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Celebrate

Colourful Canal Carnival in May celebrated re-opening of the Forth and Clyde Canal sea to sea. Photo report on this, and much more inside



EDITORIAL

Canal Carnival celebrates reopening



Campaigning works – Keep up the good work

WHAT A difference a year makes. Compare our Summer 2018 issue with the one you are reading. What a change. Last year was all doom and gloom, this year all sweetness and light (but we'd better not let our guard down). Last year we had a flotilla to protest against bridge closures, this year a carnival to celebrate reopening.

The key to this success was the massive campaign to keep the canals alive, and great support from local communities and politicians. Scottish Canals were able to go to Scottish Government for extra funding with a big public campaign behind them.

Net result, all the good news that we report in News in Brief (p4), with lots of essential renewal work and imaginative projects on all Scotland's working canals.

Reopening Bonnybridge and Twechar Bridges has saved the Forth and Clyde as a sea to sea canal. We cover the highly successful Canal Carnival, held to celebrate reopening the canal on page 8.

Our Society has been adding to all the innovation, with our own CanalCraft project which helps people in canal side communities, many of them disadvantaged, really get involved with the local canal and learn new skills. Read all about it on page12.

We also celebrate the life of that great Scottish canal engineer, James Watt on page 14. James not only surveyed and built canals, he also

found time to radically improve steam engines. A real MegaWatt.

Two shocks on the bad side. The first was the sudden closure of Scottish Waterways Trust after nearly 20 years of canal activities, helping young folk in particular (see News in Brief).

The second was the sudden resignation, on health grounds, of our seemingly indefatigable chair, Robert Welsh. Robert's chairmanship will be badly missed, his energy and no-nonsense approach helped drive the Society forward (see Society News). All the best Robert.

Robert's resignation highlights the absolute need for Society members to come forward as office bearers and committee members. We cannot survive without an effective and efficient committee. We do need a new chair. Do help.



It's working again - Bonnybridge Lift Bridge

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NEWS IN BRIEF



Lock and Paddle

This cross-Atlantic challenge returns to The Falkirk Wheel on June 29th. The idea is to cram as many canoes and kayaks on to the Wheel at one time. Last year they got 50. Parks Canada hold the record with 328 in the Peterborough Lift Lock in Ontario last year. So, not so much a mountain to climb as a lock to fill. This is all part of the Wheel's 'Revolution Festival', a family fun day with events, performers, entertainment, water play, food and more.

Busy Charter Season

Our Society's boats Voyager, Gipsy Princess and Maryhill are well in to a busy charter season. History and photography groups, church and town twinning outings, lunch clubs and community groups are all enjoying a cruise. The boats are also popular for personal events like birthdays and wedding anniversaries. Wine tasting cruises for Nonna's Kitchen are a regular treat. We are also busy for the Canal Carnival in May, and the Kirkintilloch Canal Festival in August.

Boats need crewing, maintaining, cleaning and many other activities to keep them shipshape and cruising. Please join us and help.

Cale Reopens

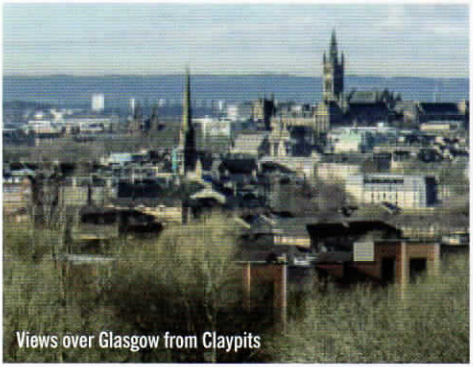
The Caledonian Canal reopened in April after a £5.3 million upgrade to Kytra and Fort Augustus Locks. Described as a "challenging engineering project" the work was completed just 9 days late after meeting unexpected issues with the historic fabric of the lock chambers.

Claypits Upgrade

Claypits Nature Reserve on the Glasgow Branch is seeing a number of improvements

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including a new foot and cycle bridge over the canal, new and improved pathways, new wildlife habitats, viewpoints and fishing pegs, improved drainage and new entrance gateways. The "Yellow Brick Road" is closed for the duration, alternative routes include Applecross Street and Ellesmere Street footpaths.



Views over Glasgow from Claypits

Union Safe Again

No, not a political statement. A £1 million project around Linlithgow has seen Union canal banks reinforced with 4.5m deep sheet piles over a 160m stretch towards Woodcockdale and another stretch by Manse Road East. New residential and leisure moorings have also been created. The canal and towpath have now been reopened.

