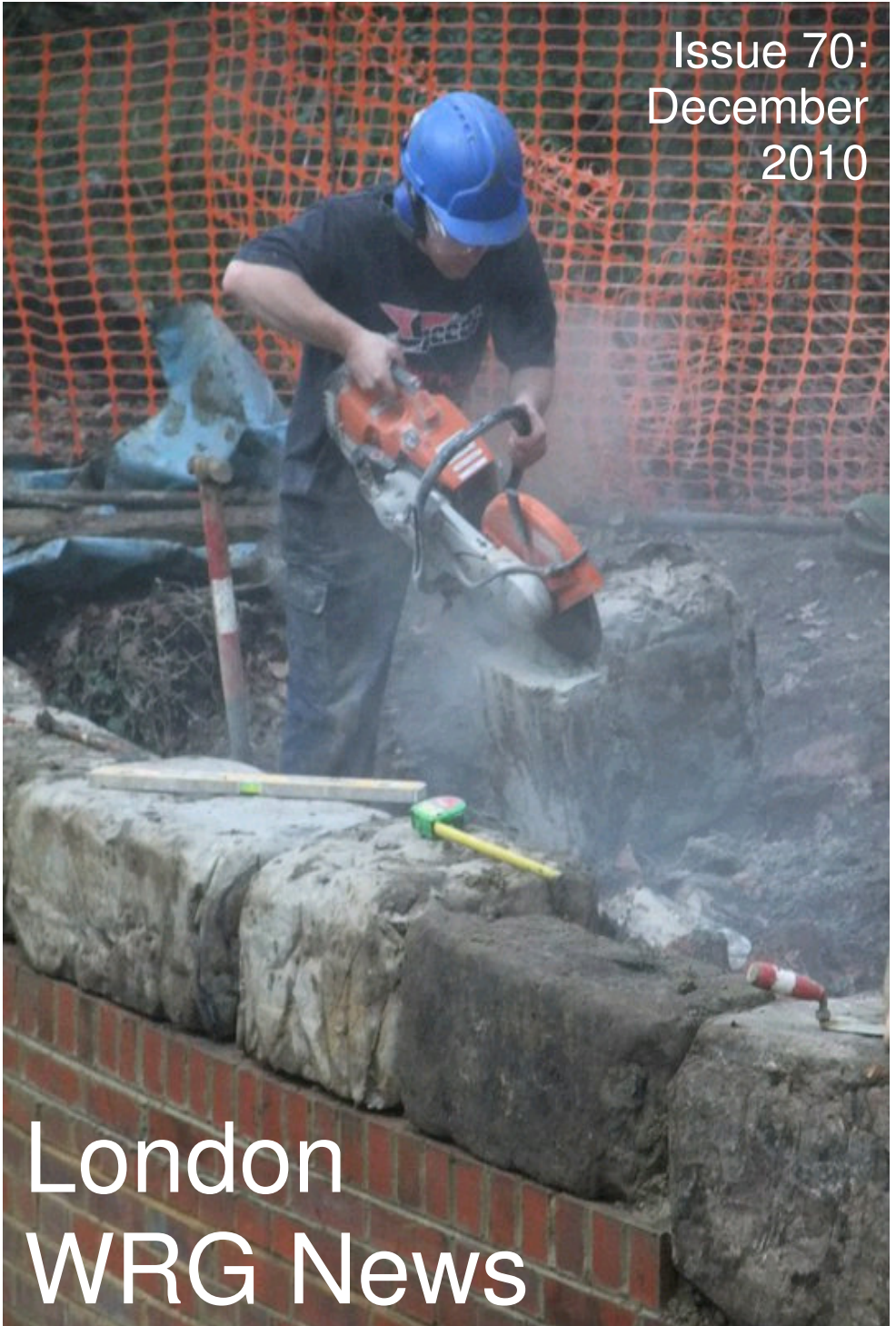


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Editors Note:

The past six months seem to have flown by; and I don't feel like I have got much digging done despite attending four of the five digs that went ahead. Unfortunately two other planned digs were cancelled; the first in August due to lack of numbers and the second, the LWRG/KESCRG Christmas dig, due to the weather.

Whilst the first may suggest that we need to do a bit more recruiting the second was in the hands of fate. When you can't tell where the towpath ends and the canal begins due to the quantity of snow on the ground/frozen canal it's a sign that WRGies young and old should stay ensconced in their nice warm homes rereading back issues of Navvies.

