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## Fun, family events at Foxton this summer: TELLING TALES AT FOXTON LOCKS

### **\* PHOTOCALL OPPORTUNITY \***

*There will be a photocall opportunity at **Top Lock Cottage, Foxton Locks** at **10am on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August**, when actors in 19<sup>th</sup> century costume will be celebrating the opening of Foxton Locks' newly-opened Coffee Stop. Contact Chris Stanley on 01908 302552 or 07801 049845 to confirm attendance.*

Tales from Leicestershire's wonderful watery past will be brought to life by some hysterical historical characters on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August, in a series of special guided walks for all the family around the picturesque Foxton Locks.

Actors in traditional 19<sup>th</sup> century costume will paint a colourful picture of life on Leicestershire's canals over the last two centuries in these fascinating and fun-filled tours around one of the county's most popular visitor destinations.

Young and old alike will discover amazing stories from Foxton Locks' past and meet some of the interesting characters that made it what it is today, as they are guided around the famous 'staircase' of locks and the remains of the Foxton Inclined Plane Boatlift – a 19<sup>th</sup> century feat of engineering that's now a scheduled ancient monument.

The walks start at 11am, 1pm and 3pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Foxton Locks' newly-opened Coffee Stop, situated in the delightful surroundings of Top Lock Cottage, a former lock keeper's cottage, will be serving a range of refreshments after each walk.

Tickets for the special guided tours, which will take approximately an hour, cost £7 for adults, £5 for children, £6 for concessions or £22 for a whole family (two adults and up to three children). Booking is essential – call 01908 302500 for more information and to book.

If you want awe-inspiring countryside views, fascinating history, wonderful wildlife, great food and drink, or just a relaxing day watching canal boats go by, Foxton Locks has it all.

*More follows...*

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The guided tours are part of a series of fun, family events planned at Foxton Locks this summer. Future events include:

- Afternoon and sunset cruises – Saturday 20 August
- Bats, cheese and wine evening – Friday 26 August
- Foxton Forties Festival – Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 September

For more information on great days out at Foxton Locks, visit [www.foxtonlocks.com](http://www.foxtonlocks.com). To request a copy of the full 'Foxton Locks Come Alive' activity programme leaflet, call 01908 302500.

For details of great days out on the inland waterways in other parts of the UK, visit [www.waterscape.com](http://www.waterscape.com).

## **Ends**

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## **Notes to editors**

- Digital images to accompany this news release are available. Email [chris.stanley@britishwaterways.co.uk](mailto:chris.stanley@britishwaterways.co.uk).
- **British Waterways** is the public corporation responsible for the care and enhancement of the nation's 2,000-mile two centuries old network of canals and rivers, working in partnership with public, private and voluntary organisations to develop and improve the waterways in a sustainable manner. British Waterways' navigations are visited over 400 million times each year accounting for £1.5 billion annual visitor spend. For more information, visit [www.britishwaterways.co.uk](http://www.britishwaterways.co.uk).
- The **Foxton Locks Partnership** was established in 1996. The Partnership is chaired by British Waterways and includes: The Waterways Trust; the Foxton Inclined Plane Trust; The Inland Waterways Association; Harborough District Council; Foxton Parish Council; Leicestershire County Council; English Heritage; East Midlands Development Agency and the Old Union Canals Society. The Partnership meets regularly to plan development at Foxton Locks and raise funds.
- **Waterscape.com** provides information on ALL of Britain's waterways, and guides visitors through the complete waterside experience in an easy to use, fully comprehensive online resource. The site includes a full range of services including:
  - How to hire a canal boat or waterside holiday cottage
  - Recommendations on walking, cycling, jogging and angling beside the water
  - Best waterside bars, pubs and restaurants
  - Waterway guides with information on visitor attractions, local history and wildlife
  - News and events guides and listings

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