

Editorial

Not too much to report on this time - I'm sure this is due to people either being on holiday or the nice weather keeping them outside working on the canal rather than writing reports indoors. It's certainly not due to any shortage of canal restoration projects.

The lack of text does at least allow us to use most of the photographs sent in of the Monday Group hard at work.

Bill

Mrs Bucket Group - Keeping up appearances on Mondays

No report last time as I was swanning around the Med in *Boudicca*, so this missive covers both May and June. The photo shown in the last WPN confirms that, as anticipated, the group visited Malham in May for the first tidy up of the year. A second visit will be on the cards for later on.

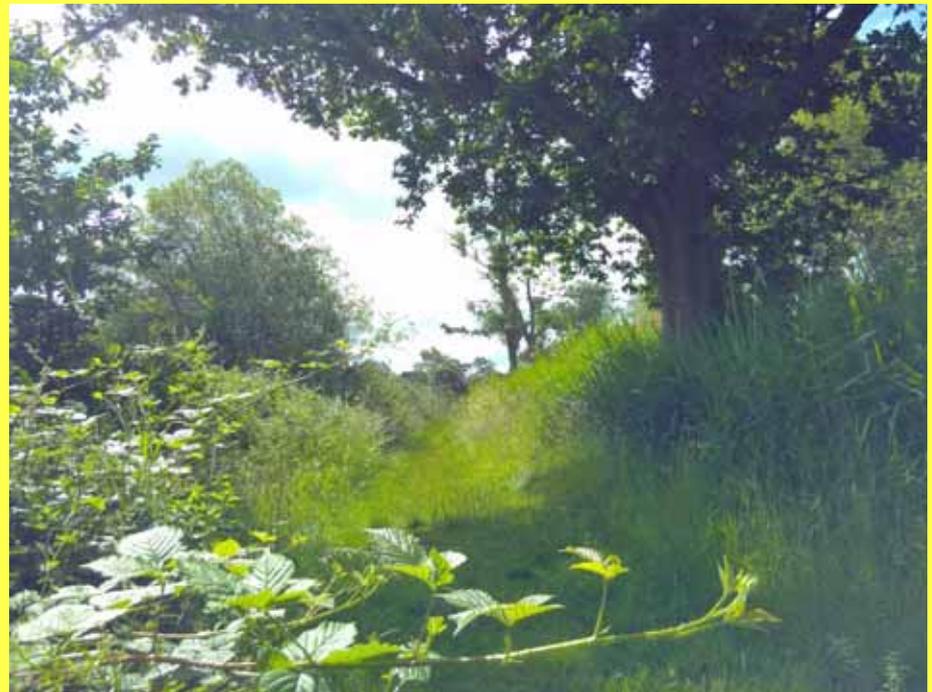
Following that, with a couple of exceptions, all our visits have been to our 'regular' sites in May and June. Now that we have to have 'men at work' signs up at Run Common for 'elf & safety' reasons, our first visit this year to the site also occurred in May. It certainly was overdue, overgrown vegetation everywhere! At Devil's Hole we strimmed the old compound at Kev's request to facilitate car parking for a visiting group who were doing remedial work at Southland lock. We also replaced eight fence posts between the 'common' land north of Tickner's and Dunsfold Park and re-tensioned the wires.

Following representations by three members of Monday Group on the Milestone Club cruise on the 14th June, on the following Monday the Group cut the permissive towpath from Drungewick Lane bridge to the lock, around the lock and winding hole (see photo below).

Having visited Lordings on 15th April (see May WPN), it became apparent that our presence was required again, so on 24th June we spent another full day there cutting the waist high vegetation from the flood lock bridge to Lordings lock itself. (Before and after at the latter are in the photos). The hedges need cutting back but this is not the time of year to do it.

In July we shall be keeping up appearances on our regular sites (Gennets definitely needs us!)

