearly £1,100  
 Some of this money we could not claim last year because Gift Aid  
 Declarations were only recently signed and returned.  
 So far, 210 Gift Aid forms have been returned out of 331 memberships  
 eligible for the scheme.

We have 2 Gift Aid Declarations from non-members, and 34  
 memberships still with Deeds of Covenant  
 13 Corporate memberships, and 1 Family membership in the USA,  
 are not eligible for Gift Aid.

Barry Martin 

### A41 Bypass Started

Work has started on the Tring Interchange for the new Aston Clinton Bypass.  
 Contractors Balfour Beatty will need access across the Wendover Arm to  
 continue with the work, so the building of the bridge is expected early into  
 the two year contract. Measures to reduce the impact of traffic noise will  
 include an earth bank alongside the new road, and a noise abatement screen  
 on the North side of the new bridge. The bridge, although of concrete  
 construction will be brick faced, in a similar way to Little Tring Bridge,  
 perhaps with the same Ember Blend bricks..

Bob Wheal 



## Council Matters

### January

- Council received a presentation from Ian Lauder, a professional fundraiser.
- Little Tring Bridge rebuilding is progressing. BT ducts have been included into the structure.
- It was decided to book 3 x 6 metres display space for the National Festival in Milton Keynes..

### February

- Ray Orth will write to all members asking for help with toilet cleaning duties at the National Festival in August.
- Arrangements were discussed for the hand over of Little Tring Bridge at the Tring Festival.
- Restoration for Phase 2 (Little Tring to the A41) is estimated at £500,000.
- The Trust information leaflet has been updated.
- The IWA have agreed to releasing the Wilkinson Award in stages.
- Only 900 yards remain to be cleared (de-stumped) at Drayton Beauchamp.
- Two footbridges will be needed between Drayton and Little Tring.
- Thanks to recent rain, the shallow section between the Wendover and the A41 is close to navigable depth.

### March

- Herts County Council refused a donation to offset the additional cost of building a wider bridge with footpath.
- BW will carry out a Foot & Mouth risk assessment for the Festival.
- The bridge ceremony will be a 'hand-over' of the bridge to British Waterways.

- David Suchet has agreed to be present.
- WAT will assist with information for the Berkhamsted Festival organisers.
- The cost of restoration to Wendover has been revised to approximately £1.5million, using volunteer labour.
- Shelley reported on progress with a new Trust booklet. Quotes will be obtained for design and printing.

### April

- ADAS have carried out a Risk Assessment on the Festival. The Festival will take place, subject to suitable Foot & Mouth precautions.
- Restoration work is 4 months behind due to adverse weather and F&M restrictions..
- The A41 Aston Clinto Bypass has been awarded to Balfour Beatty..

### May

- Arrangements for the bridge hand over ceremony were discussed.
- WAT will make two presentations at the National Festival in Milton Keynes in August.
- The text of the plaque to Tim Wilkinson was circulated for later discussion.

### June

- Companies House have a problem with the Trust's returns for 1999/2000. John Brooman is busy liaising with Co. House and our Auditor.
- Total Festival income was £53,748 with 9,313 tickets sold.
- David Suchet will be offered honorary membership of WAT.

- The Trust will be represented at the Lionhearts Open day on July 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The Trust will also have a stand at the Berkhamsted Festival on 8/9 Sept.
- Berkhamsted Festival will now take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September only.
- WAT AGM date set for October 24<sup>th</sup> at the usual Aston Clinton venue.

### July

- The Tim Wilkinson plaque wording was discussed with minor changes recommended.
- The Registered Office for the Trust has changed to that of our Accountant.
- Draft year end accounts were presented by John Brooman.
- Further problems have been experienced in communications with Companies House and the Charity Commissioners.
- Gift Aid for the financial year amounts to £950.

### August


- Peter Lee (Trust Auditor) is in official contact with Companies House concerning the Trust returns.
- Ray Orth has rota arrangements in hand to supervise the toilets at the National Festival.
- The heritage value of specific restoration tasks will be discussed with BW at the next Restoration meeting.
- The WRG Summer Camp was effectively cancelled due to lack of support from WRG. The Trust has incurred about £350 irrecoverable costs.

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### Wendover Arm News

My computer is getting full, my well of imagination is running dry, work beckons ever more (i.e. the day job), and it is time to let someone else take on the enjoyable yet challenging job of producing Wendover Arm News.

I have to apologise for not being able to hit the target of publishing four editions per year. Hopefully your new editor will be able to be more productive

This will be my last edition – I hope you have enjoyed reading the Trust Newsletter as much as I have enjoyed preparing it. Bob Wheal 

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