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John Kearon, for National Historic Ships, unfurls the Regional flag on **Kennet** at Liverpool.

National Historic Ships Award

Following seven successful years of very different kinds of vessels from around the UK winning this award, National Historic Ships UK has again extended the scheme this year by awarding Regional Flagship awards in response to imaginative submissions at regional level which we believe deserve support. Therefore in addition to the National Flagship award, we have awarded two Regional awards to recognise the commitment that many vessels give to their home cruising grounds.



In announcing this extension again to the scheme Martyn Heighton, Director of National Historic Ships UK said: *This initiative is designed to recognise the fact that not all vessels have the capacity to sail around the UK and abroad, but never-the-less are undertaking very exciting programmes of public*

events in their regions which raise the profile of historic vessels and the importance of our maritime heritage. By running these Regional Awards alongside the National Award, I hope to encourage even more vessels to participate in the programme in future years and to make the scheme a truly nation-wide celebration.

The criteria for both schemes require vessel owners to come forward with seasonal programmes which engage with the public through festivals, demonstrations, offering on-board cruises, quayside visits, educational programmes, participation in races and similar activities. Flagships will be expected to promote actively what National Historic Ships UK does and stands for by distributing PR material and flying the flag as our ambassadors.

The National Flagship of the Year will receive £500 to spend on the vessel, and the special Flagship Broad Pennant (which has become a feature of the award) to fly at the masthead

The Regional Flagships normally receive £250 to be spent on the vessel, along with a Regional Flagship Broad Pennant comprising the colours of the National Award Pennant reversed in order to differentiate the two awards. Regional Flagship Awards have been made to: The Shortboat Kennet, in recognition of the intensive programme of visits within the Shipshape Mersey Network, focusing on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal. In view of the exemplary quality of this application, we have decided to make an exceptional award of £350.

Our thanks go, in particular, to Colin and Harold, who put together the application.

News

Bingley Canal Festival

Sunday 16th October will be the occasion for the first ever Bingley Canal Festival. Organised to coincide with ***Kennet***'s commemorative re-enactment of the first ever crossing of the Leeds & Liverpool Canal, the festival will begin in the Bingley Market Square and migrate to the 3 and 5-Rise Locks as ***Kennet*** arrives with its accompanying flotilla. Already, the response from the people of Bingley has exceeded expectation. Amongst the highlights will be a 'firing of the bells' by the Tower Bell Ringers at All Saints Church. This involves ringing all 8 bells simultaneously producing a loud clash similar to cannon fire. There will be a formal launch at the Bingley Arts Centre and music and activities for children and adults throughout the day. All available space for market stalls has already been filled.

Planning Development along the Canal

At the time of writing the report of the Planning Enquiry into the Sty Lane Development is still awaited. This is despite the fact that the Enquiry took place last October and that the report was promised for March of this year. Clearly, the findings of the Enquiry have been deemed politically sensitive; something which is not giving confidence as to the outcome to those of us who have voiced opposition to the development.

Further enforcement of the concerns that were expressed by the Leeds & Liverpool Canal Society that the development would prompt further ribbon development of housing along the canal has been provided by Bradford MDC's Allocations Development Plan Document which is out for consultation (until 19th July 2016). A number of *Possible Development Sites* are identified along the canal corridor particularly along either side of the Morton Lane swing bridge.

Bingley-based Committee member, Colin Thunhurst, staffing our stand at the Bingley 3-rise open day at the beginning of March. Volunteers for staffing our events are always welcome!

This land is currently designated *Green Belt* raising fears that the protection that this designation has previously been thought to provide is now to be disregarded.



World Rivers Day

World Rivers Day is on Sunday 25th September. Amongst the local events celebrating the day will be a festival in the Bradford City Park organised by the Friends of Bradford's Becks. This will see the formal launch of a plaques trail that the group has instituted to run through Bradford along the line of the Bradford Beck. It will also be the occasion for the declaration of the winner of a Listening Sculpture to be located along this trail. The Leeds & Liverpool Canal Society will be one of many groups attending the festival together with our market stall.