Business Plan

Scottish Canals Business Plan for 2019/20 has been published. This is driven by the Asset Management Strategy 2018-2030 published last year.

It is a very detailed document. Basic statistics include a spend of £33.7 million, including £10.1m on staff and £6.5m capital spend. Income of £33.8 million includes Scottish Government revenue grant of £8.9m, capital grant of £6.5m. Licences and fees provide £1.6m. Just 31% of income comes from the public purse.

Nail Biting Finish

With a full closure of Bonnybridge road canal bridge on 3-5 May it is clear that repair of the failed bridges went right up to the line. The £1.65m Scottish Government funded repair of Bonnybridge and Twechar bridges started on 4th February. See previous issues for more detail and Canal Carnival in this issue.

Bard Avenue Bridge

Staying with bridges, repair works to Bard Avenue were due for completion in May. Work includes re-decking and resurfacing as well as refurbishing the failed opening mechanism. Scottish Canals say the work should guarantee the bridge for the next 20/30 years. Funding has been taken from the £5.35m additional repair fund provided by Scottish Government.

Landmark Bridge

A planning application has been submitted for the new Stockingfield Bridge over the canal in Glasgow. The three-way bridge will link three communities in North Glasgow. It will allow cyclists and walkers to stay by the canal side at the Glasgow Branch junction instead of diverting down a narrow pavement beside a busy road through an unlit tunnel. The spire of the twin-span, cable stayed suspension bridge will be 100 feet high and lit by LED lighting. It will provide a notable Glasgow landmark on completion in Autumn 2021.



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Maid of the Loch

Trust Closure Shock

Scottish Waterways Trust suddenly closed in April, after nearly 20 years in operation, citing "significant financial challenge". Two of the Trust's main programmes, Canal College and Canal Heritage, have been taken on by Stirling based Keep Scotland Beautiful. Canal College is based in Falkirk, Bo'ness and Bowling, giving training to 16-30 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEETs). Canal Heritage includes Canal School projects, Canal Life and Canal Works voluntary activities.

Ship Restoration Roundup

'Queen Mary' the Clyde pocket liner now moored at Glasgow Science Centre has gained the Princess Royal as a Royal Patron. 'Maid of the Loch' moored at Balloch on Loch Lomond opened for Easter and has a £1 million Scottish Government funded partial restoration well under way. 'Falls of Clyde' moored in Honolulu was due to return to the Clyde in April – did she? 'The Tall Ship' moored at Riverside Museum is open daily 10am – 4pm and has loads of events. 'Waverley' unfortunately will not be sailing this year as new boilers are needed. A public appeal is to be launched. We wish them all well.

Kelpies Abducted by Rival Canal. Help – they nicked our Kelpies!

Remonstrations at this Highland raid on Lowland icons were met with a Gaelic version of "Honest Guv, they just fell off the back of a lorry" (picture for proof). Claymores were lowered when we all realised they had acquired the Kelpie Maquettes (good girl band name?), on tour via New York's Scotland Week, Ryder Cup, Grand National etc. They will feature at the Steamer Terminal tourist hub & café in Ardrishaig until the end of the summer.



Charter a Society Boat

The Canal Society has a fleet of three boats available for charter. Each boat comes fully crewed. Our boats are an ideal way to enjoy a family celebration or enjoy a cruise for your organisation. Each boat has a galley to organise your own catering.







VOYAGER

Up to 45 passengers or maybe 40 if you are catering. Hourly rate of £135 first hour.

GIPSY PRINCESS

up to 25 passengers or maybe 20 if you are catering. Hourly rate of £110 for first hour.

MARYHILL

up to 6 passengers. Each charter is considered on its merits and the lowest figure would be £80.

Charges are reduced for second and subsequent hours at progressively reducing rates and a full day charter may enjoy a discount. Charities, youth groups and other eligible organisations may be considered for a reduction on the final figure calculated.

The boats are generally based at the Stables Restaurant, Kirkintilloch G66 1RH. Cruises can also start at Southbank Marina in Kirkintilloch, Spiers Wharf in Glasgow and Auchinstarry Basin, Kilsyth, by special arrangement. One way trips are also sometimes available to Glasgow, Auchinstarry and the Falkirk Wheel, and are advertised on our website.

Telephone bookings to Robert Irvine 01236 735533
Further information www.forthandclyde.org.uk

FEATURES



Fantastic Lowlands Canal Carnival makes a big splash

RE-OPENING the Forth and Clyde Canal to sea-to-sea traffic was celebrated with a fantastic Lowland Canal Carnival on Friday 24th – Sunday 26th May.

