



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Collie Rotary



2025-2026

Collie Motel

Meeting Date: 21/04/26	Present: Kathrine Hall, Peter Hall, Peter Reuben, John Vlasich, Janine Bylund, Doug Gulvin, John Bylund, Terry Hunter, Harry Wiggers, Bernie Rochester, Tom Pearson, Kalon Gibson, Norm Wiese. Apologies: Keith Hopkins, Jim Henderson, Peter Blurton, Yolanda Cool. Late Apologies:	Make Up: Leave of Absence:	Guests: Harley and Shelley Johnston
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> PE Kalon: Attended the SW Development Commission New Grants program last week, with possibility of grant/s to fund a CRAR Co-Ordinator going forward. PE Harry: Board for 2026-27 coming together. Looking at the Secretary position being a paid position, which they have sourced at a reasonable rate. P Peter: Attended the Suicide Prevention Training held in Collie last week. 		

Guest Speakers:
Harley and Shelley Johnston

Narrow boating along the UK Canals.

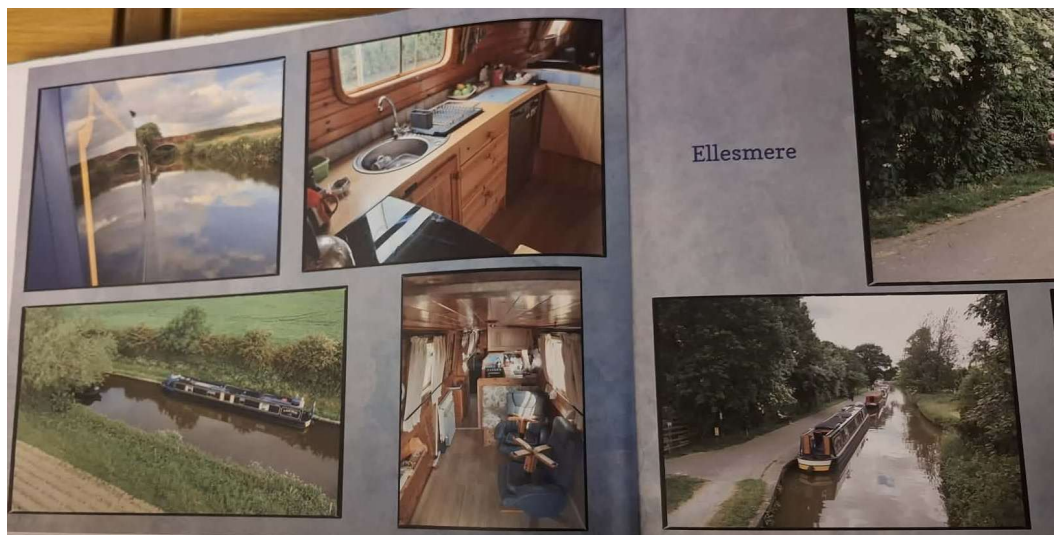
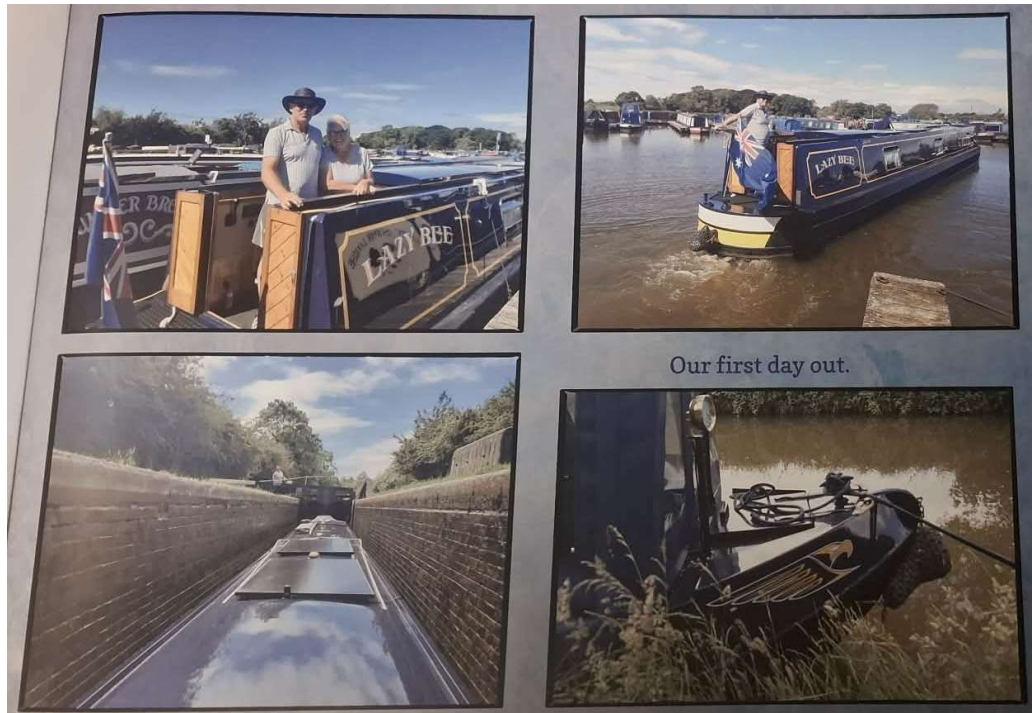


Narrowboats are specifically designed for the UK's 2,000+ miles of narrow canals, typically measuring less than 7 feet wide and up to 72 feet long.

