

ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

New Moorings:

As well as the new 'out of town' moorings shown on the maps (denoted by the ring © symbol) similar rings have been installed at the following towpath locations:-

- 200 yds upstream of bridge 56 (map 2, p.26),
- mid-way between bridges 58 and 59 (p.26),
- 150 yds upstream of bridge 63 (p.26, by hammer symbol),
- immediately above and below bridge 76 (map 3, p.28),
- mid-way between bridges 77 and 78 (p.30, hammer symbol).

A new 70 yard long mooring layby on the offside at Sebastopol has been created by Torfaen Borough Council, 100 yards south of Bridge 46.

Long stretches of new rings have also been installed, as part of the 2008 repairs, at the following towpath locations:-

Llanellen (map 5, p.32)

Just downstream of bridge 91, very convenient for visiting Llanellen village.

Govilon (map 7, p.36)

From the dry dock to the Church Lane aqueduct.

Gilwern

A little upstream of bridge 106, convenient for the footpath from the bridge to Llanelly church.

Upstream of bridge 105.

Llangattock

Upstream from bridge 115 past the limekilns to the bend, (since reduced to two boat lengths just above the bridge).

Immediately downstream of bridge 116.

Immediately downstream of bridge 118.

Llangynidr

2 sets between bridge 131 and the bottom lock (No.64).

New Winding Point (created during the 2008 works):
65 yards downstream of bridge 81.

New Water Tap (installed during the 2008 works):
Gilwern Picnic Site upstream of Bridge 104.

Pump out: Now available at Country Craft, Llangynidr, p.46.

Canoe launching points:

Upstream of bridges 62 and 76

Opposite Gilwern car park site, upstream of bridge 104

Downstream of bridges 122 and 131

Other Improvements:

The unsightly Bailey bridge topping Bridge 138 (p.49) has been removed and new stone parapets erected.

ADDITIONAL SHORT WALK (circular, 30 mins):

(Llangynidr Locks)

Cross the canal at bridge 136, pass through the gate (sign-posted public right of way) and head diagonally left following the path behind the old workhouse and uphill across the field to the top corner. On a clear day, there is a superb 180° panoramic view to the north. Pass through two gates and turn left into the road leading back downhill to bridge 134.

FOLLY WALK (p.70)

The Folly is open to the public Sat and Sun 2-5 p.m., May to September. For more information ring 01495 764688.

AMENDMENTS

Lock Operation (Going Downhill), p.20

The red and yellow cill warning lines have been replaced by a single black-edged white marker bearing in black the word CILL.

Eggs at Lower Wenallt Farm (p.48/49)

If eggs are not on towpath sale shoppers are welcome at the farm (just across bridge 141).

Post Offices (Amendments and Closures)

The Post Office at Llanellen has closed but remains open as a General Stores. There is still a post box.

The Post Office at Llanfoist is shown incorrectly on map 6 facing page 35. It is actually on the B4246, west of the Spice Lounge restaurant (formerly the Llanfoist Inn), in a green corrugated iron building.

The Post Office at Govilon has closed.

LOSSES

The Barn restaurant at Brynich has closed.

Please Note:-

ELECTRIC CHARGING POINTS:

Mooring at the charging points (Pontymoile p.26, Llanfoist p.32/34, Llangynidr p.44/46, Talybont p.48/50 and Brecon p.56) is reserved for the electric boats of Castle Narrowboats.

TALYBONT DRAWBRIDGE (p.51):

Although the local school closed in 1991 children still have to go to school! **The stated times when the bridge should not be opened must be observed so that children do not miss the school bus.**

TUNNEL CAUTION (p.48/49):

Be aware that under certain conditions canoes are allowed to use the tunnel.

LATEST VERSION:
The latest version of this update sheet can be downloaded as a pdf file from the canal guide section of the author's website: www.jimorris.co.uk/canal.html
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SUPPLEMENT
1. Additions and Amendments
2. Food and Drink at a glance (reverse side)

FOOD & DRINK AT A GLANCE

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

Abbreviations: L: Lunchtimes and evenings; E: Evenings only AD: All Day Rest: Restaurant/Separate dining area Gdn: Beer Garden ('Gdn' implies a grassed area with tables and seating, 'Yes' under 'Outside Seating' implies a hard surfaced area with tables and seating) TV: Satellite TV
 Other: Regular or Guest ales. (L = 'Local' brewers)
 Children are welcome at all the venues listed below, unless stated otherwise.
 Assume 7 day opening unless stated otherwise.