Celebrations began at The Falkirk Wheel on the Friday evening with food, drinks and entertainment, along with recognition of volunteers for their ongoing contribution to the vibrancy of the canals over the years.

On Friday morning a small flotilla of boats, led by our boat 'Maryhill', sailed from The Falkirk Wheel to Bonnybridge for the formal re-opening of the refurbished lift bridge by the Scottish Transport Minister, accompanying by









Made it... Gone for a pint

Scottish Canals Chairman.

On Saturday crowds enjoyed the sunshine and cheered off a colourful flotilla as the boats left The Falkirk Wheel. Over 70 yachts, barges, steamboats, rowing boats and cruisers made their way under the re-opened Bonnybridge lift bridge and along the 10 mile stretch to Auchinstarry Marina.

Scottish Canals staff and Re-Union volunteers did a magnificent job getting all the boats through the bridge and four locks. The rowing boats made it all the way against a stiff head wind and incoming rain. The steamboats were the public's favourite, colourful and noisy. And the band played on, perched on the deck of the Lowland Volunteer's boat 'Lochrin'.

Voyager was the VIP boat carrying Scottish Canals and Local Authorities top brass, accompanied by Maryhill. Gipsy Princess joined us at Wyndford.

Evening celebrations at Auchinstarry Marina included more food, drinks, speeches and a canal side ceilidh.

On the Sunday the flotilla left Auchinstarry and cruised under the re-opened Twechar lift bridge to Kirkintilloch. There was a colourful photo call with the canal crowded with boats at Kirkintilloch and a carnival finale at the Kirky Puffer in the afternoon.

Some craft continued all the way to Bowling on the holiday Monday.

Notable guests from the Scottish Government and Local Authorities greeted the Carnival along its route. Many of the carnival participants and guests played a vital role in persuading the Scottish Government of the case to provide £1.6 million to get the bridges repaired and re-opened. Thanks to all.

Thanks also to the Carnival Committee who worked hard for many months to make this event a success. Chaired by veteran canal campaigner Ronnie Rusack, the committee included representation from Scottish Canals, canal societies, rowing, steamboat and yachting organisations and many others.

More Carnival photos over the page >

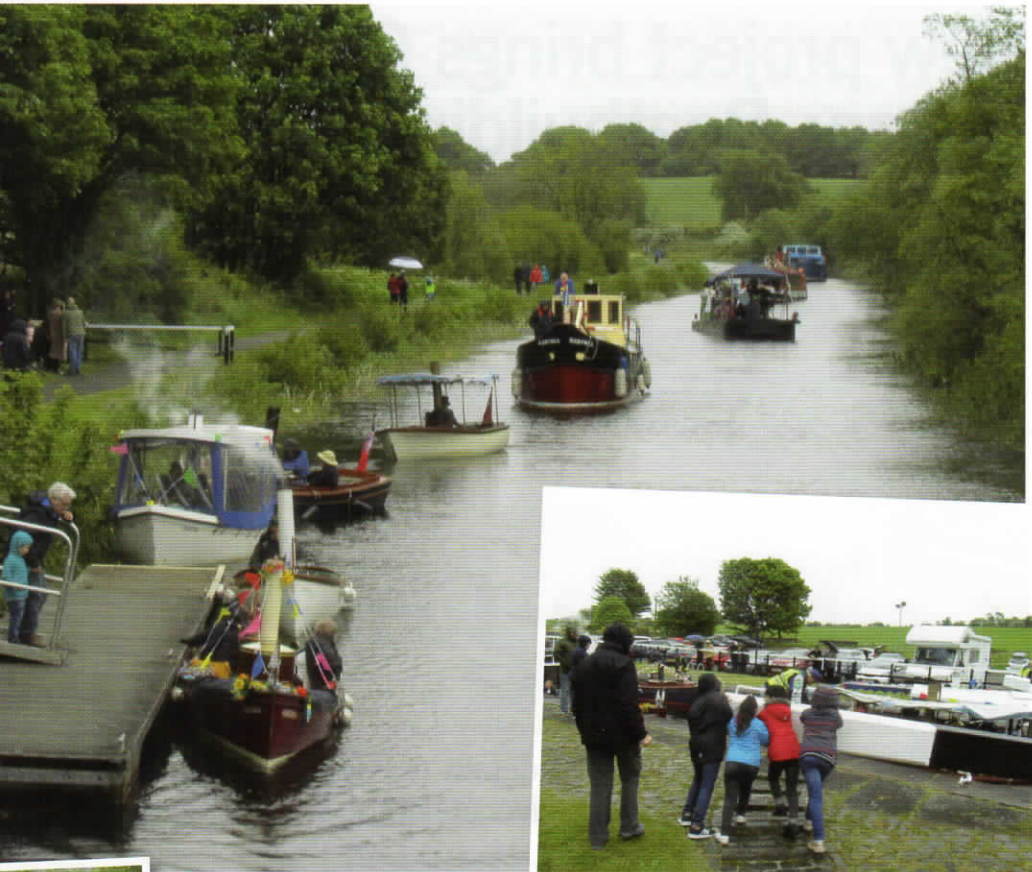
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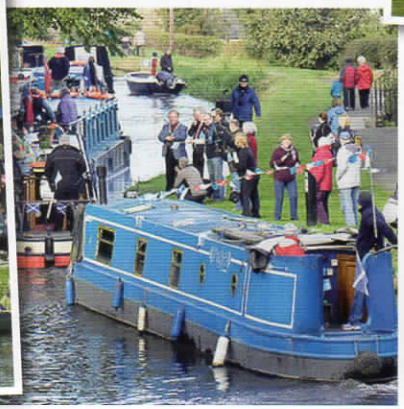














