

The Wychwood Wild Garden The Canals Restoration

Have you been round to the Wild Garden recently? If so, you may have noticed that the bottom canal is now empty and rather muddy. This is the start of the restoration of the canals.

The Sluice Gang

A wader-clad team of stalwarts aimed to raise the sluice. After much hammering, straining and swearing, the Sluice Gang eventually managed to open the sluice at the bottom of the canal and drain it, probably for the first time in over 50 years.



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Now the hard work begins! We have already had a working party clearing out the major debris, and a digger in to help dredge the mud from around the dam stonework. We then have to inspect the stonework and establish how best to

repair this to stop the leaks around the sides.

Nicospan

Over the coming months we will then be installing new artificial banks, using a product called Nicospan, to stop the leaks and regain the original width of the canal, restoring the canal-bank walk as well.

All this will take time, effort and money. So if you can help in any way, we want to hear from you. Please contact us on 0845 8056804 or email info@wychwoodwildgarden.org.uk

Regrettably some local youths have been throwing stones and logs into the canals and damaging stonework. It would be great if their friends can instead persuade them to help us with the restoration work.

Mike Watson

Ascott Teas

Ascott Teas are served in the Church and all the money raised will go to much needed funds. There is something for all ages and we look forward to seeing you. Come along and let yourself be tempted with tea and a slice of delicious homemade cake or scone and things to buy. Each 'Ascott Teas' has a theme, on **Sunday 16th June** Red white and blue Celebration and on **Sunday 21st July** Mad Hatter

Car boot sale

Sunday 23rd June Crown Farm Eventing Fields, Leaffield Road, Ascott-under-Wychwood. In aid of Ascott village playground funds. Seller set up 9am, Buyer arrival 10am. £5 booked in advance via playatascott@gmail.com or £6 on the gate.