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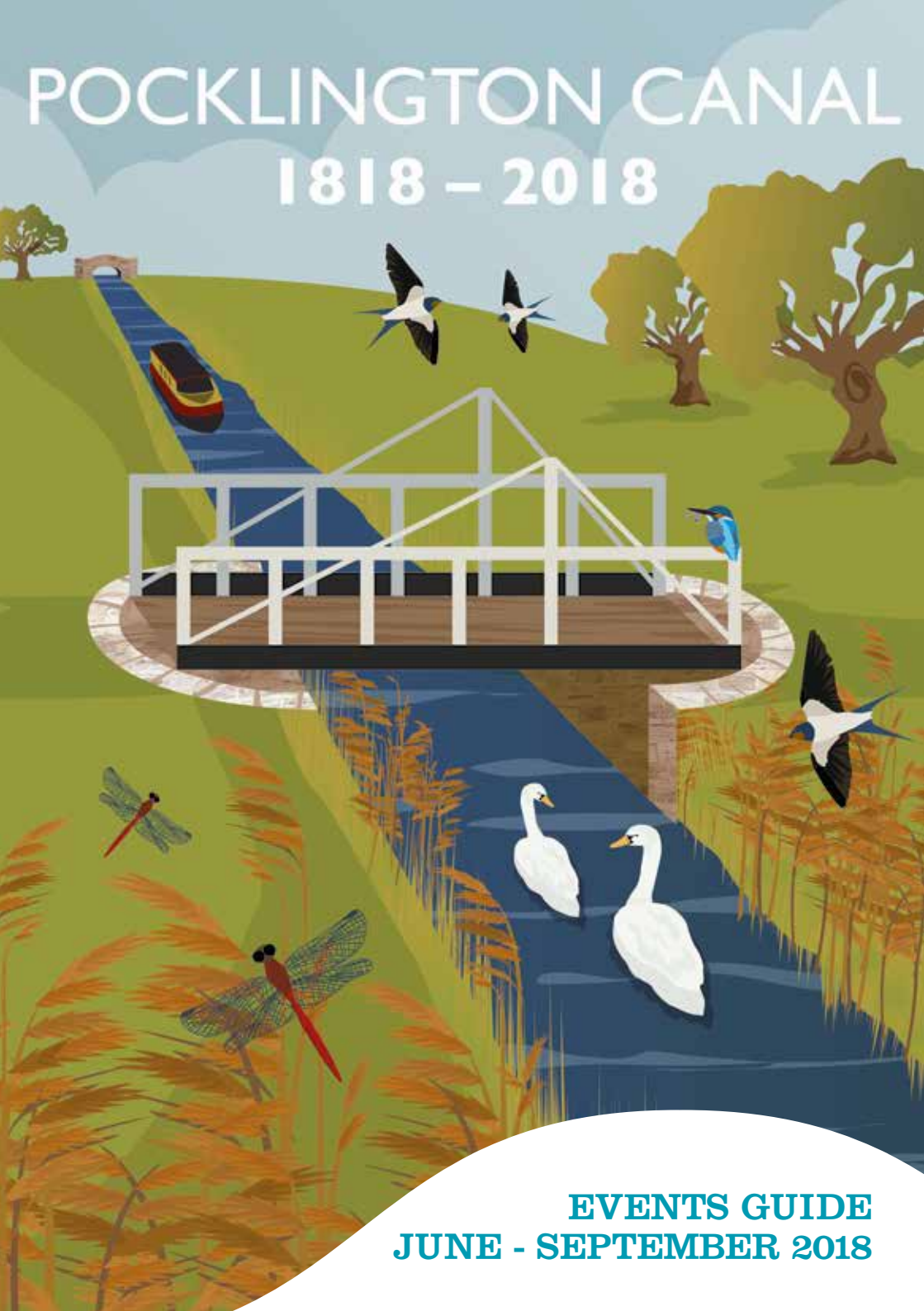

EVENTS GUIDE
JUNE - SEPTEMBER 2018

Celebrating 200 years!

Bicentenary Festival & Boat Rally

Join us for our weekend long 200th anniversary celebration! This is the highlight in our A Gem in the Landscape Events Programme, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. PCAS are hosting a boat rally at Melbourne Arm to celebrate the reopening of another two miles of canal for boats and canoes. This is what we've got planned so far – keep checking Facebook, Twitter or the website for more details and the timetable for each day.

Sat 28th July, 10am – 4pm
at Melbourne Arm

Throughout the day: narrowboat trips, pond dipping, nature trails, craft stalls, willow weaving.
Timetabled activities: Rusticus adventure (3 performances), morris dancing (2 performances).

Sat 28th July, 10am – 4pm
at Canal Head

Throughout the day: Coracle sailings taster sessions, have a go in a real life archaeological dig!
Timetabled activities: Guided walks to Melbourne Arm.
A shuttle bus will connect Pocklington Arts Centre, Canal Head and Melbourne Arm. Booking essential, book via Eventbrite (deposit required).

Sun 29th July, 10am – 4pm
at Melbourne Arm

Throughout the day: New Horizon boat trips, pond dipping, nature trails, craft stalls, boat rally. Timetabled activities: Rusticus theatre walks (3 performances), Spike dancing (1 performance), Brass Band (1 performance).

Key:

Free event

£2 per participant (£12 for Outdoor Theatre)

Family Event

Booking essential via www.pocklingtoncanal.eventbrite.com (unless otherwise specified)

Melbourne Arm: for all events at Melbourne Arm, please park in the village and walk along the private road to the left of the pub which lead to the moorings.

