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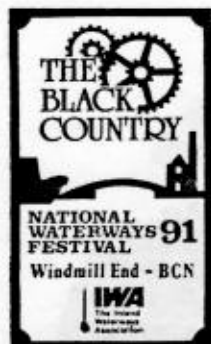
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MEETINGS - 1st Thursday each month at 7.45 pm.
 St John Ambulance Hall, Kings Park Road, Southampton.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 1st August - Members Slide and Film Night
- 5th September - Engineering on the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal and Associated Waterways - Mr R House, British Waterways
- 3rd October - The Boat Museum at Ellesmere Port - Tony Hirst Director
- 7th November - European Waterways - Hugh McKnight
- 5th December - American Supper and ?

July Meeting - There was a large turn-out for the July meeting when Mr George Haysom presented 'HMS Warrior 1860', His enthusiastic talk not only described 'Warrior' and her life but also fitted her into British & European history in general, giving many facts on the development of early steam ships, both military & merchant. His slides showed the beautiful design of the ship and how painstakingly it has been restored, encouragement surely, for those who have not visited, to go along & see 'Warrior' for themselves. The Society made a donation of £50.00 to HMS Warrior 1860 which included speakers expenses and our Secretary has received a letter of thanks from the Lecture Administrator.



BLACK COUNTRY NATIONAL WATERWAYS FESTIVAL 24-25-26 AUGUST 1991
 At Windmill End Dudley, Birmingham. There are over 650 boats and more than 200 caravans booked to attend with over 300 traders attending the Festival, representing a very wide range of boats, equipment, waterways and other goods available. The main vehicular access will be off the B4171 Dudley Road, and by rail to Birmingham New Street Station then by WMPT bus adjacent No 140 direct to Festival Site. Other attractions that can be combined with the Festival include, The Black Country Museum - Dudley Canal Tunnel and Singing Cavern - Dudley Zoo and Castle, etc.

Standards of Construction - British Waterways have decided to postpone the introduction of standards for existing boats to the start of 1993 and BW are to offer a reduction of £20 for boats with a Certificate of Compliance where the licence is renewed before April 1992.

"End of Garden" Moorings - The IWA is to contribute towards the legal costs of four boat owners who are defending proceedings brought by British Waterways for end of garden mooring fees in addition to their licence fees.

Waterway Recovery Group BIG DIG 12-13th October 1991 This will take place on the Wilts & Berks Canal near Wantage in Oxfordshire and the plan is to reclaim over two miles of this derelict section. Work will consist of a large amount of scrub and tree clearing, removal of general rubbish, rebuilding of walls and fences, clearing tow-paths and preparation of sites for rebuilding demolished bridges. This is the first time since 1977 that the WRG has organised a BIG DIG and is to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the WRG, with the aim of giving a big push to the full restoration plans of the Wilts and Barks Amenity Group. The WRG is looking for over a 1000 volunteers so book now :- Helen Davey, 42, Orchard Close, Alresford, Hampshire. S024 9PY. Tel 0262 734909.

Dates For Your Diary

24-25-26th August National Waterways Festival - Black Country 1991 - IWA

1st September - 11th Annual "Walk the Flight" at Devizes - Kennet & Avon Canal Trust.

7-8th September - Bradford-on-Avon Wharf Show - Kennet & Avon Canal Trust.

8th September - River Hamble Cruise depart at 10.00am Swanwick Public Slipway for cruise to Botley, Curbridge and return - anybody with a small boat is encouraged to join in - contact Mike Laishley 0705 325000, - Solent & Arun Branch IWA.

13-20th September - Southampton Boat Show - National Boat Shows Ltd.

21st September - Skittle Evening with RNLI at Civil Service Club Hilsa, £ 2.50 - £ 3.00 including fish and chips - Solent & Arun Branch IWA

4th October - President and her latest fly run from London to Birmingham - D Stott - Porchester Community Centre - Solent & Arun Branch IWA.

Tourism Oscars - British Waterways was presented with a British Tourist Authority 'Come to Britain' special award on the 17 July 1991 for outstanding tourism enterprise for the Kennet & Avon Canal, this award was presented by Jeffrey Archer to Terry Kemp K & A Canal Manager.

British Waterways has for sometime operated a freephone service to all waterway users to advise BW of series problems and emergencies, by calling the operator and asking for "freephone canals". Now to save the long search and walk to a BT phonebox, you can now all use your mobile phones by calling 071-978-5411, Securicor operate both services for BW.

Do not forget that BW operate a recorded message service foe emergency and unscheduled stoppages:

Canalphone South 071-723-8487 for Midlands and the South.

Canalphone North 071-723-8486 for Midlands and the North.

The Romance of the

Waterways

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