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Forthcoming Events for 2022:

We do not have any more events planned for 2022.

Forthcoming Events for 2023:

Sunday 19th Feb BCHS AGM at The Castle Heritage Centre

Saturday 8th July 200th Anniversary of the opening of the Bude Canal between Bude and Holsworthy.

Saturday 22th July Celebratory dinner at The White Hart Hotel, Holsworthy. 7pm for 7.30pm.

October Two canal tours by minibus with lunch at the Red Post Inn

Further details of the above events in the next edition of The Tub Boat.

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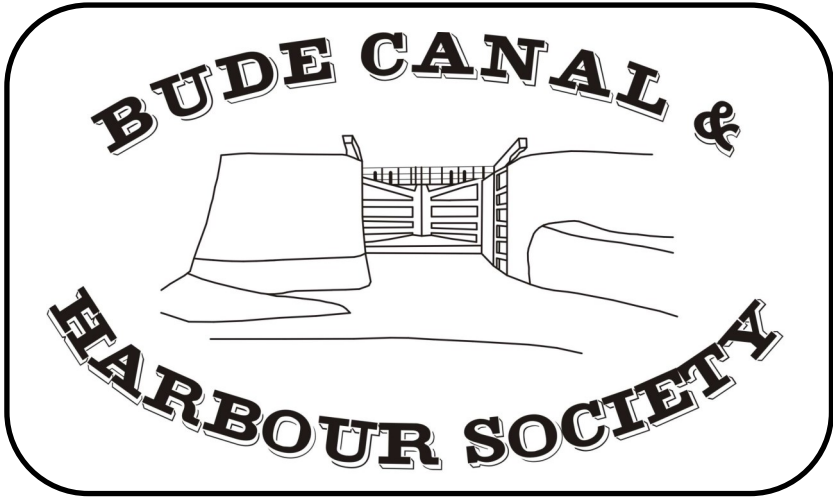
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Cover photo: The water level well below the overflow weir

The Queen

In their own right, and on behalf of the members of the Society, the trustees of Bude Canal and Harbour Society send sincere and heartfelt condolences to our King Charles III and his wife Queen Consort Camilla and to all the Royal Family, on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

In the past, many different members of the Royal Family have visited the Bude and Stratton area and we hope that in the coming years these visits continue, and that one-day Charles III and the Queen Consort Camilla choose to visit the Bude Stratton area where they will find a very warm welcome.



Queen Elizabeth II 1926—2022

Some recollections

I was 7 years and 3 months old when our Headmaster, Mr Luke, told us in our class to stand up. He read some words to us and the only ones I remember are “The King is dead. Long Live the Queen” which really puzzled me. It was many years before I understood the importance and significance of those words. I believe in a Constitutional Monarchy – it gives us a safe country, with a social conscience and ensures that we are all equal under our laws. I am aware that others may have different views which they can express because of our constitutional monarchy. I wish King Charles III and his Wife, Queen Consort Camilla, a long and happy life together. God Save the King.

Creaks from the Chair

I remember the summer of 1976 when everywhere was golden brown, when I had more hair, a slim waistline and a virgin beard. When it was so hot that when you were not working you either hid in the shade or lived on the beach frequently refreshing yourself in the sea. There were reports that weather cycles were changing but then it rained, and we forgot and life went on as it does. Now it is the summer of 2022 and everywhere is golden brown. I have less hair of a different colour as is my beard and the waistline is not what it should be.

We still hide from the heat or enjoy the ever-inviting refreshing sea but now we have targets to meet because climate change is all around us. The use of the Bude Canal and the Sea Lock is now banned because of the alarmingly low levels of water. There are calculated 'flood plains' which show that places we know, and love will be decimated by tidal flow up rivers and inland. The rains will come but we cannot forget what is coming and what we have caused and yet life goes on – as it does.

Chris Jewell

Membership Report

It doesn't seem like twelve months ago that I last wrote about annual subscriptions falling due. I'd like to thank members who have renewed by standing order and encourage those of you who don't to please consider doing so as this prevents the payment being overlooked and also saves time for you and the society. Membership cards are enclosed for those members who had renewed at the time of writing this report and will be issued upon receipt of payment going forward.

