



The Basingstoke
Canal Society

Basingstoke Canal News

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Editorial

The Society has been hard at work over the winter months, not only the effort put in by the working parties to clear up fallen trees and reduce saplings along the banks, but also lobbying our local councillors and spreading the word to “Keep your Canal Alive”.

You can read about these activities in this month’s newsletter, but more important is the report from Ian Moore, Chair of the Society.

There is a real risk to the future of the Canal, due to lack of funding. You can help the cause by writing to your local MP. Details of how to do this can be found on page 6 of this newsletter, and

a template can be downloaded from the website:

<https://basingstoke-canal.org.uk/keep-your-canal-alive/>

Please also note that the date has been set for the AGM: 1st June 2024. We hope to see many familiar faces there, but it would be wonderful to meet some new members and find out what the canal means to you.

Please send an email to editor@basingstoke-canal.org.uk with any content you would like to see featured in the newsletter, contributions or comments.

Elspeth Levi, Editor

Chairman’s Report

As the days start to stay light longer can we see any light at the end of the financial tunnel?

Unfortunately not. The County Councils are liaising with the local riparian councils, but as I write, there remains a major funding shortfall.

Quite simply **The Canal is at risk** - We can no longer take it for granted

We are obviously in touch with all parties and are stressing the value of the canal to the local communities and boaters. However we are also putting a strong message out to the local

communities and users that **The Canal needs your help**

Our campaign is to **Keep the Canal Alive** both for now and for future generations. But we need everyone’s help

The message is therefore that people can help by:

1. Donating (*Protect the canal through helping to fund essential projects*)
2. Becoming a Member (*Supporting the charity efforts*)
3. Get Involved & Volunteering (*Help us to help the Basingstoke Canal*)

Front cover image: Slade’s Bridge by Roger Cansdale

Chairman's Report

In the meantime the Society is active in its work in helping maintain the canal. Indeed the Basingstoke Canal has the highest ratio of volunteers per kilometre than any other UK canal, so many thanks to everyone involved. When all the hours are aggregated together we deliver the same effort as 27 full time staff! We are also actively doing our part in funding projects including the new electric Boat Kitty II at Woking. Last year's we invested £50k on a new weedcutter to help keep the canal clear.

However this does not address the major funding shortfall on the Canal. Indeed looking at the bigger picture, all of the UK's waterways see a similar picture. It is sad that many of the wonderful benefits of our canals are at risk.

The Canal Society has joined the Inland Waterways Association campaign to support robust funding for the national canal network, and hopefully we can reap some benefits. Those folks who are IWA members should be fully aware of what their plans are for the future.

As we move towards council elections, it's always interesting to get the opinions of the various candidates, simply by asking them for their views on the canal. We know that the stock answer is there is no money, but let's have a meaningful discussion of what can be done along with setting a plan for the future when funding will be available.

In the meantime, let's all actively work on helping protect our canal. Let's not take it for granted.

And to close on an upbeat note a photo of our new electric boat, Kitty II , below - and more on page 15. The motor for Kitty II has arrived at the boatbuilder in Garstang and the boat should be with us in the summer.

Oh and a final request : There is a notice attached to Arthur's Bridge in Woking from Woking Borough Council's Planning team, it would be really good if members could ping a supporting email.

Ian Moore



AGM Announcement

NOTICE is hereby given that the 47th Annual General Meeting of The Basingstoke Canal Society will be held on Saturday 1st June 2024 at the Mytchett Canal Centre, starting at 5.00pm.

The formal Agenda for the meeting is as follows:-

1. To hear apologies for absence.
2. To confirm the minutes of the 46th AGM held on 29th April 2023.
3. To approve the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2023.
4. To reappoint Barnbrook Sinclair Partnership LLP as Independent Examining Accountants.
5. To elect or confirm the appointment of the members of the Board of Directors (Executive Committee) for the year 2024/5 (see note 3).
6. To transact any other business relative to the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

By order of the Board of Directors

Celia Griffiths, Secretary

Following the formal business of the AGM there will presentations of the Robin Higgs Award and the Dieter Jebens Trophy.

