

Lancaster Canal Trust

Members & Volunteers Newsletter - January 2019

***A happy and prosperous New Year to all ***

January weekend work party *PLUS*

Meet at STAINTON at 9.30 each day

Dates: Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th

Apologies for the delay in getting this e-newsletter out – Xmas has thrown out the schedule as the usual Trustees meeting could only take place last Monday. Normal services will resume next month.

You'll notice also that this month's work party has been put back a week from the normal second w/e of the month. This is because we will be joined by members of the north west branch of Waterways Recovery Group who will swell our numbers and help make even lighter work of the tasks!

Preparing the bed and laying out the next lot of linings will be the main job this weekend. Definitely a wellies job for although we'll have the pumps running for a few days before the weekend there is bound to be some residual mud! We also need to expose the top of the lining at the Sellet Hall bridge end as there needs to be additional lining fitted there. These jobs completed if there is any spare time we can always useful work to be done at Hincaster.

We are still waiting for the contractor to move the accumulated soil before Br 172 off-site and finish profiling the banks. Once this is done, we'll be able to complete the last bit of lining and look to fitting stop planks and sealing the wash walls.

Volunteers of all skill levels are welcome. We will provide whatever protective clothing is required for the job in hand (hard hats, hi-vis jackets and work gloves) if you don't have your own. We advise that you bring warm clothes, waterproofs, sturdy boots or wellies and a packed lunch with drinks

PLEASE let me know if you can attend - this is important in case details change, a quick email to chair@lctrust.co.uk is all that's needed.

December report



The two submersible pump were successfully in dropping the water level which had been up over wellies level over the whole length of the furlong earlier in the week! The weekend was spent moving four lorry loads of concrete blocks (that's 52 stacks each of 72 blocks – do the sums!) down on to the completed section and positioned with that nifty pallet truck ready for laying. Laying blocks along the sides of this section was also finished.



Job finished, all in place ready for the next assault!



The Stables – 1st Dec

A work party met at the 'paddock' beside the Stable at Crooklands and did a superb job in clearing the area, exposing the gravel path and generally sprucing up the area. Thoughts on new planting options and ongoing maintenance are being shared amongst the group and their ideas will be agreed shortly. More work is proposed therefore and dates and times will be published in due course.

Partner Organisations – News and Updates

Inland Waterways Assoc – Cumbria & Lancs Branch

The talk will be at St Chads Parish Centre, 235 Town Lane, Whittle Woods, PR6 8AJ at 7 for 7.30, 31st January, any members of LCT would be very welcome, there is no charge but we will have a fundraising raffle. The talk will be about the Daniel Adamson – see below:

The Daniel Adamson is a 1903 Steam Ship boasting a unique Art Deco interior which was saved from being scrapped by a team of enthusiastic volunteer who bought the ship for £1 and then secured £3.8 Million from The Heritage Lottery to save the significant ship which is 15th on the Register of National Historic Ships. ‘

We share interesting stories, footage and images of The Danny in her past life as the Chairman’s Launch playing host to a the rich and famous from all over the world in the 1930’s, as well as information on the steam ship’s engines and stories of her working life on the Manchester Ship Canal.

We give an insight into the work needed to save the ship from being scrapped, to becoming a new tourist attraction offering cruises along The North West Waterways, as well as also being available for private hire.



Canal & River Trust:

Stainton Aqueduct update.

It’s disappointing to have to report that the bad, at times appalling weather has caused such delays on the work there that CRT and their contractors are having to rethink the work programme and now think that the completion date will be the end of May at the earliest. The problem has been the sheer volume of water in Stainton Beck pouring through the structure.

Towpath Taskforce Lancaster

Meeting Location: Lune Aqueduct car park, Caton road, Lancaster, LA1 3PE	Meeting Location: Lune Aqueduct car park, Caton road, Lancaster, LA1 3PE
Date: Wednesday 16th January	Date: Thursday 31st January
If you can please let Anna know if you are planning to attend that would be great Anna.Barlow@canalrivertrust.org.uk	If you can please let Anna know if you are planning to attend that would be great Anna.Barlow@canalrivertrust.org.uk
Taskforce Contact: Anna Barlow 07810378910	Taskforce Contact: Anna Barlow 07810378910
Start / Finish: 1000 to 1500	Start / Finish: 1000 to 1500
Task: Habitat maintenance	Task: Habitat maintenance
Please bring wellington boots if you have them.	Please bring wellington boots if you have them.

Meeting Location: Galgate Marina, LA2 0LG
Date: Tuesday 29th January
If you can please let Anna know if you are planning to attend that would be great Anna.Barlow@canalrivertrust.org.uk
Taskforce Contact: Anna Barlow 07810378910
Start / Finish: 1000 to 1400
Task: Towpath/vegetation maintenance, Lock 1 Glasson Flight

Bicentenary celebration update

Final agreement has been reached on replacing the 25 missing milestones along the length of the canal. The stone has been ordered from a local quarry at Longridge, a design and wording of the lettering agreed with the heritage people and a mason appointed. The carving will be carried out at the CRT depot at Galgate and with one exception, the stones will be installed by CRT staff. We will install at least one of those on the Northern Reaches, the location still to be discussed. A great photo opportunity!

LCT Site Locations:

First Furlong – Stainton, Viver Lane, LA8 0LG

<https://www.lctrust.co.uk/activities/stainton-car-park/view-map?tmpl=component...>

Hincaster Tunnel – Well Head Lane (by bridge under A590) Grid Reference SD 5139 8510

Millness Depot – A65 Crooklands (by bridge under M6) Grid Reference SD 5371 8303

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