

HISTORIC WORKING NARROW BOATS TODAY

UPDATE at 1 July 2017

Since the original publication date of the first book in April 2013, the corrections below have come to light. Please email further corrections to info@canalbookshop.co.uk, or telephone 01270 811059.

VOL. 1 (pale yellow cover)

Note: this book was not titled as volume 1 until the third edition, printed in 2017.

Amendments to first edition (2013, and 2013 reprints)

page 9:

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page 14 (incorrectly named as John Waite):

John Forth - *Grub Street Cutting, Shropshire Union Canal, 23/07/12*

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Page 17 (new information on boat):

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Keziah – *Bridge 155, Oxford Canal, 02/10/12*

page 20 (facts corrected):

Siberia - *near bridge 43, Llangollen Canal, 04/02/12*

Most of Siberia was actually joined to the bow section of Gambia (page 37), therefore the origin of much of this boat may be uncertain.

page 21:

Blackthorn Rose - this is the same boat as that named Birmingham Salvage Department No. 17 in Vol. 2, page 14.

page 27 (incorrect name, Ray is in fact Aye):

Aye - *at top of Atherstone flight, Coventry Canal, 17/05/10*
'River' class boat built about 1959 by E C Jones of Brentford. Aye still retains the original interlocking hold covers. This is an almost timeless canal scene (apart from the yellow digger!).

page 34 (build date corrected):

Elizabeth - *Braunston, Grand Union Canal, 23/06/11*

Built as a butty, probably in the 1880s, for carrying coal in Birmingham, FMC sold this boat in 1929. It then carried gravel for a few years on the River Trent, and in 1936 it was converted, with the mahogany and iroko cabin seen here. It was motorised around the same time, though provision for sailing was also made. The cabin is still largely the 1936

original, with clerestory roof. This must be one of the most unusual conversions of a historic boat - but the period conversion is now historic in its own right. Under the same ownership for over 40 years.

page 37:

The photo for **Falcon** is not the FMC boat, but a BCN boat of the same name. The caption is, however, correct. The FMC Falcon is in the centre of this photo, taken at Kingsland Basin, Regent's Canal on 17/03/15:



page 37 (minor change to wording):

Gambia - *Stretton, Shropshire Union Canal, 25/09/10*

Built in 1938. This boat has only about 9' of the bow of Gambia, and the remainder is believed to be Siberia.

page 50:

In the fifth paragraph, the new Grand Union Canal Carrying Company boats built in the 1930s are mentioned, with the classes named as Royalty, Star and Town. Please note that Star and Town were not official GUCCC terms, but boats have always been popularly described thus.

page 58 (location corrected):

Bude - *Cropredy, Oxford Canal, 02/10/12*

'Town' class butty built in 1936 by Harland & Wolff at North Woolwich.

page 68 (facts corrected):

Linnnet - *Braunston Historic Boat Show, 23/06/11*

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cruiser stern, which was replaced around 1990 with a GUCCC style steel stern.

page 74 (additional information – was an icebreaker):
Sextans - *Grand Union Canal (northern)*, 27/06/11
'Star' class motor boat built by Yarwoods in 1936. Shortened to 40' in the 1940s as an icebreaker. Renamed *Sextant* by BW in 1950s, and *Hesperus* whilst a hire boat in 1960s. Later lengthened to 50' with 10' of *Thea* (page 77); renamed back to *Sextans*.

page 79 (corrected date):
Victoria - *Shackerstone Family Festival*, 04/09/10

page 83 (corrected date):
Jesmond was renamed **Jasper** by its new owner in mid-2013

page 83 (duplicate entry)
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page 88 (corrected information):
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Built by S E Barlow in 1943 at Anchor Dock in Glascote (the only motor boat built by the firm), and significantly restored in 2003.

page 98 (engine location corrected):
Oxford No. 1 - *Braunston Historic Boat Show*, 26/06/10
An ice breaker/tug built by W Harris & Sons in 1942/43 for the Oxford Canal Company, mid-engined with a Lister JP3. Approx. 40'.

page 101 (boat is Town, not Star, class):
Angel - *Braunston Historic Boat Show*, 26/06/10
A Grand Union Canal Carrying Company 'Town' class butty built in 1936 by Harland & Wolff at North Woolwich, originally paired with *Aldgate* (page 51).

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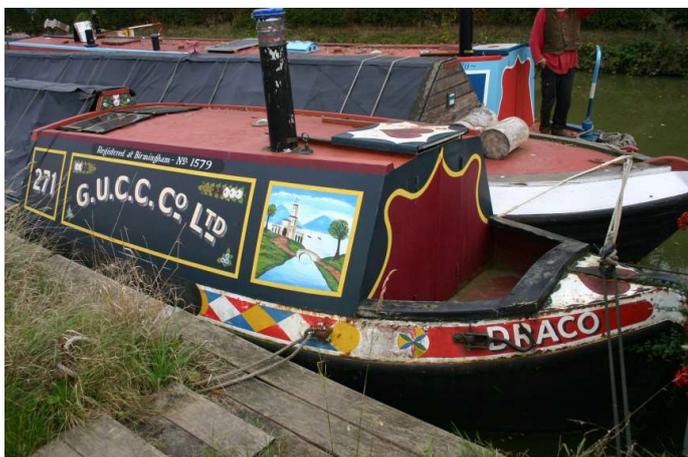
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Page 6:
Acknowledgements section – Sarah Edgson owns *Lamprey*, not *Chertsey* as stated.

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Page 63:
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page 110, Index – delete Albert, vol. 1, page 9

page 112, Index – add BCN16321, vol. 2, page 13