

Erewash Navigator



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Newsletter of the Erewash Canal Preservation and Development Association

We have our first promotional event coming up soon. On the 11/12 September there is a "Shardlow Inland Port Festival" a celebration of the canals, port and historic village of Shardlow. A weekend of entertainment and family fun!

Pentland will be attending to showcase the work we have done on local canals and buildings. Volunteers to "man" the boat will be gratefully received (please contact Norman/Shirley).

Sandiacre Lock Cottages – On the 4th August Jude and the team had a successful wash day for children. Both am and pm groups of boys and girls had a wonderful Victorian wash day.



Some re-pointing and brick replacement has now been completed and the re-painting of the exterior of the cottages will be completed on 18th August.

We are opening on Bank Holiday Monday 30th August 10:30 to 3:30 and at 2pm Lucy Sharp will be demonstrating Clog Dancing.

Timothy Rattenbery will be creating animals during the day;



And there will be tales for children and grown-ups all day from Mrs Abraham



Monthly meeting

There is no meeting in August therefore:

The next meeting will again be via Zoom on Thursday 16th September at 3.00pm

Please contact Shirley to be sent the link to join if you haven't joined them before.

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Work Party News

The last few weeks have seen the work party undertake a few jobs on the CRT SAP list including an examination of the misbehaving off-side bottom gate paddle at Langley Bridge Lock and fitting replacement bridge plates to bridge 12.

Most of the jobs have been around the Mill including replacing three planks of the swing bridge decking at the toll house end when a major collapse became imminent.

Attention to both doors on the sanitary station and our cottage door enables them all to close and open more easily now.

Upstairs in the Pump House new LED lights have been installed, replacing the hard-to-access fluorescent tube fitting on top of the lifting beam.

The Great Northern Basin has also benefitted from some clearance near the pub and at the blocked-off road bridge.

Vegetation clearance has also taken place on the track between the boat company's north gate and the current end of the excavated canal.

Regular jobs now include emptying the three litter bins (full to overflowing every Friday) also cleaning of toilets, mowing grass, cutting hedges and frequently servicing or mending various items of our machinery. There is plenty to keep us going throughout the autumn and winter so anyone who would like to join in please get in touch either with myself or Norman.

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Some of the brick work/ replacement at Sandiacre Cottage