



EVENTS 2010

April 24th Mid-day. IWA Cressy Cruise Re-enactment Any boaters or other enthusiasts who may wish to join *Heron* for all, or part of the journey would be most welcome. See page 13

May 1-3rd Tug Gathering at BCLM. Contact: Steve Bingham See Page 22

May 15/16 Rickmansworth Festival. This year's Rickmansworth Festival marks the tenth anniversary of the re-launch of the *Roger* after the rebuild by Rickmansworth Waterways Trust from 1997. We're going to have a modest event to mark this - and to show off the *Roger* as well, of course. *Raymond* will be with us, and Heritage Lottery Fund (who paid for a lot of the work) and National Historic Ships will both come along.

I've contacted a number of the owners/operators of wooden boats directly, but would like to invite other Club Members with wooden boats to come to Ricky in May for a

"Celebration of Wooden Working Boats".

We'll ask those coming to make their boats available for viewing to some extent, and generally to be ready to talk about them - the usual stuff. Anyone who'd like to come, please contact:

fabian.hiscock1@ukonline.co.uk is best.

May 29/30 BCN Challenge. Contact: Brenda Ward. 0121 355 6351

June 11-13 Stoke Bruerne Gala Weekend. We would welcome as many historic boats as wish to make it to Stoke, bearing in mind particularly that this event is a fortnight before the Braunston Gathering. No charge for traditional boats; others £5.00 per boat. Crew's Get-together on Friday evening and free entertainment on Saturday evening. Food available both nights. Contact: The Canal Museum, Canalside, Stoke Bruerne, Towcester, Northants. NN12 7SE. Tel: 01604 862129.

June 12-13 Pelsall Canal Festival. Postponed until 2011 as Chasewater is dewatered.

June 18-20 Middlewich Boat & Folk Festival

June 26-27 Braunston Historic Boat Gathering. The highlight of the 2010 Rally will be the fortieth anniversary of the last long-distance working run under regular contract on the canals. This was the so-called "Jam 'Ole Run" which ended in October 1970. That run was from what is today Braunston Marina up to Atherstone, north of Coventry to load, and then down to Southall in west London to unload at the Kealey & Tonge's jam factory. Of the Blue Line fleet of five boats that made that last journey, four survive in working order – *Nutfield*, *Raymond*, *Renfrew* and *Stanton* – and all plan to attend the Rally. The fifth boat *Lucy* is currently undergoing restoration on the bankside at the Braunston Turn, which is on the route of the daily parade, so momentarily the whole of that last Blue Line fleet will be reunited.

A special theme for 2010 will be a rally within the rally of the GUCCCo Star Class fleet of boats. Sixty six of the eighty eight that were ever built, were built between 1934 and 1936, with these boats now reaching 75 years of age in and around 2010. They include *Cassiopeia* a regular attendee at the Braunston Rallies, which was delivered on 29th June, 1935 – and will be 75 just two days after the Rally. Representatives of the Hambridge family who ran *Cassiopeia* between the early 1940s till 1963 will be on the boat, including Jim who captained the boat 50 years ago this year. Since the Rallies were started in 2003, an astonishing fifty five surviving GUCC boats, from all of its various Classes, have attended. Contact: Tim Coghlan 01788 891373

July 31st Linslade Canal Festival. Contact: Gill Miller. 01525 631916

Sept 4/5 Shackerstone Family Festival.

Sept 24-26 Parkhead Canal Festival. Contact: Steve Bingham See page 22

Oct 1-3rd. Stoke Bruerne at War Weekend. Historic boats are regarded as re-enactors and crews enter free, provided they are suitably dressed. Other boats £5.00 per person, which allows entry to all events other than the Saturday Evening dance. Passes or armbands will be issued. Pub sing-song on Friday night, full programme of events on Saturday and Sunday, Swing Dance (at Roade but transport provided) on Saturday night, and Commemoration Parade on Sunday. Contact: The Canal Museum, Canalside, Stoke Bruerne, Towcester, Northants. NN12 7SE. Tel: 01604 862129.