

Editorial

It's good to confirm that the efforts of our volunteer workers are appreciated by the Trust directors. Jim Phillips marked the 250th edition of *WPN* by saying: "It should remind those of us who don't get about as much as we should of how much noble work goes on out of sight (and mind) of most trustees (and other members). Keith N's hedge-laying, clearance at Malham and at Lordings are tasks which nobody notices until they are no longer done whereupon there would be a great outcry of "Why didn't we....?" We try each year to thank working party leaders and others in their annual thanks from the Chairman, for the work so freely given free of charge, in all weathers: it is inadequate but *WPN* helps to redress the balance of what we owe to our volunteers."

Bill

The Mrs Bucket Group - keeping up appearances on Mondays

We met on three, rather than our usual two, occasions in September. In addition to visits to our regular sites, at the request of Tony Ford we constructed a path to the new noticeboard at Compasses 'bridge'. We also made sure that the swing bridge at Haybarn still swings; it does(!) and hedge-cut and trimmed the towpath from Haybarn to the Lea Farm causeway. The final outing was to Lordings; working with David Junkison we brush-cut the grass and trimmed the hedges on both sides of the flood lock and down as far as the to the kissing gate towards Harsfold.

In October (6th & 20th) we hope to visit Drungewick and Southland locks and later in the month do some more planting at Tickner's for Ian Burton as mentioned in last month's *WPN*.

Nick Wood

Tickner's Heath Depot

Sorry I missed last month's worthy tome, but I had been enjoying myself in foreign parts, having left my expert team to carry out the hard slog of repairing the roadway through the depot and what a fine job they did. Just to prove it, see the photo (right). You will notice that the crew who carried out this fine piece of work are absent. That's because they were so exhausted by their efforts that they could hardly stand up to be part of the scene.

This and fitting a new shed roof at Gun's Mouth has added considerably to the skills the team has recently developed.

Over the last month most of the team at Tickner's has taken advantage of the late summer weather and disappeared to all parts of the globe leaving the hard core of dedicated mechanical and electrical wizards to cover for their absence undertaking such technical tasks as clearing out the guttering of the large double shed. The really tricky bit was figuring out which way up the scaffolding towers went. Anyway, after a lot of pushing and pulling, eventually the guttering was seen to run free and so prevent the influx of water onto Dave K's cherished pile of logs.

In the meantime Ken Bacon managed to acquire a large chain hoist for use by the Trust. He, along with other members of the team have been unravelling the mystery of how it works and how to make it operate correctly. Good luck chaps.

John Smith



Working Party Diary

Every Sunday and Thursday	Mainly construction work	Contact Eric Walker for details
Usually first & third Mondays of the month	'Mrs Bucket' - Keeping Up Appearances	Details from John Empringham
Every Wednesday	Mid-Week Working Party	Check with Ray Pick for confirmation of venue
Every Wednesday (plus Thursday and Sunday as required)	Loxwood Link Maintenance	Check with Kev Baker
Every Wednesday	Maintenance sessions at Tickner's Heath Depot	Contact John Smith/Ken Bacon
Tuesdays or Fridays	Winston Harwood Group	Contact Tony Clear for details
25 October, 2.30pm	WACT autumn meeting, Bramley Village Hall, Surrey	See <i>Wey-South</i> or www.weyandarun.co.uk/autumnmeeting2014.php

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Mid Week Working Party

The members of the MWWP had been looking forward to working in the Pallingham area of the canal. After a busy year working at other sites, we at last commenced work at Pallingham. The work involves clearing the canal bed and the nearside bank from Cooks Bridge to Pallingham Quay Bridge. All of our September Wednesday meetings were at Pallingham. Weather permitting, we hope to continue this work during October. The MWWP would like to thank the local lengthsman Chris for planning and organising the work.

Dave Verrall, on behalf of Ray Pick



Mrs B at Compasses (above) and Haybarn swing bridge (left) Pictures by Roger Wilson

WACT Calendar

Julian Morgan points out that the 2015 calendar is now available. It is a high quality A4 size publication, featuring photographs of the canal taken by WACT members. It costs £7, plus £3 p&p for up to three calendars. Those attending the autumn meeting on 25 October can save postage and collect their copies there, by prior arrangement with the Loxwood office.



What a difference a day makes. The two pictures above were taken by Nick Houston at the beginning and end of MWWP's first day at Pallingham; the picture to the right, also by Nick Houston, shows the view from Cook's bridge at the end of MWWP's second Wednesday

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