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Chairman of Lichfield District Council, Cllr Bernard Derrick and his wife Judith on a conducted tour of the Lichfield Canal in Tamworth Road by Trust Engineering Director Peter Buck (far left) and Chairman Brian Kingshott, 7th March 2012.

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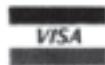
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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Once again we approach our AGM when we can recall the events of another busy year. It is a well-worn cliché to say that an organisation, or even a nation, is “punching above its weight”. But I can think of no better way to encapsulate what L&H has been doing over the year ending December 2011 and continues to do into 2012. I frequently appeal in these columns for more volunteers to come forward and, to be fair, some do just that. Yet our very small community of activists is driving the restoration forward at an accelerating and impressive rate. More of that later.

I appeal to all our members to attend the AGM on Friday 15th June at 7.15 in the Park View Centre, Brownhills. Our displays there will give a very good and up to date expression of our current works. We are fortunate to have secured the attendance of John Dodwell, a trustee of the new waterways charity, CRT, as our guest speaker. John is a chartered accountant who moved into corporate finance and corporate law. He is a former finance director or chair of several property companies (including arranging joint ventures), a former charity trustee (including dealing with investments) and has been a member since 1961 of The Inland Waterways Association (of which he was general secretary 1970-73). John is the former chair of the Commercial Boat Operators Association. Having sailed dinghies, fished and canoed on the River Thames and elsewhere in his youth, he went on to hire cruisers over most of the network, enjoying the waterways' built and natural environment. He now owns an historic narrow boat. He is also a long-standing member and supporter of L&H. He will address the meeting and is keen for members to know that he will answer questions. I will try to allow plenty of time for this, bearing in mind that John has a train he must catch by 9.45. Our old friend, Tony Harvey, who has held several senior BW posts, will also be at the meeting.

These pages tend to concentrate on our activities on the Lichfield Canal as that is where our engineering opportunities can be maximised. On both canals we have feasibility studies which set us a series of phases for the works. It has been harder to get impetus into the Hatherton phases but we do not stand idly by. We are slowly building up the land portfolio and are pleased to be back in active dialogue with Staffordshire County Council on the purchase of a parcel of land near the toll road at Churchbridge. We keep an eagle eye on any infringements on the canal line and are



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in discussion with the owners of the land at Little Wyrley to establish a final and acceptable line. It is of considerable interest that there is again discussion on the building of a motorway connection between the M54 and the M6 Toll. This again opens the prospect of major earthworks which might provide the chance to link the sections of the Hatherton, currently severed at Calf Heath.

Back on the Lichfield we continue to clock up significant progress. The achievements of Peter Buck and his team at Tamworth Road are truly awesome (certainly by canal restoration standards). Our team is poised to move across the A51 into Darnford Park for some major excavations and preparations for the building of a two-lock staircase between A51 and A38. There are just two limiting factors. The first is inevitably financial. Before contractors are signed up we must be totally comfortable that we have sufficient funds. At present the prospect is moderately optimistic but the outcome is far from assured. The second major consideration is more political. We need two planning consents before we can proceed and the processes involved are long and complex. Fortunately, we are experiencing excellent working relationships with both District Council officers and with the councillors who must vote for or against the scheme. As we go to press, the outlook is positive.

It has been a long and slow road for the Trust to establish its credibility with local government at all levels and with their electors. We were recently honoured to host the then Chair of Lichfield District Council, Bernard Derrick and Mrs Derrick, on a tour of our significant sites in Lichfield. At County level the new Staffordshire Waterways Group has enabled us to meet Cllr Mike Maryon and Cllr Pat Corfield who are both cabinet members with portfolios which include waterways interests.