FEATURES

New project brings Oral History, Boatbuilding and more



Helena Koumbouzis gives us the details of F&C Canal Society's exciting new partnership with University of the West of Scotland

CANALCRAFT brings together the Forth and Clyde Canal Society and the University of the West of Scotland to deliver a project developed in partnership with local communities which will create collaborations along the canal and promote the canal, the value of boats in the community and the role of the Society.

The project started in October with two activities, the digitisation of the archive of the Society and the Oral History project. The archive includes a full collection of back-issues of Canal News and other documents that record the story of the society's campaign. As well as keeping the original documents, the Society will also have a digital version course which can be made more widely available thanks to the project. We have appointed our Engagement and Heritage Assistant, Kirstie Anslow, who will assist in all aspects of the project. The Oral History Project has now completed interviews with nine members of the Society.

The aim of this activity is to explore and record the story of the Society and its work to encourage and celebrate the canal's use. The interviews revealed a wealth of material worth examining closer and we will use some of the material to make the FCCS story more widely known, especially amongst the communities around the Canal.

Another interesting aspect of the oral history

project is the important role of women in the Society. We found that women of the FCCS were instrumental in establishing community interest in the campaign. They used personal and professional networks to promote the Society's work and their wide and varied skills to organise and deliver a range of activities.

Personally, I found this as an inspiration and hope, which shows that if there is determination and unity, communities can achieve the rights they deserve within the urban environment. This is particularly important today, when the case of boats needs to be emphasised once again and become part of people's everyday lives.

The Society, along with the UWS, organised two seminars called Messing About In Boats, in an effort to bring together organisations that promote the use of water in everyday life and to promote new themes for discussion about the canal. The two seminars took place at the Riverside Museum and the Kirkintilloch Town Hall and they were supported by Glasgow Life and East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture.

CanalCraft aims to open up new possibilities for collaborations between the FCCS and organisations that make a difference to people's lives through the use of the canal. In May, during CanalCraft, Canal College will visit the Forth and Clyde Canal Society for one day, to find out about the role of the Society and for their participants to spend a day with the boats. We hope that this will be a rewarding experience for both groups that will continue in the future.



On the 14th March CanalCraft went to Maryhill Integration Network (MIN) to deliver the first mobile video journalism workshop. A fantastic turnout of over 40 women, from MIN and the Women's Centre in Maryhill, learned about the project and the Society, bonded through interesting conversations and learned the basics of creating a digital story quickly. Dr Jen Jones, journalist and workshop leader, managed to harness the potential of the women. The workshops will continue until 11th April, and we aim to move on to create small films/stories on the canal and boats.

The first two CanalCraft boats were built at Kelvin College, in Maryhill, between lst-5th April. A group from Maryhill Integration Network, forming nine participants/new boat-builders who attended every day and worked very hard to complete two boats and four oars in only 4 and a half days!

Three more days were needed to finish the painting of the boats and they are now ready to go in the water. Next step is to get instructors to teach the participants how to use the boats safely in the canal. There is a programme of activities connected with the boats for the duration of CanalCraft but we hope that the boats will find a good home in community groups around the canal and the river Clyde and continue to introduce marginalised communities to engage with the water and introduce hard to reach audiences to the fun of messing around in boats.