Details of our bank account as required to set up a standing order can be found on the renewal form (copy enclosed as appropriate) and also on our web site at the bottom of the membership page by clicking on the quick RENEWAL link. The web site address is <http://www.bude-canal.co.uk/Members.html>

If you are an eligible taxpayer and have not previously completed a Gift Aid declaration, please look at "The Way Forward" document located via a link titled NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM on the aforementioned membership page of our web site. The Gift Aid Scheme significantly increases the value to the society of your subscription. This year we were able to reclaim £289 from H. M. Revenue & Customs which is equivalent to 28 senior annual membership subscriptions!

It is very pleasing that we have been able to take part in a number of events over the summer months and the Barge Workshop at Helebridge has been well attended.

Thank you all for your continued support and should anyone require any further information or forms by post contact me directly on 01288 356367 or bude.canal@gmail.com.

Martin Shannon, Honorary Treasurer and Membership Secretary

Tim Martindale

Although only elected at the AGM in February, Tim has recently resigned as a trustee of the society due to other commitments which meant that he was unable to give the time necessary to develop the plans for the new branding and digital makeover which he outlined in the last edition of The Tub Boat. We thank Tim for the ideas which he shared with the trustees and hope to take some of them forward in the future but meanwhile Stuart Spooner will continue work on the project to improve our use of social media.

Mike Moore

Message from Cornwall Council about water levels in the canal

Unfortunately, and in spite of some recent rainfall, the canal continues to suffer due to the current drought situation, much like other canal systems across the country. The falling water has created a number of issues that the Council and Environment Agency are actively responding to, working in close partnership with user groups and local business.

The Canal's water is sourced from the River Neet under an abstraction licence with the Environment Agency. This licence determines the amount of water that can be fed into the canal and in drought periods such as this the Environment Agency are required to restrict the supply. Due to the current conditions the Council is now unable to draw any water into the Canal from the Neet and will not be able to do so until river levels improve.



Water levels in the river under the A39 and at the weir



The water level at the landing stage at Whalesborough



*View from Whalesborough Bridge
looking towards Whalesborough Lock*



*Little water in the
upper pound above
Whalesborough Lock*



Just below Rodds Bridge

As the tide rises against the seaward locks, the force from the water and movement of the gates limits the effectiveness of the attempts to seal the lock completely. In spite of this, officers have significantly reduced the level of water being lost and have recently fitted all storm bars and chains (which would not normally be installed until October) in order to hold the gates shut.

The Canal locks are regularly monitored by Council officers and whilst every effort is being made to prevent water escaping, unfortunately some leakage is inevitable.



Notice issued by Cornwall Council



The low water level along the bank on Breakwater Road

Concerns have been raised over the impact to wildlife in the Canal, most notably the fish. Council staff are working closely with both the Environment Agency and representatives from the Angling Association to manage this ongoing issue. Currently, dissolved Oxygen samples and surveys indicate that there is no sign of fish distress, however the EA and the Angling Association are outlining plans should a fish rescue be required. The issue is being continually monitored and teams are ready to quickly respond should the need arise.

The low water level has also exposed sections of the canal embankments. The loss of water pressure combined with the dry conditions has caused some sections to undermine and fail. Visitors have been asked to keep away from the Canal edge and signage and barriers have been installed to support this. CORMAC engineers have now surveyed the condition of the embankment and are working on a solution to repair the damaged areas.

The Council has also been forced to stop all “in water” activities on the canal, initially this was limited to areas of low water. However, this has now been extended to the entire canal due in part to concerns over algal blooms. This issue is being monitored by the Environment Agency and we would advise all visitors to keep pets and children away from the water and to avoid skin contact with the water or algae.

Cornwall Council, 26 August 2022

Update from Cllr Peter La Broy

I was in contact with council officers several times a week over the drought period and there is full recognition of the acceleration of the damage to the banks, particularly east of Falcon Bridge. Temporary stabilisation works are due to commence this week and will see sand filled dumpy bags placed in the canal give support to the crumbling banks. In the meantime, Council engineers visited over the dry patch and carefully recorded the damaged areas in order to produce a detailed methodology for repairs.

A temporary launch area will be made for commercial and leisure users and once this is complete, access for all users will be allowed. Although frustrating to all users, the drying of the canal was unavoidable and a result of the extreme dry weather. The dry period did allow for extensive investigation work to take place and I am confident that Cornwall Council will be making full repairs as soon as possible.

