

Derby and Sandiacre Canal Society

Annual General Meeting

Held at 7.30pm on Tuesday October 24th 2017 at the Wilmot Arms, Borrowash.

Present 39 members

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed members

2. Apologies

Brian Dale, Derek Hathaway, Paul Turner, Adrian Randall, Robert Parkin, Duncan Inwood.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the 2016 AGM

They were agreed as a true record, proposed by Linda Edson, seconded by Elizabeth Newton, carried with one abstention

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Treasurer's Report

Accounts for the Financial year ending 31 March 2017

Key points; Income:

- Income for 2017 is £5,000 lower than 2016, however 2016 was exceptional and 2017 income levels are broadly similar to 2015; during 2016 we had:
 - Exceptional donation to the Society, we endeavour to direct donations to the Trust which received £2865 in the year allowing gift aid to be claimed;
 - The Trust loan was repaid to the Society;
 - Advertising revenue for the current leaflet (revenue for The Packet received at the start of the current financial year);
 - A successful barn dance.
- Meeting income (entrance fees and raffle) up slightly, but increased profit of £388 (up by £138) as a number of speakers didn't charge a fee.
- Merchandise sales and other show income up by £60.
- Speaker fees, up by nearly £400 Chris Madge had a busy year.
- IWA raffle ticket sales remitted in full to the IWA, the Trust received £277.

Expenditure

- Packet and publishing costs covers 3 editions of the Packet
- Other marketing material covers 10,000 leaflets and 1,000 Draycott Project flyers, cost has been separated for the first time.
- Postage and stationery tripled to £500 for postage of the Packet and membership cards. To reduce this we have successfully converted a large portion of the membership to receiving the Packet by email, postage is now down to less than 100 copies (£60) per edition. Membership cards are also being emailed where possible.
- Work party costs included £150 for a new trailer with the rest being spares, servicing and consumables for various pieces of equipment we use.
- Merchandise purchases reduced over the previous year.
- Training Costs for final assessment Eddy to use a sprayer.

Expenditure for the year exceeded income by £284.

At the year end the Society had a balance in the bank of £5,499.54.

Other Financial Matters

- Membership fees; the Committee believes that the membership fees are set at an appropriate level and should continue at these levels with one alteration: new members should not be offered a reduced concession membership (the concession membership to remain available at £8 (£12 joint) for all members that joined prior to this meeting).
- An additional category of membership has been introduced called "Friends of the Derby Canal" at a minimum rate of £2 per month per person which is equivalent to £24 per year.
- Meeting attendance fees; the committee is proposing no change to the current structure.

I would welcome the Chairman calling for a vote to accept the Society accounts for the year ended 31st March 2017 and the above matters.

Report proposed by Anne Madge, seconded by Roger Ashmead. Carried unanimously

6. Chairman's report

Chris briefly reported on the year's Society Activity

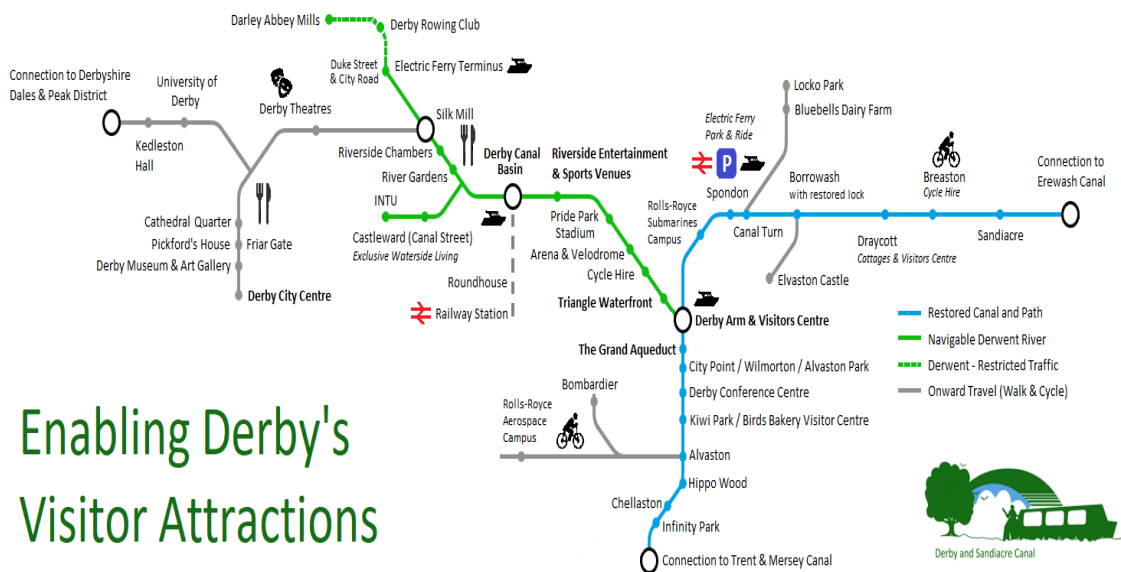
- Attended 6 local events
- Attended IWA show
- Swarkestone Lock Through , which raised £300