In June, CanalCraft will hold its first celebratory event, at the Engine works in Maryhill, on Friday 21st, 6:00pm - 8:00pm. During the event, participant groups will present their achievements, receive awards from the Society. There will be dancing and singing and food to share, and we hope that will be an event to bring everybody together. Put the date in your diary.

IN FOCUS

James Watt – Canal builder*

(*and steam engine inventor)

Paul Carter reports on the unsung role James Watt played in construction of Scotland's canals

WE ALL know that Scotland's James Watt patented his separate condenser for the steam engine 250 years ago. But James was a true lad o' pairts, and certainly not a one hit wonder.

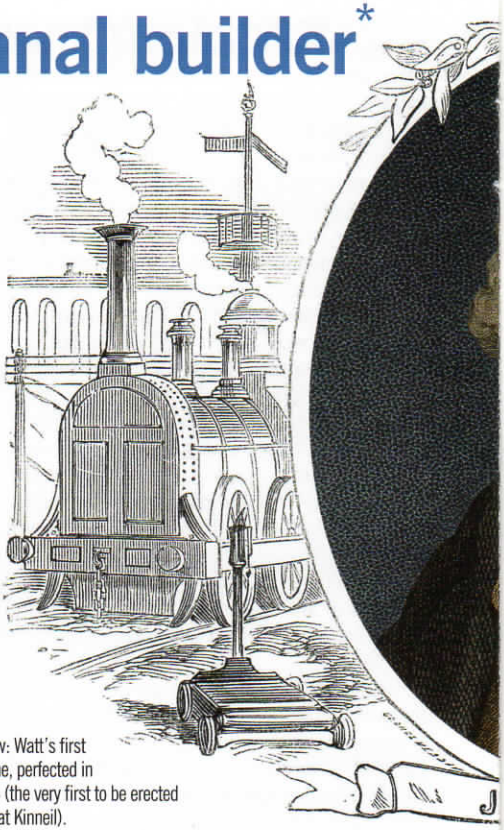
He was an all round engineer, and canal builder in particular. Over a very busy seven year period from 1767 to 1774 he surveyed lines and prepared proposals for canalising the river Forth, producing a "small" version of the Forth and Clyde, Perthshire canals and, in particular, a canal branch from Grangemouth to Bo'ness.

In 1770 Watt actually got to build a canal, the Monkland. Glasgow merchants were desperate to get cheaper coal into the city, which was being held to ransom by a monopoly of local coal owners. The Monklands area had plenty of coal, and a canal was needed to get it to the city.

Watt's proposal for a 9 mile, lock free, narrow canal from Woodhall near Calderbank to Germiston in Glasgow was accepted. Appointed engineer at a salary of £200 he had to employ contractors, pay wages, survey and peg out the line, measure the works, check accounts, obtain water supplies, make roads, design boats...

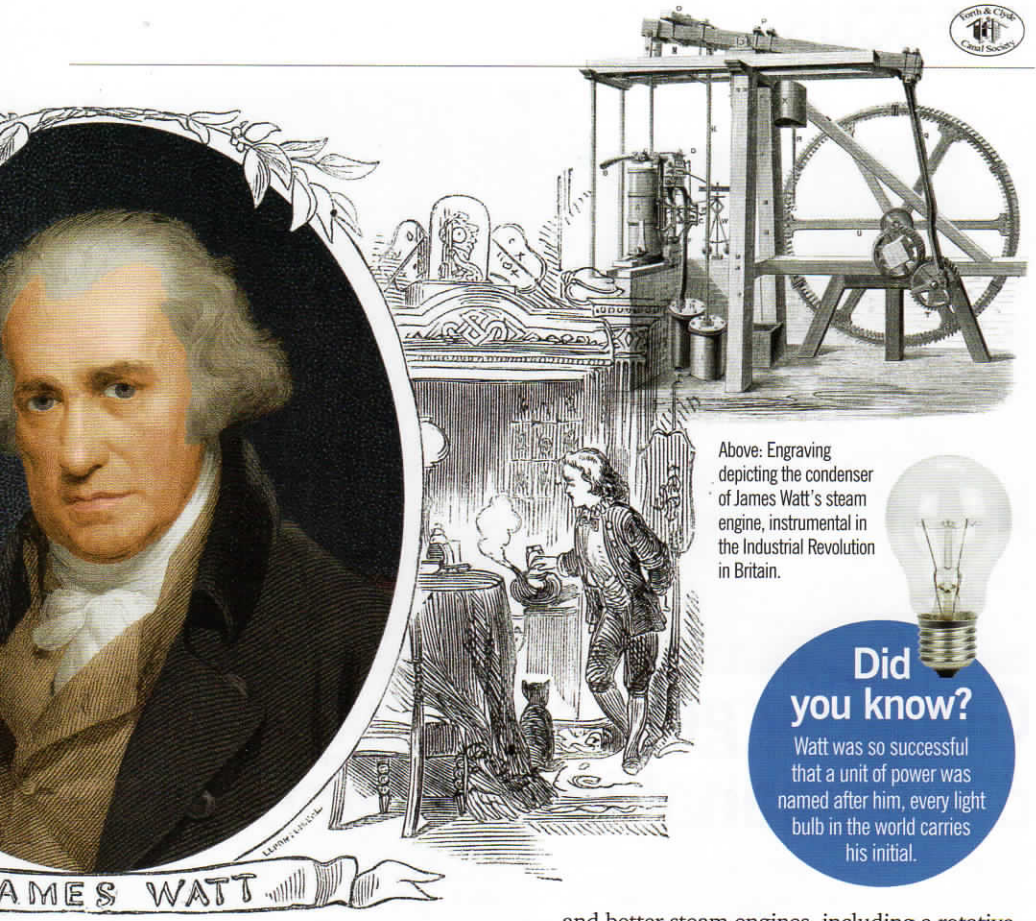
It proved a thankless task. Wet sand, soft clay and thick peat were a nightmare for excavations and embankment construction. After three years the £10,000 subscribed was spent and the canal still two miles short.