Peter La Broy, Cornwall Cllr (Bude), Bude & Stratton Town Cllr (Stratton)

Public Notice issued by Bude Harbour Master

Following the winter storms, the far end of the Breakwater between Tommy's Pit and Barrel Rock has sustained severe damage. Subsequently, Tommy's Pit has developed a leak, resulting in the water level being significantly reduced. Harbour users are advised not to walk or stand in this area or jump into Tommy's Pit from a height. Cornwall Council Maritime section are aware of this issue and funding has now been secured, with contractors starting repairs in early August, working between the tides. Members of the public are advised to stay clear of the area until repairs are completed.

Paul Vincent, Bude Harbourmaster



Tommy's Pit at high tide



Work underway on Tommy's Pit

Photos: Jeff Dover

Bude Harbour Update

The 2022 season began with the usual clearing of sand from the lock chamber and dressing of the moorings followed by the crane lifting in the boats from the car park on the 27th April. The 28th April, along with the volunteers, I removed the winter storm chains and storm bars from the inner lock gates and cleared the Wharf car park of the remaining safety fencing.

Sea Lock movements

Saturday 30th April saw the first successful lock out of the season with local boat “Chug Chug” and yachts “Tina Maria” and “Mistral” leaving Bude destined for Plymouth and Mylor harbours respectively.

The middle of May saw exceptionally large swells large enough to top the inner gates resulting in the metal storm bars having to be re-instated. This inevitably deposited a large amount of sand into the lock chamber preventing the outer gates from being closed again. With normal sluicing methods unsuccessful, we had to resort to dive contractors clearing the sand manually with high power hydrant pumps to get operational again.

The 4th July saw our second lock movement locking in visiting yacht “Juno” a traditional Cornish Shrimper, and locking out local fishing boat “Mantis”. After a short stay, “Juno” locked out again on the following Wednesday returning to Padstow.



Cornish Shrimper “Juno” approaching and entering the Sea Lock

These, sadly due to our exceptionally hot summer and drought conditions, were the only lock operations of the year.



*Cornish Shrimper "Juno"
leaving the Sea Lock
and heading out to sea*



With water levels dropping to a record low, due to the national drought conditions, yet again the lock chamber has sanded up rendering the lock unusable. This has resulted in the necessary decision to fit the storm chains etc early, to prevent damage, shutting the lock down for the year.

Visiting craft and slipway use

On a positive note, trailered craft using the slipway have remained popular with me taking in excess of £1300 on slipway fees since April.

Car Park

With the Wharf car park now under Maritime management, I have been able to host a number of events bringing in extra income to the harbour. Sat 7th May, being the first from Ocean BMW, was a promotional bike meet with a large number of motorbikes visiting from all over the country. With such a successful turn out, the organisers are keen to return next year. The end of August saw the welcome return of Bude's Lifeboat weekend with the Wharf busy as usual and reports of the RNLI raising some £30,000.

Repairs and Maintenance

Due to compliance issues, we have had to remove some of the old disabled parking bays on the Wharf but have laid 5 new spaces, 2 of them being disabled to replace the non-compliant ones.

Sadly, during the summer "Ocean Caves" on the Breakwater have been susceptible to sporadic antisocial behaviour with fires burning the stonework. I have pressure washed this area along with the walls to clean them and removed a large amount of rubbish.

Although checked and passed annually by Trinity house, I have painted the Barrel and the other navigation aids.

With the very welcome help from Duncan and the group of volunteers, the crabs and iron work on the outer gates etc have been painted and a large amount of general weeding throughout the harbour carried out. There is still more to do which will include weeding the quay walls but is a step in the right direction.

The scheduled refurbish of the outer lock gate paddle castings has sadly been put on hold due to limited funds being needed elsewhere.

Repairs to the breakwater and "Tommy's Pit" are currently underway.

(continued on page 16)



Celebrating the launch of the Canal
Photo:



Regeneration Project - 13 October 2006
Mary Neale

It is also the intention of Maritime to undertake minimal repairs to the stone retaining wall between the harbour and private road above. Currently with solicitors over ownership, this is not deemed to be Maritime's responsibility but as a duty of care to our harbour users, and after a signed agreement stating we do not accept responsibility for the wall, I have a purchase order ready to go.

The recent low water levels have allowed us to inspect the lower basin quay walls and I am pleased to report, apart from some minimal pointing, they are favouring well. It is our intention in the future to repair these minor areas, but this will obviously mean lowering the water levels. Notices will be given to all prior to any work commencing.