AGM Notes

AGM Notes:

- 1) This Notice is issued from our Registered Address at Chancery House, 30, St Johns Road, Woking, Surrey GU21 7SA.
- 2) Every member of the Society who is entitled to vote at a General Meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy, who need not be a member, but can attend and vote in their stead. Forms of Proxy can be obtained from the Secretary at celia.griffiths@basingstoke-canal.org.uk or in writing to 138, Alexandra Road, Farnborough, Hants GU14 6RN. Only paid-up members are entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.
- 3) The arrangements for the election of directors provide that one third of the directors and any director appointed since the last AGM must retire and are eligible for re-election.

Full details of those directors who will be resigning and seeking to be re-elected and members being proposed as directors for a first time will be shown on the Members webpages and on application to the Secretary in advance of the meeting. Nomination Forms (which must be received not less than 14 days before this meeting) are available from the Secretary at the address shown in 2 above.

- 4) The Report & Accounts will be available to view on the website before the AGM. Copies can be available from the Secretary by email or post if requested. In accordance with normal practice, when approved, these will be published in summary in the Basingstoke Canal News.
- 5) Any changes to the details given in this notice will be published on the Society's website at www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk.

Following on from the AGM at about 6pm there will be a social for members and volunteers – further details will appear on the website nearer the time. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be provided.

Save the Canal

The Basingstoke Canal is at risk

Help us protect the Basingstoke Canal for future generations. We can't take it for granted and the Canal needs your help.

We are asking all our members and supporters to write to their local MP about the importance of protecting the Basingstoke Canal as a vital green space for your local community.

The Basingstoke Canal Society are actively speaking to many MPs from constituencies through which the Basingstoke Canal passes. If you are compelled to do so we would encourage you to attend local Q&A sessions to raise your concerns or share your appreciation of the Canal as valued resource.

How do I write to my MP?

A suggested template can be downloaded from our website (although you may prefer to write in

your own words). You can send this to your MP as a formal letter, either at

The House of Commons, Parliament Square, London, SW1A 0AA,

or to their constituency office, or alternatively you can contact your MP by email.

The Government website (<https://members.parliament.uk/members/Commons>) provides information on how to contact your MP .

You can also use www.writetothem.com which provides an easy and simple way to write to your MP.

An easy to use template can be downloaded from the website:

<https://basingstoke-canal.org.uk/keep-your-canal-alive/>

The committee would very much appreciate your support in bringing this matter to the attention of MP's (and aspiring MP's) along the whole length of the canal.



The image on the left shows the state of the canal before it was restored.

No one wants to see it return to this condition.

Lobbying Campaign



The Basingstoke
Canal Society

KEEP YOUR CANAL ALIVE!

Help safeguard your and your neighbourhood's health and habitat

The Society has been working hard to try to engage with members of the councils along the length of the canal. Our concern is that most have either reduced their funding or even cancelled any funding for the canal. Members of the Society committee have worked hard to ensure the councils are fully aware of the potential threat to the canal's future their funding decisions will definitely have.

The owners of the Basingstoke Canal Authority (Surrey and Hampshire County Councils) have made a number of far reaching proposals for the future management of the canal and at the time of writing we await the final outcome of its consultation with local councils on this important way forward.

The proposals include a requirement of councils to contribute to the canal funding in the future. However the current financial difficulties many councils find themselves in may lead to many of them declining to offer any funding at all.

Despite the poor response from the majority of councils your Society will continue to do all it can to ensure the canal's future along its complete length. Our conversations with councillors have been disappointing as far as available funding is concerned but we have been encouraged by their recognition of the canal's importance to

the communities who use the waterway and its surrounds, and its undoubted benefits to all.

We will continue to have discussions about how we can work together with councils to ensure they are fully aware of the consequences of their actions.

We are pleased that the Basingstoke Canal Authority is committed to keep the canal navigable along its whole length and we will support its progress towards the new management structure and funding proposals.

We are not alone in this funding crisis as Central Government has reduced its funding for all waterways across the UK. We will continue to join our friends across the UK to fight for funding to be reinstated at a level which will ensure the future of these wonderful assets to the country as a whole.

Please ask your local councillors and MPs how they propose to support your canal in the future. We have further information about our "Keep Your Canal Alive" campaign available. If you would like this, please contact editor@basingstoke-canal.org.uk

Paul Amphlett

....and it's all done by volunteers!

