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Remains of Lock 19 on the Lichfield Southern Bypass  
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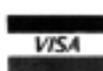
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## **CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN**

I must start this issue with a tribute to our retiring editor, Steve Pitt, who is standing down after a remarkable stint in charge of CBW. Steve has taken the magazine to a very high level where its stands among the best of waterway trust and society magazines. You have only to look back through the archive to see what he has achieved. He is, sadly, also standing down as a Director. We shall much miss his strong input to our discussions and his knowledge of the restoration movement as a whole. We wish him well and the best possible health.

We are fortunate to have found a successor for Steve in a very short time. Stefan Szulc is already well-know to many of us, especially on the engineering side. With his knowledge of all matters concerning pipes and drainage he has contributed much to our discussions on engineering matters, especially at Tamworth Road. He has considerable experience in producing an in-house magazine and I hope we will give him our fullest support as he takes up his electronic quill for CBW.

In an unguarded moment I observed a few months ago that L&H is at its best when it has a crisis on its hands. I was thinking of the glory days of the aqueduct and the challenge of the Birmingham Road culvert not of the sudden approach of darkening clouds which came upon us last Autumn. We were warned by the four councils whose Local Development Frameworks concern us that our hopes of inclusion were at risk. We have worked closely with three of these four over the years to ensure that both canals have a protected line on their development maps. There seemed every prospect that our inclusion was secure. However, new requirements seem to have been placed on the councils by legal rulings from Brussels. We are apparently required to prove that the restoration of both canals is achievable within the lifetime of the LDF – by 2026. The two restorations must be seen as a whole and the failure of one will lead to the failure of the other. Much of the difficulty stemmed from the proposed use of the Cannock Extension Canal to link the Hatherton to the Wyrley and Essington. The main expression of opposition came from the Environment Agency.

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## **CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN (continued)**

For a while the position seemed very bleak and we still cannot be sure that we are in the clear but recent developments have been encouraging. We had already agreed that we would not seek to use the Cannock Extension which would deal with most of the opposition from the EA and Natural England. We commissioned Atkins to produce a feasibility study on the revised route of the Hatherton with special emphasis on the environmental and water supply issues. This work complements what Atkins is already commissioned to do on the Lichfield for delivery in April. We have the support of British Waterways in our dealings with the EA and the promise of help from our Patron, Michael Fabricant MP. It will be some time before we know the final outcome of our involvement in the LDF process but meanwhile let us hope that the "crisis" will again bring out the best from L&H committee and membership.

Meanwhile, the detailed work on the Lichfield Canal Feasibility Study continues. Jim Tinnion and Patrick Moss are well advanced in drawing together the information and presenting their conclusions in a clear and coherent form. We have been able to provide a great deal of information from our archives, much of it compiled by our former directors, John Horton and Mike Smith. The Atkins work will validate the earlier work and, in some places, will make interesting alternative suggestions. We will soon have a coherent set of proposals which we can take to councils and possible funders. We hope to stage a formal public launch in Lichfield in June.

Also in June we will hold our AGM, this time in Brownhills. We have invited Patrick Moss to come to talk to us about the Somerset Coal Canal. This is the time when we must elect members of the Trust Council to serve as directors. As I have already mentioned Steve Pitt has retired from Council leaving a vacancy which we hope to fill. David Moore has also given notice that he will retire as Marketing Director and Chairman of our nominal subsidiary Retail Trading company. However, not all our office holders need to be directors and we will welcome anyone wishing to help with some of our responsibilities. We urgently need help in all departments but there are special needs in environment, marketing and publicity. Do please make yourself known to us if you wish to be involved.

I finish with my usual rallying cry. We have so much left to do. We are in for the long haul but I have no doubt our canals can and will be restored.

### **Our Vision Statement**

To restore the Lichfield Canal and the Hatherton Canal to re-open waterway links between Staffordshire and the West Midlands, for the benefit of the environment, amenity and prosperity of the people of the region and to enhance the nation's inland waterway system.



Plotting where to install new bywash: note old outlet on the right, 15-Feb-2009



Brian Davis laying new wall foundations: note old base clay layer, 15-Mar-2009

## LICHFIELD CANAL WORKING PARTY NEWS (continued)

Meanwhile, the wrg volunteers proved themselves to be adaptable as ever in switching to Plan B. This entailed bringing forward excavating the ground and laying foundations around the outlet of the pipe for constructing the brick wall needed to close that corner of the pound. Another team worked on extending the length of blue brick facing to the concrete block towpath wall in Pound 27: all valuable work. We look forward to their return jointly with Essex wrg in May when the top section of the bywash will be the main task.