Wartime Boatwomen

Some of you may have purchased the book of Nancy Ridgway's reminiscences about working on the canal during the war, available from the Society on Kennet for £5. Some of the recordings she made are now available on the internet at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q1W-FetEHcE> in a video on wartime canal boatwomen produced for CRT.

Historic Boating Newscuttings Website

We received the following email from Angela Moorefield: My family worked the canals in the Midlands and North West and I have been putting together a website (www.spellweaver-online.co.uk) which includes some newspaper articles from various areas of the country which feature boat families and canal transport. It is early days yet — the site has been up and running for about two and a half years — but I have recently added some articles from the *Yorkshire Evening Post*, and thought some of your members might find them of interest. There are also articles from Bradford and Huddersfield.

Botany Bay, Chorley

There is a new canal festival to be held at Botany Bay Chorley on August Bank Holiday Sunday and Monday. Unfortunately it is at the same time as the Burnley Festival, which **Kennet** is attending, so it will be difficult for us to be in two places at once. However, the Burnley event is more arts and community-based this year, so there could be more boats at Chorley.



Celebrating the Leeds & Liverpool Canal Bicentenary (1816-2016)

CRT have undertaken a project as a lasting memorial to the L&LC Bicentenary. Their press release states: Thirty new heritage mileposts have been re-cast in iron to mark the Leeds & Liverpool Canal Bicentenary - part of the Canal & River Trust's EveryMileCounts project. The Trust, which cares for the canal, is marking the 200th anniversary with a major fundraising appeal to restore or replace missing mileposts along the waterway's 127 mile route.

The charity hopes the appeal will encourage dozens of groups and individuals to adopt their local stretch of canal and its mile marker. The Trust is looking for sponsors to donate up to £200 to restore each mile marker and volunteer work parties to help repair damaged or corroded mile posts. After a comprehensive survey of the entire length, it was identified that 30 posts needed replacing with brand new posts. Merseyside Castings in Knowsley, Liverpool, has been awarded the contract to create the new mileposts and also 109 missing individual mileage plates.

The family firm, run by George Harris and his two sons Paul and David, is the only foundry in Merseyside still producing cast iron products. They have made new moulds for the mileposts and mileage plates using original Leeds & Liverpool Canal patterns. The project is backed by the Heritage Lottery Fund, whose grant of £36,600 has supported the appointment of a project officer, the fabrication of new mileposts and a programme of activities, heritage events and art workshops for local residents.

Alice Kay, project officer with the Canal & River Trust, said: *It's wonderful to see the new mileposts being recreated using the same manufacturing processes that would have been employed 130 years ago. This heritage project will leave a lasting legacy long after the end of the bicentenary celebrations.*

We have had a great response to our appeal on both sides of the Pennines. We are very excited to work with local communities who want to be involved with refurbishing or replacing mile markers, and the half and quarter mile markers which need re-painting. That's over 500 posts which need restoration. This is a massive challenge so we are still very keen to hear from volunteer groups or sponsors who would like to make donations.

Although the canal is 200 years old, the original cast iron mile markers date back to the 1890s. They were installed as a response to legislation introduced to regulate canal freight tolls - the Railway and Canal Rates, Tolls and Charges Order of 1893. This prompted the whole of



the canal to be re-surveyed and new mileposts, along with half and quarter mileposts, installed along the towpaths.

A cold 19th February saw the first of the restored mileposts, actually a half milepost, unveiled at Skipton, with the Society well represented.

Any organisation or volunteer interested in getting involved in the bicentenary EveryMileCounts project should contact Canal & River Trust project officer Alice Kay, email: alice.kay@canalrivertrust.org.uk.

Canal & River Trust moves its North West office in Wigan

The Canal & River Trust is relocating its North West office to Trencherfield Mill from the beginning of March. The canal-side former cotton spinning mill, dates back to 1907 and is Grade II listed. More recently it has been converted to a mix of office space and homes.