Events

Wildflower & Tree ID Workshop
Sun 10th June, 10am – 12pm
at Melbourne Arm
Join naturalist Phil Taylor for a guided walk to identify plants and trees along the canal. Learn to identify common species from features such as flowers, leaves and bark. This event is suitable for accompanied children but is aimed at adults.

Balsam Bash!
Tue 12th June, 10am – 12pm
Thu 14th June, 6pm – 8pm
Tue 19th June, 10am – 12pm
Fri 22nd June, 10am – 12pm
Join us on one of our easy volunteering sessions to help remove invasive Himalayan balsam before it seeds. You need gloves, long sleeves and long trousers or waterproofs, insect repellent and sunscreen! Accompanied children welcome. Email lizzie.dealey@canalrivertrust.org.uk or look on Facebook/Twitter for location details.

People of the Pocklington Canal: An Exhibition
Tue 19th June to Wed 1st August
at Pocklington Arts Centre
This free exhibition celebrates 200 years of the Pocklington Canal, following new research made possible thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund and features the winning entries into the photo competition.
See www.pocklingtonartscentre.co.uk for details of opening times.

Canal Founders: A History Walk
Thu 21st June, 7pm – 9pm
at All Saints Church, Pocklington
Join Phil Gilbank of the Pocklington & District Local History Group for a guided walk starting with the memorials of the original canal founders and a short walk around the town looking at the houses that they once lived in. This walk ends at the Pocklington Arts Centre to view the exhibit. See the www.pocklingtonhistory.com for details.

Wildlife Open Day
Sun 24th June, 10am – 4pm
at Melbourne Arm
Bird ringing, willow weaving, bird box making and a whole host of environmental activities, for adults and children alike. The New Horizons will be running all day.

Dragonfly & Butterfly ID Workshop
Sun 15th July, 10am – 12pm
at Melbourne Arm
A practical introduction to the world of invertebrates, including dragonflies, butterflies and bees. Learn basic identification skills, examine both living and museum-style preserved specimens, and try out various techniques including sweep-netting and pitfall trapping. This event is aimed at adults.

Bicentenary Festival & Boat Rally
Sat 28th & Sun 29th July,
at Melbourne Arm & Canal Head
Join Canal & River Trust and Pocklington Canal Amenity Society to celebrate! Boat trips, coracle sailing, Rusticus theatrical walks, food, music and more! See previous page, Facebook or the website for timetables and activities.

Marvellous Minibeasts
Wed 1st August, 10am – 12pm
at Melbourne Arm
Why are bees important? How are ladybirds the master of disguise? How do butterflies avoid being eaten? Join us for a minibeast safari looking for everything that flies, buzzes and crawls around the canal.

Animal Athletics
Mon 6th August, 10am – 12pm
at Melbourne Arm
How do you compare to the athletes of the animal kingdom? Which animals travel the greatest distances? Which creatures have the best sense of smell, taste, sight and hearing? A fun session of activities and games. No human athletic ability is required – only enthusiasm!

Life in the Pond
Wed 15th August, 10am – 12pm
at Melbourne Arm
Meet the incredible wildlife that lives in and around the water. Get hands on and come face-to-face with baby damselflies, bloodworms and pond skaters!

Dragons and Damsels
Mon 20th August, 10am – 12pm
at Melbourne Arm
Did you know that dragonflies and damselflies are some of the most ferocious predators in our countryside? We'll go in search of these incredible insects and discover their weird lifecycle through games and activities!

Wildlife Detectives
Wed 29th August, 10am – 12pm
at Melbourne Arm
Could you be a wildlife detective? What does an owl hunt? Who has eaten all the hazelnuts? Indulge your inner Sherlock Holmes as we answer all these questions and more!

Bat Walk & Moth Trapping
Sun 9th September, 7.15pm – 9.15pm
at Melbourne Arm
Learn to use bat detectors to look for these winged mammals, and look at their insect prey during a moth trapping session. Bats are wild animals so we can't guarantee sightings. This event is suitable for accompanied children but is aimed at adults.

Wildlife Walk
Sat 15th September, 10am – 12pm
at Canal Head
A wildlife stroll along the canal looking at birds, insects, plants and anything else we might encounter. We will also be looking out for changes in the natural world that signal the end of summer and the arrival of autumn. This event is suitable for accompanied children but is aimed at adults.

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Outdoor Theatre
Wed 26th September, timings TBC
at Canal Head
An outdoor evening performance of Mikron Theatre's Revolting Women – full of political satire, song and more suffrage societies than you can shake a stick at! Bring picnic rugs or lawn chairs and settle down for a memorable experience. In case of bad weather the venue will be Melbourne Village Hall. Limited tickets.

Guided Walks
Second Sunday in the month
Meet 1pm at Canal Head
A 3 mile walk. The towpath is unsurfaced but level. No booking needed. Meet at the Info Centre.
Third Wednesday in the month
Meet 10:30am at Melbourne Arm
A 6 mile walk. The towpath is uneven and grassed.
No booking needed. Meet at the Visitor Moorings.

Weekend Boat Trips
Sundays and Bank Holidays,
12pm – 4.15pm
at Melbourne Arm Moorings
Pocklington Canal Amenity Society run short trips every Sunday and Bank Holiday from Easter until the end of October. Trips depart from Melbourne Arm and last around 20 minutes. Trips are free, but donations welcomed. No booking required, the boat seats 12 so there may be a short wait. Well behaved dogs allowed. Please park in the village and walk along the private road to the moorings.

A Gem in the Landscape

Thanks to players of the National Lottery, we're inviting everyone to come and take part in events to help mark the bicentenary of the Pocklington Canal. This is part of the A Gem in the Landscape project funded by Heritage Lottery Fund and led by the Canal & River Trust, along with the Pocklington Canal Amenity Society (PCAS) and Natural England.

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