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# Chesterfield Canal Trust



*Dear Supporter,  
Welcome to our September electronic newsletter.*

## 50th Anniversary Celebration

A must visit for all our members and supporters. 26th & 27th September at the Retford & Worksop Boat Club, [click here](#) for full information including links for booking cruises.

## Calendar 2027

Now on sale at Hollingwood Hub and Tapton Lock Visitor Centre or you can buy online by [clicking here](#).

## Tapton Lock Festival

This free festival is on Saturday 5th. Our promotional trailer will be there, Tapton Lock Visitor Centre will be open, and John Varley II will be running free trips.

## Restoration

For the latest photos of the Staveley Town Deal works, [click here](#).

## Tripboats

[Seth Ellis](#) will be running Retford Town Lock return cruises on 12th and 50th Anniversary return cruises from Retford & Worksop Boat Club on 26th & 27th. In addition, there will be one way water taxi cruises from Ranby to Retford on 11th coming back on 13th and from Ranby to Clayworth on 25th coming back on 28th.

[Hugh Henshall](#) will be running Shireoaks to Turnerwood return picnic cruises on 6th, 16th & 20th, Shireoaks to Oneslide Lock return cruises on 13th and 50th Anniversary return cruises from Retford & Worksop Boat Club on 26th & 27th.

[Madeline](#) will be running return cruises every Saturday and Wednesday 2nd.

[John Varley II](#) will be running return cruises every Sunday (except 27th) and Tuesday 1st & Thursday 3rd, Afternoon Tea cruises on 9th, 18th, 23rd & 30th, Fish & Chip cruises on 11th, 16th & 25th, free trips for Tapton Lock Festival on 5th and a Staveley Restoration Explorer return cruise on 27th.

## James Brindley

Our promotional trailer, known as James Brindley or JB, will be at Tapton Lock Festival on 5th, Barrow Hill Roundhouse on 19th & 20th and Retford & Worksop Boat Club on 26th & 27th. Please go to visit our volunteers. ***If you would like to help, please reply to this email.***

## Volunteers needed for Hollingwood Hub and Tapton Lock

Our Information Centre & Shop at Hollingwood Hub and Tapton Lock Visitor Centre are both open every day. This means that we need lots of volunteers to staff them. It's really interesting and rewarding to meet people who love the canal, and both venues make useful funds for the Trust. ***If you would like to help occasionally at either or both venues, please reply to this email.***

## **Python**

To see Python's clean-up timetable and to find out how you can join in, [click here](#).

## **Sand**

Christine Richardson, our historian, is looking for help for a research project. Has any reader a knowledge of Geology? In general terms, where to find the kind of sand necessary for making glass? Within an easy distance of a waterway in South Yorkshire or North Nottinghamshire. ***If you can help, please reply to this email.***

## **Dr Bike**

13th at Hollingwood Hub. Please see the attached.

## **Video podcasts**

Jim Bower and Steve Waller have done more video podcasts to keep you up to date with what's going on in the Trust. [Click here](#) to go to our YouTube channel and see them.

## **Keith Ayling Lock Gates Appeal**

The lock is almost finished, and the new gates have been fitted. If you are considering making a donation, especially a Diamond Donation, which will be marked by a brass plaque on the gates, now is the time to act, [click here](#).

## **Movement for good**

You may wish to [click here](#) to vote for the Trust to receive a £1,000 grant in draws to be held up to December.

## **Wildlife Watch**

Please see the attached. ***If you would like to contribute some wildlife shots, please reply to this email with your photos attached.***

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Thank you.

Rod Auton.

## **Forward the Forty Six**

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