Waterway manager Chantelle Seaborn comments: *Our lease on the existing office in Wigan had come to an end so we've taken the opportunity to look at the office space and facilities needed. Our new office is smaller and cheaper to run but has bags of character. Next to the Leeds & Liverpool Canal towpath, it's a good location for visitors to pop in and say hello.*

The new address is: Trencherfield Mill, Heritage Way, Wigan, WN3 4BN. Other contact details remain the same. Telephone: 0303 040 4040, email: enquiries.northwest@canalrivertrust.org.uk, Twitter: @CRTNorthWest

Mike Clarke Lock Naming

I am sure many of you will have heard that CRT have named a lock after me at Bank Newton, and the actual naming, on the 9th April was attended by **Kennet** and a group of Society members. As the naming was in recognition of my 40-odd years promoting and researching the history and heritage of the canal, I did worry a little about being part of that history. However, after remembering that Handcock's Bridge at Aintree was named after the first bridge keeper there, I considered that there was an historical precedent for such a naming.



Kennet's crew and other Society members pose with me in front of the new lock sign.



Kennet at Burscough for their Heritage Weekend, with **Ribble** and **Mersey** beyond, and **Ambush** and **Attractive** on the right.

As part of the day, **Kennet** brought the main party up from Gargrave, and the small choir I sing with gave a rendition of Elgar's *As Torrents in Summer*, which I thought a suitable song for a canal. In Fact, Elgar used to visit Settle regularly, so could well have visited the site. The weather was kind and the event went off without a hitch, and created much media coverage which should benefit the canal as a whole. It also encompassed the launch of my much revised history of the canal, available when I am on **Kennet** for £25, or £28 by post. My thanks to CRT for making all the arrangements, and to those who attended.

Subscriptions, Society Officers and Volunteering

Just an early reminder that subscriptions will be due at the start of November. It is also a reminder that the AGM will be at the beginning of next March. Ken Watson, our Treasurer, is standing down, so we will need someone to take over his position, and we are always looking for new committee members. In particular, we need someone to look after promoting the Society and to generate press releases about what we are doing. and another useful post would be to look after sales and stock. The books and other material we sell do bring in profits which help keep the Society going, and there is an opportunity for much greater profits if someone would take on sales.

We also need more volunteers to staff **Kennet** and the Society stand at events. This is not too onerous, and even an hour or so would allow one of regular volunteers to have a break. So please let us know if you can help, even for a short time.

Kennet's and other events

2016, the Season so far

Kennet has been open to the public at Saltaire, Skipton, Liverpool, Burscough, Wigan and Blackburn, as well as attending the Lock Naming at Bank Newton, and opening for Bingley Beavers. We have now had over 6,800 visitors this year, which is certainly turning into our most successful yet. We have also attended a couple of beer festivals, where details of historic canalside breweries and canal deliveries created much interest. We have also taken our stand to the Leeds Waterfront Festival and helped Pendle Heritage's Clogs & Canal day at their centre in Barrowford, and I have given seven talks on the canal's history so far this year, with a further seven scheduled before the end of November.

If you want to join this success story and help us with the rest of our 2016 programme, please contact: friendsofkennet@gmail.com or ring 01535 630597.

Events, 2016

These are the events of which we currently have notification:

August 27th–29th, Burnley Canal Festival, Burnley, ***Kennet*** attending and open to Public.

4th September, ***Kennet*** at Bradley Show.

9-11th September, Leigh Canal Festival organised by CRT.

10th September, Heritage walk led by Mike Clarke based on Leeds River Lock., time to be confirmed.

17th September, Buffet and evening talk by Mike Clarke in Bingley 5-rise Café. The Society in conjunction with the Café has organised an early evening event “200 Years of the Leeds & Liverpool Canal” on September 17th at 5-00pm. As numbers are limited to 40, members should let me know (colinthunhurst@outlook.com) as soon as possible whether you want tickets. These are priced at £7.50, which will include light refreshments (tea/coffee + sandwiches).

18th September, Open Day, Bingley, Bingley Community/CRT — ***Kennet*** Attending

25th September, World Rivers Day, with Society stand in Bradford City Park, contact Colin Thunhurst <colinthunhurst@outlook.com> if you can help.

Kennet at Saltaire in April, with our resident musician, Eddie, entertaining the public.



25-26th September, Heritage event at Greenberfield organised by the local council. Mike Clarke will be in attendance.

