### **NAVIGATION:**

## Use it or lose it!

Do cruise all the way to Five Locks if you have the opportunity. It may not be entirely easy going but cruising there will help to keep the channel open and demonstrate interest among boaters and local people in the aim of eventual restoration of the canal all the way to Newport. A number of private and hire boats made it to Five Locks in 2015, including *Archimedes* in June. Offside cutting below Pontymoile was much better than in 2014 and weed not as bad as some reports had suggested. A very shallow section just north of the Cwmbran tunnel was dealt with in 2014. Going is slow between bridges 53 and 52 but otherwise there should be no problem with depth of water.

### **Speeding**

If you are making a breaking wash running along the banks you are going damagingly fast, even if you are not exceeding the maximum speed limit of 4mph.

And remember for safety and courtesy:-

## Slow down when passing moored boats

(As a rough rule of thumb it should take at least 20 seconds to pass a typical moored steel narrowboat).

### **AMENDMENTS:**

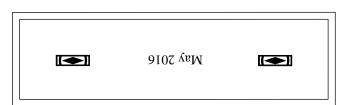
p.31, 4th para.: for 'last century' read '19th century'. pp.38 & 40: Herons Rest Marina: Tel: 07870 581174

website: www.jrnorris.co.uk/canal.html
as a pdf file from the canal guide section of the author's
LATEST VERSION:

The new charity, the Canal & River Trust, took over responsibility for canals and rivers in England and Wales from British Waterways in July 2012

Canal & River Trust 2012





I. Additions and Amendments
2. Food and Drink at a glance (reverse side)

**SUPPLEMENT** 

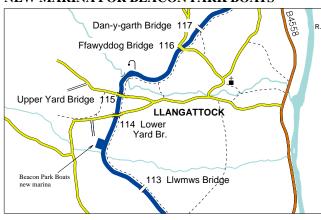
### **IMPROVEMENTS:**

Nearly 500m of vulnerable canal above Llangattock village were relined during the 2012/13 winter, at a cost of £1.2 million.

Major winter works by C&RT in 2013/14 included a £0.3M offside cutting programme and £1.2M spent stabilising the embankment at Llanfoist and nailing it to the bedrock, following significant settlement caused by the unprecedented wet weather in late 2013.

Substantial further expenditure by C&RT in 2014/6 included £1.3 million on relining at Llangynidr and £0.6M dredging between bridges 57 and 76.

## NEW MARINA FOR BEACON PARK BOATS



Beacon Park Boats have moved from Llanfoist (pages 34/35) to Llangattock (pages 40/41):-

Beacon Park Boats The Boathouse, Hillside Road, Llangattock, Powys NP8 1EQ Tel. 01873 858277 https://beaconparkboats.com

## **ADDITIONAL FACILITIES:**

## Gilwern

Butcher (closed Monday)

B&B and Craft/Gift Shop (Roadhouse Narrowboats)

# Talvbont

Not a new feature, just a first mention:-

Ashford House Gardens, 200yds upstream of the tunnel are open to the public on Tuesday afternoons (April to September). There are mooring bollards nearby.

# **RELOCATION**:

### Gilwern

The Post Office has moved from Main Road to Gilwern Garage & Spar Shop in Crickhowell Road.

# **RECOVERY:**

The winding hole immediately downstream of Sand Bridge, No.105, closed in 2013 to reduce the risk of leakage into properties immediately below the canal, has been reopened following repairs to a nearby bed valve culvert.

# LOSSES:

p.26: Dayboats are no longer available for hire at Pontymoile Basin.

p.49. 5th para.: Eggs are no longer available from Lower Wenallt Farm.

