

SLEAFORD NAVIGATION SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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1. Social Evening November 15 - Anwick Social Club 7.45pm

Friday 15 November sees our autumn social evening again at Anwick. Dr Simon Pawley has agreed to talk to the meeting about the Slea and its Mills and of course those Ruskington Fen potatoes will be on the menu again. Please try to attend and bring some friends. You might win an original work of art (no we're not raffling Lionel).

2. Summer Camp

The WRG summer camp virtually finished the south wall of cobblers lock. Towards the end of the week they carried out some work on the coping stones of the north wall only to notice that there was a big void behind the wall. Some quick telephone calls to the district council and their surveyor brought Mrs Kerr down to the lock and permission was granted to remove the wall. By the end of the camp the wall was down with many of the bricks being recovered for the rebuilding work.

3. Waterway Recovery Group - Big Dig and 21st Birthday

Society members took part in the largest canal camp ever to hit the waterways. Close to 1000 people worked on the derelict Wills & Berks canal, cleaning over 2 miles of canal in two days. It was excellent fun and a good opportunity to support the WRG after all the support they have given the society.

4. Bit in the Middle - camp

And talking of support, BITM came back to Cobblers over the weekend of 26/27 October and completed the south wall of the chamber. They also removed the rest of the north wall and started rebuilding. The south wall looks good, with its new brickwork and ladder.

5. And talking of support...

November 9th and 10th sees a team from the Erewash Canal Preservation and Development Association working down at the lock continuing with the rebuilding. Contact Dave Carnell on 0469-30138, if you would like to help.

6. Water Resources Survey

We have had a response from all but Lincolnshire County Council and these have been passed to W S Atkins who will consider our next move along with ADAS. NRA provided very full answers to the queries we raised and indicated they would be prepared to help with the funding of a survey. As I write this there is a programme on TV about cleaning sewage back to nearly pure water in 5 days and not using water as a carrier for sewage effluent!! Perhaps there is a way.

7. Cobblers to Haverholme

Whilst we are looking for ways to fund the survey Lionel Rudkan is liaising with Simon Bamford to consider the next stage of the Cobblers to Haverholme project. By planning to use the waterway in the summer months only, we should be able to reduce the engineering works required.

8. See you on the 15th November

9. Membership

There are still membership subscriptions outstanding. Please renew with Bob or Pat Portlock. £3.00 single, £5.00 joint. (0529 240501)

10. Sheffield Rally

The site at the Sheffield rally was covered with Cobblers T shirts well, not quite, but enough to put up a team and win an original painting of Sheffield basin. This will be raffled at the next social evening so make sure you attend or send a proxy with cash!

SEE YOU ON THE 15th