Not all our recent news has been positive. We were concerned to discover that land west of the Lichfield Canal Aqueduct over M6 Toll has been purchased by "travellers". Preliminary work on the site included levelling the canal embankment and demolishing Lock 8. A planning application has been submitted for the establishment of a residential site. The Trust has opposed this to ensure that the canal line is not threatened. We are also talking to the agents of the new owners in the hope that a proper working arrangement can be established. Sometimes canal restoration can seem to be drawn from the draft plot lines of a soap opera. Just when the sunlit uplands seem to be in sight the clouds descend again.

My AGM report always includes reference to the hard work of all our directors and active members. Perhaps, what these very formal acknowledgements cannot draw out is the continuing spirit and enthusiasm of our keenest supporters. They remain cheerful when standing in torrential rain by our stand at Pelsall or elsewhere. They are positive, even when their own health is not of the best. Very recently our President, Eric Wood with Doreen, put on another of their all-day coffee mornings in their canalside garden at Whittington. It was cold and damp and visitors were in rather short supply but the atmosphere was terrific and the income almost reached £800.

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Brian Kingshott(chairman)

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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.

All Photos in this issue are by Bob Williams unless stated otherwise.

Donations to the Trust

We gratefully acknowledge the following donations for amounts
over £20 from 1st January to 31st March 2012.

Name (in order of receipt)	Trust & Marketing	Suchet Appeal	Restoration & Land Funds
Anonymous			120.00
Dr J R Massy			300.00
IWA Lichfield Branch in memory of the late Mrs P. Humphries			250.00
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Buck's hat whip-round at Quiz Night			253.00
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Mr David Stanistreet (part pledge)	90.00		144.00
Mr J Moody (returned property rent)	150.00		
Returned expenses by Trust officers:-			
- Mr B Kingshott	668.00		
- Mr R O Williams	95.60		
Regular donors to appeals (inc. GA tax)		518.50	838.75
Aggregated donations up to £20 each	632.20		65.00

We are very grateful to the following donors:-

Waterway Recovery Group; plant maintenance
 Ruttle Plant (Birmingham) Ltd, Lichfield, heavy lifting plant on site.
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 David and Carol Yapp for arranging mailing of "Cut Both Ways".

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At the beginning of last year the Trust changed its bank. Consequently, members were asked to change the destination of their Bankers Order payments from Lloyds TSB to the Unity Trust Bank. Several subscriptions have not been renewed during the first quarter of 2012, possibly because the change has not been made. If you think this may have happened to your "500 Club" number, please let us know.

The winners of the March draw are:

First prize	£166.14	No. 277	Jan Farrar, Horley, Surrey.
Second prize	£108.63	No. 148	Mr. JCS Ford, Gisleham, Lowestoft.
Third prize	£44.73	No. 259	Beverley Marshall, Lichfield.

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:

1 st Prize	£400	approx 26% income
2 nd Prize	£250	approx 17% income
3 rd 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. Remember, membership of the 500 Club is open to everyone, not just members of Lichfield & Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust.

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FROM HERE AND THERE

Quiz

On 17th March Bob Williams ran another of his popular quiz nights. This year we moved to the Boley Park Community Centre which was full to capacity for this ever-popular event. The theme this time was “Who Wants to be a Millionaire”. Despite some problems with the p.a system the evening was another triumph for Bob and his team raising a very significant sum.



Quizzers deep in thought “should we have the fish or the sausages”, 17-Mar-12

Big Pipes

A recurring theme in recent years, especially among our engineers, has been the disposal of the “Big Pipe”. When the Lichfield Canal was closed and largely infilled in the late 1960s a large pipe was laid along its course and buried to take the surface drainage formerly taken away by the canal. It is a lesson that closing canals is not usually the best or most cost-effective policy. In 2011 we removed a section of the pipe alongside Tamworth Road through the section we have re-watered using the flow from the pipe. The removed pipe sections have been carefully stored and are now being put to good use. Set on their ends, they are being used as part of bank reinforcement alongside A38. This is a new section of canal, where it diverts from the original line, and must be engineered to the highest standard.