The five remaining digs form the basis of this July-December 2010 edition of LWRG News. My thanks to those who have written reports. This publication could not exist without your contributions! My thanks also to Nigel Lee for proofreading. Any mistakes that remain are entirely my own - though I was amused to note last issue that the only spelling mistake he missed was in his own report! He also has nothing to do with the puzzle (hence the copious number of errors in last issues crossword - if you want to give it a go remember to ignore plural/singular indicators in clues and the number of letters stated. Also 'scarf' is spelt with an 'l' and you have to guess the clue for the second 2 down!)

Next, my thanks to Martin Ludgate for producing a summary of the year ahead as well as a year planner containing the dates of all WRG events and to Tim Lewis for manning the photocopier (possibly the most important job of all!)

Hope to see you all on a dig soon!

Helena Howarth

Cover Image: Pete Fleming at Basingstoke, by Dave Miller

NON-DIG NEWS

Congratulations to:

Viv Watson and Jason Day,
Victoria Westwood and Spencer
Collins, and
Maria Alderman and Dave
(Moose) Hearnden

**on their
marriages!**

Dr Liz and Ian Williamson on
the arrival of Ellen Rose on 8th June
weighing 9lb 8oz

Helena Howarth and
Krzysiek Rosiecki on their
Engagement

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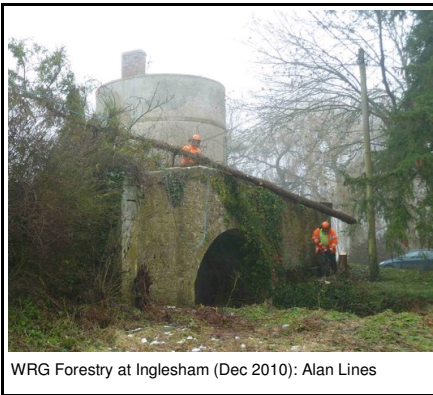
Mel Parker has moved to:
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Ian and Liz Williamson have moved to
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Semington
BA14 6JT

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NEXT TIME OUT...

By the time you read this we will be just about to head off on our second dig of 2011: a weekend at Eisey Lock on the Cotswold Canals on 5-6 February. This has been the main 'Dig Deep' project (which means it's been a focus of attention for four groups – ourselves, KESCRG, BITM and NWPG and also seen plenty of summer camps) for close on three years, so not surprisingly it's getting pretty close to completed. Both main chamber walls have been rebuilt, as has the top end, so we're now onto the final job, rebuilding the tail end walls. Paul Ireson will be taking names for this dig, and it's also our AGM so if you don't turn up there's a good chance you'll find out that you've been volunteered for something by those of us that did...



WRG Forestry at Inglesham (Dec 2010): Alan Lines

As one Cotswold project comes to an end, another is just starting. Three weeks later on February 26-27, we have our first 'proper' London WRG dig at Inglesham Lock (we did some preparation on the access road last summer). This lock's the subject of an IWA appeal to raise £125,000 to support complete restoration by volunteers, so we're likely to be seeing quite a bit of it over the next couple of years – not to mention being talked into supporting various wacky fundraising exploits, which you will no doubt be able to read about in 'Navvies'. Not sure what the work will be, but as it's still very early stages we'll almost certainly be working on the clearance / demolition phase of

the work and setting up secure site compound. This is the lock with Nic Bennett's round-house next to it, and Ed Walker is our London WRG organiser for the weekend.

On 18-19 March we head a little further west, to the Herefordshire & Gloucestershire Canal. Last year Martin Danks hosted an excellent dig there with over 40 volunteers from various groups, and while I don't expect anything quite so major this time I'm sure he'll find us some good work. His message to me says 'Staying at Yarkhill Village Hall and working on the canal at Aylestone, "polishing it" prior to the Aylestone Boat Gathering in May. Possibly another site as well.' I'm not quite sure what he means by 'polishing' but I don't suppose it will actually involve a tin of Brasso and a rag. Tim Lewis will be taking names for this one.