The end of September will mark the seasons end and local boats will be coming in for winter storage back onto the Wharf. Once in, the Herras fencing will be re-instated around the boats.

Paul Vincent, Harbourmaster, 23 September 2022

Bude Valley Management Advisory Group Report on meeting held on 22 September 2022.

1. The summer drought exposed swan mussels in the canal which as filter feeders are considered to have a beneficial impact on the canal. These are thought to have been here for some time.
2. Concerns were universally raised regarding the state of the canal over the summer and that better management is needed to prevent a repeat experience.
3. Paul Vincent read his report. He has faced social media criticism over the summer regarding water levels and explained that some sluicing of the locks was required to keep them operational and that gate and paddle leaks were monitored constantly and dealt with as soon as possible.
4. Cornwall Council update:
 - a. There is an abstraction licence with the EA which states that only 50% of the water flowing down the river fish paths can flow into the canal and so with water levels being so low over the summer there was little available and at times none for the canal. This differs from the drought of 1976 when no abstraction agreement was in place.

- b. Inland locks are not watertight and although efforts were made to stop leaks it was only because of this that the canal didn't dry out completely. The banks are very porous and it's this fact that allows the marsh area to exist.
- c. Only 2 fish were lost due to low water thanks largely to daily monitoring.
- d. Canal walls are in a poor state hence the deployment of reinforcing dumpy bags to prevent further movement. These may remain for some time as damage could occur if they are removed too soon.
- e. The canal was closed for health & safety reasons and to prevent further damage
- f. An interim craft launching point is to be constructed and a more suitable permanent 10-metre area is being looked in to.
- g. An application has been made for £0.5m from the UK Shared Prosperity Funding based on a ballpark need for £1m to repair the embankments on the Wharf side. The balance will need to be matched from elsewhere. A feasibility report should be available by the end of October. This will inform what the best solution will look like which could include a possible wall solution.
- h. Zebra Mussels which are an invasive species have been found in the lower canal and how these can be removed is being investigated. It is hoped that a dredging programme can be carried out January – March 2023 but a more realistic timeframe is November – December 2023. This is for the stretch from the harbour to the Peter Truscott Bridge. This will be a costly operation and involve a lot of consultation. The main issue is how to prevent spread into the rest of the natural environment. External funding will be required.
- i. In late October 2022 dredging is planned for the canal in the Whalesborough Zone using a digger sited on the bank. A watching brief will be carried out to protect water voles.
- j. Cornwall Council have a web-based consultation hub called "Let's Talk Cornwall" where people can obtain information and also send in questions. It was mentioned that we may be able to upload the Tub Boat to this platform.

5. Ash dieback is a significant problem. Rather than remove all trees some are being reduced and left to biodegrade. This is particularly evident in the Helebridge section.
6. Himalayan Balsam remains a problem. The strain originates from Pakistan and testing is being carried out to identify a variant of rust virus that can prevent spores from developing and so contain the spread.
7. Bude Harbour Update
 - a. There was very little harbour activity over the summer due to the drought and boats were turned away.
 - b. There was good use of the launching slipway by leisure craft.
 - c. The Wharf Car Park funds the harbour and raises circa £50k pa. There is a need to increase income as Bude Harbour costs are presently being subsidised by other Cornish harbours due to how the funding is pooled.
 - d. The sea lock gates are not in good condition and are likely to need refurbishment or replacement within 10 years despite only being 20 years old. The main problem is the poor quality of timber used. External funding will be required for this.

Martin Shannon

The Crescent Flood Defence and River Restoration Project - a report from The Environment Agency

The Bude flood defence and river restoration scheme is a £2.1 million scheme to improve the existing flood alleviation scheme and restore the ecological potential of the River Neet between Whalesborough Weir and Pethericks Mill Nature Reserve.

Bude has a long history of flooding, from the River Neet and Bude Canal, tidal surges and storm waves. Following an extreme flood event experienced during the 1950s, the Bude flood alleviation scheme was constructed. The scheme was later updated following a major fluvial flood in 1993.

Over time some elements of the scheme have declined in condition and require intervention to maintain the design standard of protection it provides.

The flood defences identified as requiring attention are the earth flood embankment to the rear of Bude Tourist Information Centre running between the canal and Bencoolen Bridge and the masonry-faced embankment on Ergue-Gaberic Way between the Masonic Hall and Nanny Moore's Bridge. Without action, these defences will continue to weaken and flood risk to nearby properties will increase.

