

GOLDEN OLDIES



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I RECENTLY attended the Forest Festival at the Lawns in Swindon and bumped into an old friend of mine, Roy Cartwright.

He was manning a stall for the Wilts and Berks Canal Trust, and I found the exhibition most interesting and informative.

Roy then persuaded me to purchase their latest video entitled *The Swindon Canal, A Journey Through Time* – and it was certainly £7 well spent.

The journey started at the Magic Roundabout and finished at Beavan's Bridge, at the western end of the

Swindon stretch. On the journey you pass Drove Road bridge, travel along Fleming Way, view the York Road bridge, the roundabout where the old Whale Bridge used to be, Golden Lion Bridge, Milton Road Bridge, Cambria Bridge, the Midland and South Western Junction Railway Bridge (pictured) – and finally to Beavan's Bridge.

It was fascinating to see some of these structures that we pass every day of our lives and to view and listen to the history of them and the surrounding areas – as well as when the canal was built, when it

was decommissioned, and how and who contributed to its filling in.

I could go on and discuss this video further, but I would not like to spoil the pleasure I am sure you would get by viewing it yourself.

It is a piece of history recorded not just for us but for the future generations of our town. Finally, I would like to add how professionally it was produced and presented.

Copies are available at £7 each from Roy Cartwright.

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