Watt declared the canal nevertheless a success and rode off to a new life in Birmingham, making steam engines with business partner Matthew Boulton.



Below: Watt's first engine, perfected in 1774 (the very first to be erected was at Kinneil).





Above: Engraving depicting the condenser of James Watt's steam engine, instrumental in the Industrial Revolution in Britain.

Did you know?

Watt was so successful that a unit of power was named after him, every light bulb in the world carries his initial.

Unfortunately the canal was not initially a success and, at a despairing meeting of proprietors, Mr Colt of Gartsherrie said 'conscience lads, the best thing we can dae is for ilka ane o' us to fill up the scheuch on his ain lands, and let it staun'.

Thankfully that did not happen. Others put money in and the canal was gradually extended westwards. It finally reached the Forth and Clyde via the cut of junction, and a total length of 12 miles, twenty years later, in 1793. It became the highly successful "Canal That Made Money", according to the title of Guthrie Hutton's book.

And James Watt? He went on to design more and better steam engines, including a rotative engine with Sun and Planet gears, and even a copying machine.

Watt made his last trip home to Greenock in 1816, arriving by steamship. He died aged 83 in 1819, so this year is a double centenary anniversary for James Watt.

References:

Guthrie's book, Jean Lindsay's 'Canals of Scotland', Kilsyth Chronicle feature by Julie Currie 17 April 2019.

Commemoration Events:

There are a huge number of events to celebrate James Watt across Scotland this year including the Engine Shed Stirling, Verdant Works Dundee, Trades Hall Glasgow, National Library of Scotland Edinburgh, Kinneil House Bo'ness, Beacon Arts Centre Greenock and many more, look out for publicity.

IN FOCUS



New intake and recorder on Craigmarloch feeder

Glasgow gets smart with digital canal improvements

'GLASGOW'S Smart Canal' is nearing completion, with water improvements and new instrumentation installed at several locations along the canal.

This pioneering new digital surface water drainage system will unlock 110 hectares across North Glasgow for regeneration, allowing nearly 3,000 homes to be built plus new businesses. The £17 million scheme is being carried out by Glasgow City Council, Scottish Canals and Scottish Water.

The system uses sensors and predictive weather technology to provide early warning of wet weather. The canal water level will then be lowered by up to 10cm (4 inches) which will provide 55,000 cubic metres, or 22 Olympic Swimming Pools of storage capacity. The canal water will be purified in SUDS ponds before outfalling to the River Kelvin.

Excess surface water from the new 110-hectare development will then be run into the canal instead of overloading already stretched surface water drainage systems.

A 60-year service agreement is being signed between Scottish Canals and Glasgow City Council, bringing much needed cash to the canal.

However, questions have been raised. Andy Carnduff of Forth Yacht Clubs Association is "sadly disappointed" at the reduction in depth, when many boats entering from the North Sea already struggle with water depth.

Others are concerned about the quality of surface water run-off being sluiced into the canal, which could be polluted with road surface oils etc, as compared with the much purer water from Townhead and Hillend reservoirs.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We asked Christine McKay to give us a few words on the repaint of the hull for CraftDaft.



