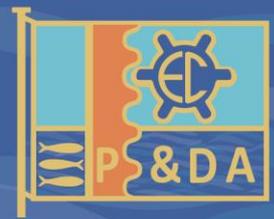


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It's May so it's AGM month ☺.

Restrictions are easing all round this month which is good news.

Friday Work Party. Pentland is still being put to regular use on the canal, most recently assisting in the clearance of the weir above Dockholme lock. The job entailed clearing the weir run off, removing weeds and other growth, Rowland Smith removed branches and other debris from the weir apron and channel, which greatly improved the flow of water.

We have also had Pentland down at the footbridge by Steve Mills yard and drydock, to replace one of the parapet rails which was rotten. Some clever carpentry skills were displayed by Dave Turner in to create a rail of sufficient length. Thanks also to Steve who was kind enough to loan us a G clamp and provide wood glue.

When we collected Pentland from its temporary mooring, Sue Mottershead told us of a CRT totem opposite Steve Mills yard which had rotted close to the ground. We went down and collected the totem with the intention of removing the bottom 12 inches and then replacing it in the ground in the near future.

After many years in Great Northern basin, Ruth III has been sold and will shortly start making her way to the north west with her new owner.

Norman

Litter pick on the local canal last night keeping the waterways (and towpaths) clean!!

@Abbeysup

#sup #paddleboarding #surfersagainstsewage

#localcanal



These people are part of the Heart of Sandiacre group who are also repainting the bridge in Sandiacre that crosses the Erewash canal.

Monthly meetings are usually held every third Thursday at Sandiacre Lock Cottage starting at 7.30pm prompt.

We are now holding these meetings via Zoom and the next one will be the Annual General Meeting at 3pm on Thursday 13th May.

Please contact Shirley to be sent the link to join – you can join via normal telephone or via the internet on a computer or other internet enabled device.

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Yvonne Shattower, Secretary and Shirley Cornwell, Membership Secretary have stepped down and are up for re-election so there will be voting via zoom.

Sandiacre Lock Cottage will be reopening to visitors on **Sunday 23rd May 10:30 to 15:30.**

We are hoping for lovely weather as refreshments will be served outside.

We will also be opening the newly refurbished old stable and blacksmiths to visitors.

Welcome to the Sandiacre Lock Cottages

Canal Horses

Horses were used along the Erewash Canal from 1779 to the 1950s.

They were very strong and could pull up to 50 times their weight.

Large, heavy horses which included Shires or Clydesdales were typical working horses, but often ponies and mules were used.

Most horses ate as they walked

and they had specially designed nosebags.

Sometimes they were led along the towpath by children.



Glyn