The views expressed in Cut Both Ways do not necessarily represent those of the Trust or the Editor. They are however published as being of interest to our readership

FROM HERE AND THERE

Coffee Morning

The annual "Coffee Morning" run by our President, Eric Wood and Doreen has become a firm fixture in the L&H calendar. "Coffee Morning" is only a working title as the event lasts much of the day and is a kind of mini-rally. The Marketing Group sets up stalls of many kinds and does a steady trade in bric-a-brac, books and jewellery. Burgers, hot dogs and refreshments of all kinds are available all day in the garden. The intrepid come by boat but most are on foot or in cars. The atmosphere is convivial and the financial outcome is always amazing (almost £800). We are more than grateful to Eric and Doreen. If you haven't yet been to this event please book next Easter Saturday.



Andrew Denny (centre) from Waterways World came to interview Peter Buck (left) for a news report on the Darnford Park project, 7-Apr-12.

Spread the Word

The Trust has been in existence for almost 25 years. We have worked hard to get the public to know and support what we are trying to do and with some success. Our membership continues to grow even in these difficult times and we have one of the highest of any canal group. However, we need to continue to raise our public profile. In Lichfield alone, hundreds of new homes have been built since the late 1980s all bringing in newcomers who may not even know there is potentially a canal nearby. The natural churn of population means we must never assume that the publicity job is done. It never will be. All of us should spread the word at every opportunity.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Jumble Sale



On 10th March we ran our popular jumble Sale in Penkridge, jointly with Lichfield IWA. It is hard work with a frantic first hour of trading but yields a good income for both organisations. This year attendance was far above average, perhaps a reflection of the current economic situation. Again, our small band of volunteers excelled themselves.

New Members 1st January to 31st March 2012.

Mrs G. F. Fowler, Chase Terrace	Mr D. J. Wiggins, Woodley, Berks.
Mrs J. Surplice, Rugeley	Mr R. Winter, Lichfield
Mr L. Surplice, Rugeley	Mrs B. Silvester, Polesworth
Mr G. Kennison, Glasgow	Mrs H. R. Masson, Sutton Coldfield
Mr J. D. Benoist, Lutterworth	Mrs J. A. Hodge, Pelsall
Mrs A. Wood, Chester- Le- Street	Mr and Mrs K. Dibble, Great Barr, Birmingham

Membership 1219 (Including 134 Life, 20 Joint Life, 11 Group, 7 Corporate)
Plus 564 Family. Total 1765. Covenanted Members 64.
Current Covenant and Gift Aid declarations 796

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We regret the loss of the following members:-

Mrs E Kennison, Walsall Wood, died 30th April 2011.
Mr P A Forshaw, Rugby, death notified 29th February 2012

LICHFIELD CANAL WORK REPORT

Pound 26

Whilst there are theories for the mysterious leakage, the good news is that the loss is now very little, even during the very dry spell so far this year, so the monitoring goes on to identify what action is actually needed.

Pound 27

Rick Walters and Barry Parkes with other members of the home team have been busy building up the A38 corner weir to permit controlled water flow through to Darnford Brook. Inclusion of a memorial brick to acknowledge substantial funding is reported under Money Matters in this issue.



All those “big pipes” that came out of Pound 26 last year have been reused as a vertical buttress wall at the back of the towpath flanking the A38 boundary. As the eventual water level will be well above this very busy trunk road, leakage here is not an option! Planning by our Engineering Director, Peter Buck, has identified the need to bring the channel to a “narrows” for fitting stop planks at a distance from the A51 Tamworth Road end. This will allow the main pound to be watered whilst leaving a dry section needed later by contractors to drive the canal under the road into Darnford Park. A funding application has been made which it is hoped will enable completion of the pound ready for water with a finished towpath for public use – including mooring bollards: how exciting!

Bob Williams, Project Co-ordinator

LICHFIELD CANAL WORK REPORT



Novel construction techniques used to build the new towpath wall in Pound 27, 17-Mar-12.