Nick Wood

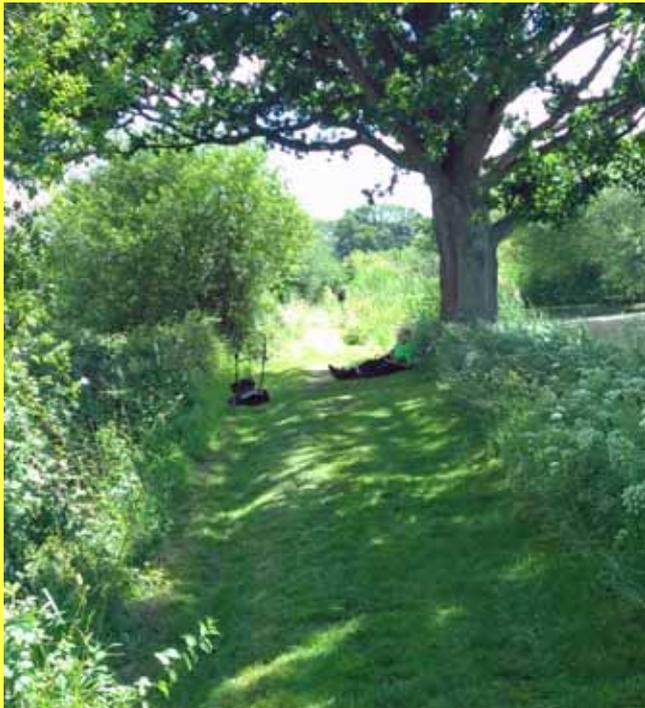


Path at Drungewick before Monday Group's attention (Roger Wilson)

Working Party Diary

Every Wednesday and Thursday	Mainly construction work	Details from Dennis Gillen/John Reynolds
Every Monday	'Mrs Bucket' - Keeping Up Appearances	Details from John Empringham
Every Wednesday	Mid-Week Working Party	Details from Margaret Darvill
Monday to Friday (as required)	Loxwood Link Maintenance	Check with Kev Baker
Every Wednesday	Maintenance sessions at Tickner's Heath Depot	Contact John Smith/Ken Bacon
Various Tuesdays (not in summer)	Hedge Laying	Contact Nick Baxter
Third Saturday of the month	Summit level	Contact Dave Evans
First Friday of the month	PEST boat group	Contact Chris Jones/Peter Hyem

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Drungewick path after (Roger Wilson)

Mid-Week Working Party

This month the MWWP has spent time alternating between Hunt Park and Pallingham. At Hunt Park we are trying to make the area a Natural park without it looking urban but making sure it does not look like a wilderness either.

We cleared a substantial amount of brash from near the fence with the A281 where a tree had fallen over the fence and the root ball and part of the tree had been cut up by an outside contractor. We have tried to improve the view over the river by removing alders and birch self seeds along the river and we

have pulled out a great deal of Himalayan balsam, although it was in areas where we had not pulled it up last year. Hopefully, this will mean we do not have to do so much next year.

At Pallingham, we have cleared areas in preparation for the compound for the repair of Pallingham Bridge, cleared a number of trees which had fallen down due to them being rotten and taken down some very old hawthorns which were rotten and were likely to fall over, as well as strimming the area so a canal can be seen.

Margaret Darvill

Tickner's Heath Depot

Well at last the temperature has started to rise and here at the depot we are starting to make use of the facility produced through the hard graft by the EWG boys.

On one particular Wednesday whilst dodging the showers Mick Jones and Richard Powell managed to put a new floor into the trailer that we had started to overhaul last month. It's a bit springy but does the job. The alternative was to remove the old flooring completely but as the trailer was in constant use this was not an option.

A 3in pump that decided it didn't want to play and stopped working rather abruptly was given the once over. After a fair amount of oil was emptied from the beastie it ran quite happily, and so is now ready to face whatever the Trust has it store for it.

Other small items of the EWG group tools have been looked at and serviced. One job that has been on the to-do list for some time has been crossed off; this was removing the shroud protecting the lock of a container that had arrived from Gennets. This particular job came to light when yours truly spent many minutes trying to lock the thing up one previous Wednesday. As it seemed I was not alone in

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having difficulty with this task, I set to with the angle grinder to remove that thing and hopefully now it is a bit easier to open and close.

On the last Wednesday in the month we welcomed David Nott, a new recruit, to the depot. As he had some expertise in motor vehicle technology we teamed him up with Mick Jones to have a look at one of our old diesel generators. This one, I should add, has always been - shall be say - a trifle awkward to start. But it proved no problem to this intrepid pair and the machine that has had us head

scratching for years burst into life. Once, that is, we had sorted out which lever should be in which position.

So, all in all we are beginning to make use of the new workshop. All we await now is the great day when the chaps from the supply company give us a meter and we no longer have to rely on generators for power.

Well I think that's about it for this edition, all the best.

John Smith

More Mrs Bucket (Monday Group) photographs



***Above - two photographs received after Nick's report on p1. Top - Compasses on 1 July;
Below - Gennets on 1 July;***

Right - Monday Group at Lordings, before (top) and after (middle); including the Trust Landrover (bottom right) which is used to transport personnel and equipment from the main road, across the fields, to the site

All by Roger Wilson.