

STAFFORD RIVERWAY LINK

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If you recall, mention has been made in the past that the SRL decided on a Marina near bridge 101 on the Staffs & Worcs Canal, a focus point for the restoration, as we have now been turned down by two Marina developers saying that the site is commercially unviable/untenable its back to the drawing board on that one at the next committee meeting, probably sometime early autumn. At the last committee meeting we had a bit of a change around, I became vice-chairman as we were very fortunate in persuading Ivor Hind who has just semi-retired, and extremely enthusiastic in the restoration, in taking on the chairman's role. After many years of sterling work as treasurer, Ron Ashley aided by Sarah has passed the treasurers portfolio to

Yvonne Plant, Ron & Sarah are staying on the Committee to help guide us forward. The SRL hopes shortly to rejoin the I.W.A. now that we have sufficient funds to do so, instead of relying on member's generosity as in the past.

The SRL this year has been most fortunate in being allowed firstly by Stafford Boat Club to have a small Gazebo with our display material at their Gathering of Boats on June 13th, 14th & 15th also SRL leaflets are being distributed by Stafford Boat Club with their Gathering of Boats information packs. Also on the Sunday we will be walking the route from Stafford back to bridge 101 where hopefully there will be a members narrow boat to cruise the weary back to Stafford Boat Club. We will meet at the Bar in the clubhouse of Stafford Boat Club on the Sunday at around 2pm where hopefully enough cars can be mustered to transport us all to the start in Stafford.

Also, the SRL has been very fortunate in that the Wolverhampton Boat Club too has given the SRL the facility to have our display material either in the Clubhouse if space permits or within the grounds with the gazebo during the I.W.A National Waterways Festival during the August Bank Holiday. We would like to thank both Clubs for this facility where we hope to have these manned at premium times in order to promote the SRL. Unfortunately the SRL cannot attend the I.W.A. National Waterways Festival itself owing to the financial costs involved, mainly with Insurance and the hospitality of the Wolverhampton Boat Club at this time is most welcome and appreciated.

The SRL still consider that not only is this still a viable project but a worthwhile project and one day there will be a breakthrough with boats tying up very close to Stafford Town Centre and in doing so benefit both the boater and the Town of Stafford (The County Town of Staffordshire – The Creative County)

Be assured that you all will be advised as soon as this breakthrough appears.

As a Member, if you have any suggestions or ideas that you consider to be of value to the SRL please do not hesitate to put them forward to the Committee. These Newsletters hopefully will appear in the Spring and the Autumn (Or when necessary) to inform Members of progress in our aims and objectives.

In this Newsletter we wish to remind you that the time has come around once again for your continued support which is greatly appreciated and when the first boats cruise into Stafford we can all proudly say we supported the Stafford Riverway Link in it's early days and without your support and encouragement the task would be significantly harder, so please fill the enclosed slips in with your cheque to Bob and we look forward to meeting you all at Stafford Boat Club & Wolverhampton Boat Club for a congenial chat.

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