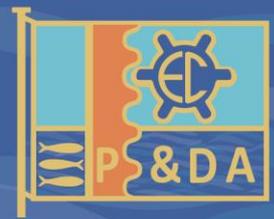


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Easter has been and gone, I hope you all got plenty of chocolate ☺ and boy was it a cold one. The sun is now making us feel spring like but watch out for that still cold wind, although there are some lovely frosts in the early hours. Boris has eased “lock-down” rules and we can meet people outside in parks and also the pub – if you want to sit and freeze that is! Please stay safe everyone and continue to take all necessary precautions.

C&RT have met the new restrictions and are allowing boaters to go boating again – let’s hope your locking muscles are still in fine fettle after such a lengthy absence!

Friday work parties restarted on 26th March, outdoors and socially distanced of course. Turnout has been very good with our usual regulars keen to get back to work!

We have been receiving a regular “jobs list” from CRT which we try and complete every week, although some repairs have to be carried over.

We have used Pentland to assist with various jobs, including transporting the hydraulic bender to straighten two handrails at Hallam Fields lock, recovering 17 bags of rubbish collected by two of our newest members on the stretch from Shipley lock down to bridge 24, removed a fence post complete with spike from outside the old Bridge Inn at Cotmanhay and trimmed back some overhanging branches on the same stretch. We have also started repairing with wood filler, the tops of paddle posts that have rotted, which should extend their life for a while longer.

John Baylis collected the holding tanks (see photographs) together with associated pipework, fixtures and fittings, for the new toilet at Sandiacre, so we intend to start that installation in the near future.

We also acquired, via Doug Swain, a three gand mower which has been refurbished and can be towed behind the dumper truck at Langley Mill, enabling us to cut longer grass on the rally field.

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Monthly meetings are usually held every third Thursday at Sandiacre Lock Cottage starting at 7.30pm prompt. Who knows when we will get back to face to face meetings?

We are now holding these meetings via Zoom and the next one will be 15th April at 3pm.

Please contact Shirley to be sent the link to join – you can join via normal telephone or via the internet on a computer or other internet enabled device.

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