

1775
Work on canal construction stops due to lack of funds.

JULY 1790
Official opening of the Forth and Clyde Canal.

142 AD
A series of Roman forts are built across central Scotland, roughly along the line followed by the Forth and Clyde Canal.

OCTOBER 1999
Bennett's pondweed is cultivated on discarded shopping trolleys in the canal at Applecross Street Basin.

Very heavy rainfall causes a breach in the Union Canal, leading to its closure between Polmont and Muiravonside.

MAY 1995

A pair of mute swans hatch five signets.

2012

Glasgow Sculpture Studios opens in The Whisky Bond, a creative hub in the former bonded warehouse on Dawson Road.

7 DECEMBER 2010

A Labrador dog, named Tally, is born. She will be commemorated on an iron ingot set into the copestones of the Forth and Clyde Canal six years later.

1960s

Victoria Iron Works building is demolished.

OCTOBER 1997

Minty Donald and Nick Millar sell Peccadillo and move to a flat in Garnethill, Glasgow.

OCTOBER 2018

The Forth and Clyde Canal becomes part of North Glasgow Integrated Water Management System, a scheme in which the canal is used to absorb and manage excess water caused by heavy rainfall, and to mitigate flood risk.

NOVEMBER 2014

Doves type is retrieved from the River Thames by designer Robert Green.

2018/19

The first residential boats berth at new moorings on the Forth and Clyde Canal adjacent to The Whisky Bond.

APRIL 1995

The body of an elderly woman is found at Maryhill locks.

MAY/JUNE 2020

The water level in the Forth and Clyde canal covers the lower edge of the 'NOW' lettering.

2 JULY 2012

Scottish Canals becomes the name of the public body responsible for Scotland's canals, previously operating under the auspices of British Waterways.

1830

Granite used in the Reservoir artworks is mined at Kirkmabreck Quarry, Creetown, Dumfries and Galloway, by Liverpool Docks Trustees.

DECEMBER 2015

Water in the Reservoir basins freezes.

1890

Bennett's pondweed is discovered in a timber basin on the Forth and Clyde Canal at Grangemouth.

10 JUNE 1768

Sir Lawrence Dundas removes the first spadeful of earth to begin construction of the Forth and Clyde Canal.

1867

Caledonian Railway buys the Forth and Clyde Canal.

1726

Alexander Gordon surveys a possible route for a canal linking the Firth of Forth (east coast) and the Firth of Clyde (west coast) in central Scotland.

1913-17

Printer T.J. Cobden-Sanderson destroys Doves type by throwing the type along with its punches and matrices into the River Thames, following a dispute with his partner over rights.

1777

Glasgow City merchants, including tobacco merchants John Glassford, John Ritchie and Alexander Spiers, raise money for a branch of the canal to Glasgow.

SEPTEMBER 1993

Peccadillo, the first live-aboard barge on the canal in Glasgow since its closure in 1963, is berthed at Applecross Street basin by Minty Donald and Nick Millar.

8 MARCH 1768

A bill is passed in British parliament to allow construction of the Forth and Clyde Canal.

1994

There is a fire at the bonded warehouse on Dawson Road, which was until recently used as a mushroom farm.

AUGUST 2020

Minty Donald finishes editing this book.

28 JUNE 2016

An adult chironomida dies.

1957

Highland Distilleries build a bonded warehouse on the Forth and Clyde Canal at Dawson Road, Glasgow.

1963

The water level in the canal is lowered by approximately forty centimetres.

2001

The Forth and Clyde Canal is reopened to water traffic.

JUNE 2015

Neil McGuire and Imogen Ayres design a new font for the THEN/NOW project adapted from Thames Capsule, which is closely based on Doves type.

APRIL 1995

A pair of mute swans nest near Firhill basin.

JUNE 1996

A dead alsatian dog is 'buried' in the canal by its owners.

MARCH 1999

Work begins on the Millennium Link, a £84.5 million project to restore the Forth and Clyde and Union Canals and reinstate a navigable waterway between the east and west coasts of central Scotland.

1937

Bennett's pondweed is believed to have become extinct from the Forth and Clyde Canal.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2015

Three public artworks (THEN/NOW) are installed on the Forth and Clyde Canal.

MARCH 2020

The canal is closed, except for essential maintenance and support for residential boats, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

21 AUGUST 2015

A temporary iron foundry is erected and operated on the site of the Victoria Iron Works.

24 JUNE 2016

An adult chironomida (dancing midge) spawns from a larva (blood worm) living in the Reservoir rockpool.

15 JULY 2015

Spud, a Clydesdale horse from Port William, Dumfries and Galloway, pulls a canal work boat loaded with timber fifty-nine metres and six hundred centimetres along the canal in two minutes.

400 MA (400 MILLION YEARS AGO)

Volcanic action causes molten rock to intrude in Dumfries and Galloway. The cooled rock produces the granite used in the Reservoir artwork.

1 JANUARY 1963

The Forth and Clyde Canal is closed as a navigable waterway.