LICHFIELD CANAL WORK REPORT



*Regular team members are joined by new volunteers
Tom Wilcox and Keith Dibble (below), 1-Apr-12*







PROMOTIONS REPORT

At this time of the year, the “market” is largely in hibernation until Easter is behind us, and not really awake till May. However, our year started keenly in promoting the Trust at several events.

1. Ownshare Show, 4-5th February, staged at Kings Bromley Wharf is a new entity in the market place, but winter weather conspired against people attending in any numbers. Still, we did get three new members there.

2. Waterways Workshop - Working Together, 18th February, Birmingham, saw us join over 100 supporters from across the country representing waterway Trusts and Societies in an all-day workshop, jointly organised by IWA and CRT. Whilst looking back at past achievements, future challenges and rewards facing everyone when the Canal & River Trust is set up focused on how everyone can work together in the future for common, shared aims. Restoration support and expansion of the network was a key element throughout the day and was seen as a shared priority to keep the momentum going.

3. Northern Canals Association, 4th March, hosted by Chesterfield Canal Society, was the first of three peripatetic meetings held each year when like-minded canal restorers benefit from sharing experiences. Just when you think you're the one with all the problems, it is encouraging to hear from others that we are not so badly off after all. An escorted visit in very inclement weather to the new Staveley lock, which is under construction with considerable Waterway Recovery Group input, provided food for thought for our own challenges.



PROMOTIONS REPORT

4. L&H – IWA Jumble Sale, 10th March, Penkridge, has been an annual event for many years when a well-practised joint effort attracted £600 in two hours. It's strange how we seem to end up with as much jumble as we had to begin with, but different stuff! Thanks to all who helped.

5. Quiz Night, 17th March, Boley Park, Lichfield, had moved to a larger venue this year, but even then a full house of 106 players meant that some last minute requests had to be declined. Whilst the fish & chip supper rested the brains, our Engineering Director, Peter Buck, purporting to have consulted the legendary Isambard Brunel, promoted our Diamond Jubilee Appeal by passing round his "stove-pipe hat" which collected £253 for the fund, bringing the proceeds up to £800. Again, thanks to an excellent organising team.

6. Woods' Easter all-day "Coffee Morning", 7th April, Whittington, Lichfield, has been a calendar fixture to promote the Trust for many years, thanks to Eric and Doreen and their family's magnificent efforts when others would consider proper retirement to be more fitting. Despite a summery March reverting nearer to winter, it is amazing how apparently few visitors raised £800 from sales and catering, helped by tempting passing boaters with burgers and cream teas! Another three new members joined up (photo on page 10).

Continuing the promotion theme, among the visitors to the Woods' event was Andrew Denny, News Editor for Waterways World. He wanted to hear from our Engineering Director in person the latest situation with progress in Darnford Park. Our Diamond Jubilee Appeal is being promoted more widely through the waterway enthusiast press so what could be better than a first-hand account?

... AND FINALLY!

GRAND PRIZE DRAW 2012

Tickets for this year's draw are now available for sale where there is a range of valuable prizes to be won, and an opportunity to raise up to £5,000 for Trust funds.

- 1st prize is a cash payment of £500.
- 2nd prize offers £150 "off your holiday".

To save our funds, if there is a willing sponsor who can offer this discount to promote their business, please contact me (see page 30).

- 3rd prize is what our members Mr & Mrs Morgan did by donating a night for two at Ash Villa B&B in Malvern – just right for a visit to the excellent Malvern Theatre!
- 4th prize is a £50 Marks & Spencer shopping voucher kindly sponsored by one of our members..... and many other prizes.

Bob Williams, Director (Finance)

MONEY MATTERS

2011 Accounts

The Trust's accounts for last year which are summarised in this edition for our June AGM have been examined by Dains, Accountants, Lichfield, at their reduced community fee whilst those for our subsidiary Retail Trading Company have again been gifted by West, Accountants, Solihull for which we are very grateful.