I can give you fewer than a few words... NEVER AGAIN! Not many people realise just how big a bottom she has. I have power washed, scraped and painted every inch and I can assure you it's huge! If that wasn't bad enough, all the stock, furniture and fittings had to be removed before moving her and that was a three day full-on slog with weeks of taking away unnecessary items prior to the major moving of items. I'm now in the process of moving the stock and furniture back inside. There's a few days work left before she'll be ready for trading again. To say this has been a monumental task is an understatement!

I'm hoping to win the lottery so I can pay someone else to do it in six yrs time. I'm completely and utterly exhausted. I ache from the inside out.

Kind regards, from what's left of Christine McKay

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SplashBack From The Canal News Archives

Thirty Years Ago

'High hopes come true' was the lead story in our May issue, featuring construction of the new Firhill Bridge, high enough to let big boats through and opening up the Glasgow Branch.

Main feature in our August issue was 'Fun in the Sun' covering a crowded Auchinstarry Festival. Several thousand people enjoyed the event with about one thousand actually getting afloat on Alex Inglis, Slateford, Five and a Half, Nolly Boat, and many others.

Twenty Years Ago

'We Have Lift Off', our May front cover celebrated work officially starting on the Millennium Link at Blairdardie.

We carried a photograph of Secretary of State Donald Dewar and other notables cruising on Gipsy Princess before putting up a plaque.

Ten Years Ago

'School is Out, and on the Canal' was our August cover story dealing with our highly successful school cruise season. We took no less than 1315 pupils on cruises over a 6-week period. Many wonderful responses included "We were told that boats used to be pulled by horses, but I don't think horses can run on water".

Just a thought... a public meeting to launch our Society was held on 5th December 1979, with the first issue of Canal News in June 1980, so we shall soon by carrying a Forty Years Ago item.

From the picture archives...

Fishing boat passing through the locks in Forth and Clyde Canal at Maryhill



SOCIETY NEWS


Kirkie Canal Heritage Walk

Society Events

Members enjoyed our winter Talks season, canal heritage walks and Ladies Lunch.

Enjoy our summer members cruises on the first Wednesday of every month from May to September. See Events page for more summer events.

Community Events

We have always been at the heart of our communities, helping them enjoy the canal. Mostly this is through our busy charter season, see page 4, also through our CanalCraft project, see page12. We also took part in the Canal Carnival in May which took in canal side communities from Falkirk through Kilsyth to Kirkintilloch. As usual we have a full programme of cruises for the Kirkintilloch Canal Festival in August, see page 24 and watch out for publicity. We will also be providing boat trips at the Glasgow Canal Festival in July – check Scottish Canals website for details. Our CanalCraft project will be represented at Kirkintilloch, Glasgow and other events.

Lots of Charters

We are running lots of charters, see page 4 for more.

Crew Training

Our crew training schedule for 2019, which is second to none, is already well under way. Training is given on Wednesday evenings, usually starting at 7:15 for 7:30pm at Glasgow Road Bridge.

It includes all necessary aspects of vessel knowledge, boat manoeuvring, boat handling, rope handling, and storage, and table top exercise SARS. Come along and learn 'the ropes'.

SOCIETY NEWS



Dave Connell and Robert Welsh with Scottish Canals CEO Catherine Topley receiving Volunteer and Charity Awards

Boat Maintenance

Like painting the Forth Bridge, this never ends. Both Gipsy Princess and Voyager have been slipped, repainted and MCA inspected. Maryhill has been slipped for cleaning and painting.

Volunteers tend to melt away when it comes to cleaning, painting, engineering etc, but we cannot keep the boats operating without this vital work. Please help.

External Meetings

We attend a range of external meetings, Keep Canals Alive Alliance, Lowland Canals Volunteers Group, Lowland Canals Advisory Group, User Operations Group, Flotilla Group, CanalCraft Project and many ad-hoc special purpose groups.

We cannot always get someone along and need more members to volunteer for important (and not at all boring) meetings and committee work.

Again, please help.

Oops!

A hugely detailed 'List of Services for Canal Users' is available on-line from Scottish Canals. It includes every conceivable service you could wish for. But not us. This is being rectified.

Robert Resigns

The Society has taken a real blow with the resignation, for health reasons, of our chair Robert Welsh. Robert has been a very hands-on chair and has driven the Society forward with a no-nonsense approach and determination.

Robert has represented the Society at many of the essential external meetings summarised

above, pushed forward the CanalCraft project, enthused the members and somehow kept a naturally disputatious committee in order. Robert will be greatly missed, but thankfully stays on as webmaster. We wish him all the best.