29th September, Evening talk by Mike Clarke at Idle.

2nd October — Open Day, Apperley Bridge, CRT organising — **Kennet** attending and open to Public

October 8th–23rd, 200 Miles Walk — Coast to Coast via the waterways, Hull to Liverpool, A Trustee of the Society is walking 200 mile with the Leeds to Liverpool section co-insiding with **Kennet** at key places. See later in this edition for more details.

October 14th, Talk by Mike Clarke at Tetley Wharf, Leeds.

October 15th–23th, **Kennet** recreates inaugural voyage along the full length of the canal, Leeds to Liverpool, Communities & organisations being asked to create the atmosphere of the 1816 Inaugural passage.

October 16th, *Super Slow Way Rhapsody* at King George's Hall, Blackburn.

October 21st, midday L&LC history talk at Wigan Museum.

November 12th, a Choir Concert by Langcliffe Singers at Gisburn Church, with music by composers associated with places along the canal.

More details of these events should be available on the Society website.

Kennet's Recreation of the First Trip

Having researched the press cutting of the period we have a good idea as to the atmosphere created along the length of the canal and at the official stops along the way. The original passage took 5 days with overnight stops!

This is the provisional timetable:

Saturday 15th Oct, 11:00am, Leeds Basin

Sunday 16th Oct, 10:30am, Saltaire, 1:30pm, Bingley

Monday 17th Oct, 10:30am, Skipton

Tuesday 18th Oct., 6:30pm, Burnley

Wednesday 19th Oct, 2:30pm, Blackburn

Thursday 20th Oct, 7.00am Blackburn; 4.00pm, Bottom of Johnsons Hillock Locks

Friday 21st Oct., 9.00am, Haigh; 4.00pm, Wigan

Saturday 22nd Oct, 7.00am, Wigan; 2:00pm, Burscough,

Sunday 23rd Oct, 2.00pm, Eldonian Basin, Liverpool,



In Liverpool, Alan Holden with **Anna** towed **Kennet** backwards to the end of the canal as there is not enough width to turn there. The canal is also shallow here, which makes travelling in reverse a problem as stirring up the bottom results in **Kennet's** cooling water inlet becoming blocked.

The entrance to Liverpool was announced with rippling of bells at different churches. Gentlemen were wearing white & red ribbon for the embolic union of Yorkshire & Lancashire. Proprietors & Friends proceeded to the Kings Arms Hotel for an excellent dinner. There were many toasts and the band which had accompanied the procession was present - many of the band were from the First West York Militaria.

Join In with the 2016 Celebrations

In order to fully create the atmosphere of the day we are looking for communities and organisations all along the Canal (not just those mentioned above) to become involved by celebrating the event in keeping with the 1st passage and raising the profile of the canal corridor by simulating the original atmosphere.

We are also calling on Heritage Boats, Boat Clubs & Boaters to create an increasing flotilla of decorated boats following ***Kennet*** along the way to Liverpool. We will however be asking all boats to give priority to ***Kennet*** and any other Heritage Leeds & Liverpool Boats.

If you are interested in joining us in this event whether land or water based and want to know more about the passage or ***Kennet***'s summer timetable please email: friendsokennet@gmail.com

A walk of 200 miles from coast to coast to celebrate 200 years of the canal opening from Leeds to Liverpool

As part of the Bicentenary celebrations our membership secretary David Morley, 62, will be walking 200 miles from Hull to Liverpool during October 2016. As near as possible, the journey will follow the waterways from Hull in the east to Liverpool in the west, including walking the full length of the Leeds & Liverpool Canal.

A summary of the schedule, with approximate distances, is:

Oct 9th to 11th: Hull to Goole, mainly following the Trans Pennine Trail next to the River Humber and River Ouse (39 miles)

Oct 12th to 14th: Goole to Leeds, following the Aire and Calder Navigation (34 miles)

Oct 15th to 23rd: Leeds to Liverpool, following the canal for its full length (127 miles)

David's walk will coincide with ***Kennet***'s recreation of the first passage to mark the opening of the canal on 22nd October 1816. He will set off from Leeds on October 15th at the same time as ***Kennet***, and should arrive in Liverpool Eldonian Basin on October 23rd at a similar time to ***Kennet***. Hopefully, David will be able to meet up with ***Kennet*** and its crew several times during the journey.