Since the construction of the existing Bude flood alleviation scheme, Bude has still been significantly affected by further extreme events, with the most notable recent events occurring:

- June 1993 when over 71 properties (residential and non-residential) were flooded due to fluvial and surface water flooding
- August 2004 when the river exceeded the defences at Bencoolen Bridge
- March 2008 saw high spring tides and strong winds, which resulted in coastal flooding
- January and February 2014 when high tide and wave progression up the River Neet resulted in defence overtopping at Nanny Moore's Bridge and flooding of properties, exceeding the defence levels along the recreation ground and flooding the area around Leven Cottages
- On all coastal flood warnings, Environment Agency Field Services teams attend with pumps to evacuate water resulting from the wave overtopping of the defences

The Crescent flood defence and river restoration project will better protect the local community and economy from flood events, predicted to increase in the near future as a result of climate change.

The proposed work will strengthen the existing flood defences and provide a solid foundation for future scheme improvements, protecting 22 residential properties and 15 commercial and community properties along The Crescent and Ergue-Gaberic Way, between the River Neet and Bude Canal.

The proposals focus on the renewal of the flood defence along Ergue-Gaberic Way. This work includes the construction of a new flood wall on the landward face of the bank behind the existing roadside kerb.

The construction of the wall will require the removal of some of the roadside-facing existing bank and vegetation on the bank to facilitate the construction of the wall foundations.

On completion of the construction along Ergue-Gaberic Way, the top of the bank will be replanted with a selection of native plant species to help improve habitat. The earth flood embankment to the rear of the Tourist Information Centre will also be restored and maintenance access improved.

The river restoration element of the project focuses on the River Neet upstream of Bude between Whalesborough Weir and Pethericks Mill Nature Reserve. The Water Framework Directive is a European directive which aims to protect and improve the water environment. Under the directive, the River Neet currently has moderate ecological potential, with a requirement to achieve good ecological potential by 2027.

Measures to improve the status of the watercourse have previously been considered and investigated by the River Restoration Centre. These include in-channel enhancements such as narrowing and creating pinch points, as well as tree planting, which will encourage channel morphological diversity and improvements in habitat quality for a range of species, primarily fish. As part of this element of the project, these mitigation measures will be implemented along this reach of the channel to help increase the ecological potential of the watercourse.

Timescales

- early 2022: vegetation clearance took place in the early part of the year to avoid bird nesting season
- February 2022: construction started on the flood embankment behind the Tourist Information Centre
- October 2022: further vegetation clearance in anticipation of reptile translocation
- September/October 2022: reptile relocation, followed by construction starting on the Ergue-Gaberic Way flood wall
- mid 2023: estimated construction completion for flood embankment and wall

Latest news

The planning application for work to the flood wall at Ergue-Gaberic Way has been submitted and can be viewed on Cornwall Council's website under Application Ref. PA22/04890.

The Environment Agency, September 2022

A Boundary Stone exposed

During the recent spell of very dry weather, when the water level in the Canal dropped lower than anyone could remember, a significant stone was exposed as the water receded. A number of people drew the Society's attention to this stone. It is located on the south (actually west here) bank of the canal some 100 to 150 yards from the canal layby and bird hide going towards Rodds Bridge. It is lying on its side in what is normally shallow water as shown in Figure 1. The stone has BC 1850 carved on it.



Figure 1.

*Photograph of the stone
taken on 30th August 2022.
Photo courtesy of Ken Gill.*

It has the appearance of a boundary stone and is similar to others along the Canal. However, the date of 1850 is puzzling. There are no significant events in the life of the Canal known from 1850 and no mention of such in the standard account 'The Bude Canal' by Helen Harris and Monica Ellis. The 1904 maps of the Canal, on the Society website, may help to suggest an answer. There is a small sliver of land on the west bank, shown in red, that was owned by the Canal Company – see Figure 2. It is the only piece of land owned by the Company on this bank of the Canal in this area, and that suggests a possible explanation for the stone and its date.

The stone occurs where the canal passes along the bottom of a sloping field and there may originally have been a steep bank to the canal. It looks possible that at some time in 1850 or just before, the bank of the canal slipped in and that the most sensible remedy was to regrade it to a flatter slope. This would have involved purchasing a small amount of land from the farmer. The Canal Company had previously had problems with encroachments on to their land and had taken to erecting boundary stones.