- Chesterfield Canal Pull , which raised £1300
- 10 Social Meetings
- 20 talks have been given to local groups, mostly by Chris with support from other committee members
- 10,000 leaflets, mostly by David Savidge
- Established Social Media
- Membership currently stands at 734
- Working Parties have concentrated on Borrowwash, Draycott, and Sandiacre

He also outlined Trust activity

- Launched Draycott Appeal - £43,000
- Purchased Canal Cottages - £175,000
- Raised almost £70,000 from Erewash Borough Council
- Bought 1 Mile of Canal Path for £2,300
- Planned River Derwent Boat Trips
- Rewritten the Website - £2,660
- Developed PR – TV x 3, Radio x 2, Papers x3
- Commissioned 3D Model and River Video

Putting the Derby Canal on the Map



Enabling Derby's
Visitor Attractions

Thanks to all in my Support Teams for the last year

Society

Chris, Eddy, Roger, David, Keith, Eileen, Anne, Andrew and Gary

Trust

Chris, Mike, Mike, David, Duncan, Mike, Steve and Paul

8. Membership report

It has been a successful year with membership now standing at 727 plus 7 groups. We have taken a total of 61 new members since January 1st of which 37% have joined via the website and 10% were Gifts. The new Friend membership has attracted 7 members, 9% of the total.

The membership has lost 26 people of which sadly 3 have passed away.

This year has seen the introduction of electronic membership cards so this has reduced the cost of issuing cards by 60% - the percentage we have on e-mail. This is up by 10% since last year. Further gathering of e-mail addresses would help reduce costs further.

It is worth mentioning that those on e-mail also receive a monthly update via the e-mail as opposed to waiting for the Packet magazine. For anyone not on the list already it is easy to join it by simply sending a short e-mail to membership@derbycanal.org.uk

Currently it is a strong membership.

9. Working Parties and Events

Eddy reported that it has been a very busy year for working parties. He thanked Roger and Keith for taking on the Borrowwash project and David Savidge for ensuring that work has been taking place in a safe environment.

He gave a slideshow to show members the progress of working party projects and spoke about some of the recent events.

10. Election of Officers

The following were elected

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| a. Chairman | Eddy Case | |
| b. Vice Chair | David Savidge | proposed Roger Ashmead,
seconded Jacquie Birtles |
| c. Treasurer | Chris ReesFitzpatrick | proposed Chris Madge
seconded Elizabeth Newton |
| d. Secretary | Anne Madge | proposed Eileen Holland
seconded Roger Ashmead |
| e. Membership | Roger Ashmead | proposed ChrisReesFitzpatrick
seconded Gary Harding |
| f. Events/ Social Coordinator | Vacant | |
| g. Committee Members | Eileen Holland, Keith Johnson, Gary Harding, Andrew Baird | |

These committee members were proposed by David Savidge, seconded by Anne Madge. All were elected by unanimous vote.

11. Kate Birtles Award

Paul presented this to Keith Johnson in recognition of the tremendous impact he has made organising the Wednesday working parties at Borrowash lock and for his contribution to the Sunday working parties in addition. He has become as an active member of the Society committee, and also supported at events.

12. AOB

Eddy presented Chris with a certificate granting him honorary life membership in recognition of his work as chairman.

Anne distributed the speaker programme for 2018 and asked for feedback and suggestions for future speakers.

The raffle was drawn

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

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Accounts for the Financial year to:

	31/03/2016	31/03/2015
Cash and Bank b/ f	£2,887.75	£3,049.32
Income		
Donations	£2,908.30	£509.49
L A Grants	£0.00	£0.00
Membership	£50.00	£38.00
Draw Income	£1,068.00	£1,080.00
Meeting Income	£671.48	£887.80
Merchandise Sales	£1,249.44	£1,509.94
Speaker Fees Rec'd	£220.00	£212.26
Advertising Revenue	£625.00	£396.00
Packet & Publishing	£0.00	£0.00
Costs		
Work Party Costs	£162.12	£0.00
Other Show Income	£155.00	£110.00
IWA Raffle Tickets	£90.00	£70.00
Barn Dance	£553.00	£0.00
Loan Repayment	£1,682.00	£0.00
Total Income	£9,434.34	£4,813.49
Expenditure		
Draw Payments	£448.00	£731.00
Meeting Costs	£424.00	£726.00
Packet & Publishing	£2,130.00	£1,099.82
Costs		
Work Party Costs	£415.52	£46.27
Postage and Stationery	£152.76	£40.21
Show Attendance Costs	£90.00	£24.00
Website Costs	£90.00	£70.00
Merchandise Purchases	£665.90	£1,147.76
Subscriptions	£5.00	£0.00
Training Costs	£757.00	£0.00
Miscellaneous Admin	£190.33	£0.00
Trust Donations	£0.00	£0.00
Other Show Income	£50.00	£0.00
IWA Raffle Tickets	£90.00	£70.00
Membership	£50.00	£38.00
Trail Boat Costs	£500.00	£0.00
Barn Dance	£430.00	£0.00
Total Expenditure	£6,538.50	£3,993.06
Increase in Trust Loan		£982.00
Cash and bank c/f	£5,783.59	£2,887.75
Trust Loan Balance	£0.00	£1,682.00
Total Society Assets	£5,783.59	£5,551.75