David is hoping to raise funds to help the Society by making this a sponsored walk and we would welcome any donations you wish to make. We will be sending out sponsorship forms to members in due course. Alternatively, if you wish to make a contribution online, hopefully you will be able to do this via the Just Giving website using a link to be circulated.

The 200 mile walk will be particularly challenging for David. Just over 5 years ago, he had a quadruple heart bypass following a heart attack. He has made a good recovery so far and is currently preparing for the challenge.



Lot 255

A Leeds & Liverpool Canal Company full title cast-iron sign re Cycling and Trespassing On the Towpath, Canal Office, Liverpool, July 1911, Rectangular, 201/2"x127/2", face restored only. YGC, £100-150.

This lot sold for £380.

This Leeds & Liverpool sign was sold as a lot in a recent Railwayana Auction. As it made £380, it does raise the question of whether it would be worthwhile having some new signs cast. The Waterways Museum collection does hold several which could be used as patterns. Is anyone interested in having such copies?

A Converted Barge for Leeds and Liverpool Canals

KELVIN INSTALLATION IN A 60FT. CANAL BARGE.

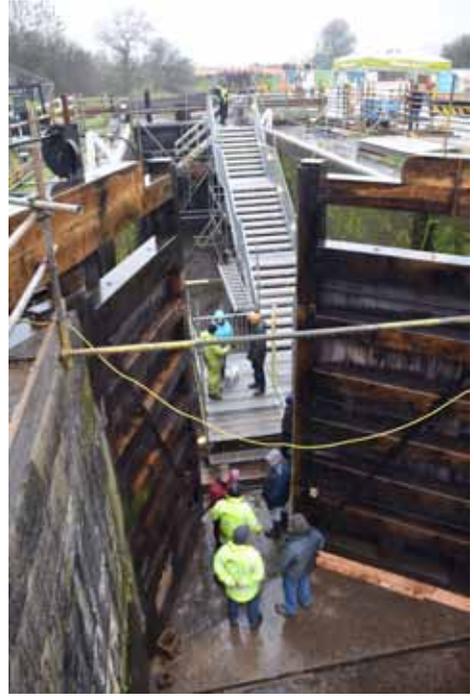
It is interesting to note that while Governmental Committees are deliberating, the canal carrying trade of this country is being given a new lease of life by the enterprise of individual boat owners. The Clayton Carrying Co., of Morley, near Leeds, who have adopted motor propulsion for their barge "Ina," with highly satisfactory results. The "Ina" is 60ft. long, 14ft. 3ins. broad, and carries 48 tons on 3ft. 6ins. draught. She was originally a flat-sterned, horse-drawn barge, with the living accommodation aft. The flat stern was taken off and a sharp stern, with a clean run of water to the propeller, substituted. The forward cabin was fitted with living accommodation for the crew of two, and a raised cabin built aft to accommodate the engine, a 13 h.p. heavy-duty Kelvin. Owing to the light weight of this installation it was necessary to provide ballast for the aft end, in order to keep the propeller adequately submerged when not carrying cargo. This was accomplished by fitting a tank, holding three tons of water, against the engine-room bulkhead;

this tank is emptied by means of a pipe and seacock before the boat is loaded, and is filled by the same means before the cargo is discharged, the rise and fall of the boat in the water providing the necessary head each way.

A bilge pump, belt-driven from the propeller shaft, is fitted in the engine-room; this does away with laborious hand pumping, and is much appreciated by the men. The "Ina" has now been trading on the Leeds and Liverpool Canal since February, without the slightest mishap occurring. The installation work was carried out by the owners, Mr. J. Travers making the necessary alterations to the boat.—*The Motor Boat*.

Genius is another name
for hard work.

I came across this in the *Canals & Waterways Journal* whilst researching the early history of diesel engines used on L&LC boats. There will be an article in *Narrowboat*.