Three weeks later we have something a bit different: the annual Cleanup weekend on the Birmingham Canal Navigations (BCN). This is the one where we (and lots of our friends from the rest of WRG) spend a weekend slinging grappling hooks into murky bits of supposedly navigable canal somewhere in Birmingham or the Black Country, and pulling out bikes, prams, tyres, computers, coffins, rocking horses... yes, we've found them all over the years, and more! Not sure where the accommodation is yet, as the rather basic school common room we used to use is now even more basic as a result of having been demolished, but we're sure we'll find something. The worksite is at Salford Junction, a complex waterway intersection in the shadow of the rather more complex motorway intersection known as Spaghetti Junction. Aileen Butler will be taking names, and welcoming offers of assistance with organising the weekend.

There's a bit of a gap in the digging schedule after that, due to various holidays, royals



LWRG's real 'last ever dig' on the Droitwich:
Nigel Lee

getting married, boat rallies, WRG centrally organised events and so on, but we're back in action at Eisey Lock on 21-22 May. Two weeks later on 4-5 June we were all set for a final 'last ever' Droitwich dig, with Martin leading it as his birthday treat, but British Waterways have only gone and finished off the job we were planning to do, so there's nothing left of the canal to restore! So we need to find an alternative site – and hopefully we'll decide on it at the AGM. On 25-26 June we hope to have our two-yearly tool and kit painting and maintenance weekend, probably at either Inglesham or Moose and Maria's boatyard (to be decided at the AGM), then on July 16-17 we'll be helping to put the finishing touches on Eisey Lock at our final dig on this site. On August 13-14 we'll be getting together with our friends in KESCRG for a joint dig at Seven Locks on the Wilts & Berks, where they're now working on Lock 2, the one which has a road across it at the moment. The plan for the next couple of years is to divert the road via a new bridge over the lock tail, and the aim is that much of the road work will be done by volunteers. Sounds an interesting project.

After that there are rather a lot of TBA's (To Be Arranged) – so please do come along to the AGM and tell us where you'd like to work – but one date that's decided is 1-2 October: we're at Tamworth Road on the Lichfield Canal for our first joint dig for far too many years with WRG North West.

Oh and don't forget: for every dig, there's a London WRG Social. So come along to the Star Tavern, Belgravia, London (unless we decide to move it – best to check with Martin or Tim or look for messages on the email list) on the Tuesday 11 days before any of these weekends for a drink with us. Cheers!



The Star Tavern, Belgravia

Martin Ludgate

Confirmed 2011 Dates	Canal
15/16 th January	Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation (Done!!)
5/6 th February	Cotswold Canals: Eisey Lock
26/27 th February	Thames and Severn Canal: Inglesham Lock
19/20 th March	Herefordshire & Gloucestershire Canal
9/10 th April	Birmingham Canal Navigations (Clean-Up)
21/22 May	Cotswold Canals: Eisey Lock
4/5 th June	<i>TBC</i>
25/26 th June	Tool Painting: Possibly at Inglesham
16/17 th July	Cotswold Canals: Eisey Lock
13/14 th August	Wilts and Berks Canal: Seven Locks (with KESCRG)
1/2 nd October	Lichfield Canal: Tamworth Road (with WRG NW)

Two reports exist for the dig in July at Eisey, the first written by Sophie soon after the event and the second put together hurriedly by Tim before I realised Sophie had written a report but not sent it to me. I find the contrast a useful reminder that dig reports are important as otherwise the details of camps are lost into the mists of time. It also shows a boy/girl divide as I certainly didn't know what a forbay was before reading Tim's notes!

10/11TH JULY 2010 (EISEY LOCK)

Due to van-hungry camps, London WRG didn't have our usual transport available at our recent Cotswolds dig. Tim and Ed threw some of the more important tools in the back of their cars and everyone else made their own way to site. We also didn't have a proper leader as Martin was in charge. (For clarification Martin would like me to add '...and had to leave half way through the weekend'.)

Our goal was to make final preparations for the onslaught of summer camps at Eisey Lock. Although a smaller working party than we've had for some time, we completed a concrete pour at the beginning of the weekend and made steady progress laying bricks the rest of the time.

Arriving late on Friday night we enjoyed an al fresco drink at the Rat Trap pub in Stratton St Margaret (Swindon). Everyone appreciated the Summer Ale on tap.

Being the only girl on the weekend, I was the sole recipient of all the innuendo, which was a bit wearying by Sunday.

