



## Wendover Arm News

*Newsletter of the Wendover Arm Trust*



The restoration close to Drayton Beauchamp in January 2010

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*Price £1 where sold  
Free to members*



## 2010 Festival Cancelled

A few years ago the farmer who used to own the field where the festival has always been held sold it to a firm of developers based in the Isle of Man. Since then it has become increasingly difficult to obtain permission to hold the festival on the site. It is now the case

that the developers will not permit the festival to go ahead and will not respond to any communication on the matter.

The consequence is that **the 2010 festival has been cancelled.**

It takes the best part of a year to organise a festival ; not to mention the time taken to gain planning permission and insurance cover is taken in to account not to mention booking all the concessions and entertainment. Consequently even if we had a site offered immediately we would not be ready in time so there was no option but to cancel when the November deadline, set by the Festival Committee, was reached.

The Trust is **actively seeking a different venue** for the 2011 festival. There is a possibility of using a dif-

ferent field but car parking is a problem that must still be resolved. It is important to have a **canal side site** where boats can moor close to the festival as many people who help with the running of the event arrive in their boats. This limits the possible number of sites quite severely.

You may have noticed that the cancellation has been the subject of some media attention with articles appearing in local **newspapers and on the TV** regional news all of which have been very supportive of the **Wendover Arm Trust** and our work.

## **Donations from the IWA**

At the IWA Chiltern Branch Christmas Social the Trust was presented with a cheque for £1000 from the Branch. Two days later at the meeting with the IWA Restoration Committee the Trust was presented with a cheque, also for £1000 from the IWA Herts

Branch. Both donations are for restoration work and our very grateful thanks go to both Branches for their loyal support, both financial and physical as many of our volunteers come from these Branches.

## A Message from the IWA

The Inland Waterways Association (IWA) says...

"Please help us help our history and heritage"

The funding of British Waterways (BW) canal maintenance comes from three main sources

- Licence fees and other trade income
- An annual grant from government
- Income from property held by BW.

Significant grant cuts mean that despite heavy licence increases BW is now £30 million p.a. short of the funds it needs to maintain your waterways in a safe, 'steady state' (i.e. no deterioration no improvement)

The Government is "minded" to sell off BW's property portfolio in a one-off "fire sale". This would deprive BW of a further £45Million p.a. and lead to

an even more rapid deterioration of the system – with significant implications.

Please help us oppose this short-sighted measure signing a number 10 e-petition

Please go to

<http://>

[petitions.number10.gov.uk/protectourcanals](http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/protectourcanals)

to register in complete security.

We'd appreciate it and so will generations to come.

Whether you have already signed up or not, please pass this information on to as many of your relatives friends and colleagues as you can.

A happy New Year to you all and lets give our waterways a happier new year – both in 2010 and for many years to come.



## **Election of Council Officers.**

The following were elected at the council meeting held on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2009.

**Vice Chairman/Restoration Director.**

Roger Leishman

**Company Secretary.** John Rowe

**Honorary Treasurer.** John Brooman

**Assistant Restoration Director (Health & Safety)**

Ray Orth

**Publicity Director** Nigel Williams

**Membership Secretary** Katherine Deaney

**Newsletter Editor** Jon Kelly

**Minutes Secretary** Margaret Leishman

In the absence of Bob Wheal and Robert Drury, the election of a Fund Raising Director and Webmaster were postponed until they are present. These were subsequently confirmed at the January meeting of the Council.

The post of **Chairman** remains vacant.

## History of the Arm

In his book *The Grand Junction Canal*, Allan H. Faulkner mentions the Wendover Arm several times stressing its strategic importance to the main line.

“The navigable feeder to Wendover was the first branch to be completed, since there was at the time no other way of supplying the Tring summit with water. At the first committee meeting on 5 June 1793 negotiations were opened for the purchase of the Marquis of Buckingham’s mill at Weston Turville and in July talks were started to buy a mill at Wendover. By this time Barnes had completed his detailed plans for the feeder and work started soon afterwards. By September the negotiations for the purchase of the mills, whose water was needed for the feeder, were almost completed, the Marquis of Buckingham’s mill being bought for £400 and the Wendover

mill for £1750. An agreement had also been reached with Sir John Dashwood King for the purchase of water rights to his mill at Halton and for his consent to the feeder passing through Halton village.

By Autumn 1793 construction work was well under way. It being soon realised that little extra expense would be incurred in making the feeder navigable, powers to carry out this work were obtained in the 1794 Act. In May 1794 the company rejected a suggestion that the branch should be extended further into Wendover, proposing instead that a road from the town should be built. Otherwise work proceeded uneventfully and the 6  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile long branch was completed probably sometime in 1796. It was certainly finished by March 1797.”

