

## How we started ...

An idea became reality in March 1989 when 80 people formed the Basingstoke Canal Boating Club, with a commitment that when the Canal reopened boats would again be seen cruising the entire length.

Since the Royal Re-Opening in 1991, the Club has largely met that commitment, but has been frustrated at times by constraints on navigation imposed by lack of water, and navigation structures that have needed extensive and lengthy repairs.

## Our objectives

- To encourage boating on the Basingstoke Canal and to improve facilities for boat users
- To be an information source about the Canal to members and the general public
- To maintain the quality of the Canal environment
- To promote at local and national levels the interests of boaters and all who are interested in inland waterways

## Our activities

- Regular rallies, often with a barbecue.
- A 'Noggin & Natter' held monthly at canalside pubs
- Working closely with other groups in particular with the Surrey and Hampshire Canal Society and the local IWA Branch (Guildford and Reading)
- Helping to raise money for the Canal back-pumping scheme
- Fund raising to help provide boating activities for those with physical disabilities
- Canal litter clearance
- Participation in the twinning with the Canal d'Orleans in France, including visiting that Canal with our boats

## Benefits of membership

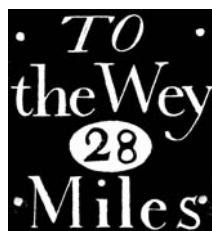
- A quarterly newsletter with articles and features written mostly by our members, news about the Canal and its use for navigation, and an events calendar
- Associate membership of the Association of Waterways Cruising Clubs (AWCC) a passport to the facilities of more than 100 boating clubs throughout the waterways system
- The opportunity to meet fellow boat and canal enthusiasts, and to participate in boating activities on

## Who can join?

The Club is open to all supporters of the Basingstoke Canal whether or not they own a boat.

## How to join

Simply complete the application form and return it to the Membership Secretary at the address shown.



## Membership application

*Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS*

Name(s) .....

Address .....

Phone (Home) .....

(Work) .....

(Mobile) .....

Email .....

Skills .....

*relevant to BCBC*

Boat Name .....

Length .....

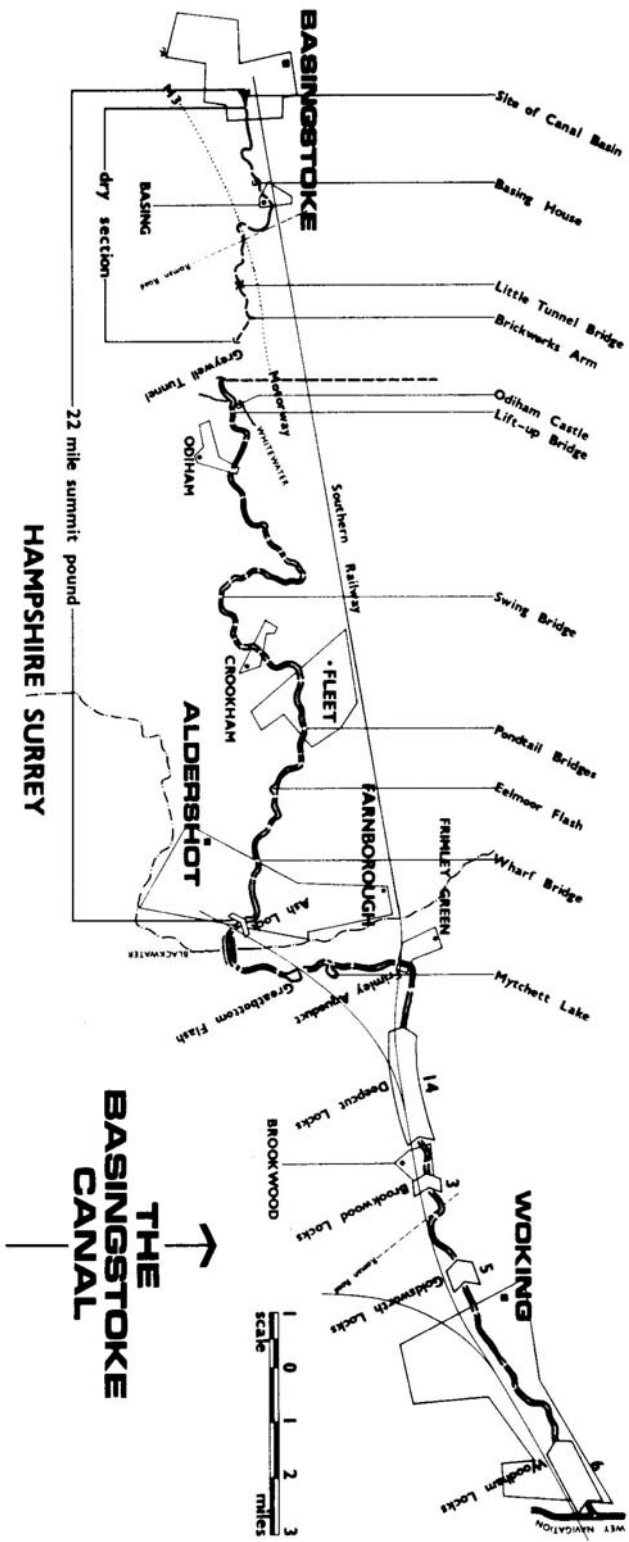
Beam .....

Type of Boat .....

Please return the form with a cheque for £10.00 annual family subscription (payable to Basingstoke Canal Boating Club) to:

Jan Byrnes, 28 Grayswood Drive, Mytchett,  
Camberley, Surrey GU16 6AR

The information that you provide will be stored on computer. Details will not be supplied to any other persons and you may view your entry at any time.



## Club contacts

If you would like further information about the Basingstoke Canal Boating Club, you are very welcome to contact:

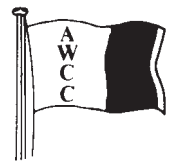
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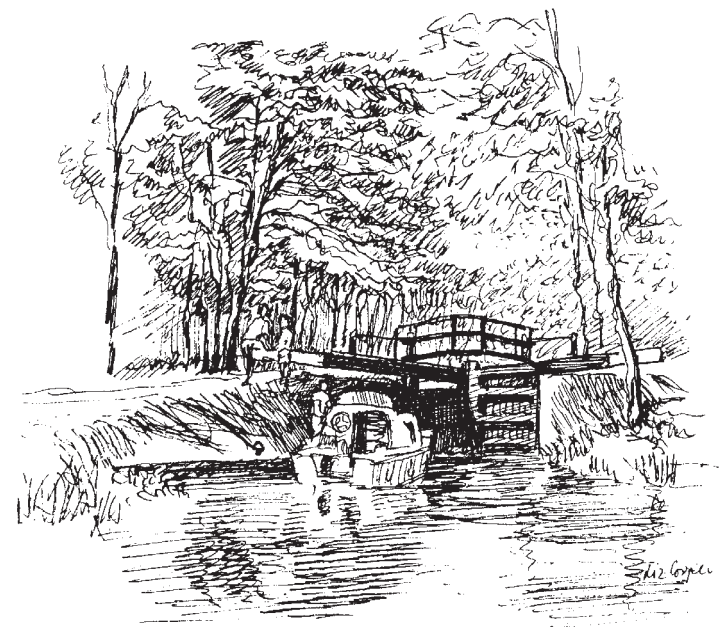
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