Of course, they would also have erected a stone or stones to mark this new land purchase. At some point it became a nuisance and has been rolled into the Canal but given its size this is almost certainly just below its original position.

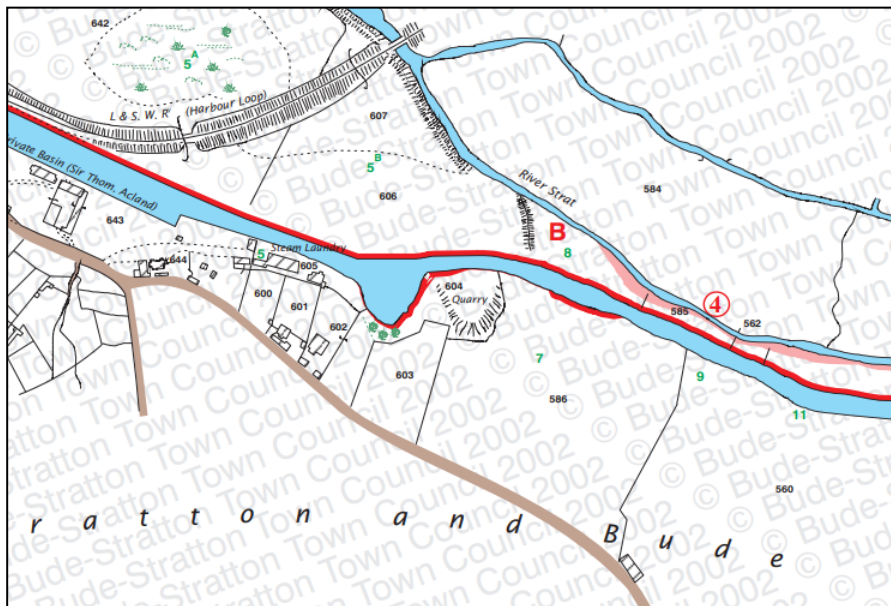


Figure 2. Extract from one of the 1904 maps showing in red the small sliver of land owned by the Canal Company in plot 586.

This seems the most likely explanation for the stone and its date but if anyone has any further information the Society would be glad to hear from them. The stone has been left where it is; this is thought to be best since recovering it would take it away from its historical context.

Peter Daniel

The Tide Mill, Bude

Two local men, Nick Cole and David Thorne, are examining in depth various records to try and identify the exact site of the tide mill which was built in 1589. Their enquiries include examining the timbers which are on display in the Barge Workshop at Helebridge which were recovered from the River Neet near Nanny Moores Bridge during the flood alleviation works carried out by the Environment Agency in 1995/96.

Chris Jewell



The timbers on display at the Barge Workshop which are believed to have come from the Tide Mill

Events attended

July 2 - Bright Futures Festival at The Parkhouse Centre

July 17 - Bude Stratton Heritage Day at The Parkhouse Centre

August 14 - Blessing of the Sea

August 27 - Tables in RNLI Marquee on The Castle Green



*The Blessing of the Sea
Photo: Jeff Dover*



The BCHS tables in the RNLI Marquee

Some images of recent activities at Helebridge



The wall in front of the entrance to Helebridge House which appears to have been damaged during an attempted demolition

The retaining wall at Marhamchurch Wharf at the top of the incline which has recently been revealed following some clearance work by the landowner.



This tree has recently been blow down just outside the Barge Workshop. It has been reported to Bude-Stratton Town Council who are responsible for that side of the bank

Bude Canal Trust Work Report on the Bude Aqueduct

June (continued)

The month continued with a delivery of two self-closing gates at Broomhill Farm which were transported through the fields to the site of the old gates (*Photo 1*) then the rest of the day was used to stack up previously cut brush. The new gates were fitted, and fence repaired by the contractor within a week (*Photo 2*).



Photo 1 - New Gate



Photo 2 - Broomhill South Gate

Splitting the work parties into two groups, one clearing the canal profile along the Puckland section (*Photo 3*) and the other two men utilising the timber from the old gates into bench seats for tired walkers along the canal.

(*Photo 4 overleaf*)

The usual top of the canal bank was cut between Vealand and the north end of Dunsdon Nature Reserve

July

Mysteriously one of four infected ash trees had been cut down between Vealand Bridge and the Filter Bed picnic table with some branches left in the canal profile.