The Basingstoke Canal Society is totally volunteer led. I thought that it might be interesting to get a bit of

background on the huge difference that volunteers have made over the years.



Volunteers hard at work at Lock 7

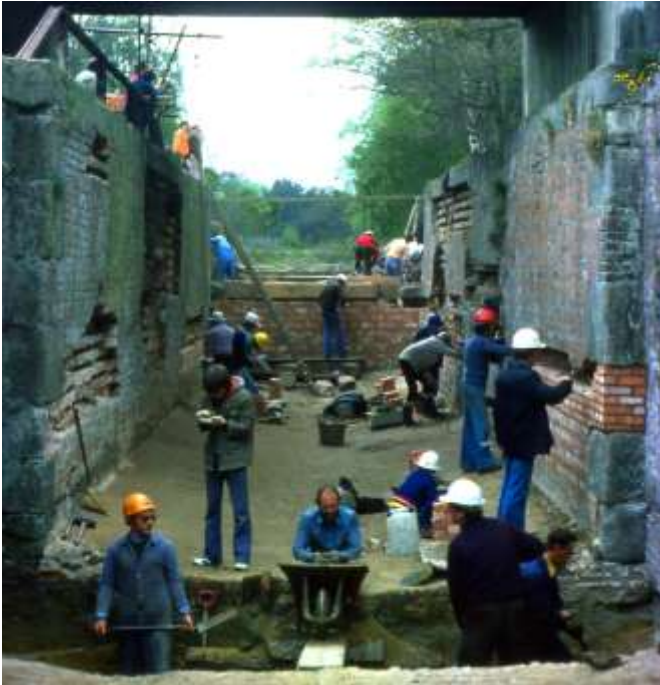
Today our role is to continue to work hard to Keep the Canal Alive. We remain totally volunteer led with over 280 volunteers contributing over 28,000 hours work a year to help look after the Canal. So, a huge 'thank you' to all our volunteers as they are absolutely critical to helping keep the canal open and available for all the community and boaters to enjoy.

Volunteering is not just about repairing the infrastructure or assisting with the heavy work of sapling cutting and stump grinding.

We rely on our volunteers for all sorts of roles: IT, Project Management, Health & Safety, support at events and Digital Marketing to name but a few.

We go from strength to strength with on average 2 new volunteers joining each week, each of whom brings a different skill set and body of knowledge to support the work of the Society.

My thanks go out to everyone who contributes their time, but as the saying goes—the more the merrier!



Left: Volunteers carry out the repair of Lock 25 at Deepcut.

Why support us as a volunteer?

Quite simply the feedback from volunteers is that it is:

- really satisfying - you feel good helping protect our wonderful canal
- a great way to use some of your skills - and it gives a real sense of purpose
- fun being part of a team with the opportunity to meet a whole mix of new people
- fascinating to learn about both the canal's history and how it is managed today

- flexible and you can do as much, or as little, as you want to do with no commitment

....in summary, it's darn good fun!

Becoming a volunteer is easy. Either go to our website to find out more and apply for one of the roles - or if you want to have a chat on the phone (no obligation) just drop an email to volunteer@basingstoke-canal.org.uk

Please don't forget to tell your friends about getting involved.

Thanks again for everyone's help and making such a difference to Keeping the Canal Alive.

Ken Sankey

Trustee & Volunteer Co-ordinator

Archivist Action

Over the last few months a team of Society members have begun the task of sorting through and cataloguing the considerable archives stored at the Canal Centre. The team consists of James Gregory-Marshall, Kevin Pizzey and Peter Whitlock, supported by Directors Ken Sankey and John Turner.

The archives consist of items relating to the Society itself along with canal related items that have been donated by many people over the last 50 years or so.

We have to date found many interesting documents from the Society's past such as plans of the proposal for the reconstruction of Guildford Road Bridge (King's Head Bridge) in the 1990's as well as earlier documents relating to the history of the canal including the auctioneer's copy of the canal sale catalogue from 1949 containing hand written notes of the bids made on each lot and the winning bidders. This can be seen on the right hand page.