### **FOOD & DRINK AT A GLANCE**

(excluding principal towns, where there is a wealth of choice)

Abbreviations:

PLACE PUB/HOTEL

**FIVE LOCKS (PONTNEWYDD)** 

Cross Keys SEBASTOPOL/GRIFFITHSTOWN

Nearest

**Bridge** 

Br.48 Crown

**PONTYPOOL** Br.52 Horse & Jockey

MAMHILAD

Br.62 Star

GOYTRE

GOVILON

GILWERN Br.103 Bridgend Inn

Br.98 Lion Inn

Br.98 Tafarn y bont

Br.103 Navigation Inn

Br.103 Beaufort Arms

Br.103 Corn Exchange

Br.103 Lion Hotel

Br.115 Bridgend Inn

Bear Corn Exchange

LLANGATTOCK

Br.115 Horse Shoe Inn

Vine Tree

Dragon Inn

Britannia Inn

CRICKHOWELL

Br.49 Open Hearth

Br.65 Horseshoe Inn

Br.70 Goytre Arms mob: 07794 469476

L&E: Lunchtimes and evenings. L: Lunchtimes only E: Evenings only AD: All Day Rest.: Restaurant/Separate dining area Outside Seating: 'Gdn' implies a grassed area with tables and seating; 'Yes' a hard surfaced area with tables and seating; 'P a play area TV: Satellite TV = Dog friendly

**OUTSIDE** 

**SEATING** 

Yes

Gdn

Yes

Gdn/P

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Gdn Gdn

Gdn

Riverside Gdn

✓ Breakfast

Canalside & Gdn

Children are welcome at all the venues listed below, unless stated otherwise.

HRS --- FOOD ---

L&E Rest. Bar

Assume 7 day opening unless stated otherwise.

PHONE

currently closed

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01495 763752

01495 762721

01495 785319

01873 880542

01873 880376

01873 830720

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01873 832235

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**EXTRAS** Boaters book. Boules WiFi, TV, Darts, Quiz(alt.Sun) 5L WiFi, TV. Provision service 2 L 0 \* for boaters (order by phone) WiFi, Darts, Pool, TV, Quiz(Wed) Open fire, Jukebox WiFi, Music (Thurs), Pool & Darts Sky & BT Sport Open fire, WiFi, TV, Darts, Music WiFi, TV, Darts, B&B

**BEERS** 

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Other useful establishments:-

PONTYMOILE: Marina Tea Room. (07930 201520)

### GOYTRE WHARF:

Canale (01873 881069)

(Italian Café and Restaurant)

LLANFOIST (formerly the Llanfoist Inn):

Spice Lounge: Indian Rest't & Takeaway. CRICKHOWELL: Courtroom Café

(other restaurants and 'takeways' include Red Indigo (Indian) [former White Hart]) TALYBONT: Stores, P.O. and Café

ROGERSTONE: Fourteen Locks CC Tearoom

## OPENING NOTES

- (1) Open all day
- (2) Open all day at weekends
- (3) cl.Mon. lunchtime, except Bank Hols. (4) cl.wkday lunchtime except Summ. Hols
- (5) Open all day at weekends; closed Mon except Bank Holidays.
- (6) Evgs.+ Fri,Sat,Sun lunchtime
- (7) Closed Tuesday
- (8) Sunday: lunchtime only.
- (9) Closed Mon. except Summer December & Bank Hols.

### FOOD NOTES

- a not Mon.
- b not Sun evening
- <sup>c</sup> Lunchtime Tues to Sun d Thurs, Fri, Sat evenings only
- e Thurs, Fri, Sat from 7pm, Sun from 12.30; Mon, Tues, Sun evg. according to demand

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- f Summer; Evg (and L&E in hols) & Winter; E: Thur, Fri, Sat; L: Sun.
- g not Mon, not Tues.
- h Lunchtime all week, Evenings Tues to Sat.
- j not Mon & Tues lunchtimes
- k Breakfast if booked
- m not Mon except Bank Hols

Information on this sheet is given in good faith but absolute accuracy cannot be guaranteed. The full range of beers ticked may not be held at any one time. Not all pubs return questionnaires each year and one has asked not to be included.

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It may be wise to telephone ahead, particularly if seeking food in the evening

★ 2014 Information, ★ 2015 Information **\*** 2016 Information