

Brunel's Other Bridge. NEWS RELEASE 22nd September 2019

Good news after five years work!

On Saturday 21st September our team of volunteers **moved the Bridge**, not far, but enough to prove that the work to the turntable and wheels supporting the Bridge has been successful. What a great way to **CELEBRATE BOB'S 170th ANNIVERSARY !**

The metal structure of the deck is not in a condition in which it can be swung across the working water-way, and we have been careful to keep it away from the edge of the Dock during trials. However, we now have an idea of the loads required to rotate the structure, information which was needed to refine the design of the new drive equipment that will eventually be required to rotate it.

We have now come to the end of this year's volunteer workdays, so, on behalf of the AIBT Council, your colleagues and project managers may I say a big THANK YOU to everyone who has helped this year. You have cheerfully jacked up and lowered 70 Tonnes, lifted 300Kg wheels, fitted bronzes, greased bearings, (and inevitably yourselves!), wrestled rusty bolts, cleared weeds, painted the shed, repainted the shed after vandalism, manned three very successful public days, run the website, been interviewed and photographed, publicized the project, and so much more. I hope you have enjoyed your involvement and will come along and help again next year. In the new year I'll let you know the dates of the 2020 workdays.

As we have been so active during September, and a number of people will be away in October, we have cancelled the work-day advertised for 19th October.

See you next year, and **THANK YOU** again. Geoff



Simon and young E were amongst the first to move the Bridge in more than 50 years!