



The Wey & Arun Canal Trust

Restoring London's Lost Route to the Sea

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Dear Dusty

Thank you for chairing WAEL through 2008. The preliminary figures seem to show an increase in all your departments which reflects very well on the commitment of the many WAEL volunteers.

Please pass on my thanks to your crowd of volunteers who work in the public eye, sometimes – as for the Easter Bunny cruises – in weather which would have kept less brave souls at home in front of the fire. Thank you, too for those not in the limelight who have worked away on ZK's engine change and on all the work needed to order WIGGONHOLT. Your team has been notably persistent in getting the new boat through its long gestation and I look forward keenly to its arrival on the canal, perhaps next month.

The sales team, too, has not had much glorious weather in which to show off their wares. Standing around in a wet field for a faraway show would deter less dedicated volunteers, quite apart from the cost of fuel this summer when prices leapt away. I appreciate that, even in the quieter months, next year's goods have to be sourced and bought, as well as the huge task of sorting, wrapping and producing the hundreds of toys for the Santa cruises. Another of those tasks where everyone wants it done, but few volunteers come forward to help make it happen.

Thank you to all in WAEL for another successful year and for your leadership of them.

With best wishes to you and Mary for 2009

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Peter'.

Peter Foulger

Chairman. Wey & Arun Canal Trust