Now the home team is making good progress with a complicated swellable water resistant connection of the pipe to a concrete collar and an artistically designed arched outlet in the brick wall. Pity it will all be under water in future!



wrg North West add to the long towpath wall in Pound 27, 7-Mar-2009

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## CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN (continued)

### **More about Sandfields**

In our previous issue we published an item about Sandfields in Lichfield. Our member, and former secretary, Chris Pattison, adds to the debate.

“Seedy-mills (sic) Reservoir was never known by this name, it was always called Hanch Reservoir. The tunnel was not consistently brick lined along its bottom half for the whole length, indeed there are significant portions which are not brick lined at all and in some parts the upper sections are lined. Whilst it is true there was ingress of ground water into the tunnel from the surrounding sandstone, this did not double the amount of water abstracted at Sandfields. The ingress was typically one million gallons per day whilst the amount pumped out at Sandfields was around four million gallons per day up until the supply from Hanch reservoir was discontinued in 1980. The tower at Brownhills was a surge stack; no water was retained at this point. Walsall Reservoir was nowhere near Walsall Aboretum, it was in the Pleck District, to the rear of the Manor Hospital. Walsall Reservoir never supplied Wednesfield.

Water from Walsall Reservoir did indeed supply Dudley from the 1860s onwards. The first Barr Beacon Reservoir was built in 1899 and was supplied by a number of borehole sources in the Aldridge / Sutton Coldfield areas and not from the “far side of the Black Country”. Hanch Tunnel was abandoned in 1997 at the same time pumping ceased from Sandfields. I'm not too sure whether this is the “little electric pumping station” referred to in the article. The main from Sandfields to Walsall was abandoned in the early 1970s. I assume the “new (1930's)” pumping station referred to is Pipe Hill on the Walsall Road. This was completed in 1910 and was never connected to the Sandfields / Walsall main. Whilst the Claymills volunteers gave some valuable and much appreciated assistance to cleaning the Cornish Engine between 1997 and 2002, the work was initiated and organised by myself and a colleague Matthew Bates from South Staffs Water.

In the introduction to the article reference is made to the potential value of Sandfields for water supplies to the canal. I think I have mentioned before that the Environment Agency are unlikely to permit any abstraction from the well at Sandfields as there is a long term programme underway to allow recharge of the Lichfield Aquifer and hopefully improve base flows in Leomansley Brook. It would probably be more fruitful to explore the possibility of deriving a supply from Aldershawe Springs which were the ancient (pre South Staffs) source to the City of Lichfield and are located not too far from Lock 18.”

*Brian Kingshott*

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## LICHFIELD CANAL WORKING PARTY NEWS (continued)

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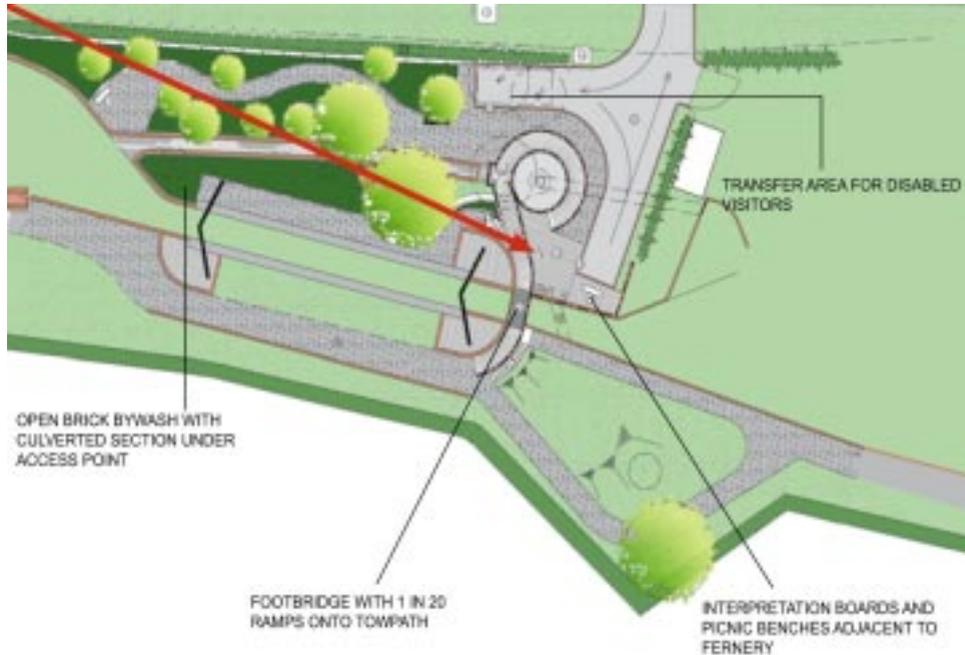
wrg North West help excavate outlet for the Polypipe, 7-Mar-2009



