

Canal Events 2005

Date	Event	Location	Description	Contact for further info
Feb 10 th	'About Hedgehogs' talk	Canal Centre, Mytchett	Hedgehogs are probably our most familiar garden mammals, common in city parks and gardens as well as the countryside across Britain. Find out more about them at this illustrated talk given by author Dr Nigel Reeve, an authority on these endearing creatures. Starts 8pm. A Discover the Blackwater Valley event.	01252 331353 www.blackwater-valley.org.uk
March 10 th	'The Greening of the Blackwater Valley' talk	Canal Centre, Mytchett	From gravel pits and rubbish tips to nature reserves and wildlife havens, find out about the regeneration of the Blackwater Valley area from Steve Bailey, Manager of the Blackwater Valley Countryside Partnership. Starts 8pm. A Discover the Blackwater Valley event.	01252 331353 www.blackwater-valley.org.uk
Mar 25 th - 11 th Apr	Easter Hunt	Canal Visitor Centre, Mytchett	Find the clues in the Canal Centre grounds to claim a prize! £2.00 a child. Simply turn up and take part!	(01252) 370073
Mar 26 th & 27 th	Woking Canal Festival	Bridge Barn Pub, Bridge Barn Lane, Woking	Boats of all shapes, sizes and colours. Decorated boat competition, procession of illuminated boats (8.30pm Sat evening from the town quay), free parking, canalside pub with play area and garden, craft and charity stalls, model boats and public boat trips	(01252) 370073
May 15 th	Basingstoke Canal Canoe Club Marathon	Canal Visitor Centre, Mytchett	Up to 150 competitive canoeists racing between Ash Wharf and Kings Head Bridge at Mytchett...take part or simply come and watch the action	(01252) 622630
May 28 th & 29 th	Basingstoke Canal Boat Club Gathering	Colt Hill Wharf, Odiham	A chance for the Canal's many boaters to enjoy a spring get together. Boats of all shapes, sizes and colours moor together at Colt Hill Wharf, London Road in Odiham	(01252) 663674
Aug 10 th & 11 th	Floating Ideas Summer Activity	Canal Centre, Mytchett	A real scrap heap challenge competition to build a model boat that floats! Will your boat win the cargo carrying competition? Booking essential	(01252) 370073
Aug 17 th & 18 th	Wild Thing Summer Activity	Canal Centre, Mytchett	Find out what's lurking along the Basingstoke Canal. Try pond dipping for yourself and get touchy feely with some tree ID. Booking essential	(01252) 370073
Aug 24 th & 25 th	Boat Wrecked Summer Activity	Canal Centre, Mytchett	Imagine being stranded with only nature to protect you...or will it? Will you get tied up in knots and can you build a shelter in order to survive? Booking essential	(01252) 370073
Aug 27 th & 28 th	Fox and Hounds Boat Rally	Fox & Hounds Pub, Fleet	Canalside pub boat gathering with boats moored along the Canal and craft stalls on the towpath.	(01252) 663674
Sept 8 th 7.30 - 9.00pm	Guided Bat Walk	Canal Visitor Centre Mytchett	Learn more about the bats that live on the Basingstoke Canal. Canal Ranger Paul Hope will give a talk about bats at the outset then lead the group on a guided walk. There will be a limited number of bat detectors for you to use. Booking essential - £3 per person	(01252) 370073
Sept 17 th & 18 th	Boat Club Moving Rally	Frimley to Odiham	Narrowboats, cruisers, steam boats and more will cruise together between Frimley and Odiham as part of a spectacular moving boat	(01252) 663674

			rally. Join us on the towpath to see the procession.	
Sept tbc	Canal Canoe Challenge	Dogmersfield to Odiham	Canoeing event arranged by the Scout Association	(01256) 762951
Various dates in December	Christmas Canal Cruises	Canal Visitor Centre, Mytchett	Arrive at the Canal Centre and climb aboard our trip boat for a gentle cruise to Santa's grotto in the woods! Gifts for the children then cruise back to the Canal Centre where warm drinks and craft activities for the children await you. Booking Essential...books open October 3rd!	(01252) 370073