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Hello all SRL members and friends!

This is very much a **stop press** newsletter to tell you all about PROGRESS and SUMMER WINE! No, we are not referring to a boat crossing the channel or good television viewing. It is to tell you all that the work party of 27<sup>th</sup> April was so successful we have started digging and so pleasurable we picnicked during the lunch break, in lovely spring sunshine and enjoyed a glass of wine with our al fresco meals.

Some very useful machinery had been organized and the male volunteers made good use of it. We have started to dig out the canal basin which used to be at the entrance to the aqueduct. No 'Stafford Hoards' were discovered but we did uncover some interesting stone work. The lady members of the work party weeded around the newly planted 'quicks' (previous work party). All of these plants appear to be thriving.

It had been suggested at the last work party that folk might like to bring lunch on this occasion and

John and Vee would provide a glass of wine. We must also thank Janet who brought home-made cake for us to enjoy with our mid-morning coffee. Is all of this now tempting some more of you? Well, we are happy to report that the next work party will be on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May** and again, we suggest bringing your own picnics and the wine will be on us! Janet, when you read this I emphasise how much we enjoyed cake.....(but I make no promises on your behalf!). John and Vee will be there from about 9.00a.m. with Thistledown 'open for your comfort needs'.

Please note, it is a Saturday this time which gives an opportunity for those people who cannot make a Sunday to come and join in the fun and to be a part of our project. Also this is very likely to be the last work party before the Autumn as many of us hope to have extended boating over the summer.

Best wishes to you all, Vee Potter.

P.S. Hope to include some photos of both the last and the next work party in the next newsletter.



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