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Chesterfield Canal Trust



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

Santa Specials

Bookings for our Santa Special cruises are now open. For full details [click here](#).

Desperately Seeking Santas

Whisper it if children are about, but we have four Santas at any given time on our tripboats for our Santa Specials. We have some super Santas already but always need more. The trips go from Tapton Lock, Hollingwood Hub, Shireoaks and Ranby. No experience necessary; we even supply the Santa suits, including beards. Female Santas welcome. ***If you would like to give it a go, or know someone else who could do a few sessions, please reply to this email.***

Calendar 2027

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

Restoration

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

Tripboats

[Seth Ellis](#) will be running Halloween cruises on 31st and 1st November.

[Madeline](#) will be running return cruises every Saturday except 31st when it will be running Halloween cruises – these will also be on 28th and 30th.

[John Varley II](#) will be running return cruises every Sunday, Afternoon Tea cruises on 7th & 14th, Fish & Chip cruises on 16th, 23rd and 30th and Halloween cruises on 31st.

Cleaner needed

At Tapton Lock Visitor Centre, S41 7JB, we would like to employ a cleaner for the public toilets and the office upstairs. ***If you know anybody who would like 3 hours work a week (4 days for 30mins and 1 day for 60mins), please reply to this newsletter.***

First Aid Training

Could you spare a few hours, a few times a year to organise the First Aid training for the Trust? It involves liaising with Roy Barton from the Training school, contacting candidates who are due their update and contacting new volunteers who may be interested. There is a simple spreadsheet with all due dates and contact details. The courses run only a few times a year but are important to the Trust. ***If you might like to help, please reply to this email.***

Dr Bike

11th at Hollingwood Hub.

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](#).

Christmas tree festival

St John the Baptist Church, Staveley will be holding its 2026 Christmas Tree Festival from Saturday 28th November to Friday 4th December during which time the Church will be open for people to view the trees. However, the trees will stay in the Church until Epiphany 6th January 2027. ***If you would like to create a tree on behalf of the Trust, please reply to this email.***

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.

IWA Autumn Conference

14th November in Dudley. For details and to book, [click here](#)

Fund Britain's Waterways

Please see the attached.

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.

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Thank you.
Rod Auton.

Forward the Forty Six

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