

BOWKNIFE

Newsletter for

Llanymynech Wharf Visitor Centre

June 2021

Chairman's Report

Not a lot to report due to the Covid 19 lockdown. We did two family trips in mid summer when restrictions were eased a little.

Fortunately we were able to obtain a grant from Shropshire Council which covered our expenses for this year and should keep us afloat into the current year.

Boat maintenance came down to pumping out the bilge after heavy rain and taking a run along our length of canal to warm the boat up. This also knocked the weed about. The battery failed during the winter and had to be replaced with a new one.

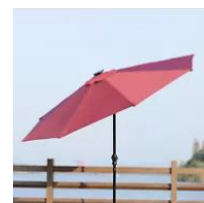
We will expect limited opening this year, starting with family trips from late May bank holiday.

Our Treasurer Liz Amys resigned in June 2020 due to family commitments. Liz has been replaced by Brian Lawson. We thank Liz for her work not only as treasurer but as the mainstay in keeping the shop stocked and running.

Roy Mansell

Tirgwynt Fund

We were successful in obtaining a grant from the Tirgwynt Fund at the end of 2019. This enabled us to get a banner to display near the entrance to the car park, a parasol to provide our visitors with some shade on the Visitor Centre 'patio' and tools to help with boat maintenance.



We look forward to being able to use these this year as they, like us, were in 'lockdown' in 2020!

Thank you, Tirgwynt.

Plants



While the Centre was closed last year we continued to have plants for sale, displayed on the shelving by main door. Various people grew plants from seed, grew them on from plugs, grew from cuttings, or split plants from overgrown clumps in their gardens. We had tomato plants, geraniums, dahlias, lettuce, bedding plants I could go on! We

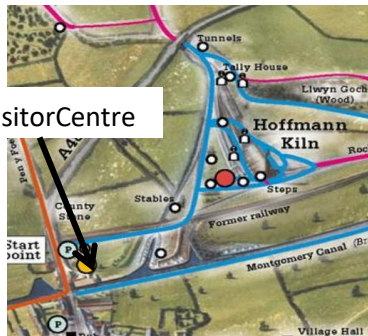
had plants for the vegetable grower and ornamental and unusual plants for the border.

A big thankyou to everyone who donated.

We'll carry on the plant sales this year. Plants are obviously popular. On Thursday, 27 May we filled the shelves. By Sunday, 30 May we had sold so many that the shelves needed restocking!

Local Nature Reserve

Last year Llanymynech Heritage Area was designated as a Local Nature Reserve.



While this does not include the Canal and River Trust land alongside the canal the hopeful increase in visitors to the Heritage Area can only benefit us.

2021

Covid regulations have caused us to limit our usual practices. Visitors will not be allowed into the Centre. It is too small and we don't have enough volunteers to keep the area sanitised. We will serve a limited range of refreshments from the main door to be taken outside. We'll also have a selection of gifts at a table in the rear door.

Boat trips will need to be pre-booked for family groups or 'bubbles' only.



However we are extending the times we will offer boat trips. They can now be booked for any time during school holidays, weekends and early evenings. Bookings can be made by email from Joan j.zorn@btinternet.com or Paddy opwm@hotmail.co.uk.

Join us

We welcome anyone who'd like to volunteer to help in the Visitor Centre or on the boat.

This just involves Sundays and Bank Holidays between Easter and the end of September from 1.30 – 4.30. No volunteer would be expected to do more than a few days during this time unless they wanted to.

Any prospective helmsman would need the necessary certification to be able to carry passengers, but anyone can be number 2 on the boat, helping with casting off and mooring, greeting passengers etc. Helping in the Visitor Centre involves making and serving refreshments and selling goods from the gift shop. It's a lot of fun.

Come and talk to us one Sunday in the season or contact us via the website

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