

Navigation Notices

BARROW NAVIGATION

MN#117 of 15/9/14

Bagenalstown

Closed until mid-March 2015 for essential repairs to walls.

ERNE NAVIGATION

MN133 OF 31/10/14

Enniskillen – Round O Jetty

The metered electric power supply at the Round O moorings in Enniskillen will be turned off over the winter months - from November to Easter 2015.

GRAND CANAL MAIN LINE

MN#132 of 21/10/14

Lock 29, Ballycowan

Lock closed until late December 2014 for repairs to Charleville Aqueduct

GRAND CANAL – BARROW LINE

MN#132 of 21/10/14

Glenaree Bridge to Rathangan Bridge

Closed from 28 October 2014 to early January 2015 for winter dredging.

Spencer Bridge to Wilson Bridge

Closed from January 2015 to mid March 2015 for winter dredging.

Vicarstown

Closed from 29 October to end of November 2014 for essential repairs to Vicarstown Bridge.

ROYAL CANAL

MN#132 of 21/10/14

Newcomen Bridge

No further lifts of Newcomen railway bridge until the 2015 boating season.

Portland Place

Canal closed for structural repairs to the towpath from end October 2014 to late December 2014.

MN#122 of 29/9/14

35th Level, Balroe

Closed from 13 October 2014 until further notice for essential works.

SHANNON NAVIGATION

MN#137 of 14/11/14

Tarmonbarry Area

Two new aids to navigation have been placed in the Tarmonbarry area. Red porthand marker approximately 2.5km north of Tarmonbarry, opposite northern entrance to the Camlin River and a green starboardhand marker approximately 4km south of Tarmonbarry. Just north of the pair of marks at the northern end of the last straight stretch before the turns leading to the lock.

MN#136 of 13/11/14

All Areas

Where faults occur on the supply of fresh water and/or electricity at WI moorings and service blocks during the winter period, repairs will be effected commensurate with general maintenance

priorities. Owners should take precautionary steps if either of these services are required on an on-going basis. MN#118/14 refers.

MN#135 of 12/11/14

Clonmacnoise

The access ramp to the Clonmacnoise floating mooring has been removed for the winter period.

MN#134 of 10/11/14

All areas

Masters are advised that water levels are rising and that lead-in jetties to locks may be unsafe for berthing. Masters should attend their mooring lines regularly to avoid damage to vessels and infrastructure.

MN#130 of 21/10/14

Meelick & Roosky Locks

ADVANCE NOTICE

WI intend to replace the gates on these locks over the autumn/winter of 2015/16 which will result in the closure of these locks over this period.

MN#129 of 20/10/14

Tarmonbarry Lock

Tarmonbarry lock will be closed from November 2014 until March 2015 for essential repairs alternate passage is available via the Camlin River.

MN#118 of 25/9/14

Winter mooring period commenced on 1 Nov 2014 and ends on 31 Mar 2015. Fresh water and electricity supplies may not be available for maintenance reasons.

MN#112 of 25/9/14

Connaught Harbour Portumna

Connaught Harbour will be closed to road and river traffic until 31 December 2014 for upgrade works

Editor's Corner

So that's another year done and dusted. Well almost. Won't feel it now 'til Christmas and then the days will be getting longer and we can de-winterise the boats and get out on the water again. You have winterised the boat haven't you? A lot of people I talk to recently seem to be expecting a hard winter. Perhaps that's just a reaction to the fact that we've had two pretty decent summers and autumns on the trot and also that I think we have a form of selective amnesia when it comes to the weather.

MICK FARRELL

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Mick Farrell on 1 November.

Mick was a member of Dublin Branch and IWAI Council. He will be best remembered among the canal boating community and especially the Heavy Metal gang and was a familiar sight at many events on his ex Williams and Woods canal boat the 31B.

He is survived by his mother Eva, his daughters Katie and Holly, sisters Barbara and Joanna, his brother Stephen and his extended family.



DERRY SMYTH

We regret to announce the sudden death on 17 November of Derry Smyth, former IWAI Vice President and Hon. Secretary and member of Cruising Club and Lough Derg branches. He is survived by his wife Fionnuala and children, Dermot and Sharon and their families.



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We say it was a great summer and yet, as I mentioned in my piece last time, we had some torrential rain on our trip to the Erne. I recall one leg of the trip from Belturbet to LEYC and as we approached Enniskillen, Past President Brian Cassells came out onto his patio to give us a wave. The poor man was soaked to the skin in about 10 seconds. As we rounded Castle Island, it was raining so hard that we could barely see the bow of the boat 60ft away.

Anyway, if we are to avoid the trauma of a couple of years ago, make sure to check the engine for anti-freeze or drain it entirely and remember to drain down those water systems and geysers as well.

And even if it doesn't freeze, the rains have started and the water levels are rising so if the boat is staying in the water, make sure the boat it is moored securely and in such a way that the ropes can accommodate some change in levels.

And speaking of our former president, I'd like to add my congratulations to Brian on the publication of *IWAI & The Waterways Of Ireland*. There's a review of the book on P11 by Sub-Editor Nicki Griffin and I urge you all to get a copy.

Colin Becker Editor, IWN