

STAFFORD RIVERWAY LINK  
(A Community Interest Company)

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*Objective: To promote the restoration of the historic river and canal waterway linking the county town of Stafford to the national waterways network for the benefit of the community and all interested groups.*

You do not see a newsletter for Months, and then 2 come along in quick succession, a bit like buses, right Ivor?

The reason for this is two-fold, one I have caught up on my 2010 jobs, well nearly, and two, a lot has happened recently that you, the Members, should be aware of. Also a lot is still happening and will have to be reported on.

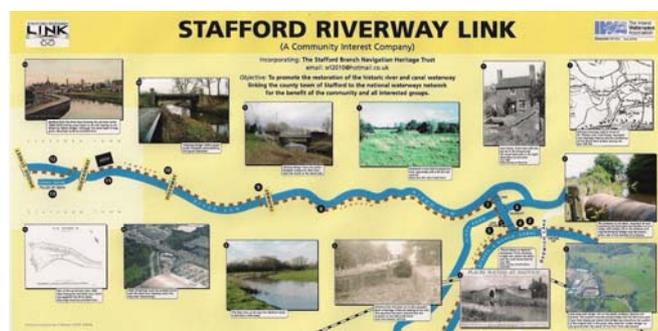
In the last Newsletter I made mention of Stafford Boat Clubs Gathering of Boats and forgot to mention that our President David Kidney opened the Gathering with a superb speech, inspiring us onwards and upwards.



David Kidney with Ivor Hind, Stella and Ernie Machin in front of the SRL Gazebo.

After the Gathering at Stafford Boat Club our minds turned towards the IWA National Festival of Boats at Beale Park and the SRL Committee decided that the SRL should have a marquee there to further our cause and as such a large display board in the region of 6ft wide by 3ft high would be needed to give the marquee an air of professionalism and indicate, in an easy manner, our aims and detail of the route from Baswich to Stafford. At Stafford Boat Club Gathering of Boats we met

with Phil Mander a Graphic Artist who owns a company producing advertising material and gave him a representation of our ideas on my bedroom wallpaper, and yes it was in pink. Subsequently I met with Phil to collect the Board and with trepidation took this board to a SRL meeting and unwrapping it (expecting all sorts of remarks) was well chuffed when all the comments were of praise. Not only was there the Main Board that is designed to split into two 3ft by 3ft sections easily joined and self standing, but Phil as well gave the SRL a roll-up version and we would like to thank Phil Mander for his generosity and workmanship on this project.



The Centre Piece of the SRL Marquee 6ft by 3ft

Late in August many members of the Stafford Riverway Link set off in their caravans and boats, to attend the I.W.A. National Festival of Boats being held at Beale Park near Reading on the River Thames over 4 days on August 27/28/29 & 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you can remember, it is usual for these events to be deluged with rain just before they open and Beale Park 2010 was no exception. We were told that as the ground was so boggy no vehicles were being allowed on site to erect marquees etc. on the Friday, but if we wanted to we would be allowed to set up on the

Thursday if we could carry everything. So, on the Thursday a merry band of SRL Members carrying everything from the marquee to the gas cylinder for the balloons and the kettle, on to our pitch, that took some finding as the rain had drowned all the markings. However, we soon found our pitch and were quite pleased with our position etc. and soon had the marquee up and the kettle on.



*The Stafford Riverway Link Marquee*

On October 31<sup>st</sup> a work-party was held to fence in the basin site in order to stop cattle entering the area before we take a closer look, possibly in the spring, and I show below just one photograph and advise you that I hope to ask our webmaster to include many more on our web-site shortly. By the way, the post code for sat-nav users is ST18 0YL (Bridge 101) for those members intending to visit in the future.



Finally, last year the SRL did not lose one member, everybody rejoined and your support encourages us to push on, so please don't spoil the record and if you are one of the few so far not paid your membership subscriptions please send to Bob or give to a Committee member to pass on. If you do not know whether you have paid or not, contact me on [shadow76@talktalk.net](mailto:shadow76@talktalk.net) and I will advise you.

Membership renewals this time is for a period of 9 months to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011. so, 6 months have already passed if you have not renewed.

By now we should all be aware that Stafford Boat Club has chosen the Stafford Riverway Link as its Charity for the year and a presentation is to take place at Stafford Boat Club on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2011

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS request 2010/11

Please find enclosed the sum of £.....

Being membership renewal for:-

Name(s).....

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Please send to Mr. R. Bowden 36, Wolverhampton Road,  
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9 Months Single Membership	1 <sup>st</sup> July 10 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 11	£7-50
9 Months Family Membership	1 <sup>st</sup> July 10 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 11	£15-00
9 Months Corporate Membership	1 <sup>st</sup> July 10 to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 11	£18-75
Life Membership per person	Life	£100-00

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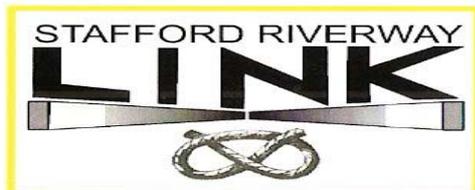
Next newsletter is due early Spring 2011 and should include details of Stafford Boat Clubs members efforts in raising money for their chosen charity – that's US, the SRL – and other very important news due to be released again in the Spring.

We wish our members a happy Christmas and a wonderful new year.

**Norman Cooper**

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