A couple of photos taken at recent CRT open day events. On the left is Bingley 3-rise, with a tracked crane straddling the lock. It was used for installing the gates, and was much easier to get on site than the more conventional cranes used previously. It seems to be ideal for sites where road access is limited. On the right is the lock at Barrowford which was made accessible for the public in January. Unfortunately, the weather forecast was terrible, so the event was scaled down, though visitors braved the conditions throughout the day. There is no doubt that this type of event can capture the public's imagination.



Our Bicentenary signs at Ellesmere Port, outside the archive. There is the possibility of **Kennet** attending the working boat rally at Easter next year.



CRT Press Releases

Celebrating the Leeds & Liverpool Canal Bicentenary (1816-2016)

LEEDS & LIVERPOOL CANAL BICENTENARY: RE-CREATION OF 1816 INAUGURAL BOAT PASSAGE (15-23 October, 2016)

Come and join the greatest long distance waterway party ever staged in Yorkshire, Lancashire and Merseyside. The Leeds & Liverpool Canal Bicentenary celebrations reach a high point this October as the historic short boat Kennet re-creates the inaugural ceremonial journey 127 miles across the Pennines from Leeds to Liverpool.

Organised by the Leeds & Liverpool Canal Society, which runs Kennet as an education boat, and supported by Canal & River Trust, which cares for the canal, the voyage will be a culmination of a year of festivities and celebrations in honour of the 200th anniversary of England's longest canal.

Flotillas *decorated with flags and streamers*, accompanied by *hearty cheering of immense assemblage of spectators* greeted the original ceremonial boat journey in October 1816. That trip lasted only five days but this year the Canal Society crew will take a more leisurely pace so more people can celebrate in daylight hours, leaving Leeds on Saturday 15th October and arriving in Liverpool nine days later on Sunday 23rd October.

And they want everyone to give them a hearty welcome as the boat progresses through Yorkshire, Lancashire and Merseyside, past mills and moorland, through Bingley, Skipton, Burnley, Blackburn, Chorley, Wigan, Burscough and some of the country's most spectacular scenery.

Kennet organiser Harold Bond said: *We are calling on heritage boats, boat clubs and boaters to create a flotilla of decorated boats to join Kennet along the way. We would love to see crowds lining the canal as we pass by. Several mayors have already agreed to receive us and at least one brass band will be serenading us as we sail past.*

It would be fantastic if we could be joined by local school children and community groups, cheering and waving flags. Kennet will be decked out in bunting to symbolise the two great shire county roses. It would be wonderful to be greeted by a sea of red and white as our procession sails along.

Back in 1816, press reports state that the ceremonial first boat was greeted by peeling church bells, brass bands and cheering crowds, and canal barges were be-decked in flags and streamers. We would love to create that spirit of celebration and achievement again.

Sarah Knight, bicentenary coordinator for the Canal & River Trust, added: *I would appeal to any boat club, community group, brass band or organisation near the canal to start planning now. Get in touch with us to be part of the greatest long distance, waterside party Yorkshire, Lancashire and Merseyside have ever staged.*

For boaters wanting more information about timings and the route, please email: friendsofkennet@gmail.com.

To link into the community celebrations along the ceremonial canal route, please contact Sarah Knight at the Canal & River Trust on sarah.knight@canalrivertrust.org.uk.

All boats who spend at least a day with the ceremonial flotilla will be eligible for a free 200th anniversary plaque.

For more details about the bicentenary celebrations go to the Canal & River Trust website: <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/about-us/our-regions/north-west-waterways/leeds-and-liverpool-bicentenary>.

LEEDS & LIVERPOOL CANAL MISSING MILEPOST CAMPAIGN SUPPORTED BY CPRE

The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) has endorsed the valuable role played by the Leeds & Liverpool Canal in its bicentenary year.

The CPRE's Yorkshire and Humber regional group has donated £200 as a response to the Canal & River Trust's EveryMileCounts campaign, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Trust, which cares for the canal, is marking the Leeds & Liverpool Canal's 200th anniversary with a major fundraising appeal to restore or replace missing mileposts along the waterway's 127 mile route.