Old bywash pipe (left) and new Polypipe installed, 15-Mar-2009

## LICHFIELD CANAL WORKING PARTY NEWS

Having completed work on Lock 26 last year, our focus this year has been on starting to construct the new bywash for Lock 25 in the Borrowcop Locks Canal Park alongside the Tamworth Road in Lichfield. A preliminary requirement was the Council-approved removal in January of five trees which had been planted in recent years (CBW58, p21); thanks to Peter Magee for his chainsawmanship!



The detailed design for the bywash, perfected by Brian Davis and Clive Hensman, features a top weir, an open channel running into a circular drop-shaft, then through an underground pipe below the parking area into the pound below. For the outlet to cope with future canal and extraordinary flood flows, it was decided to use a comparatively lightweight 1m diameter ribbed plastic Rigistorm product from Polypipe Limited of Loughborough.

In a manner of speaking, this was “high pressure” work as several sleepless nights went by in considering the best method of installing the pipe in a confined trench! It was planned that we could use the talents of the wrg North West group to do this in March, but in the event there were technical uncertainties to be resolved first. However, we were fortunate in having a period of “high pressure” weather which kept the site dry over several crucial weeks for ground work. Thanks to transportation by Bob Mullarkey, the fortuitously generous donation of surplus building site materials came just at the right time.

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Mike Battison explains plan to Justine Lloyd, LDC Countryside Officer  
16-Jan-2009



Last of the trees cleared to make way for new surface bywash channel  
24-Jan-2009

## FROM HERE AND THERE (continued)

### Claypit Lane

The collapse of Wrekin has opened a possible window of opportunity for the Trust close to the current work compound. We had been forced to give up ideas of installing culverts to carry Claypit Lane over the canal at the point where it will connect to the bypass. There may now be time to assemble the land package and draw up the engineering designs before the new contractor can start work on the railway bridge. With help from Staffordshire Highways we might be able to get our infrastructure in place and avoid a great deal of expense and difficulty in the future.

*Brian Kingshott*

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## BROWNHILLS CANAL FESTIVAL

May I take this opportunity to inform your readers that the seventh Brownhills Canal Festival will take place this year, on Sunday 28th June 2009.

Last year, despite the threatening weather, was our best yet, and this was in no small way due to the increase in the number of boats that attended.

We on the Brownhills Local Committee and the Community Association feel it is important to keep our festival going in order to show the population the pleasures derived by an association with the canal system. This in turn can help with an awareness of how important the continual preservation and restoration is to the community.

So with this in mind I can assure you that all boats are more than welcome, although we would appreciate a bit of prior notice, on 01543 361144.

According to the law of averages we are sure that the 28th June 2009 will be bathed in glorious sunshine from a clear blue sky. Trust us.

*Brian Stringer - Press Officer - Brownhills L.C.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We regret to record the loss of the following members:-  
Mr D P Trinder, Lichfield, died November 2008.  
Mr J Bromley, Erdington, Birmingham, died 15th February 2009.  
Mr J Rimmer, Aldridge died on 23rd December 2008.

## MONEY MATTERS

### **Accounts for 2008**

Final accounts for last year have been duly examined by Dains, Lichfield, upholding the draft extract produced in this issue apart from their fee. Also, the subsidiary Retail Trading company accounts have as usual been verified separately by West of Dorridge as a generous contribution to our work. Of course, accounts only deal with actual monetary values and cannot show donated materials, time, and administrative support given in kind. However, the formal accounts include a Treasurer's Report which notes that contributions made by Directors, Marketing, Workers and donors of materials, etc. if fully funded, were estimated to exceed £100,000 in the year.

