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Chesterfield Canal Trust



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

Restoration

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

Concerts

We are holding two concerts in the newly restored Barrow Hill Memorial Hall on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th June.

For the Swing Commanders, [click here](#).

For Simon Mayor & Hilary James, [click here](#).

Paddlesports

Paddlesports hire run by CJB Training & Adventure restarts at Hollingwood Hub this month. [Click here](#) for further details.

Tripboats

[Seth Ellis](#) will be running cruises from Retford Town Lock on 4th (Charter Day), one-way water-taxi trips from Ranby to Retford on 3rd with the reverse on 5th, Drakeholes to Gringley return cruises on 23rd, 24th & 25th and one way water-taxi trips from Ranby to Drakeholes on 22nd with the reverse on 26th.

[Hugh Henshall](#) will be running return cruises from the Lock Keeper pub on 4th & 24th, Shireoaks to Turnerwood return picnic cruises on 3rd, 13th & 17th and Shireoaks to Oneslide Lock return cruises on 10th, 25th & 31st.

[Madeline](#) will be running return cruises every Saturday and School Holiday return cruises on 25th & 27th.

[John Varley II](#) will be running return cruises every Sunday except 31st, Bank Holiday return cruises on 4th & 25th (its 10th birthday), Fish & Chip return cruises on 1st, 13th, 22nd & 29th, Afternoon Tea return cruises on 6th, 15th & 20th and a Staveley Restoration Explorer return cruise on 31st.

IWA Open Meeting

Please see the attached.

Video podcasts

Jim Bower and Steve Waller have done some 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 are due to be installed this month. 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](#).

Teas on Tuesday @ Tapton

The next date is 9th June. To book [click here](#).

Dr Bike

Once again Inclusive Pedals will be providing bike repairs at the Hollingwood Hub on selected Sundays from May to September, see attached. The workshops are funded by Cycling UK's *Big Bike Revival* so all repairs are free of charge. Inclusive Pedals is a social enterprise based in Chesterfield delivering monthly bike repair workshops in four locations in 2026, adapted cycling for those with disabilities, Cycling Without Age taking care home residents out to local parks in *Triobike* rickshaws and refurbishing donated bikes.

Volunteers 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.***

Calendar 2027

We are still collecting photographs for our 2027 Calendar. ***If you would like to submit some of your best photos of the canal, please reply to this email with them attached.*** If using phone photos, please take them in landscape not portrait.

Maintenance Team volunteers needed

We are looking for volunteers to be part of our Derbyshire Maintenance Team. We were awarded a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund, to help recruit people to look after our restored sections of the canal. This is a 2 year project to develop teams of volunteers, with the aim of maintaining and developing their local green spaces, both on the water and the surrounding environment.

There will be a variety of roles, some hands on maintenance, some monitoring the environment' some conducting surveys and some keeping an eye out for areas that need attention. There will be something for all abilities. Don't worry about knowledge or skills – we will train you.

The money arrived before Christmas and we are already booking and starting training, purchasing equipment and putting together a recruitment campaign for new local volunteers. We expect to be holding taster sessions and open days this month, with the work programme starting in May. Initially the focus will be the already completed areas around Staveley. In the summer, when the restoration work is finished, we will move on, to the new section. ***If you are interested or want to know more, please email maintenance@chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk or phone 01246 477569.***

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.
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