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Going back in time



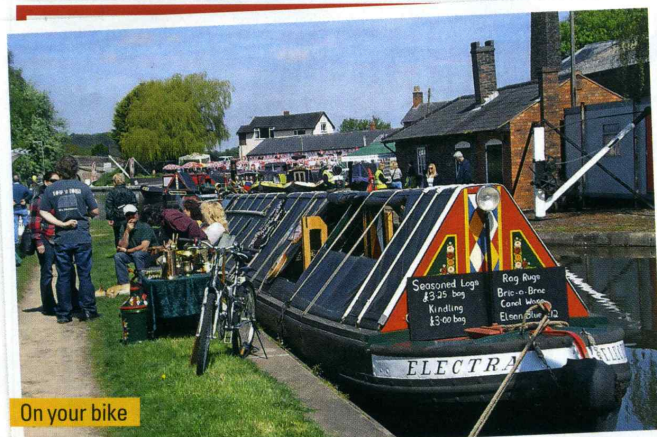
Mayor's new hat



A little gibbon take



Muttley won the best-decorated boat trophy



On your bike



New panel unveiled

NORBURY CANAL FESTIVAL

The Shrewsbury & Newport Canals Trust took the opportunity of their annual Canal festival at Norbury to install an information panel next to the junction where the Newport Canal used to meet the Shropshire Union.

The panel highlights the start of the Shrewsbury & Newport and features some of the attractions that restoration of the canals will open up. It was formally unveiled by Councillor Leon Murray, Mayor of Telford and a strong supporter of the SNCT.

Once again, the SNCT teamed up with the Norbury village community and the Junction Inn to jointly organise the festival.

Fine weather brought out between 8500 and 9000 people, nearly 30 boats, and more than 40 stalls.

Attractions included boat trips, a fairground and bouncy castle and a WI tea stall. Children loved the Wild over Water interactive games (see wow4water.net), learning about canal life and its history in a fun way.

On Sunday the Burton Borough Brass Band played in the marquee and the traditional canalside church service was held on Sunday afternoon

Plenty of volunteers made the set-up easier than in previous years, and members of the Trust looked very professional in their high-visibility waistcoats with the SNCT's name on the back throughout the event. ATC squadrons organised the car parking and a minibus to carry visitors from the car park to the event.

The pub almost ran out of beer once again – but this disaster was averted.