The task of sorting and cataloguing the collection will take some time to complete. At present we estimate it will be around six months to discover what is in the archives. Our ultimate aim is

to make the archives and the history of the canal more accessible to members through the newsletters, the website, etc.

In future newsletters we will be writing a series of articles on both the history of the Society and the canal. These will be based on our research at the Canal Centre and also records kept at the Surrey History Centre in Woking and Hampshire Archives in Winchester.

We are currently at an early stage and haven't yet established firm proposals for the articles. They are, however, likely to include research on former owners of the canal, the auction in March 1949 (2024 is the 75th anniversary of the auction), the formation and early days of the Society and perhaps some accounts about specific canal architecture such as the many bridges.

We hope that you will find the articles interesting and we are happy to receive requests and suggestions regarding what you, the members would to read about. These can be sent to us at:

archive@basingstoke-canal.org.uk

Peter Whitlock

If any other members would like to assist with this work, please contact Ken Sankey.

Also, if any member (or interested party) has any material about the canal

that might find a place in the Society archives, please let us know and once the material at Mytchett has been sorted and catalogued we will contact them.

Working Parties Report

The last couple of work parties before Christmas saw a repeat of the stump clearing for some of the party while the other half had a large bonfire over two days which managed to dispose of practically all the collected trimmings. On the penultimate weekend we reverted to off bank clearance moving downstream from Colt Hill. On the Saturday while stopped for lunch against the towpath, and we were very lucky to have stopped where we did as less than a boat length in front of us a large dead tree fell down across the towpath and canal.



Fallen tree on canal

Fortunately we were able to pick up one of our chainsaw operators and cleared the tree, before continuing with the work on the off side.

The following working weekend everyone was out on clearing. Some worked on the towpath blitzing all the vegetation between the path and the canal, while the rest worked on the off bank. This resulted in an extremely good clearance, including material that had been in the water for a few years.

The second weekend work party in January was after a couple of storms and predictably there were trees down.

In the short stretch between Odiham bypass bridge and Broad Oak there were four lots of casualties. On Saturday we cleared two occurrences involving three trees and started on the third heap. We then had to call in the heavy chainsaw team for the large oak tree covered with ivy.

In the meantime, the stump grinding team had a repaired stump grinder and managed to clear the last remaining 13 stumps.

It was a massive effort spread over a total of five weekends, so congratulations to the team of five volunteers. Every weekend the work had started with moving the stump grinder and digger from the safe overnight store of the Galleon Marine Yard across the canal and then on the Sunday evening moving it all back again. They had to set up the screens to avoid stones etc being fired around, before starting the slow process of doing the actual grinding itself.

On the first weekend in February a number of the team spent Saturday at Ash Lock giving Jim Douglas, (the boat we want to sell) a clean and then giving a prospective customers a viewing. The rest of the party finished clearing the big oak tree and then moved on to clear another couple of windfalls near Wilks Water.

On the Sunday we had a complete work party and continued our off-bank clearance with a very successful days' work. We should meet up with the work that the West End group have been doing by the end of February.

Duncan Paine



Stump Grinding team at work

Discussing ways to clear the large oak



Images by Greg Sutton

As well as the fortnightly weekend work party, other groups work on the canal. The Tuesday group go out with one of the BCA rangers and perform routine maintenance work such as sapling clearance, painting lock gates etc. While the “West End Work party” turn out on various days to suit, doing other work as reported below.

At the end of September ‘23, when bird nesting season ended our “West End Work Party” continued sapling clearing working upstream on both sides of the canal from Sandy Hill Bridge with the intention of reaching Broad Oak Bridge before the end of February ‘24, the start of this year’s bird nesting season. With one more work party scheduled for Friday 23rd February the objective is in sight and we’re confident

we’ll reach Broad Oak Bridge & maybe even get a little further.

It’s clear the difference the group has made. Many thanks to all the volunteers who came out in all weather conditions, a great achievement.

The “West End Work Party” comprises BCS members who attend the BCA Tuesday Work Party & skippers from the BCA Work Boats, Patrol Boats & Conver weed cutter. The project was set up by Fiona Shipp from the Basingstoke Canal Authority (BCA), who provided all our tools (loppers, hand saws), PPE / first aid kit, life jackets etc.

Many thanks for support from the BCA and the use of Alan Flight, the society work boat.

