



## The Audlem Gathering 2015

The 39 historic boats attending are:

- Acacia
- Admiral
- Alcor
- Badger
- Beatty
- Betelgeuse
- Birmingham
- Buckden
- Clematis & Ilford
- Darley
- Dory
- Electra
- Elizabeth
- Gort
- Halsall
- Ibex
- Jake
- Marquis
- Mountbatten & Jellicoe
- Otter
- & Northolt
- Plover
- Roach
- Saturn
- Scorpio
- & Leo
- Skylark
- Stanton
- Swallow
- Swan
- Tench
- The North
- Thea
- Viceroy
- Victoria
- Warbler
- Widgeon

39 boats had gathered for this event and were tied mainly in the pounds above and below Lock 13 of the Audlem flight, with **Saturn** being at the centre of the proceedings.

The Shropshire Union Fly Boat Society together with Audlem Mill Shop held a celebration to launch their new book **Shropshire Union Fly Boats** - the story of Fly Boatman Jack Roberts.

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The late Jack

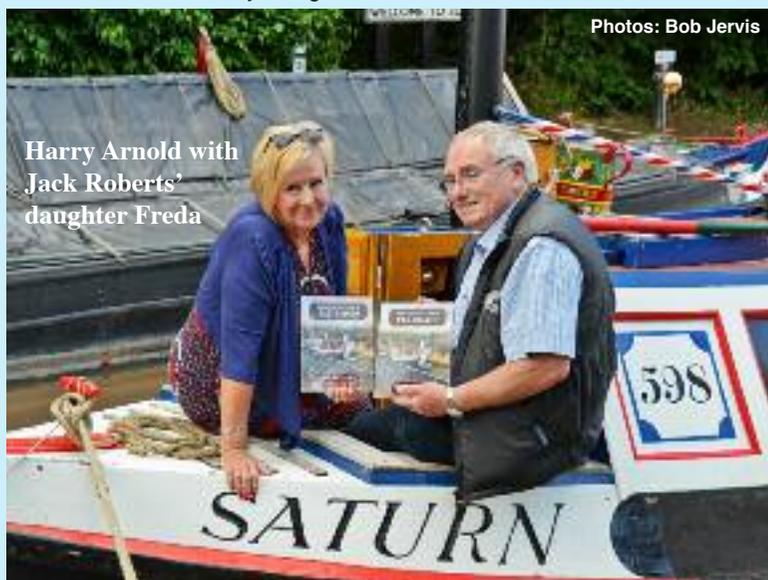
Roberts' extensive family had gathered on the wharf for the occasion.

Victoria leaves in the rain



Photos: Bob Jervis

Harry Arnold with Jack Roberts' daughter Freda





The now traditional barbecue held in the lock cottage garden was again excellent with the hog roast and a plentiful and varied supply of food to accompany it. The day also marked the 40th wedding anniversary of our chairman and his wife. Phil and Ros celebrated this by providing a cask of Joule's Ale to be consumed by all during the evening.



Sunday was wet!

Photos: Bob Jervis

Alas the lovely weather on the Sat did not extend to Sunday which dawned wet and proceeded to be very wet all day. The Club stand was extended ingeniously by the addition of a gazebo, and a group of musicians gathered beneath it to cheer us all up.

The arrival of the helicopter heralded the start of the parade of historic vehicles and these gradually filled up the adjacent field.

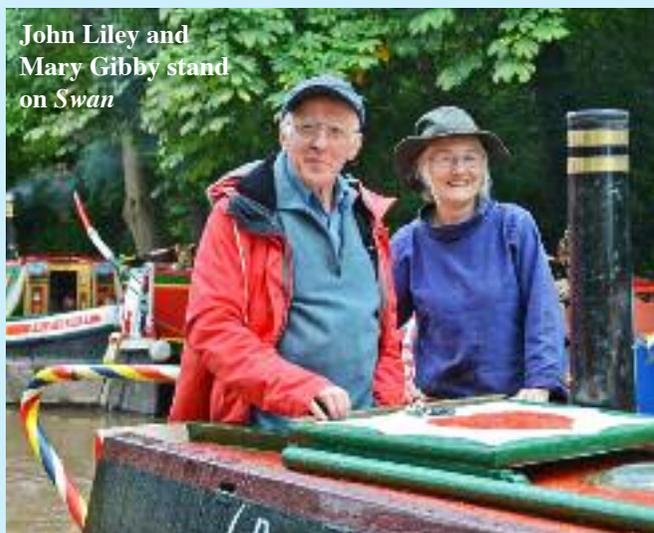
Another book launch today. Sheltering beneath the gazebo, John Liley announced the

reprint of his excellent and much sought after book ***Journeys of the Swan***.

He was entertained on ***Swan*** by Mary Gibby, the present owner of ***Swan***.

One of our members (who had better remain nameless) had collected every book written by John, produced the pile and John was happy to sign them all!

Both the new titles mentioned will be available from the Club stand at the November meeting, or by post from the shop address. See page 32.



John Liley and Mary Gibby stand on *Swan*