### **Feasibility Studies**

In his column, the Chairman comments on the need we faced last December in having to urgently commission Atkins Limited to undertake a supplementary Feasibility Study of a deviation to the planned route for the Hatherton Canal away from the Cannock Extension Canal. The cost came close to £5,000, but luckily, some unexpected donations have come to hand which helped redress the position for which we are most grateful. The Lichfield Canal study has only just been completed with the cost met from specific funds as shown in the balance sheet in this issue. Its findings will be reported next time.

### **“Forward Looking Statements”**

This expression has become popular in major corporate reports and so it may comfort our members to know that the Directors hold periodic meetings to review our Income and Expenditure projections which extend up to 2012! Regular activity is well balanced but extraordinary projects can only be undertaken with specific additional funding.

The focus at present is on a project to complete a section of the Lichfield Canal in water between Locks 25 and 26 in the Borrowcop Locks Canal Park. Our volunteer team, assisted by the North West waterway recovery group in March, has made good progress with the first part of a substantial new bywash to Lock 25. However, removal of the culverted watercourse (the big pipe) in the canal and fully waterproofing the bed calls for the expertise of a competent professional contractor at a high cost.

Applications have been made to Lichfield District Council for a grant from their “Section 106 Planning Gain” funds and to other grant-giving institutions. Planning and environmental controls are in hand in the hope of being able to realise this major opportunity soon. Fully restoring even a small section of the Lichfield Canal in such a prominent position would really be looking forward to completion of the entire canal between Ogleby and Huddlesford Junctions.

*Bob Williams, Director (Finance)*

## FROM HERE AND THERE (continued)

### **Wrekin**

A major recent shock has been the news that Wrekin Construction has gone into administration with work stopping on all its sites. Wrekin, as major contractors to Staffordshire County Highways, was well-advanced in building an extension to the Lichfield Southern Bypass across the remains of the old Lock 19 (cover picture). There were already problems in the casting of the concrete deck of the bridge to carry the currently disused Walsall to Lichfield railway over the new road. County Highways are now looking for a new contractor with the right pedigree. One of Wrekin's last acts was to provide access from the bypass to the Trust's land which is earmarked for spoil disposal.



Work stopped on Lichfield Southern Bypass freight railway bridge.  
Canal access track over former Lock 19 in foreground, 17-Mar-2009



Corporate Member

### Lock 11



SCC contractors discover tail of Lock 11, 1-Feb-2009

Recent work by Staffordshire Highways investigating one of our road crossings close to Muckley Corner has uncovered part of Lock 11. This is in remarkably good condition despite having trees planted in and around it by an adjacent garden centre. We will have guaranteed access to the lock and will investigate how best to exploit the site in the future.



SCC bridge engineer John Dixon explains plan to Brian Kingshott, 6-Feb-2009

Notice is hereby given that the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust Ltd. will be held at **Park View Centre, Chester Road North, Brownhills, Walsall WS8 7JB** on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2009** at 7.15 pm.

### AGENDA

1. Apologies
  2. Minutes of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting 25/4/08
  3. Matters Arising
  4. Directors' Report
  5. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts for the year ending 31/12/2008
  6. Chairman's Report
  7. Election of Directors:
    - (a) Directors retiring by rotation and eligible to stand for re-election:  
Brian Kingshott  
Peter Magee  
Susan Williams
    - (b) Directors co-opted during the year and nominated by Council for election:  
David Dixon
    - (c) Any other nominations received
  8. Appointment of Auditor.
  9. Consideration of two Resolutions proposed by Council that:
    - (a) "The Articles of Association of Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust Limited be amended to allow either audit or examination of accounts as dictated by the Company and Charity laws of England."
    - (b) "Memorandum of Association, Article A be amended to replace "Cannock Extension Canal" with "northern Birmingham Canal Navigations"."
  10. Any Other Business
  11. Close of formal business
  12. Guest Speaker - Patrick Moss. "Restoration of the Somerset Coal Canal"
- After the AGM, tea and biscuits will be served with an opportunity to view displays and sales material.
- Note 1:** A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy. A Form of Proxy can be obtained from the Company Secretary, to whom it should be returned at least 48 hours before the time appointed for the meeting.
- Note 2:** A summary of the 2008 Annual Accounts, subject to approval, is included in this magazine. Any member wanting a copy of the full accounts in advance of the meeting should contact the Finance Director, Bob Williams.
- Note 3:** Non-members are welcome to attend but cannot vote at the AGM.

