



This is not the format or layout of the Newsletter you are used to. That is because our Newsletter Editor has decided not to continue, and as Trust Chairman it falls to me to produce this temporary and ad-hoc news-sheet. I lack experience with the software, so please be tolerant of any typos or appearance issues.

Along with this news-sheet I have included a letter for you to consider, asking for your help. Please give it your immediate and serious attention.

I have also taken the opportunity to make the fullest use of postage and include our Grand Draw tickets for this year. As always, if the inclusion of these tickets causes offence, I apologise.

As you will see below, our need for funds is even greater than before, so please make every effort to sell the tickets, returning the stubs and monies to me at the address given on each ticket. Please remember that as our major prize is donated, nearly all of the income from the Grand Draw goes to the Trust, so don't be shy

Bob Wheal, Chairman

Where are We Now ?

Although the 2007 Festival was a great disappointment, the bright side is that we are at last making progress on the Phase II re-lining. As you can see, the first 60 metres of experimental section at Drayton Beauchamp is in water and we believe we now have a design and procedures in place to make real progress.



IN WATER AT DRAYTON BEAUCHAMP, OCTOBER 2007 Margaret Leishman

Bulk excavation and pipe capping of Stage 1 is now 2/3 complete and the first half of the excavation for the first mooring bay has been completed despite the weather.

If you attended the AGM last October, you will have heard that the estimated cost of completing phase 2 has been revised upwards, by a significant amount. At the risk of boring those of us who are less than comfortable with figures, I have included the estimated costs for completing Phase 2, which is from the current end of navigation at Little Tring through to join up with the new section in water under the A41 Saxon Bridge. The figures are for the full cost of Phase 2, including monies already spent, and are as reported in October 2007. These are realistic estimates based on the construction methods currently employed.

Our income up to now relies heavily on the success of our annual Festival. The cancellation of the event mid-festival in 2007 was financially a slap in the face. In a 'normal' year we could expect an income of from £20,000 to £40,000 or more. However, even taking the higher figure, simple calculation shows it would take more than 30 years to fund the restoration solely from the Festival.

And that is only for Phase 2 ! That puts the task of the Fundraising Committee into real focus.

Work Party Volunteer Schedule to March 2008

<p>We intend to experiment with some five-day work parties commencing in January 2008. All dates are for work at (or near) Drayton Beauchamp:</p>	<p>Fri 1 Feb to Sat 2 Feb, Thu 14 Feb, Fri 29 Feb Sat 1 Mar to Mon 3 Mar Thu 13 Mar</p>
<p>For more details contact</p> <p>Roger Leishman Restoration Director</p>	<p>Tel: 01442 874536 e-mail rleishman@ukgateway.net</p>



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WENDOVER ARM CANAL RESTORATION PHASE 2 AS AT 31st OCTOBER 2007

CANAL LINING		FOOTBRIDGES Bridges 4 & 4A	VARIOUS OTHER WORKS
split into 7 stages, each approx 350m.		Stages 8 & 9	Stages 10-14
Item	Stages 1-7		
Total length	2,058m		
Complete to date:			
Bulk Excavation	346m	Work Needed	Whitehouses, Weirs, etc.
Pipe Capping	159m	Excavation	Cart Track, Narrows & Weir
Tipping to offside bank	134m	Blinding	Removal of Bunds
Profiling towpath bank	72m	Wall base	Winding Hole Nose
Lining towpath bank	68m	Wall upright	Removing Nuttalls Bund
Profiling offside bank	70m	Backfill	
Lining offside bank	66m		
Level and line bed	60m		
Planting banks		All Completed	
Mooring wall length	437m		
Excavation	110m		
Blinding, Wall base, Wall upright, Backfill	4m		
Estimated Cost	£1,029,000	£40,000	£73,500
Actual cost to date (Oct 07)	£43,910	£40,046	£3,501

On top of the engineering costs of lining the canal, we have also to consider the indirect (but still very real) costs

	ESTIMATED COSTS	ACTUAL COSTS	SUMMARY OF INDIRECT COSTS
Canal Lining (see above)	£1,029,000	£43,910	
Footbridges etc (see above)	£40,000	£40,046	
Various Other Works (see above)	£73,500	£3,501	
Bed clearance etc	£15,000		
Environmental Surveys	£3,500		
Administration	£25,000		
Tools and Equipment	£5,000		
Vehicle maintenance etc	£10,000		
Unallocated	£49,000		
Total	£1,250,000		

Future Work Parties

The use of tracked dumpers, although expensive, has meant that we have been able to keep working despite atrocious conditions along the temporary road in the 'dry' canal bed. It has enabled us to take delivery of ready-mix concrete on both Saturdays and Mondays hence speeding up progress. Up to 30 metres of pipe capping can now be completed over one weekend, albeit the mud in places comes over the vehicles caterpillar tracks.



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And now to show we are into the world of computers:

We've made it into the world of Facebook with the start of the Wendover Arm Trust Facebook group. It's all very new and so we're not sure what we'll be doing, but please do join the group and spread the word! Visit (ie click several times to no effect on your computer) our facebook entry on <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=7241829634> (yes. it's a lot to copy. Alternatively try going to www.facebook.com and entering 'wendover' in the search box.)

And finally an advert:

Used Digital TV, model Philips Matchline 28DW9625/05R, size 26 ". Full working condition. Analogue and Digital Tuner built-in (ie receives main channels plus all Freeview channels if signal is OK). You may require an aerial upgrade. Screen is flat, but TV is CRT (heavy!). H 20", W 30.5", D 20" approx. Available to collect from Leighton Buzzard, or will deliver within 10 miles.

Price: Best offer – sum will be donated to Wendover Arm Trust **Call 01525 381614.**