Diamond Jubilee Appeal

In just two months, this Appeal has attracted over £12,000 as match funding towards an expected grant of £30,000 for initial works that will enable the canal to pass through part of Darnford Park, Lichfield in association with Lichfield District Council's "Jubilee Woodland" scheme. Planning Permission has been granted for us to divert a foul sewer off the line of the canal where the work is expected to start in June.

Sadly, an application to the most likely source of a £50,000 National Lottery grant from their Reaching Communities Fund has been declined on the grounds of insufficient evidence of need in people's lives; a debateable point! Still, there will be plenty of opportunity for volunteer work to keep the cost under control as we aim to follow our Jubilee Year timetable as much as possible.

Preparation is well advanced on a further Planning Application for excavating the canal channel itself with local landscaping and later connections under the A51 and A38 roads. Those will require a very substantial investment and attention to onerous formalities which will take some time to achieve.

Meanwhile, in addition to articles in Canal Boat magazine and Towpath Talk, Waterways World's News Editor paid us a visit to prepare an appropriate report for their June edition. We have arranged for our Diamond Jubilee Appeal leaflet to be inserted in that magazine to secure vital national coverage at a very important stage in our restoration project. As we found with our David Suchet Appeals, many thousands of well-wishers around the country express their appreciation of our restoration aims though generous financial support.

Donations can be made on the form issued with our last edition or the one in Waterways World; even a simple letter will do. Internet users can make a direct bank payment to LHCRT Ltd at Unity Trust Bank, Birmingham, code 08-60-01, account no. 20247607 with your name as reference. Thank you for your help.

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MONEY MATTERS

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Brick Appeal - memorial

Established as long ago as 2002, by now £7,239 has been given to this Appeal by 342 donors who receive a small model brick embossed with "L&H CANALS". As the name implies, the fund helps to buy bricks for our restoration work – and canal builders used lots of them! In 2011, we were fortunate to receive a bequest of £1,000 from the late Robert Obrey who had canal interests in the Midlands. Family members joined us at the Tamworth Road site in February to install an engraved memorial brick, kindly donated by A Walker & Sons, Monumental Masons, Cannock.

Bob Williams, Director (Finance)



Mrs. Gill Gregory was privileged to be the one-off bricklayer in personally placing the memorial brick into the A38 weir corner wall, 29-Feb-12.



The same view of Lichfield Canal A38 corner from 2009 to 2012, the length of time it took to build all 7 miles of the canal over 200 years ago!



CAPTION COMPETITION



Last month's caption competition featured George, one of our intrepid volunteers. These were the entries sent in:

David Smith -- "Now? Where has the wife got to this time?"

Or, if that's not politically correct

"Now? Where have I put the spade this time?"

Barry Kenn -- I would have George saying, "I've filled in that big hole like you asked me to Bob, now, has anyone seen my dog?"

Carole Cooper -- "Oh!! Not again Charlie!!! Find me a proper bloomin' stick to throw for you."

Ossie -- "Don't get into a flap George, things will sort themselves eventually"

"Put your hands on head, George Simonczyk says, then bring them down to your side, George Simonczyk says" (to the tune of Simple Simon Says)

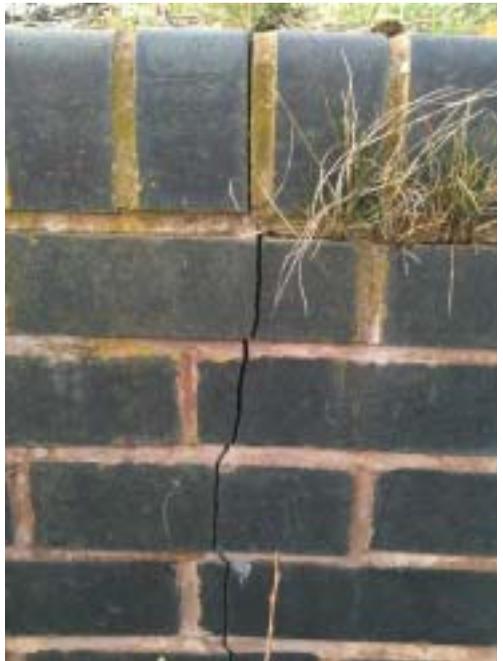
"Until I get some underarm deodorant, this will have to do"

Maureen Brett -- "Ouch!" or "This should keep my curls in place".