RAF Martin turned up Saturday morning with several bags of donuts which went down very well. We completed a lightning-quick concrete pour before lunch. Local John Pontefract turned up with a bag full of rusty TV aerials which he arranged over the sill. I think these might be steel reinforcers. We added about 6 cubic metres of concrete and raked it energetically between the reinforcers. Bob got the vibrator going (cue more innuendo) to encourage

the flow before we tamped it to get a nice smooth surface. Before we went home we hauled some old bits of foul-smelling carpet out of the lock chamber and flung those over for protection. Some of the aerials were still sticking out; this area will later become ledge where the gates hang.



Pour complete, our work for the rest of the weekend was to get on with bricking the remaining wall. Ed attacked the ladder recess with an electric drill to cut back the old brickwork. Brickies led by Nigel started their own work whilst everyone admired the completed opposite wall.

Talk at lunchtime was of the idiosyncratic approach of local authorities to badger culling. John described to us the method of investigating a badger's territorial reach (you scatter red food and blue food around an area and see if you find purple badger poo!). Ed talked wistfully of driving tanks on his stag outing. I noticed for the first time what a creepy place Eisey is: the deserted farm with rat-infested outbuildings, the crows cawing in the empty fields and the abandoned lock cottage which is definitely haunted. A free WRG t-shirt to anyone who dares spend the night there.

That evening we made use of Stratton scout hut's huge back garden to have supper outdoors, annoyingly our grilling hamburgers set the smoke alarms off but Tim managed to override them. I completed a lifetime ambition by cooking deep fried mars bars. London WRG quite sensibly treated them with suspicion but I thought they were terrific. Later we all headed back to the Rat Trap just as the light was falling. One of the best things about staying at Stratton is having your own private entrance to the pub via a secluded path.

9/10TH SEPTEMBER 2010 (~~GOUGHS OR~~ CHARD EISEY LOCK)

We spent an evening in the pub making plans for future London WRG news publications. Nigel took the opportunity to give newly wed Ed some advice on marriage, my favourite point was on the need to acquire written permission from his wife before signing onto a camp this summer. Frank took the opportunity to tell us he'd driven for 2 years without a licence when the Suez crisis suspended all driving tests.

On the Sunday, work continued apace on the re-bricking of the wall. Absent on a site visit elsewhere, I didn't return to Eisey until late afternoon when I was surprised how much progress the bricking team had made. The concrete cill was already dry enough to walk on and the surface was impressively smooth. Thanks to everyone who came along and contributed to organising this dig, especially those who helped transport people and tools.

Sophie Smith

It was hot.

We didn't have a van or a leader - Martin disappeared off on a camp on Saturday evening but we did get Richard on his way back from a camp!

Tim took the names and fetched the catering stuff and tools from Dorothy's.

The main job was to concrete the top forbay (above the top cill). First job was to complete installing the reinforcement.

The concrete arrived after tea break. Fortunately the field was dry enough for the concrete lorry to reverse right up to the lock where it was unloaded into a dumper for transfer to the cill, levelled using shovels and a vibrator.

Sophie cooked!

The rest of the weekend involved fetching materials from Goughs Orchard, completing the brickwork to the top gate recesses and starting the brickwork to the nearside lock wall.

The lock wall brickwork involved starting the rebuild using the last of the reclaimed bricks which gave a good start to the summer camps

Tim Lewis

London WRG were due to visit Goughs Orchard Lock on this weekend, however due to a series of four successful summer camps there was not enough work to justify a full weekend working party. The plan was therefore to join up with KESCRG who were going to be working at Eisey Lock.

It seems people started arriving at the Rat Trap pub at around 7:30 on Friday evening with others of us arriving at varying stages of lateness. Drink was consumed, as time passed with people disappearing off to bed until a stalwart team of 8 (including Pica-choo) were left, buying Helena drinks as she had left her money at the Scout hut!

Saturday arrived and after a cracking breakfast cooked by Eli we all went to site. The main tasks for the weekend were to continue with the facing brickwork and infilling behind the face on the towpath chamber wall however as numbers on site were around 26 a team was dispatched to continue scrub bashing the canal bed.



The brickwork commenced with Frank, Helena, Sophie and Alan working at the lower end with KESCRG (Mk 2, Roy) in the remaining bays. Dave mixed whilst I distributed materials along the scaffold.

Paul disappeared off with Jon the local to collect a van load of bricks from the store at Goughs Orchard. Adrian and Rachael joined the scrub bashing team and eventually got a good bonfire going. After lunch, which was concluded with splendid cakes of chocolate and various fruits, the van of bricks was unloaded and stacked out. The laying of bricks continued with even me putting in a few and more scrub was brushed and burnt.

