

Canal Walk A Success

Around sixty people accompanied our happy band of performers and musicians on a trail "through time itself" from Brindley Place to farthest Smethwick. In the first half they were regaled by luminaries such as Matthew Boulton, James Watt and Thomas Telford. They encountered Suffragettes chained to railings and protesting near Winson Green prison. A break for a well deserved lunch, accompanied by the Euphrates Packet canal boat went down well in a lovely picnic spot before the walk and the action started again. Shock and horror greeted the escaped convict who popped up again and again. Brindley's ghost added more thrills before a final leg of the journey with a stubborn toll house keeper, a baby saving drama on Galton Bridge and finally a Home Guard platoon taking over the Pump House. The journey was punctuated with songs from the canals accompanied by the duo Peter and Matthew. "Join in with gusto" was the order of the day and there was indeed gusto galore! So much gusto that pleas for it to take place again have been answered. Yes folks we are venturing once more onto the towpath. The next walk, with one or two changes to keep it fresh, will be on **Sunday 23rd September**. Email or ring for more information – the assembly point will be in Brindley Place by the fountains. Thanks to Marilyn Giddings for these splendid photographs.



NEXT MEETING: 27TH SEPTEMBER

ENGINE BUILDING AT SOHO

Laurence Ince is coming to talk about the Boulton & Watt engine works which supplied equipment for manufacturers all around the country. Start time is 7:30 at The Venture.