Having heard George's "commanding voice" I think Ossie's "Simple Simon Says" is a very apt caption.

This month's caption competition is a "cracker" (its the way I tell 'em)

This magazine, although primarily to inform members of the latest "goings-on", should be a two-way conduit between members. If you have any snippets of info you wish to divulge with the membership please write or email me and I will endeavour to print your correspondence.



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AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2011

	31 Dec 2011		31 Dec 2010	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Freehold property (part depreciated)	313,566		319,336	
Plant & Machinery (over £1,000 per item, depreciated)	5,459		8,950	
Investment in subsidiary company shares	1,000	320,025	1,000	329,286
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors				
Net assets available from subsidiary company	2,485		1,946	
Net Group VAT receivable	3,150		548	
Receipts due	-	5,635	-	2,494
Bank balances:				
Restricted funds:				
Lichfield Canal, Tamworth Rd separate match funding	1,630		1,629	
Brick Appeal funds, net of expenditure	170		815	
Land Fund donations, net of expenditure ***	34,690		22,690	
Restoration Fund - general, net of expenditure	1,780		2,295	
- Page legacy for paddle gear	2,756		2,756	
David Suchet Thirty Pounds Appeal Fund ***	33,091		28,132	
Pound 26 Water project, net of expenditure	-		5,000	
500 Club prize fund carried forward	254	74,371	245	63,562
Designated funds:				
Land Fund reserve	-		10,000	
500 Club Capital Fund	1,290		1,248	
Restoration & plant balance <i>spare line</i>	105	1,395	338	11,586
Unrestricted funds:				
Trust funds for general purposes		234		9,852
Total funds on deposit	76,000		85,000	
<i>Bank of Scotland, Trust current a/c bank closed</i>			129	
Unity Trust Bank, Trust current a/c	907		100	
Lloyds TSB, Trust current a/c	207		257	
Funds in hand or in course of collection	-	1,114	-	486
Total Trust operating funds	77,114		85,486	
LTSB & Unity Trust Bank, Marketing current a/c		456		576
Total assets before liabilities		403,230		417,842
LIABILITIES:				
Loan reduction falling due within one year				
The Charity Bank Ltd; Mortgage loan on Ogley Cottage	(6,286)		(5,958)	
Loan outstanding after one year				
The Charity Bank Ltd; Mortgage loan on Ogley Cottage	(225,709)	(231,995)	(231,995)	(237,953)
TOTAL NET RESOURCES		171,235		179,889
RESERVES:				
Income & Expenditure Account		171,235		179,889
NOTES:				
Contingent liability: Purchase canal land by Cappers Lane ***		40,000		
Ogley Cottage rent deposit lodged with Deposit Protection Service		575		575

This page and the following page are taken from the Trust's accounts for 2011 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.

