

October 2012 Updates.

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Notice of the 2012 AGM can be found for members only on the Latest News page.

Spring 2013 will see our association have a major event on the Royal Canal and plans are already in place for much of the areas to be visited. It will be a trip for canal enthusiasts to enjoy and hopefully a sight to behold as we make our way along the system. If you are an undecided participant then maybe the outline plan will help you decide. Details to date can be studied here.

A Very Grand Canal, three projects commissioned under the % for Arts scheme, by Offaly County Council earlier in 2012. A Grand Experience - one of the projects - a documentary film, of three artists on board historic canal boat 68M as it travels from Shannon Harbour to Edenderry, will be screened on Tuesday 16th Oct, at 10.15 pm on RTE One. Background info from Offaly Co Co here, from the Offaly Express, the Meath Chronicle, and the producer's Facebook page and official trailer here.

Kildare Branch IWAI have extended an invitation to HBA members to attend their event on the October Bank Holiday weekend. People should go, either by boat or other means to what is an annual busy event. Details can be found here.

A new website of interest to those in the Dublin area has been launched. " Grand Canal Dublin" has a gallery of photographs with very good archive pictures from the Royal and Grand Canals going back a considerable number of years. The site can be found at.

The River Rats story goes on and on and sales are standing at â,-6300 at the moment, with a Naas Rally event on the horizon . At this time there are also calendars being promoted in another country and there are promises of stock to a corporate body. All in all we are in a great situation and that is the result of significant work by people. So as it is still early October and there is an expectation of increased sales for the Christmas market, if you want some copies, do it sooner rather than later.

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The latest in the series of Labour History on Irish waterways can be found under Snippets 8.

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A report and some pictures from the very successfull Jamestown Heritage Festival 2012 by Cathy Dwane, can be found at "My week in Jamestown".

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The case for the use of exotic animals on the canal system is outlined in the article " Canal Thoughts".

Could we re-new our plea for articles/contributions of interest to our members and guests for publication on the web site.