Ron Healey, from CPRE, said: *The canal in West Yorkshire is a valuable amenity, a silver hedge and tree-lined ribbon supplemented by bank-side community pubs and other facilities for the many users - boaters, cyclists, walkers and fishermen. It is also a distinctive habitat for a variety of wildlife and provides havens of tranquillity which CPRE at all levels has been promoting countrywide.*

We hope that making this contribution will inspire our members and supporters to become involved with initiatives or activities related to the bicentenary this year. We believe the canal network and the Canal & River Trust, in line with its charitable objectives, is effective in improving people's lives. Our two organisations have much in common as we seek to protect our precious heritage with the needs of the public firmly in mind.

Alice Kay, project officer with the Canal & River Trust, said: *We are very grateful to the Campaign to Protect Rural England for its generous donation. We have had a great response to our appeal on both sides of the Pennines. We are very excited to work with groups and local communities who want to be involved with refurbishing or replacing mile markers, and the half and quarter mile markers which need re-painting. That's over 500 posts which need restoration.*

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Any organisation or volunteer interested in getting involved in the bicentenary EveryMileCounts project should contact Canal & River Trust project officer Alice Kay, email: alice.kay@canalrivertrust.org.uk.

More information about bicentenary events, festivals, special projects and talks can be found on the Canal & River Trust website: www.canalrivertrust.org.uk or phone 0303 0404 040.

Note: The Society is sponsoring the milepost nearest the old Lancashire/Yorkshire boundary, near County Brook.



Clitheroe carrying sand on the Grand Union recently.

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Now we have Charitable status, we have registered with Everyclick.com, where, if you register your cause as the **Leeds & Liverpool Canal Society**, we earn 1p for searches, as well as commission on online shopping transactions, and with the three other members registered, we have earned over £90 for the Society. So use Everyclick for your home page. Go to www.everyclick.com where you can set up a fundraising account for **Leeds and Liverpool Canal Society** (don't use &). And finally...beware of other search engines 'taking over' your default search facility – make sure you always search via Everyclick.



This jug is part of the National Waterways museum's collection. It is almost certainly recording an event on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal, either the opening to Leeds in 1777, or the completion to Liverpool in 1816.



Water Witch replica

Following on from the report in the last Clogs & Gansey, Richard Stott writes: Well the boat is named ***Perseus*** and went on the water last month. Then we sailed ***Perseus*** from Lemmon Royde marina Oulton to Blackwater marina Shropshire. Horrendous journey in some parts due to the badly leaking locks at the top of Wigan flight. If it was not for the boat warden system on board, I think we would have had very big problems. We had hundreds of gallons of water flooding the back deck and being with another boat in the lock could not get out of the way! Then the phone rang and it was boat warden to say the bilge was full of water. With out that phone call we would have just proceeded into the next lock. The water in the bilge was 18 inches deep just short of the electrics!

After lots of research we could not find any records of the interior of ***Water Witch***. We found somebody who was at the scrapping of it and said it was all velvet inside, so we used Queen Victoria's railway carriage at York Museum as a reference for the interior



Two views of the inside of ***Perseus***, giving some idea of the luxurious fittings. Above left is an external view of the completed boats.

Book and Other Sales

We now have a variety of books and postcards for sale. These include:

A Short History of the L&LC: £3-00

Twixt Liverpool and Leeds (the canal's 1930s advertising book, reduced to A5): £3-00

Canal Transport Limited, by Geoff Wheat: £3-00

Mary Lawson, her story (an illustrated children's book): £3-00

Memories of a Wartime Boatwoman: £5-00

Waterways Journal, where there is an L&LC article: £5-00 or £6-00

Brightwork: £5-00

Postcards at 35p: L&LC map with dates of opening; Brightwork; ***Kennet*** carrying; boatmen's clothing; with two more in the pipeline: of ***Kennet*** as now, and of ***Water Witch***, the L&LC inspection boat.

All are available on board ***Kennet***, though I have not worked out postal charges yet.

For those who help regularly at events on ***Kennet***, free copies of a book with a selection of archive material about the canal and its operation are available, together with the Nancy Ridgway book and the short canal history book mentioned above.



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