BEERS

Place Pub/Hotel	Phone	HRS	FOOD	L&E Rest. Bar	SEATING AREA	OUTSIDE PLAY EXTRAS	Nearest Bridge
FIVE LOCKS (PONTNEWYDD)	01633 861545		✓	✓	Gdn	Yes Boaters book. B&B	
SEBASTOPOL/GRIFFITHSTOWN	01495 755225	(9)	✓	✓	Yes	TV. Live music Fri Evg. Boaters book. Boules	
Br.48 Crown	01495 763752		✓	✓	Gdn & canal side		
Br.49 Open Hearth							
Br.50 Masons Arms							
PONTPOOL	01495 762721		✓	✓	Yes		
Br.52 Horse & Jockey							
MAMHILLAD	01495 785319	(2)	✓	E	Gdn	Yes (with view) B&B	
Br.65 Horseshoe Inn	01873 880542		✓	✓			
Br.62 Star							
GOYTRE	01873 880376	(1)	✓	✓	Gdn	Yes	
Br.70 Goytre Arms							
GOVLION	01873 830404	(1) AD	✓	✓	Gdn	{Live Music(some Fri), Crafts Incl'g Folk Nighr (3d Wed)	
Br.98 Lion Inn	01873 830177		✓	✓	Yes	Pool & Darts. Music Fri	
Br.98 Bridgend Inn							
GILWERN	01873 830939	(8)	✓		Canal side	TV, Darts	
Br.103 Bridgend Inn	01873 832235		✓	✓		TV, Darts, B&B	
Br.103 Beaufort Arms	01873 832404	(2)	✓	✓	Yes	TV	
Br.103 Corn Exchange	01873 831168	(2)	✓	✓	Yes	B&B, TV, Darts, Quiz Mon	
CRICKHOWELL	01873 810338		✓	✓	Riverside Gdn.	B&B	
Br.115 Bridgend Inn	01873 810362		✓	✓		B&B	
Dragon Ho. Hotel	01873 810408		✓	✓	Gdn	B&B	
Bear Hotel	01873 810699		✓	✓			
Corn Exchange	01873 810553	(7)	✓	✓	Gdn	Bunkhouse, TV, Pool, Darts	
White Hart Inn							
LLANGATTOCK	01873 810393		✓	✓	Gdn	TV, Darts, Pool	
Br.115 Horse Shoe Inn	01873 810514		✓	✓		Golf (visitors welcome)	
Vine Tree	01873 810373		✓	✓	Gdn		
Br.117 Old Rectory Hotel							
THE DARDY	01873 810573					B&B	
Br.118 Ty Croeso							
UPPER LLANGYNDIR	01874 730223	(1)	✓	✓	Gdn	Yes B&B, Pool, Darts, TV	
Br.129 Red Lion Hotel							
LOWER LLANGYNDIR	01874 730245		✓	✓	Canal side Gdn	B&B, Games Room	
Br.133 Coach and Horses							
TALYBONT	01874 676233		✓	✓	Gdn	B&B	
Br.142 Travellers Rest	01874 676251	(1) AD	✓	✓	Gdn	B&B, Games, TV	
Br.143 Usk Inn (Sm.Rd)	01874 676635		✓	✓	Gdn	B&B, Pool, TV, Quiz Mon	
Br.143 Star							
PENCELLI	01874 665396	(4)	✓	✓	Canal side Gdn		
Br.154 Royal Oak							
LLANFRYNACH	01874 665276	(9)	✓	✓	Gdn	Self catering cotts.	
Br.158 White Swan							
GROESFFORD	01874 665672		✓	✓	Yes(+ view) & Gdn	TV	
Br.163 Three Horse Shoes							

Other useful establishments:-
PONTYMOLE: Marina Tea Room.
GOYTRE WHARF:
 Waterside Rest: Cafe
LANFOIST(formerly the Lanfoist Inn):
 Spice Lounge: Indian Restaurant & Takeway.
CRICKHOWELL: Courtroom Cafe
 (also other restaurants and 'takeaways')

OPENING NOTES

- (1) Open all day
- (2) Open all day at weekends
- (3) cl.Mon. lunchtime
- (4) cl.wkday lunchtime except Summ. Hols
- (5) cl. all day Tues & Wed lunchtime
- (6) Evgs.+ Fri,Sat,Sun lunchtime
- (7) 1 p.m. to 11 p.m.
- (8) Sunday: lunchtime only.
- (9) Closed Mon. except Summer December & Bank Hols.

FOOD NOTES

- a not Mon.
- b not Sun evening
- c Lunchtime Tues to Sun
- d Thurs., Fri., Sat evenings only
- e not Mon, not Tues
- f Summer; E (and L&E in hols.)
- g Winter; E: Thur, Fri, Sat; L: Sun.
- h Lunchtimes July & Aug
- j not Mon & Tues lunchtimes

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 asked not to telephone ahead, particularly if seeking food in the evening.

*2010 Information