**N.B. Please note the new venue**

**LICHFIELD & HATHERTON CANALS RESTORATION TRUST LIMITED**

**DRAFT BALANCE SHEET**

as at 31 December 2008

	31 December 2008		31 December 2007	
	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Freehold property (part depreciated)	330,876		326,646	
Plant & Machinery (over £1,000 per item, depreciated)	3,159		4,644	
Investment in subsidiary company shares	1,000	335,035	1,000	332,290
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
<b>Debtors</b>				
Net assets available from subsidiary company	3,067		2,780	
Net Group VAT recoverable	125	3,192	1,808	4,588
<b>Bank balances:</b>				
<b>Restricted funds:</b>				
Lichfield Canal, Tamworth Rd separate match funding	1,612		1,572	
Brick Appeal funds, net of expenditure	300		120	
Land Fund donations, net of expenditure LF	18,272		15,637	
Restoration Fund - general, net of expenditure	1,684		282	
- Chase Academy for Hatherton Canal	1,000		1,000	
- Page legacy for L.25&26 paddle gear	2,756		2,756	
- Ainge legacy for Tamworth Rd bridge	0		5,000	
Suchet Appeal Fund, net of expenditure B'ham Rd culvert	0		0	
Feasibility Study donations FS	2,550			
Ogley Cottage rent deposit	575			
500 Club prize reserve	161		172	
<b>Designated funds:</b>				
Land Fund reserve from cashflow LF	10,000			
500 Club Capital Fund	1,188		1,314	
Restoration budget balance	2,167		693	
Feasibility Study allocation FS	44,400			
<b>Unrestricted funds:</b>				
Trust funds for general purposes	3,335		51,454	
<b>Total funds in deposit a/cs</b>		<b>90,000</b>		<b>80,000</b>
Bank of Scotland, Trust current a/c	204		254	
Lloyds TSB, Trust current a/c	1,488		1,035	
Lloyds TSB, Marketing current a/c	312		369	
Funds in hand or in course of collection	0		0	
<b>Total funds in current a/cs &amp; in hand</b>		<b>2,004</b>		<b>1,658</b>
<b>Total assets before current liabilities</b>		<b>430,231</b>		<b>418,536</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>				
<b>Loan reduction falling due within one year</b>				
The Charity Bank Ltd; Mortgage loan on Ogley Cottage	5,286		4,938	
<b>Loan outstanding after one year</b>				
The Charity Bank Ltd; Mortgage loan on Ogley Cottage	243,566	(248,852)	248,852	(253,790)
<b>TOTAL NET RESOURCES</b>		<b>181,379</b>		<b>164,746</b>
<b>RESERVES:</b>				
<b>Income &amp; Expenditure Account</b>		<b>181,379</b>		<b>164,746</b>

This page and the following page are taken from the Trust's accounts for 2008 which are subject to formal examination and presentation to the Annual General Meeting. Any member requiring a full set of the final accounts can obtain one free of charge on application to the Finance Director.

**MARKETING REPORT (continued)**

One new event for us will be 'Cars in the Park' at Lichfield on 4 & 5 July. We will also have a stand at the IWA National Festival at Ratcliffe-on-Soar. Don't forget our biennial Huddlesford Boat Gathering held jointly with the Lichfield Cruising Club in September. I hope to see you at the above events, better still, why not come and give a hand. It's not difficult and an extra pair of hands is always welcome. Either turn up on the day or ring me on 01543 432718 or any of the Marketing Team.

**NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Saturday 31 October at Whittington Village Hall**

An evening with Malcolm Stent, one of Birmingham's best loved entertainers. He's a comedian, singer, actor and playwright who has been making audiences laugh for over 30 years. Price, which includes a hot supper, to be advised.

Further information: 01543 432718 or 01543 671427

*Dave Moore*

**FROM HERE AND THERE**

**Hatherton Rubbish**

We have been in correspondence with Hatherton Parish Council over rubbish which builds up in the channel and often ends up on the towpath. Our work party leader, Denis Cooper, has been able to deal with this and reassure local councillors. The rubbish comes from a nearby car boot sale site and is usually dealt with by BW which owns this section of canal. Our volunteers will do all they can to help with this problem, as they have done for many years.

**Lord Hay Branch**

Our revised route for the Hatherton across Little Wyrley Estate land will require us to link into the stub of the Lord Hay Branch of the Wyrley and Essington Canal. Our land officer, David Dixon, has opened a dialogue with the owner of the land we require to see if he and his family are prepared to co-operate. Early signs are promising but there is a long way to go.