Photo 3 - Trees trimmed



Photo 4 - New bench seat

The footpath between Vealand Bridge and Burmsdon was widened with the small powered mower. (*Photos 5 & 6*)



Photo 5- Vealand



Photo 6 - Start of Permissive path

Dexbeer to Gadlock Bridge, was tackled the week after, widening the footpath and clearing vegetation.

(*Photo 7 below & Photo 8 opposite*)



Photo 7 - Gadlock Bridge

August

Behind the scenes work continues with the Burmsdon section with clearing the Aqueduct Bridge except a bush of Shrubby St. Johns Wort and arranging with Cornwall Council to cut new sapling growth from the outer faces of the bridge stonework.



Photo 8 - Gadlock Bridge almost cleared

September

A new storage shed was delivered and part assembled during the first two weeks and a start made with some new volunteers to cut back coppice growth south of Vealand Bridge.

Mike Degnan, Bude Canal Trust.

Bude Canal Trust – Executive Report

As far as the proposed land transfer to the Devon Wildlife Trust is concerned, we have now got the respective solicitors involved and are going through details of the prospective transfer documents. It seems likely that the originally hoped-for transfer date sometime in the autumn may be delayed a little, but the proposal goes ahead so we are still hopeful of a successful conclusion in due course.

On the Coast to Coast walk, again the project is proceeding. Work is well under way to produce the online guide to the route, including both directional information and background information on the features of interest passed on the route. The hope is still to finalise and promote the route in 2023.

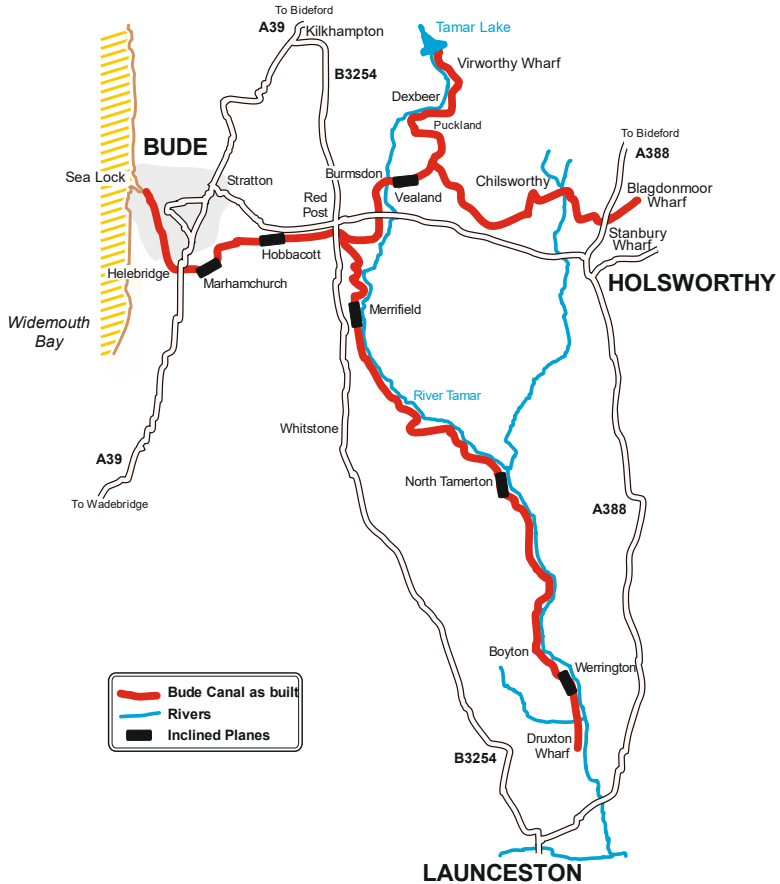
On the detail of the Planekeepers Path, there are still financial issues which may prevent the path being opened as part of the overall Coast to Coast route, at least initially. There are plans for the Coast to Coast route to use the nearby parallel public footpath, with a cul-de-sac spur from the top to the bottom of the inclined plane at Hobbacott. However, if finances permit a little later it is still a priority to try and re-open the Planekeepers Path throughout. For further details see:

<https://tamaralandscapepartnership.org.uk/tamara-coast-to-coast-walk/>

Steve Church, Chairman, Bude Canal Trust.

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