Working Parties Continued

Also worthy of mention is another group of BCS volunteers who are spending February in the dry-dock at Deepcut. Each year, the BCA trip boat "Rosebud", the BCA Patrol Boat & the rescue dory need their annual service and spruce up which is organised and resourced by a group of BCS volunteers.

After many years of sterling service, patrolling the Hampshire pound dealing with tasks which don't require

the larger workboat, the Patrol Boat requires quite a bit of TLC. So, most of our efforts will be focussed on the Patrol Boat which needs attention to the foredeck, the roof & also the transom. The hull also needs some minor fibreglass repair work. Hopefully, everything will be completed by the end of February so it will be ready to resume patrols on the Hampshire pound. Once again, many thanks to all the BCS volunteers.



Volunteers working on the Patrol Boat with scrapers and power tools. The appropriate PPE (face masks, safety glasses & gloves) were all supplied by BCA .



Kitty II Progress

As reported in Issue 279, Work has now started on building Kitty II, our new electric trip boat with disabled access. Brayzel (the company who are building Kitty II have kindly provided updates on the progress.

Below you can see Kitty II on her way from the boatbuilder in Stoke, which happened at the beginning of January.



Now they have moved on to sprayfoaming the interior.

The area around the door has purposefully not been sprayfoamed as that is where the wheelchair lift will go.

There is still a considerable amount of negotiation underway to ensure we have the electrical supply in place for Kitty II when she arrives. Many thanks to John Turner who is leading this project.



Above: Kitty II interior as at 26 February 2024

News in Brief

Thank you to Blackwater Valley Runners

The Society were delighted to receive a contribution of £500 from the Blackwater Valley runners to support our work in Keeping the Canal Alive.



If you are part of a local group or company looking for a local charity to support, get in touch to find out more about our work.

Thanks for the photos showing the runners enjoying the canal.



Angling news

Following on from an enquiry into our inbox regarding fishing permits for the 2024/2025 season, the following response was received from the Basingstoke Canal Authority.

“The current fishing rights with the Basingstoke Canal Angling Association are coming to an end this 2023/2024 season.

So, the Basingstoke Canal Authority will be seeking expressions of interest for the fishing rights for 2024/2025 season by putting out a tender very soon.

We will hope to have more information once we have gone through this process.”

IWA on Countryfile

The Countryfile episode scheduled to be broadcast on Sunday 3 March at 18:00 will explore the heritage and value of our canals as well as the threat from inadequate funding.

Unfortunately you will receive your newsletter after this programme has gone out, but it will be available on iPlayer for some time.



Inland Waterways Association
@IWA_UK

Next week's @BBCCountryfile will explore the heritage and value of our #canalsandrivers, as well as the threat from inadequate Government funding

Sunday 3 March, BBC 1, 18:00

[#FundBritainsWaterways](#)

News in Brief

Works along the canal

Hampshire County Council have been undertaking a number of works along the canal. Closures can be tracked on their website: [Closures and works | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/closures-and-works)



Heathvale Bridge at Ash Vale is now fully reopened with fresh paintwork.

Sheerwater Bridge near Woking, pictured below on the right, was also shotblasted and repainted.



It's time to get snapping

The Canal Society will again be running its annual photographic competition to find pictures of the canal to go in next year's calendar.

Winners will receive free copies of the calendar and have the pleasure of seeing their names in it.

Same rules as before - colour photos in LANDSCAPE format about big enough to fill an A4 page at 300dpi; this will roughly equate at least to a 1mb jpg file. Email them to editor@basingstoke-canal.org.uk.

Final date for entries will be **31st July** and there is no limit to the number of entries you can make

What do the judges look for? It's easy to take pretty pictures of the canal but what the winners usually have is some particular point of interest in the scene. This can be a person, a boat or anything that tells a bit of a story and makes the picture come to life.

However, try to avoid making anyone recognisable unless you can get their written consent because otherwise we may not be able to use the photo.

Events

The plan for the 2024 event season is already taking shape. No jubilee or coronation this year, but still plenty of summer fetes. We will be helping to arrange something later in the year to launch the new electric boat - Kitty II.

At events we provide information about the canal, BCS membership and volunteering roles, sell BCS publications and canal themed gifts. The Buzzer Box is always popular and we are open to new ideas for attractions.

