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**Basingstoke Canal Talk & AGM
10 March at 7.30pm**

Christmas Tree Festival

Boxing Day Walk

AGM and Talk About The Basingstoke Canal

Tuesday 10th March is the date for WEVS' Annual General Meeting, whose business will be followed by a talk about the Basingstoke Canal. The meeting will be held at Tringham Hall, Benner Lane at 7.30pm.

The agenda for the AGM will follow the usual pattern of reporting on the past year's activities, discussing and seeking agreement for future plans, and electing Committee members. More details will be given in the next 12-page Newsletter. We anticipate that the business of the AGM will take about 30 minutes.

Basingstoke Canal Talk

We are fortunate to have the Basingstoke Canal within easy reach of West End. It's a beautiful rural corridor through parts of Surrey and Hampshire, whose 32-mile towpath is ideal for walking or cycling, and boat trips are offered from Woking and Odiham.

Our speaker will be Roger Cansdale, one of the leading lights of the Basingstoke Canal Society.

He was a Director of the Society for many years, remains an Executive Committee member, is an author, a former Editor of the Society's quarterly magazine, and an experienced public speaker.

Roger will discuss the history of the canal, its restoration and current situation, and its value as a local amenity.

Everyone is welcome. Entry to the talk will be free for WEVS members, and £4 (per household) for non-members which will include membership of WEVS.



Christmas Tree Festival and Boxing Day Walk

The Christmas Tree Festival on 13th & 14th December at Holy Trinity Church was a heart-warming and sociable exhibition with about 40 beautifully decorated and lit trees lined along the sides of the nave and in the chancel, each decorated by a local organisation. The WEVS tree, with its dense string of coloured lights which brightened and dimmed in a slow endless cycle, reflected some of our main activities, such as commissioning Lucas the Stag on Fellow Green roundabout, our History Project, and our footpath walks.

Luckily it was a bright sunny morning for the traditional WEVS Boxing Day walk. Seventy-four souls and a handful of dogs set off on this 3 ½ mile walk across Brentmoor Heath and around the woodland adjacent to Priests Lane. The timing of the walk was perfect for those intending to take refreshments at the Hare & Hounds afterwards. All-in-all a fun interlude in the festive celebrations.

There will be photos of these two events in the next WEVS 12-page Newsletter.

About This Bulletin

Since September last year WEVS has produced a new type of publication for members. In addition to our usual 12-page Newsletters in print and digital formats which go to all members three times a year, there are now irregular digital-only Bulletins which are emailed to all members for whom we have email addresses - the majority. The Bulletins are intended to treble our direct communication

with members, to provide rapid information on forthcoming new events (like the Basingstoke Canal talk) or other time-critical issues, and to give updates on activities (the November Bulletin ran to eight pages).

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