The General Committee Minute Book, 15<sup>th</sup> March 1796 is cited for this assertion.

## Errata

Three new bridge plaques have been installed recently...  
a step plaque in memory of Jack Barnell  
a stanchion plaque commemorating the marriage of Emma Parlett  
a stanchion plaque to Barry & Beryl Martin for their support of the Trust and their work with the Trust Council

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## Will You Spare an Hour?

We are looking at various other waterways events to appear at this year, hopefully to make up for the loss of income, new members, and publicity we will suffer with the loss of our own Festival.

Whether we can be at each event and how successful we will be depends on the help and support we get from our members.

Can you spare an hour or two helping the Trust out? In each case our need is more or less the same, i.e. help with -

**Setup:** Transport of marquee and material from Tring to site. If you have a vehicle able to take the marquee that

would be ideal, erecting stand.

**Event:** One or more of:  
Blockaid, Grand Draw  
Ticket Sales, Membership, Restoration Display, General Sales.

**Breakdown:** Dismantling stand and eventual transport marquee etc to Tring

**You don't have to be an expert on the restoration to help!**

We also have Grand Draw, BLOCKAID and General Sales which need extra bodies 'behind the counter', and general help with putting the stand together and taking it apart.



Dates and needs are as follows:

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> and Sun 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**Rickmansworth Canal Festival**

14<sup>th</sup> May - Setup

15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May – Event open

16<sup>th</sup> May (evening) – Breakdown

**Sat 31<sup>st</sup> July**

**Linslade Canal Festival**

31<sup>st</sup> July – One-day event, so Setup, Event, and Breakdown on the same day.

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> and Sun 8<sup>th</sup> August**

**Blisworth Canal Festival**

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> or Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Aug - Setup

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> and Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Aug – Event open

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Aug (evening) – Breakdown

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> to Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Aug**

**IWA National Festival Beale Park (Pangbourne)**

Thur 26<sup>th</sup> or Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Aug - Setup

Sat 28<sup>th</sup>, Sun 29<sup>th</sup>, Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Aug – Event open

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Aug (evening) – Breakdown

If you can spare an hour or two (or even longer!), or to ask any questions, contact us by calling Bob on 07860 286155 or email [funding@wendoverarmtrust.co.uk](mailto:funding@wendoverarmtrust.co.uk)

## Future Funding – Fantasy or Feasible?

### ***Replacing Festival Income***

The loss of our Tring Canal Festival means (on past performance) we will have roughly **£40,000 less money** as income than we reasonable expected.

Worse, there is no guarantee that the event will be held next year or even ever again – we must hope for the best but plan for the worst. **Raffles and Coffee Mornings alone will not make up for this loss.** It may be that the only realistic way we can hope for extra funding is for us to apply for different significant grants or awards. Even if we are successful, it will take months to get such income secured.

### **It's not all bad news.**

Luckily we are not about to stop restoration work because we have no funds, nor are our coffers about to run dry immediately.

In fact we have some time to get our funding house in order – although (to use a cliché) time is money and any delay simply wastes opportunity.

### ***What Can We Do?***

The Funding Committee will put a priority on the various funding actions, and take action on them. But the Funding Committee is only a single group of 9 or so volunteers, and it would be silly to expect such a small group by themselves to get all the funding needed.

Ideas are not in short supply: Members have given lots of suggestions, some more practical or labour-intensive than others, but all interesting.

### ***A Range of Actions***

We should aim to have several things happening at once, with major and minor potential. That way,

our **WAT** members can get involved with whatever suits, without joining a Committee. It doesn't take a lot of effort to be responsible for a single collection box, or to sell Grand Draw Tickets for an hour or two at an event somewhere. It takes more involvement to organise a Coffee Morning, or a Bring & Buy Sale. It takes even more time and organisation to run a Sponsored Walk, or set up a Charity Dinner.

These are the types of projects we must look at, both small and not too small.

### **Website Feature**

In the coming months WAT will publish your ideas on the Trust website ([wendoverarmtrust.co.uk](http://wendoverarmtrust.co.uk)) so that anyone can see what's involved, and then you will be able to select the idea or task you can help with.

The idea or task will be described, along with how important it is, and when it should happen. As an ex-

ample only:

**What:** Set up and man a table at a local event selling Grand Draw Tickets.

**Importance:** Expected to bring in £50 to £100

**When:** Before July 2010

**Time:** A couple of hours

**Where:** A local event or venue near you

**Who:** Open – could you do this? Could you run it? Would you help someone else to run it?

Keep an eye on the website, and in the meantime, if you have an idea for fundraising, however simple or mundane, let me know and if it's feasible it will be included.