We usually pitch our gazebo and set up the stall, about an hour before the start of an event and pack up the stall afterwards. It is all voluntary, so we just ask for an hour or whatever you can do to help. All are welcome and

there is always time to sample the cake stall and enjoy the arena events.

If you can assist or would like more information about any of these events please email :

heather.sloane@basingstoke-canal.org.uk .

We are always open to suggestions of new events and locations along the length of the canal, so please contact me if you know of something else to consider adding to the list.

Pictured below:

Volunteers wrapped up warmly for the Christmas Market fair at Frimley Green



Forthcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
Sat. 2 March	Volunteer Recruitment Fair	Hart Shopping Centre, Fleet
Sat. 9 March	Greening Fleet - "Space For Nature"	The Meadows, (Harlington Centre), Fleet
Sat. 20 th Apr.	Thornycroft Day, featuring the 'last 5 miles' proposal.	Brookvale Village Hall, Basingstoke
Sun. 19 May	Basingstoke Festival of Transport. Large car show of around 900 vehicles. Classic cars and vintage service vehicles.	Memorial Park, Basingstoke
Mon. 27 May	Farnborough Donkey Derby,	King George V Playing Fields. Farnborough
Sat. 22 June	St John's Village Fete, Woking	Scout Summer Fete at St John's Lye
Sun. 30 June	Zebon Copse Residents' Association Fete	Community Centre, Church Crookham
Sat. 6 July	Fleet Carnival	Calthorpe Park, Fleet
Sat. 13 July	Pyrford & Wisley Village Flower Show	Pyrford Cricket Club. GU22 8ST
Sat 13 July	Odiham Church Fete	Hatchwood House, Odiham
Sat. 20 July	Dogmersfield & villages Flower Show	Pilcot Farm, Dogmersfield.
Sun 1 Sept.	Odiham Raft Race	

NOTE: We don't have dates yet for the Mikron Theatre performance or National Trust Wey River Festival, but will add these in when they are confirmed.

Water Voles

In the early days of the John Pinkerton operation at Odiham it was not unusual to hear a quiet “plop” and to see a small brown animal paddling briskly across the canal behind the boat. Sadly Ratty, or the water vole as he should be called, is a great rarity nowadays thanks to the animal rights activists who misguidedly released 6000 mink from a farm in the New Forest in 1998.



It was great therefore to see a recent newspaper article giving the news that mink have been eradicated from East Anglia thanks to the use of smart traps that send a text and email when they are sprung.

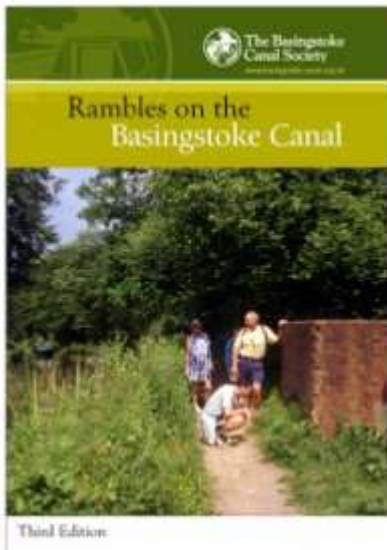
Ordinary traps have to be monitored daily which makes their use almost impossible for the hard-pressed BCA; the smart traps reduced the number of visits by 98%. The work in East Anglia

was done by the Waterlife Recovery Trust, led by Prof Tony Martin of Dundee University. 441 traps were used to clear mink from an area of 2260 square miles and the voles are returning!

Might this be a cause that the Society could take up? How about adopting old Ratty as our mascot?

Roger Cansdale

Rambling Time



As the weather improves over the coming spring months, it's great to enjoy a stroll along the canal. If you're new to the area, or feel that you haven't explored much of the canal, why not invest in the "Rambles on the Basingstoke Canal" guide available from the [Shop section of the website?](#)

Or visit <https://basingstoke-canal.org.uk> then click on "Shop" for a handy guide for only £4.90.

Chobham talks

The Spring programme of talks is now finalised and we will be delighted to welcome the speakers and audience.

A location map can be found below.

All talks will be at 8pm.

