



## Pocklington Canal Project Newsletter #7: May 2018

### Photo Competition now open!

As part of the Bicentenary Celebrations we have a photo competition up and running, which closes on 28th May.

We're looking for photos which sum up 'Life on the Waterways', a broad theme to allow your creativity to flourish! You can enter up to three pictures. The winning ten entries will be displayed at the Pocklington Arts Centre as part of our exhibition in June, and the prints will be given to the winning photographers to keep.

**Enter at:** [canalrivertrust.org.uk/about-us/our-regions/north-east-waterways/pocklington-canal-photography-competition](http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/about-us/our-regions/north-east-waterways/pocklington-canal-photography-competition)



### Get on the water!

You can take to the water on an upcoming event, with canoe (20th May) or coracle taster sessions (28th July).

You can steer a narrowboat every Sunday and Bank Holiday (as well as all three events listed to the right) on the PCAS *New Horizons* tripboat, which runs during the warmer months. See the PCAS website for details!



### Open Days & Festivals

#### Heritage Open Day

Sunday 20th May, 10am - 4pm  
Melbourne Arm

Rusticus Theatre will be joining us to on a journey back in time. Narrowboat trips and canoeing will get you on the water.

#### Nature Open Day

Sunday 24th June, 10am - 4pm  
Melbourne Arm

Bird ringing, willow weaving, nature walks, identification sessions and more! Narrowboat trips all day.

#### Bicentenary Festival

Sat 28th & Sun 29th July, 10am - 4pm  
Melbourne Arm & Canal Head\*

Boat rally, Rusticus theatre, morris and spike dancing, music, food, wildlife sessions and more at Melbourne Arm on both days.

Coracle and have a go archaeology on Saturday at Canal Head.

### PCAS restoration success!

The Pocklington Canal Amenity Society (PCAS) led project with Canal & River Trust to restore Thornton and Walbut Locks is nearly complete. Boats will be able to get to Bielby Arm in July 2018, made possible in part by habitat work carried out with Heritage Lottery Funding.

For all the updates, take a look at our **Facebook page** /PocklingtonCanal, follow us on **Twitter** @PockCanal, or visit the Canal & River Trust website and look for the **Pocklington Canal blog pages**.



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## All thanks to volunteers....

Volunteers are such an important part of this project. Habitat volunteering group Friends of Pocklington Green Spaces (pictured) are making the Melbourne Arm wildlife area better for school visits. Explorer (education) volunteers are giving assemblies and will help run sessions at Melbourne Arm for local schools. PCAS boat crew volunteers will take the children onboard the *New Horizons* for a school trip with a difference!



## Get your boots on!

Volunteers are leading a new series of Canal Head walks which take place on the **second** Sunday of the month. The 3 mile guided walk route takes you along the towpath to Coates Bridge and back. No booking required, meet at the Visitor Centre at Canal Head at 1pm. The towpath is unsurfaced, but is fairly level (pictured to right).

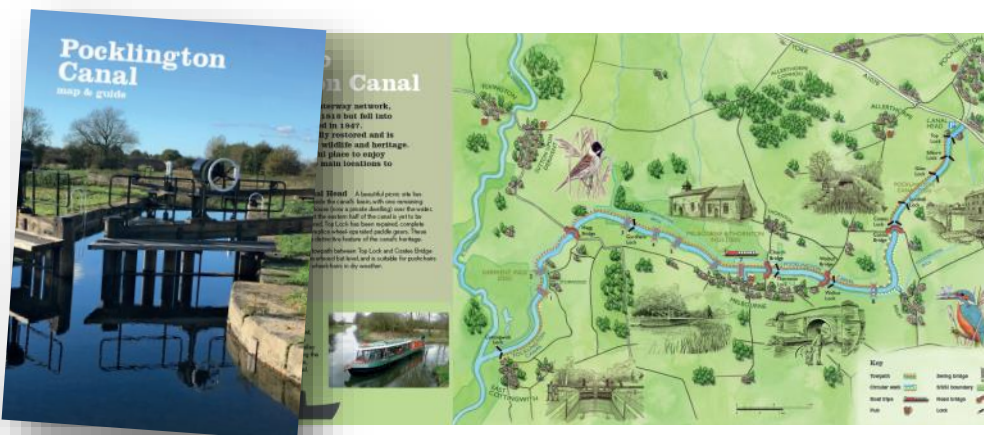


The first walk is on 13th May.

## Still to come...

In late autumn 2018, Swing Bridge 7 at Melbourne Arm will be modified to recreate its historic design (pictured below). The bridge will be fully functional and the change will better reflect the canal's heritage.

Credit: Sheila Nix MBE



## New look leaflet

The new interpretation scheme will be installed in May, complete with a new map guide. The new leaflet contains an A4 sized map of the canal.

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