LICHFIELD & HATHERTON CANALS RESTORATION TRUST LIMITED

DRAFT INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011

	2011		2010	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Subscriptions from members (excl. Marketing below)	M	9,566		9,193
Donations	M	net Trust + Mktg £6,240	net Trust + Mktg £6,311	
Received with subscriptions		4,549	4,297	
Land Fund (incl. Gift Aid tax)		2,000	2,073	
Restoration Fund (incl. Gift Aid tax)		5,986	1,353	
Other (excl. Marketing collections below)		9,109	8,101	15,824
Income generated by Marketing and Retail Trading		21,644		
Trust & Public events		6,859	3,201	
Membership subscriptions via website, shows, etc.	M	655	653	
Brick Appeal		1,170	100	
500 Club Capital Fund (net of prizes paid out)		1,299	1,335	
Grand Prize Draw		4,979	3,533	
Donations, Sponsorship, Advertisements, Interest		4,706	2,782	
Net profit from Retail Trading subsidiary company	P	2,485	1,946	13,550
Rent, tax, interest, etc.	P	net profit £16,865	net profit £9,884	
Ogley Cottage rent	O	6,900	4,025	
Gift Aid tax reclaim (other than specific Funds)		5,296	5,724	
Bank credit interest		168	74	
Wayleave for electricity line pole at Darnford		11	11	9,834
SUB-TOTAL REGULAR INCOME		65,738		48,401
Specific Appeal, Grants and Settlements				
David Suchet Thirty Pound Appeal (incl. Gift Aid tax)		4,959	9,577	
Lichfield DC.S106; SCC SALGS; (2010 L.C.Lands Trust)		65,000	5,000	
Others		-	-	14,577
TOTAL INCOME	in	135,697		62,978
EXPENDITURE				
Restoration costs (internal)				
Lichfield Canal; Darnford and Fosseyway Tamworth Road, Borrowcop L.C.Park		- 12,078	- 7,930	
Hatherton Canal		614	-	
Accommodation & welfare		553	1,353	
Tools, Plant, Machinery, Training		2,488	517	(9,800)
Administrative costs				
Professional fees and costs		3,186	5,954	
Ogley Cottage costs (incl. Insurance)	O	800 (C-I ratio 11.6%)	2,843 (70.6%)	
Membership and magazine administration	M	3,981 (C-I ratio 39.0%)	3,535 (35.9%)	
Direct cost of Marketing activity (ex 500 Club prizes)	P	5,288 (C-I ratio 23.9%)	3,666 (27.1%)	
Direct cost of Funding Appeals		-	1	
General administration		3,028	3,830	
Insurance premium (IWA policy)		1,793	1,082	
IWA membership subscription		49	47	(20,958)
Project costs (external)				
Hatherton Canal		-	-	
Lichfield Canal, Tamworth Rd. Pound 26 watering spare line		87,118	4,629	(4,629)
Finance charge				
Interest paid on bank loan			(14,114)	(14,460)
NET FUNDS MOVEMENT ON TRUST ACTIVITIES	out	(135,090)	607 (49,847)	13,131 (9,261)
less Depreciation of property and plant			(9,261)	(9,261)
DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR (previous year surplus)			(8,654)	3,870
Retained Surplus brought forward		179,889		176,019
Retained Surplus carried forward		171,235		179,889

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 22nd. 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 15th June 2012 at 7.15 pm.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the 21st Annual General Meeting 17/06/11
3. Matters Arising
4. Directors' Report
5. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2010
6. Chairman's Report
7. Election of Directors:
 - (a) Directors retiring by rotation and eligible to stand for re-election:
David Dixon
Brian Kingshott
Peter Magee
Susan Williams
 - (b) Directors co-opted during the year and nominated by Council for election:
Geoffrey Crook
 - (c) Any other nominations received
8. Appointment of Auditor / Examiner:
Dains - Chartered Accountants
9. Any Other Business
10. Close of formal business
11. Guest Speaker

John Dodwell, Transition Trustee, Canal & River Trust

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 (Sue Williams), to whom they should be returned at least 48 hours before the time appointed for the meeting.

Note 2: A summary of the 2011 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 Treasurer, Bob Williams.

Note 3: Non-members are welcome to attend but cannot vote at the AGM.

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The Lichfield & Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust Limited was established in 1988 as a non-profit distributing company limited by guarantee (No. 2456172) and is registered as a Charity (No. 702429).

Principal Aims : To promote the restoration of the Wyrley and Essington Canal from Ogley Junction to Huddlesford Junction (the "Lichfield Canal"), and the Hatherton Branch of the Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal, and also the construction of a navigable link between the Hatherton Branch and the Birmingham Canal Navigations.

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