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## Message in a Bottle

Traci Dix-Williams

(Chief Executive – Dudley Canal and River Trust)

8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 | Zoom Video Conference | 6:30pm start

### Synopsis:

The Dudley Canal Trust was established in 1970, but its true origins date back many years before then; about 428 million years, in fact, to the Silurian Age. During that period, geological evolution created rich limestone and coal seams beneath the West Midlands. These valuable deposits laid the foundations for the Industrial Revolution, when the Black Country became the manufacturing cockpit of the world. And for the spectacular network of underground canal tunnels carved beneath the region to mine the raw materials that powered industrial growth.



The Dudley Canal Trust was created to protect and preserve the tunnels and run regular guided boat trips through the tunnels. Traci Dix-Williams, Chief Executive of Dudley Canal and Tunnel Trust will present an entertaining journey back in time to the early years of the Trust. From a site which dates back 428 million years through its entrepreneurial years in the 18<sup>th</sup> century to its formation of a ground breaking preservation Trust which started with a humble message in a bottle.

It's a unique story filled with discovery, adversity, anarchism and people who would just not take "NO" for an answer.

### Forthcoming Talks:

DATE	TITLE	SPEAKER	VENUE
13 <sup>th</sup> July 2021 6:30pm	Chartership Evening	Shaun Richardson (The Geological Society)	Zoom - Virtual Meeting
14 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 6:30pm	Cenozoic Climate Change	Dr Tom Dunkley-Jones (University of Birmingham)	Zoom - Virtual Meeting

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