



BCLM Tug Event - 2018

Bernard Hales writes:

This biennial event takes place on the early Bank Holiday weekend in May, organised jointly by Steve Bingham of the Dudley Canal & Tunnel Trust and Jane Alcock of the BCLM. 11 tugs with BCN provenance attended (see list). There is no better place to participate in the boating activities of what is now a bygone age!

On Sunday, to add a bit of additional interest for late afternoon visitors and the attending tug crews, an excursion was arranged with 6 day-boats being towed by former Ernest Thomas

(Walsall) Ltd. tug **Enterprise** all the way through Tipton, Coseley Tunnel and past Matty's Yard to Deepfields Junction (with the

Bradley Arm). This proved to be a great hit with the crews and John Pattle enhanced the proceedings by installing his barbecue in the 5th boat! Former Matty's tug **Governor** brought up the rear to take care of any 'strays'! (See back cover)

A friendly towpath cyclist, known to Mike Anson, obligingly sent photographs of this outstanding and rare sight passing through Coseley.



Photos: Bernard Hales

Coventry Canal Society's:
Coventry

Matty's:
Atlantic Governor

Stewarts & Lloyds:
Vesta No 3
Pacific No 4
Bittell No 5

E Thomas's
Enterprise No 1

J. Toole's
Typhoon

Worcs & B.ham
Sharpness Tardebigge

Anson - Powell's
Joanna

and day boats
GWR Nos **15 & 65**
FMC No **138**
BHP Nos **2 & 3**
A Hickman **No 37**

