

NAVIGATION:

Use it or lose it!

Do cruise all the way to Five Locks if you have the opportunity. It may not be entirely easy going but cruising there will help to keep the channel open and demonstrate interest among boaters and local people in the aim of eventual restoration of the canal all the way to Newport. A number of private and hire boats made it to Five Locks in 2015, including *Archimedes* in June. Offside cutting below Pontymoile was much better than in 2014 and weed not as bad as some reports had suggested. A very shallow section just north of the Cwmbran tunnel was dealt with in 2014. Going is slow between bridges 53 and 52 but otherwise there should be no problem with depth of water.

Speeding

If you are making a breaking wash running along the banks you are going damagingly fast, even if you are not exceeding the maximum speed limit of 4mph.

And remember for safety and courtesy:-

Slow down when passing moored boats

(As a rough rule of thumb it should take at least 20 seconds to pass a typical moored steel narrowboat).

AMENDMENTS:

p.31, 4th para.: for 'last century' read '19th century'.

pp.38 & 40: Herons Rest Marina: Tel: 07870 581174

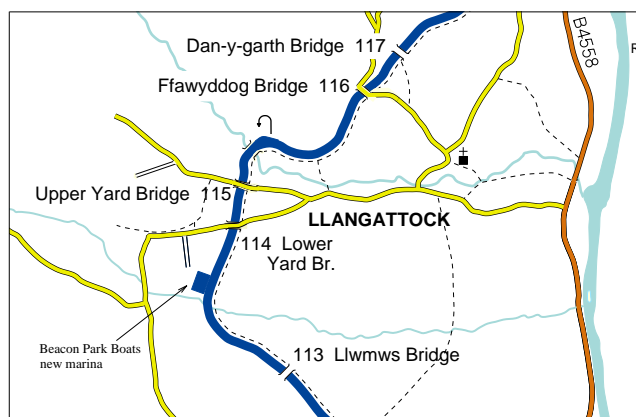
IMPROVEMENTS:

Nearly 500m of vulnerable canal above Llangattock village were relined during the 2012/13 winter, at a cost of £1.2 million.

Major winter works by C&RT in 2013/14 included a £0.3M offside cutting programme and £1.2M spent stabilising the embankment at Llanfoist and nailing it to the bedrock, following significant settlement caused by the unprecedented wet weather in late 2013.

Substantial further expenditure by C&RT in 2014/6 included £1.3 million on relining at Llangynidr and £0.6M dredging between bridges 57 and 76.

NEW MARINA FOR BEACON PARK BOATS



Beacon Park Boats have moved from Llanfoist (pages 34/35) to Llangattock (pages 40/41):-

Beacon Park Boats
The Boathouse,
Hillside Road,
Llangattock,
Powys NP8 1EQ
Tel. 01873 858277
<https://beaconparkboats.com>

ADDITIONAL FACILITIES:

Gilwern

Butcher (closed Monday)

B&B and Craft/Gift Shop (Roadhouse Narrowboats)

Talybont

Not a new feature, just a first mention:-

Ashford House Gardens, 200yds upstream of the tunnel are open to the public on Tuesday afternoons (April to September). There are mooring bollards nearby.

RELOCATION:

Gilwern

The Post Office has moved from Main Road to Gilwern Garage & Spar Shop in Crickhowell Road.

RECOVERY:

The winding hole immediately downstream of Sand Bridge, No.105, closed in 2013 to reduce the risk of leakage into properties immediately below the canal, has been re-opened following repairs to a nearby bed valve culvert.

LOSSES:

p.26: Dayboats are no longer available for hire at Pontymoile Basin.

p.49. 5th para.: Eggs are no longer available from Lower Wenallt Farm.

The latest version of this update sheet can be downloaded as a pdf file from the canal guide section of the author's website: www.jmorris.co.uk/canal.html

LATEST VERSION:

The new charity, the Canal & River Trust, took over responsibility for canals and rivers in England and Wales from British Waterways in July 2012

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SUPPLEMENT

1. Additions and Amendments

2. Food and Drink at a glance (reverse side)