We returned to the Scout hut where a waiting list for the shower was displayed on the whiteboard. With dinner timetabled for 7:30 a party headed off to the Rat Trap for a quick pre-dinner beverage (note: Helena took her purse). At 7:20 most of the KESCRG party bought another round which was 'hastily consumed' when the call came that dinner was being served.

After a splendid dinner of lasagne and garlic bread followed up by rhubarb crumble or sticky toffee pudding and custard, KESCRG called a committee meeting at the London WRG end of the table, so London returned to the pub, where Sophie, try as she might just could not keep the topic of conversation on engines or other mechanical items. Topics changed as beer was drunk and others joined the group from the committee meeting before Adrian made some rather startling revelations and Helena realised she had left her purse back in the accommodation!

Sunday started with welcoming Tim and Martin, who had arrived at some point after most people had gone to bed, although it seems they had still managed to make it before last orders despite a 6 hour delay in Berlin airport (and not the interesting one!).

On site work started with making alterations to the scaffolding at the top end of the lock whilst the bricklayers readied themselves for the work ahead. As soon as the scaffold was ready, every bay was filled with a brickie, whilst Gary and myself ensured that they were constantly supplied with mortar and bricks. As supplies of facing bricks were running low the decision was made to complete the started row of headers and then infill behind with re-claimed bricks. Several people were therefore gainfully occupied with brick cleaning from morning tea break. Meanwhile at the scrub bashing, the bonfires lit the day before quickly came back to life and continued to be fed throughout the day burning strongly even though Tim joined this team.

Work progressed through the day with facing bricks being laid and then the wall infilled behind. After lunch people started leaving and by 15:30 the remaining half bag of lime was used to make the final mix

which didn't quite give Martin enough mortar to finish the header course on the offside at the top of the lock. Tools were then cleaned and the KESCRG trailer loaded whilst the fires burned down and were left in a safe manner. Those who had not already left returned to the hall then headed home.



Pete Fleming

LWRG HALF-AGM (CONDENSED NOTES)

The main focus of the meeting was the dig dates; for details see pages 3 and 4.

Awards: Delayed awards (from Dec 2009) were presented:

- New Recruit to Peter Fleming (now not so new), and
- Catering to James Butler (something to do with porridge)

Cavalcade: Ed said that Suzie had wanted to clarify the situation of the LWRG tombola stall at Cavalcade. Ed's parents were still happy to man it on the Saturday, but it was felt that the same people got 'stuck' on it for the rest of the event.

It was agreed that there should be a rota for the Sunday and Monday with helpers doing ½ day or 2 hours. Martin is still happy to buy the prizes and Suzie is willing to organise the rota.

Items to buy: 2 strops for turfer, oven gloves, (the each end attached type), pudding bowls (despite major breakages on way to this dig china ones are still preferred), tupper-type containers for flour (must be anti-weevill!), and a new tool box for cutlery (it was suggested that there may be one available from a Camp Kit).

Purchase of a steel was declined as Martin promised to sharpen all knives. He has the wherewithal.

Aileen Butler

2/3RD OCTOBER 2010 (CHELMER AND BLACKWATER)

A merry band of WRGies met up in the Blue Boar hotel in Maldon on Friday night to discuss life, the universe and everything before heading back to the Plume School for toast, more beer and bed.

Saturday

Paul did us proud with breakfast and we headed to site where we split into 4 teams: boat, bag filling, bank protecting and everything else – by the end of the weekend two of these teams were better known as the rubber fetishists and the dirty crew! Nigel and Adrian went off to play with the work boat shifting people, kit and claybags up and down the canal from the lock where the dirty gang of Daryl, Aileen, Martin, Tim, Pete and Helena were filling clay bags like it was going out of fashion. Further up the canal the rubber team of Helen, Gordon, Paul and David were preparing the section of canal side that was to be bank protected, all under the expert eye of Colin the local. James, Katy and I picked up the rest of the other jobs and spent the morning burying some conduit (wouldn't be the Chelmer without conduit!) and hacking back some of the overhanging scrub from the path.

Back at the lock with the dirty team and Helena had apparently been "efficiently servicing Tim and Martin" (I assume with clay for their bags...) while the rubber fetishists had been occupied in some "synchronised bonking" (driving in stakes to hold up the clay bags) before starting to lay plastic bagged clay bags below the water line and hessian bags above it. It turned out to be much like brick laying, only with no mortar and deformable bricks!