Location: Parish Pavilion on the A3046 Station Road, Chobham

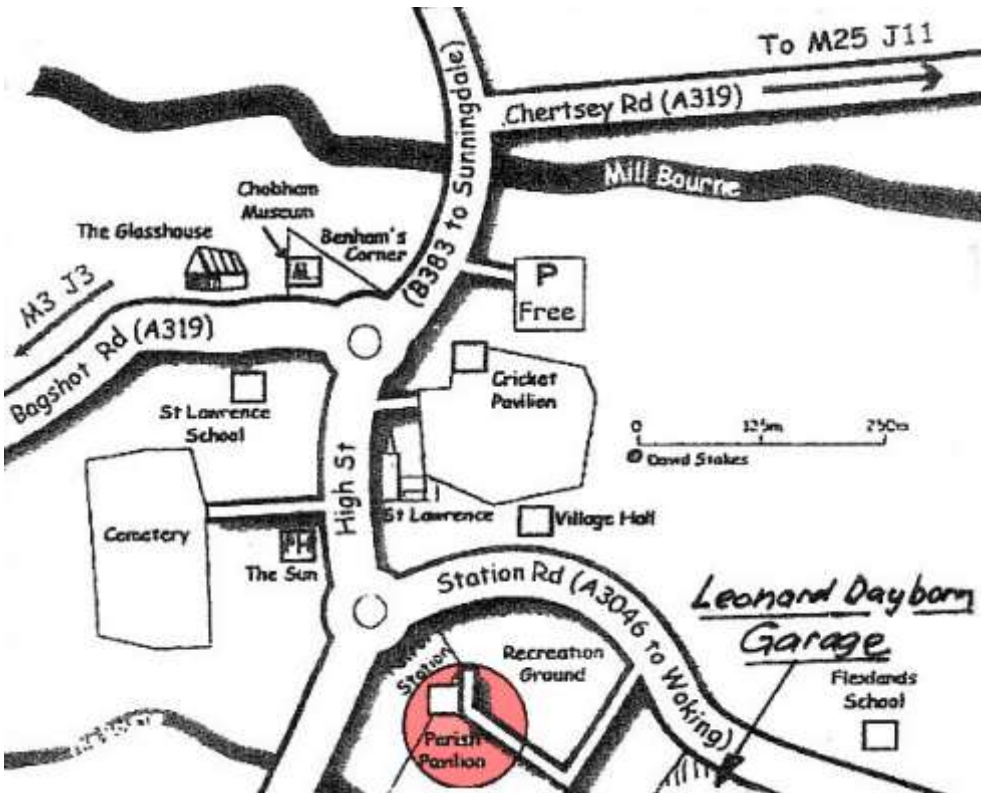
March 20th David Rose will present a talk on “Railways of Surrey “

Apr 17th Colin Brown “It’s not all at Sea”. The History and Work of the RNLI”.

Talks will stop for the Summer season and resume in October 2024.

Graham Deavin

Chobham Talks Organiser



Membership

Membership Software

I have recently updated the software we use on the web site for managing membership. There is a subtle change to the registration pages and a significant change to your Account Page. This can be accessed at <https://basingstoke-canal.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-member/account-page/>

HOME : shows the details we hold about you [address/preferences etc] and allows you to change them.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: shows your current membership level and expiry date

PAYMENTS: shows the membership payments you have made to the society.

I hope also that you will receive more appropriate emails about your membership renewals. There maybe a few issues with the data transfer to the new system so if you think your information is not correct please let me know.

Membership Administrator

One of our new volunteers, Andi Caine, has very kindly taken on the role of Membership Administrator where she will be monitoring subscriptions into our Bank Accounts and helping out with failed card payments. I'd like to take the opportunity to express my thanks to Rosemary Farr who has performed this role for the past few years.

Welcome to our new members and thank you for your support:

Amanda Berry of Fleet

Matthew Kemp of Maidenhead

Andi Caine of Basingstoke

Alan Barber of Camberley

Denise Keen of Yateley

Anne Theobald of Frimley Green

David Whitcroft of Camberley

Swapnil Sirsikar

Conrad Bennett of Addlestone

Holly Keats of Ash Vale

Jack Murphy of Basingstoke

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