Jim back in Chair

Our vice-chair Jim McLachlan has had to take over the chair again for the present, for the third time running. Any organisation needs a continual influx of new office bearers and committee members to survive.

Your Editor has been a member of one active (wildlife) society with a good membership and healthy funds, which was forced to close down due to lack of office bearers. Please volunteer for the essential backroom work of keeping the Society afloat.

Thanks John

We had a letter from John Rhead in Bromsgrove saying he was coming up for a short break and would welcome some information, which we duly sent off.

We have since had a detailed email from John, recounting his adventures on Bar Hill, in Port Dundas, the Monkland Canal, Glasgow Branch and Bowling, and giving us some thoughts. Thanks John.

If any members or friends enjoy our canal this summer, or further afield in say Russia or Panama, please send the editor some pictures and a line or two.

"Scottish Local History"

See issue 103 Summer 2019 of the above magazine for article by project leader Helena Koumbouzis on our CanalCraft project.

PJG Ransom

The Society was saddened to hear of the death in late march of Society member PJG Ransom author of many canal and transport books.



The Maryhill passing through Bonnybridge Lift Bridge

ABOUT US

Canal News

Canal News has been published since 1980 by the Forth and Clyde Canal Society. It contains news, articles and events, and is circulated three times a year to society members, libraries and public representatives. We welcome news items and short articles, with pictures if possible. Please get in touch by phone, post or e-mail. We look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks to all who contributed articles, news, typing, computing and pictures for this issue. We do not normally attribute pictures, but if you would like an attribution, or we have used one without permission, please contact us and we will fully acknowledge in the next issue. Also please get in touch if you feel we have got facts wrong or you wish to challenge any opinions.

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Summer Events 2019

JUNE

Wednesday 5th Society Members & Friends Cruise Society Moorings opposite The Stables 7:00pm for 7:30pm

Friday 14th Nonna's Kitchen Wine Tasting Cruise Contact Nonna's Kitchen, Kirkintilloch, for availability and booking

Friday 21st CanalCraft Celebratory Event The Engine Works, 23-25 Lochburn Road, Glasgow G20 9AE 5:30pm-8:30pm

JULY

Wednesday 3rd Society Members & Friends Cruise Society Moorings opposite The Stables 7:00pm for 7:30pm

Wednesday 10th CanalCraft poster at Mitchell Library

Friday 12th Nonna's Kitchen Wine Tasting Cruise Contact Nonna's Kitchen, Kirkintilloch, for availability and booking

Saturday 20th Glasgow Canal Festival Check Scottish Canals website for details

AUGUST

Wednesday 7th Society Members & Friends Cruise Society Moorings opposite The Stables 7:00pm for 7:30pm

Friday 9th Nonna's Kitchen Wine Tasting Cruise Contact Nonna's Kitchen, Kirkintilloch, for availability and booking

Saturday 10th Heritage Walk Including Canal, Antonine Wall & Bar Hill Roman Fort. About 8km (5 miles) & 110m elevation. Boots required. Meet at Auchinstarry Quarry (not Basin) at 10:30am

Monday 26th - Wednesday 28th Themed Trips Kirkintilloch Canal Festival. Check East Dunbartonshire Council's website for details and booking

Thursday 29th Nonna's Kitchen Wine Tasting Cruise Contact Nonna's Kitchen, Kirkintilloch, for availability and booking

Friday 30th Themed Trip - Kirkintilloch Canal Festival Check East Dunbartonshire Council's website for details and booking

Saturday 31st Themed Trips - Kirkintilloch Canal Festival Check East Dunbartonshire Council's website for details and booking

Saturday 31st Public Trips – Kirkintilloch Canal Festival. Public Trips from Townhead Bridge area by Forth and Clyde Canal Society and Seagull Trust Cruises boats

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1st Public Trips – Kirkintilloch Canal Festival Public Trips from Townhead Bridge area by Forth and Clyde Canal Society and Seagull Trust Cruises boats

Wednesday 4th Members Fish & Chip Cruise Society Moorings opposite The Stables – check website for times

Thursday 5th Nonna's Kitchen Wine Tasting Cruise Contact Nonna's Kitchen, Kirkintilloch, for availability and booking

Friday 20th Nonna's Kitchen Wine Tasting Cruise Contact Nonna's Kitchen, Kirkintilloch, for availability and booking

Saturday 21st Clydebuilt Festival CanalCraft Project participating, hopefully with 'Maryhill'



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