By 5pm everyone was getting quite tired after "humping" clay bags all day (as Gordon put it, can you tell the innuendo level had hit sewer by this point?) and we headed back to the school for the half AGM and dinner. Meeting had a quite seri-



ous deadline as Martin and Aileen had made cottage pie and it wouldn't wait! After a fine dinner with pudding supplied by Pete (two different fruit crumbles) we headed back to the Blue Boar to carry on sampling the beers – ordering had reached the stage of "2 top, 3 two down, 1 bottom" as no one could remember the names of the beers and there was a handy list of pump clips!

Sunday

Paul again did a fine breakfast and we headed back to site again, with all the "other" jobs done I joined the clay bag filling team while James and Katy joined Nigel on the boat. Bag filling carried on a pace with a short intermission for tea while the rubber team did some more bank protecting under one of the jetties, well that's what they said they did with the bags! Having completed the job list and with the weather turning we headed back to the school for lunch and headed home.

Thanks to Helen for organising a good dig on the Chelmer, you can see the difference we've made around Heybridge Basin over the last few years and the bank protection is looking really good.

Ed Walker

6/7TH NOVEMBER 2010 (MONTGOMERY)



BBC4 and the WRGs reunion- in the voice of Attenborough.

Crickheath and the Marches school are the habitat of choice for the Autumnal flocking of the WRGs. In their distinctive red fronted plumage with flash of the "high vis" yellow on their backs they make a fine sight as they descend on the willow, hazel and brambles.

Their unusual peaked head crest can be seen all along the towpath as they denude the thickly covered sward and leave only ashes, embers and the occasional red-marked stump in their wake. Not unlike the locusts they arrive, strip and transfigure the landscape of the canal bed; and they can't half scoff the grub an'all.

The alpha males are unique in the animal kingdom for their strimming device and their harsh cries, as one after another fine tree is felled and left for dead. The rest descend and strip the carcass using their claws; and very soon little remains of the vegetation.

An unheard signal will cause the herd to leave their toil and troop to the watering hole, where much pumpkin soup is devoured, and the Martian droppings are tasted and snaffled.

Nocturnal noises and squeakings and snufflings can be heard emerging from their quilted sleeping nests; many odd and inexplicable activities defeated our camera team as it was only with night vision cameras that the truth of certain rumoured but unsubstantiated activities can be recorded and verified.

The silverbacks of the herd were full of trumpeting about '800 yards' and 'leaking sections investigated and surveyed' and 'Best canal in the UK' as well as boasts about 'within 5 years' but these and other mutterings have yet to be fully understood by anthropologists, and certainly not by the BBC camera crew.

Meanwhile Nic the Beer King and other Ale Enthusiasts could be heard extolling various brews and getting agitated about sludge or some such malarkey.

The BBC team were most keen to interview the younger more photogenic members of the WRG; and also were exercised by enigmas such as: WHY are you doing this? And you PAY to be here and get splinters, back ache, eyes smarting from smoke, deafened by the loudest toilet flush in history- Was this the Harrier Jet of all flushes?-and sleep on the floor in a gym full of snoring?

Only the true WRGs can really answer these questions, but there were 120 members present (or as Lou and Harry and Jude and the rest of the kitchen magicians said ' I actually have no idea how many of us there are!').

120 wrgs can't be wrong, can they?

Tasterella Taster



20/21ST NOVEMBER 2010 (BASINGSTOKE)

As usual the dig started with arrivals; though unusually the evenings entertainment was a trip to the chip shop followed by Tim attempting to do the LWRG News crossword. We soon discovered that I can't spell or count and so should not be in charge of creating puzzles. I can't remember much more of the evening but someone uttered the following:

- 1) Shred the vegetarians!
- 2) I once sat up in bed and ordered a round of drinks

Can you guess who came out with those delightful snippets?

Saturday started, oddly enough, with breakfast. In Paul's absence Tim volunteered to cook. After that it was time to go to site. The work (once we had broken into the tool container as the key was no-where to be found) was to build up the end of the Offside Upper wing wall to the correct height and then lay the coping-stones on top. We also had to backfill behind the wall with clay and remove the pilings that had held the canal bank up whilst work was being done on the wall.



