

Friday 12 June

W3's opening night: the choir of Whaley Bridge Primary School entertain for the second year in the Mechanics' Institute from 6.45pm.

At 8.30pm, there is one of the highlights of the weekend - a talk by John Morten : from Whaley Bridge to Cromford with the old Cromford and High Peak Railway. The line, starting from the canal basin, was completed in 1831. It was the first major link between the industrial North West and the Midlands. It ended more than a century later in phases - the Whaley Bridge Incline closing in 1952, and the last section in 1967.

The choir concert and the talk are both free. Come early for a good seat!

Attractions Saturday & Sunday

BOAT TRIPS, the main attraction at W3, will be free once again. On Saturday and Sunday, there will be the Heritage Trip to Bugsworth and return on New Horizons. Full, live commentary. On Phoenix and Comet there are 'jolly' trips from Basin to the canal junction.

MUSIC, MUSIC: From 10am each day, our popular DJ Lorenzo gets the party going, and introduces our guest bands - Werneth Swing Band and jazz from Riverboat Days on Saturday, with United Co-op New Mills Band and another group, The Groove Diggers, also from New Mills, on Sunday

KIDS' FUN: W3 is a children's and family event. Many of our activities are free, including Nature in Focus, the return of the very popular Punch and Judy, and a mixture of canalside fun.

STEAM ENGINE: A surprise visit from a giant of the past site, courtesy of Portobello Engineering, Chapel en le Frith.

ACOUSTIC COLLECTIVE: Our folk group friends have been coming to W3 for three years now. Hear them in their own marquee, near the transshipment warehouse on both days.

FAIRGROUND: Once more, the commercial fairground will be running alongside W3 at Tom Brad's Croft car park. Plenty of rides and fun (charges.)

CLASSIC CARS: There will be a display by members of the Hare and Hounds Classic Vehicles Association on Sunday, just a week after the Peaks and Dales Run. .