

For Events and Activities 2026

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Date	Event/Activity	Details	Volunteers/Crew
12-Feb to Fri-01-May (TBC)	NUTFIELD at Brinklow	In between the work of fitting a new gearbox and new cabin gunwales, there's an opportunity to continue (possibly finish) painting the interior of the engine room	Dates TBA: Possibly Steve Smith and Nick Lake. Anyone else got some time to come to Brinklow in March and/or April?
Mon-16 to Wed-18-Mar	RAYMOND in dry dock at Braunston	To complete work remaining from last docking: mostly odd bits of woodwork, painting, and graining	Norman Townsend, Dick Dampier, Nick Lake, possibly Steve (TBC) and Peter Thompsett (Wed, TBC). Can anyone else spare a day or two at Braunston?
Fri-03 to Mon-06-Apr	Easter weekend work party at Braunston (probably 2 days TBA) Possible pop-up sales event (TBC)	Work on RAYMOND: unclothing, cleaning, preparing for summer season NB. Proposed NUTFIELD docking cancelled (boat at Brinklow)	Work party: Norman and Nick - can anyone spare a day or two over Easter? Sales stall: Brian Seymour and Kath Wheeler - all welcome who can spare a day
Between Fri-01- May and Wed-06- May (days TBC)	1 day: NUTFIELD from Brinklow to Braunston 1 day: Trial run with NUTFIELD to Napton Lock 12 and back	Return NUTFIELD to Braunston after completion of work. Trial run to Napton necessary to confirm NUTFIELD will pass Lock 12 following CRT's winter work, so we can confirm taking boats to Banbury in October.	Crew (at least 2) for Nutfield needed on both days
Sat-09 and/or Sun-10-May	Small work party at Braunston	Prep boats for trip to Rickmansworth	Can anyone help on either day?
Mon-11 to Fri-15-May	Move NUTFIELD & RAYMOND, Braunston to Rickmansworth	Probable schedule: Mon-11: Braunston to Stoke Bruerne Tue-12: Stoke to Three Locks, Soulbury Wed-13: Three Locks to Bulbourne Thu-14: Bulbourne to Apsley (Bottom Lock) Fri-15: Apsley to Rickmansworth (arrive midday)	Crew so far: Nick Lake and Steve Smith Offers of help, please: CREW: as few or as many days as you like DAILY HELP: at Braunston/Buckby; at Stoke; Fenny to Leighton; Leighton to Marsworth; Marsworth to Apsley; Apsley to Ricky
Sat-16 & Sun-17-May	BATCHWORTH BOAT RALLY	10.00 to 17.00 on Sat, 10.00 to 16.00 on Sun. Sales stall in gazebo with RAYMOND alongside, NUTFIELD with 'Town Class' boats 90th anniversary gathering; Set up Friday PM, entertainment Fri/Sat evenings	Probable event crew (so far): Norman & Kath, Roger & Diana Golder, Nick Is anyone else available to give additional help on either day, please?
Mon-18 to Fri-22-May	Move NUTFIELD & RAYMOND, Rickmansworth to Braunston	Probable schedule: Mon-18: Ricky to Berkhamsted Tue-19: Berkhamsted to Leighton (Grove Lock) Wed-20: Grove Lock to Cosgrove Thu-21: Cosgrove to Buckby Fri-22: Buckby to Braunston (arrive midday)	Crew so far: Nick Lake and Steve Smith Offers of help, please: CREW: as few or as many days as you like DAILY HELP: Ricky to Berkhamsted, Berkhamsted to Leighton, Leighton to Fenny, at Stoke, at Buckby/Braunston

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TBC: between Sat-20 & Wed-24-Jun	Possible work party with NUTFIELD in wet dock at Braunston	TBC at the moment, but there's a good chance that we can have the wet dock while Candle Bridge Fabrication take their annual holiday. This would allow us to complete any painting etc that might still need doing after the work in April	We'll ask for offers of help when this has been confirmed
Fri-26-Jun	Work party to prepare for Historic Rally	Erect gazebos and set out sales stalls; clean & polish boats, move them into position on main line	All offer of help with stalls and boats gratefully received
Sat-27 & Sun-28-Jun	BRAUNSTON HISTORIC BOAT RALLY	BOATS: Opening parade 11.00 Saturday, Sunday parade 11.00 (TBC), possibly boat trips for visitors on N&R at various times SALES STALLS: in area by the arm, open from 10.00 both days Sunday c.16.00, take down gazebos and stalls, pack up stock. Putting boats away TBA, possibly on the Monday TBC: CELEBRATION OF For & NUTFIELD ANNIVERSARIES SATURDAY c.13.00	Sales team (so far): Brian, Norman & Kath, Mike & Michele l'Anson Boat crew (so far): Nick and Steve Further help needed on sales stalls and boats on either or both days
Thu-16 & Fri-17-Jul (days TBC)	Move NUTFIELD & RAYMOND, Braunston to Cosgrove	Probable schedule: Thu-16: Braunston to Stoke Bruerne Fri-17: Stoke to Cosgrove (arr. midday) NB. Days can be flexible to suit crew availability	Crew so far: Nick and Steve Offers of help, please: CREW: either or both days DAILY HELP: Braunston/Buckby (Day 1); Stoke and Cosgrove (Day 2)
Sat-18 & Sun-19-Jul	COSGROVE CANAL FESTIVAL	Boats on towpath below Cosgrove Lock, sales stalls on Raymond and in gazebo on towpath	Probable event team (so far): Norman, Kath, Nick Additional help please, with sales and show-rounds
IF WE DO GO ON TO LINSLADE			
Either Thu-23 or Fri-24-Jul	Move NUTFIELD & RAYMOND, Cosgrove to Linslade Canal Festival site near Grove Lock south of Leighton Buzzard	One day, roughly 09.00 to 17.30	If we do this we need a minimum of two crew (ideally three) plus help between Fenny and Leighton. OFFERS PLEASE, FOR THURSDAY OR FRIDAY (DAY TBC)
Sat-25-Jul	LINSLADE CANAL FESTIVAL	If we attend the festival it is likely to be with a much-reduced sales effort, mainly using whoever we have there to offer show-rounds and collect donations. Late afternoon we would move the boats to the Globe Inn north of Leighton.	If anyone is willing to help at this one-day event we might be able to do more in the way of sales, albeit with fewer offerings than usual.