The latter should have been the easier of the two tasks. The first problem was that the clay wanted to peel away from the concrete when we took away the wooden boards holding it in place and tried to fill the last bit in with soil. We eventually admitted defeat and filled in the whole space with clay rather than having any soil backfill. The second issue was the removal of the pilings. This was to be done with an excavator and hence assumed to be an easy job. It quickly became apparent that the excavator that had driven the piles in originally was a bit bigger than the one we had. Soon everyone had backed away to a safe distance to watch the sparks fly as the excavator, ably handled by Nigel, failed to move the attached steel piling an inch (despite hopeful comments from those watching to the contrary). Those trained to drive an excavator took it in turns to worry at the pilings all weekend and one by one they gave

way to the determined LWRGies.

As this went on the more sensible members of the group (myself and Martin) retreated to the far side of the cut where Martin proved himself a true brickie by taking one look of the last course laid and ripping it out! Happily this created some work for me as I set about cleaning the removed bricks. Later in the day our cooks arrived in the form of Richard and Rowena, almost halving the sex ratio in one fell swoop!

In the evening we had a lovely dinner before setting off to the pub. However I was knackered so retreated back to the hall early. Even this was not as easy as it sounded as a 20-minute search for the light switch resulted in failure and having to bury my head in my sleeping bag. When the others returned the light switch situation was solved (though I still don't know where it was).

On Sunday work was much the same except the bricklaying on one side was complete so we set about laying the copingstones and backfilling with concrete. Richard preformed admirably trundling the concrete Tim kindly mixed for us across the canal bridge. Throughout everyone was careful not to get either concrete or mortar into the canal as the low levels of water flow in the area meant that even a slight change in PH would have a detrimental effect on the local wildlife. We must have been doing a good job of this as on Sunday we were left to our own devices having being watched, and deemed capable, on Saturday by Dan (a Civil Engineer working for the council).

One bonus of Basingstoke is that tea break is more luxurious than in most places as we has a hut! Due to this Rowena and I felt that we should be civilised and clean up after ourselves. Luckily a few bread crusts proved fantastic sponges for wiping down the table-tops! Added to this was Ed's choice of biscuits: Viennese whirls (just posh jammy dodgers really!)



**Helena
Howarth**

**Images:
Tim Lewis**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hello and Happy New Year!

I'm on the hunt for volunteers. As many of you are aware, the IWA runs a 3-day festival at Little Venice (near Paddington) every May-day bank holiday. Although this is not a wrg camp, it is quite often wrgies who help run the festival and provide the site services, although there are many non-wrgies who also help out.

This festival is quite different from the National - it's smaller, but in many ways more logistically challenging due to it's location in central London. The camp has been run by Mr Moose Hearnden for the last few years, but he's decided to hang up his walkie-talkie, and I've agreed to help out instead.

So, firstly I'm trying to track down all those lovely volunteers who have helped out at the festival before and are planning to come again (but haven't told anyone because they didn't know who to tell!), and secondly, I'm trying to persuade a few new faces to join our jolly team.

There is a slight problem in that accommodation is limited, but I'll cross that bridge in the event that I'm inundated by volunteers! If you're keen, please get in touch bearing in mind the following:

1) The 'camp' will run from Wed 28th April - Tues 3rd May

2) You don't have to come along for the whole time, and can volunteer for as much time as you can spare e.g. 1 or two days. BUT PLEASE let me know in advance when you'll be around. If you tell me you're going to be there, I'll be counting on you! (You don't have to decide this now, but I will be confirming with all volunteers in the weeks leading up to the festival)

3) The festival is hard work, but I'm hoping I'll get enough volunteers, and be able to plan the work, such that everyone gets a chance to relax in the sunshine* and enjoy some of the festival.

So if you're interested in volunteering, or just want to know a bit more about the festival, please get in touch!

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Tel: 07810448109.

Cheers

Liz Wilson



To all,

London WRG awards for 2010 got decided at the Christmas party on Tuesday night (14th December), the winners are:

Driving - Pete Fleming, for getting the van stuck on the Basingstoke the other week-end.

Catering - Frank Walder for delayed breakfast pancakes.

Brick Cleaning - Helena Howarth for happily brick cleaning in the damp and cold on the Basingstoke.

Lastly a late entry and winner for the **Lame Excuse** award - Martin Ludgate for having an incident with his bike in London and so not being able to make the Christmas party, hope you're feeling better soon!

Thanks and see people in the new year,

Ed Walker



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