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Objective: To promote the restoration of the historic river and canal waterway linking the county town of Stafford to the national waterways network for the benefit of the community and all interested groups.

It has been some time since the last Newsletter; however, we have not been idle.

We are currently having meetings with ASDA and RCR. (River Canal Rescue)
ASDA are right on the edge of Stafford and must be a prime mooring for visitors to Stafford Town Centre for vital provisions, RCR are at Baswich, opposite the entrance to the Stafford Riverway Link. Currently, I cannot advise you of the discussions until finalised, so please bear with me, but as soon as developments are known, I will forward to you the news.

We have been made aware that it is possible that M & S will be redeveloping the Old Tesco Site/Multi-storey Car park adjacent to the River Sow in Stafford near to Green Bridge, possibly as early as next year and this is just to let you know that we are looking into this in order that this redevelopment can benefit everybody and the SRL aims & objectives are not ignored.

At the IWA National Festival of boats held at Burton-upon-Trent towards the end of July, the SRL was able to occupy a space in the Staffordshire Marquee, new members were signed up (One from Turkey) and further monies raised by our hard working team on the Tombola. Owing to the Olympics (Yawn) being held in London during 2012 and the IWA and no doubt the hard working WRG's being asked to help out down there, no IWA Festival will be held in 2012. The next, it has

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been mentioned, will be on the Kennet & Avon at Newbury?

A work party is being organised very soon and I am sure that John Potter will be E-mailing you all soon with the detail.

I have left the best news until last and that is the Committee, having received three Quotations for a Feasibility/Scoping Study Survey, have selected unanimously to ask Halcrow to produce such a document.

Once this document has been produced we should be able to proceed with the restoration at greater speed than before as it should be clear to all concerned the best way forward and how to proceed, thereby encouraging major funding to complete the Link. This document will not be cheap, at around £8,000 but the money is in place, as well as further pledges from other interested parties.

I intend in the future to keep Photographs in the Newsletter to a minimum in order to allow sending of the Newsletters by E-mail, much more gigabyte friendly, as I have been having trouble sending them from time to time, although eventually managing to send them off successfully. As such I will make reference to the fact that photo's for a particular event will be viewable on our website. I know that some members are not connected to the w.w.w. (world.wide.web), but I have no other option, but to use the system.



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