

# Chesterfield Canal Trust Walking Festival 2019

The programme for our second Chesterfield Canal Walking Festival is now on our website; there is a link to book each walk. You can also book by phone. We have paper brochures available – try Retford Hub or Library.

The Festival will run from 14th to 22nd September.

There are 53 walks altogether, including walking the full length (46 miles) in three days. Lots of the walks will be based around Retford, Claborough and Clayworth, including some Boats & Boots which combine a walk with a cruise on Seth Ellis.

Talking of Seth Ellis, it will be running its popular Pirate cruises on 28th July and trips from Drakeholes, through the tunnel to Shaw Lock and back on 3rd and 4th August.

Seth Ellis will also be running trips at Retford Heritage Day on September 14th. The focus for the whole event this year will be on the canal and Retford's industrial heritage. We will have our publicity trailer outside Retford Little Theatre. Our historic boats Dawn Rose and Python will be there, plus several stalls. We hope there will be some other historic boats in attendance. Alarum Theatre will be performing "Idle Women" in a free show at the Little Theatre.

Our 2020 Calendar is now available. You can buy it from our online shop on our website.

Finally, our big news is that our hand built Cuckoo boat, Dawn Rose, finally has a horse to tow it. We will be running horse boating displays on several Sundays during the summer. The horse is Charlie. You may have seen Charlie during the Countryfile broadcast in May, filmed at Whitsunday Pie Lock.

The dates are: July 21st, August 4th, August 25th, September 8th, September 29th. The times will be from 11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

The displays will take place in Worksop. Charlie will tow Dawn Rose between the winding holes below Stret Lock and opposite Sandhill Lake (Godfrey's Pond), passing through Morse Lock. Stret Lock is alongside the Lock Keeper pub.

For full information on all of our activities, see our website (search for Chesterfield Canal Trust) or ring 01246 477569 and leave a message.