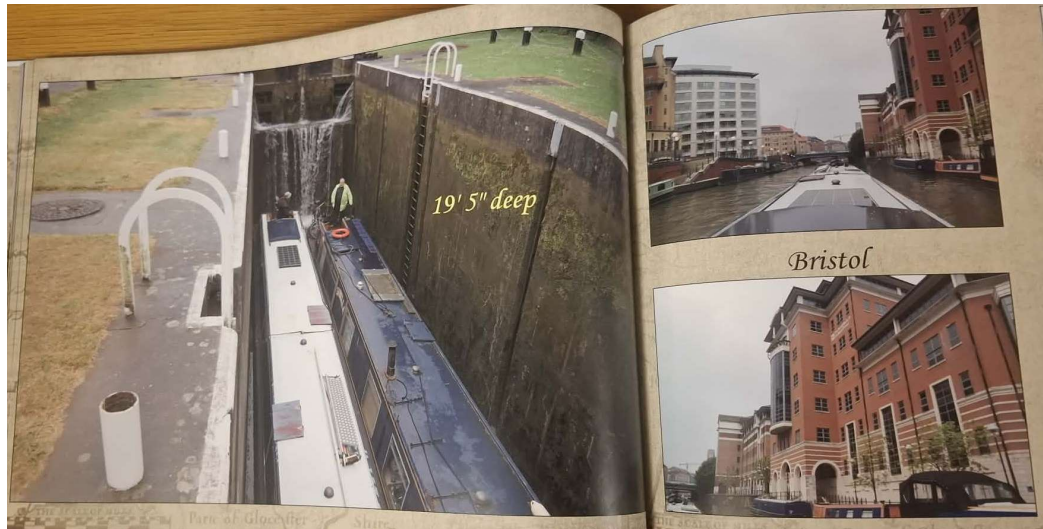
Narrowboats, historically 70-foot by 7-foot vessels, emerged during the 18th-century Industrial Revolution to transport heavy industrial cargo like coal via UK canals. Originally horse-drawn up until the late 19th century, horses walked on towpaths, towing boats at 50 times the load capacity of road wagons. Diesel engines replaced horses, but competition from railways led to a decline in commercial Traffic.

Narrowboats travel at a slow pace, usually limited to 4 mph to prevent bank erosion. They operate using a tiller, and navigating locks, bridges, and tunnels is part of the experience.

Harley and Shelley purchased their own Narrowboat, "Lazy Bee".
They bought along their photobooks from each year of their adventures over the years.



Navigating the locks. Different types, some manned others not.



Their Narrowboat is put into storage whilst not in use.

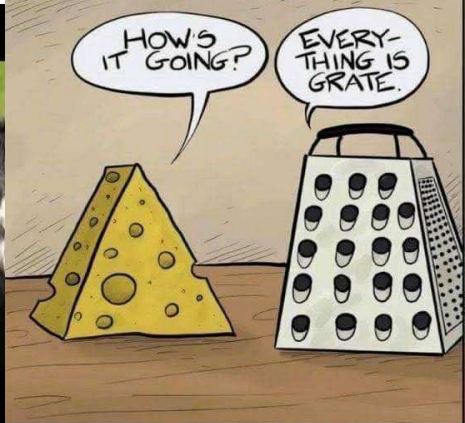


The night was enjoyed by all those in attendance. President Peter thanked Harley and Shelley for giving their time to present their story, presented them with a Club pen, and wished them safe travels back to the UK within the fortnight for their next canal adventure.



How does a farmer find new cows to buy?

He looks through the cattlelog



Cards	Peter H. - No Luck
Wheel	1. Norm - No Luck 2. Peter H. - No Luck
Program	April 28 th 6.30pm Collie Motel "Questions with Janine" May 5 th 6.30pm Collie Motel TBA
Reminders	ANZAC Service in Collie Soldier Park Sat 25th April – 10.30am March from Coles carpark followed by 11am Wreath laying at Soldiers Park. Rotary International Convention 2026- Taipei, Taiwan – 13-17 June 2026
Attendance	Attendance to: President Peter Hall. RSVP before 6pm Fridays
Assistant Bulletiner	Kathrine Hall

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