**AGM**

Please make a note of the AGM in your diary and come and support us. It is the one big opportunity in the year when directors and officers can meet the members. We really do look forward to it. It will be held on Friday 5th June at 7.15 in Brownhills (The old Town Hall off the roundabout with the large miner sculpture).

**Forum**

Some years ago we held public meetings in Lichfield and Cannock to publicise our work. We had about 400 people at both events. The celebrity attendance of our Vice-President, David Suchet, contributed much to this! With the completion of the Lichfield Feasibility Study and the up-dating of the Hatherton Study directors are investigating holding a public Forum in Lichfield. Details are not yet to hand but we will ensure the news is spread far and wide if we decide to go ahead.

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# "500 CLUB" Capital Fund

Become a member of our 500 Club for the chance to win prizes of up to £400 every three months!

50% of the 500 Club income will be retained for capital expenditure essential for restoration of our two canals... and

50% paid in prizes to its members.

The "500 Club" could contribute up to £3,000 a year - or even more - whilst, for just £12 a year, Club Members get four chances of winning prizes of up to £400 - or maybe more each time!

The 500 Club has now been running for two years. By the end of 2008 we had registered Membership No 254 but regrettably we had lost some memberships during the year. We hope we can regain those numbers during 2009. Remember, the 500 Club is open to everyone, so please tell your friends and relatives. The more subscriptions there are, the greater the prize money to be won.

The winners of the March draw are:

First prize	£168.48	No 82	Mr A R Nuttall, Birmingham
Second prize	£110.16	No261	Sadie Dean, Whittlesey, Cambs
Third prize	£45.36	No 81	Richard Willis, Ripon

The "500 Club" Capital Fund has been established to raise funds for capital expenditure on land purchase and rebuilding structures on the Lichfield and Hatherton Canals. For an annual subscription of £12 Club Members are allocated 1 chance in each of 4 successive quarterly draws. Based on a membership of 500, the maximum prizes will be:-

1st Prize	£400 approx 26% income
2nd Prize	£250 approx 17% income
3rd Prize	£100 approx 7% income

If there are more or less than 500 members, the prizes will be proportionally increased or decreased. So the more 500 Club members we have, the higher the prizes. If you want to subscribe, you can download an application form from our website [www.lhcrt.org.uk](http://www.lhcrt.org.uk), or write to :-  
Mavis Moore, 88 Spring Lane, Whittington, Lichfield WS14 9NA.