Bob Wheal

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**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP of the WENDOVER ARM TRUST**

Please complete this form in **BLOCK CAPITALS** and send to the  
Membership Secretary at 34 Anchor Lane, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.  
HP1 1TY

**Subscriptions cover one year from the month of joining;**

Single Person £ 8.00 [ ]

Family Membership £ 12.00 [ ]

Corporate Membership £ 20.00 [ ]

Mr [ ] Mrs [ ] Mr & Mrs [ ] Miss [ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Forename(s) \_\_\_\_\_

House No. & Street name \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (incl. dialing code)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

I/We enclose Cheque in favour of the WENDOVER ARM TRUST for  
£..... in respect of the annual Subscription. I have also included a  
separate donation of £ .....

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**GIFT AID DECLARATION**

I would like the Wendover Arm Trust to reclaim the tax on all donations and  
subscription payments that I have made since 6 April 2001 and may make in  
the future.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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## Club 100 Winners

First prize: Mr. Ager.  
Second prize: Mr. Henderson.  
Third prize: Mrs. Matraves

## Club 100 - What's this I hear you say??

The Club100 is the Trust's very own lottery draw, exclusive to WAT members, who can buy a single share for £15 per year. There four prize draws throughout the year, January, April, July and October. There are 3 cash winners each draw, the prize money fund is about 50% of the income and the remaining money contributes directly to restoration funds. Therefore the more members who take part in club 100, the bigger the prize fund and the more we raise for restoration.

As we are not are able to run our festival this year, alternative fund raising schemes are more important than ever. Since the Club 100 lottery began over 12 years ago, it has paid out over £8,000 in

prize money and raised over £8,000 towards restoration funds. The next draw will be in April, so there is plenty of time to join, one member who joined for the January draw, actually won 2nd prize (£43.50) at the first attempt, it just goes to show, you have to be in it to win it! First prize was a tidy £104.40, not bad for a £15 annual stake.

Right now we have 85 subscriptions, it would be fantastic to have 100 subscribers for our 21st Anniversary year.

To join, please complete the enclosed form and return it to Katherine. Payment can be by cheque or standing order. The deadline for entry into the April draw is April 17th.



## Sponsor the Restoration of the WENDOVER ARM

I would like to become a Sponsor of the Restoration of the Wendover Arm and have my sponsorship recorded on Bridge 4 or 4A

[ Please tick box ]

- £50 for a 225 mm × 20 mm plaque inset in a bridge plank  
( up to 45 characters and spaces )  
or  
 £100 ( or more ) for a 150 mm × 100 mm plaque mounted on a bridge stanchion

Name to appear  
on my plaque

Please make cheques payable to **Wendover Arm Trust.**

### GIFT AID DECLARATION

*( delete if inapplicable )*

I am a U.K. taxpayer and would like the Wendover Arm Trust to treat my donation as eligible for Gift Aid

[ Please tick one box below ]

Mr  Mrs  Mr & Mrs

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Miss  Other \_\_\_\_\_

[ Please use BLOCK CAPITALS ]

Surname

Forename(s)

Company Name (if applicable)

House No. & Street Name

Town

County

Postcode

Contact Telephone

Please send to :- John Brooman  
66 Bryant's Acre, Wendover  
Aylesbury, Bucks. HP22 6LA

Telephone 01296 623 542

Thank You

## **A Grand Affair**

Sorry to plug the issue, but now that the Tring Festival is not happening, we have lost one of our main opportunities to sell Grand Draw Tickets.

Hopefully we will do just as well with ticket sales at our appearance in various other events, leading up to the National IWA Festival at Beale Park on the River Thames in August, when we will be making the Draw.

Our Grand Draw brings in about £2,000, and this year we are hopeful of improving on that. Tickets will be included in the next newsletter for you to sell for the Trust.

Our Festival usually brings a crop of contributed prizes, and this is an appeal for suitable prizes to be donated so we can have a really attractive Grand Draw.

Contact any Council Member,  
Email [funding@wendoverarmtrust.co.uk](mailto:funding@wendoverarmtrust.co.uk) ,  
or call 07860 286155 if you have anything you could

## **Request for Recipes - Fundraiser for WAT**

I am trying to put a recipe book together of your **favourite** recipes that are suitable for cooking with limited equipment on a boat/caravan.

Do you have any tips to share?

e.g. Storing perishable foodstuffs, saving on fuel for cooking, slow cookers, pressure cookers, making bread by hand on a boat, cooking on the top of your solid fuel stove, BBQs, using a microwave or bread maker

Contact Rose Bennett [dunlin30@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:dunlin30@tiscali.co.uk)  
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