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Sun-26 & Mon-27-Jul	Move NUTFIELD & RAYMOND, Globe Inn (Leighton) to Braunston	Probable schedule: Sun-26: Globe Inn to Stoke Mon-27: Stoke to Braunston	If we do this we need a minimum of two crew (ideally three) plus help ON Sunday between Three Locks and Fenny, and at Stoke, and on Monday at Buckby/Braunston (Monday). OFFERS PLEASE - CREW FOR BOTH DAYS, HELP ON EITHER DAY.
IF WE DON'T GO TO LINSLADE			
Probably Mon-20 (PM) & Tue-21-Jul	Move NUTFIELD & RAYMOND, Cosgrove to Braunston	Probable schedule: Mon-20 (PM): Cosgrove to Stoke Tue-21: Stoke to Braunston	Offers of help, please: CREW: either or both days DAILY HELP: Stoke (Day 1) Buckby/Braunston (Day 2)
IF WE TAKE THE BOATS TO BROWNHILLS			
Probably Wed-12 to Fri-14-Aug	Move NUTFIELD & RAYMOND, Braunston to Brownhills	Probable route: Braunston to Birmingham via GU, N.Stratford, Worcs & B'ham; B'ham to Horseley Fields Junc (W'hampton) via New Main Line, W'hampton to Brownhills via Wyrley & Essington Daily schedule TBC	To do this we would need a crew of at least three, plus helpers, particularly with the narrow locks at Lapworth, possibly Tipton. IF YOU FANCY A MORE ADVENTUROUS TRIP, PLEASE VOLUNTEER
Sat-15 & Sun-16-Aug	BROWNHILLS CANAL FESTIVAL	We will attend the Brownhills Festival with or without the boats. The gazebo will be sited alongside the canal. Parking at nearby Tesco. Local accommodation can be arranged.	Probable sales team (so far): Norman, Kath, Nick If anyone can get to Brownhills, additional help is always welcome
IF WE TAKE THE BOATS TO BROWNHILLS			
Probably Mon-17 to Wed-19-Aug	Move NUTFIELD & RAYMOND, Brownhills to Braunston	Probable route: As outwrd trip in reverse, with possible alternative of going via Old Main Line between Tipton and Smethwick. Daily schedule TBC	Again we would need a crew of at least three (but not necessarily the same crew) plus helpers, particularly with the narrow locks. IF WE GO, WE NEED TO GET HOME AGAIN, SO IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE VOLUNTEER.
Mon-31-Aug (TBC)	For 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	Members' gathering at venue TBC, possibly The Boat House, Braunston - details and invitation to follow in due course	If we do a boat trip, we'll need four volunteers to crew the boats

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September	The events at SALTISFORD and HUDDLESFORD are not happening this year so we currently have no events scheduled for September		
Thu-01 & Fri-02-Oct (TBC)	Move NUTFIELD & RAYMOND, Braunston to Banbury DEPENDANT ON NAPTON LOCK 12	Schedule: Thu-01: Braunston to Fenny Compton Fri-02: Fenny Compton to Banbury	Offers of help, please: CREW: At least three, either or both days DAILY HELP: At least at Napton and Claydon
Sat-03 & Sun-04-Oct	BANBURY CANAL FESTIVAL	<u>WITH OR WITHOUT THE BOATS</u> Sales gazebo in canal-side location <u>WITH BOATS</u> Gazebo as above, visitor show-rounds in Raymond's cabin	Probable event team (so far): Norman, Kath, Nick Additional help, please, whether or not the boats are there
Mon-05 & Tue-06-Oct (TBC)	Move NUTFIELD & RAYMOND, Banbury to Braunston DEPENDANT ON NAPTON LOCK 12	Schedule: Mon-05: Banbury to Fenny Compton Tue-06: Fenny Compton to Braunston	Offers of help, please: CREW: At least three, either or both days DAILY HELP: At least at Claydon and Napton