## LICHFIELD & HATHERTON CANALS RESTORATION TRUST LIMITED

### DRAFT INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2008

	2008		2007	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Subscriptions from members (excl. Marketing below)	M	9,761		9,595
<b>Donations</b>	M	<u>net Trust + Mktg £6,985</u>	<u>net Trust + Mktg £6,200</u>	
Received with subscriptions		4,335	4,025	
Land Fund (incl. Gift Aid tax)		2,635	2,163	
Restoration Fund (incl. Gift Aid tax)		1,402	631	
Other (excl. Marketing collections below)		<u>7,175</u>	<u>8,684</u>	<u>15,503</u>
<b>Income generated by Marketing and Retail Trading</b>			<i>restated</i>	
Trust & Public events		1,953	5,069	
Membership subscriptions collected at shows, etc.	M	1,511	1,073	
Brick Appeal		180	180	
500 Club Capital Fund (net of prizes paid out)		1,176	1,487	
Grand Prize Draw		3,824	4,356	
Donations, Sponsorship, Advertisements, Interest		4,440	3,224	
Net profit from Retail Trading subsidiary company	P	<u>3,067</u>	<u>2,780</u>	<u>18,168</u>
<b>Rent, tax, interest, etc.</b>	P	<u>net profit £12,261</u>	<u>net profit £13,521</u>	
Ogley Cottage rent		6,898	7,195	
Gift Aid tax reclaim (other than specific Funds)		4,841	3,340	
Credit interest		1,911	5,511	
Wayleave for electricity line pole at Darnford		<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>16,056</u>
<b>SUB-TOTAL REGULAR INCOME</b>		<u>55,118</u>		<u>59,322</u>
<b>Specific Appeal, Grants and Loans</b>				
David Suchet Appeal (incl. Gift Aid tax)		8,020	17,317	
SCC Aggregates Levy grant		36,269		
Others: (Pringle, IWA, LCC, Tarrant, Whitfield)		10,100	500	
European Regional Development Fund (claims)		-		
		<u>54,389</u>	<u>18,957</u>	<u>36,774</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u>109,507</u>		<u>96,096</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
<b>Restoration costs</b>				
Lichfield Canal; Darnford and Fosseyway		0	0	
Tamworth Road, Locks 24 to 26		3,032	2,938	
Hatherton Canal		254	92	
Accommodation (visiting volunteer groups)		472	1,755	
Tools, Plant, Machinery, Training		<u>1,074</u>	<u>1,522</u>	<u>(6,307)</u>
<b>Administrative costs</b>				
Professional fees and costs		2,686	882	
Ogley Cottage fees and costs		2,862	2,544	
Membership and magazine administration	M	4,287	4,468	
Direct cost of Marketing activity (ex 500 Club prizes)	P	3,890	4,647	
Direct cost of Funding Appeals		0	0	
General administration		2,950	2,472	
Insurance premium (IWA policy)		2,804	872	
IWA membership subscription		<u>45</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>(19,928)</u>
<b>Project costs</b>				
Lichfield Canal - Borrowcop Locks Canal Park		31,929	5,015	
Lichfield Canal - Pound 26 Attwood wall		12,233	4,225	
Lichfield Canal - Birmingham Road culvert; ERDF works		-		
		<u>(44,162)</u>	<u>74,127</u>	<u>(83,367)</u>
<b>Finance charge</b>				
Interest paid on loan		(15,135)		(15,496)
<b>NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS ON TRUST ACTIVITIES</b>		<u>25,853</u>		<u>(25,002)</u>
less Depreciation of property and plant		(9,220)		(8,770)
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR (previous year deficit)</b>		<u>16,633</u>		<u>(33,772)</u>
Retained Surplus brought forward		164,746		198,518
<b>Retained Surplus carried forward</b>		<u>181,379</u>		<u>164,746</u>

(This page does not form part of the formal accounts, only a summary of the totals)

## MARKETING REPORT

Ice skating seems to be all the rage on television at the moment but they haven't got round to 'selling on ice'. That was what faced Bob & Sue Williams at the OwnerShips Show at Braunston Marina in February. Consequently the attendance by the public was low and therefore little business was done. Given the circumstances, Bob & Sue decided to attend for just one day and spent the Sunday indoors in the warm. The loss of one day meant that they only took £49. Speaking to OwnerShips when I visited the Boat, Caravan & Outdoor Show, they said that for them it had been a good show, all the visitors were keen purchasers and not just casual visitors.

On the same Saturday we had a stand at Whittington Big Green Fair, organised by the Whittington & Fisherwick Environment Group. This event is more promotion than fundraising. Nevertheless, we took £44.81, recruited two new members and made some good contacts.

Bob Williams organised a very successful quiz night at Hammerwich WI Hall which was much enjoyed by a full house. Additional entertainment was provided by Ricky the Magician, found for us by George Simonczyk. The evening was rounded off with a fish & chip supper and a raffle produced a profit of £416.63 for the Trust. All agreed that this was an event worth repeating. In March we had the annual IWA/LHCRT joint Jumble Sale at Penkrudge which yielded £150 for our funds.

The Group also assisted with the re-enactment of the historic 'Walk to London' by Dr Johnson and David Garrick. The principal characters began their walk from Dr Johnson's house in Lichfield and walked to the towpath at Tamworth Road and from there to the Coventry Canal at Huddlesford. Members of the Trust's working party had previously cleared the path of brambles etc. Lichfield Cruising Club kindly allowed the walkers and their supporters to use the towpath through their moorings to get to Huddlesford. The Trust would like to express their thanks to the landowners who allowed access to the walkers.

As we go to press we are getting ready for Eric & Doreen Wood's annual All Day Coffee Morning on Easter Saturday. We continue with our usual full programme for the year ahead which includes many old favourites:

23-25 May - Crick Boat Show  
25 May - Lichfield Greenhill Bower  
27 & 28 June – Historic Narrowboat Rally & Canal Festival, Braunston  
28 June - Brownhills Canal Festival  
11 July - Lichfield Georgian Market  
5 September - Whittington Country Fayre

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Whittington Green Show,  
7 Feb 09  
(photo by Bobbie Battisson)

OwnerShips on Ice,  
7 Feb 09



Magic Evening,  
21 Feb 09

Ricky the Magician,  
21 Feb 09

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