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**MEETINGS**

1st Thursday each Month at 7.45pm  
St John's Ambulance Hall, Kings Park  
Road. Southampton.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**7th September 1995**

Architecture In Transport  
by Dean Clark, Historic Buildings  
Architect, including Hampshires buses,  
trains, and waterways?.

**5th October 1995**

The BCN Waterways in Birmingham  
& the Black Country by Ron Cousens.

**2nd November 1995**

Vessels on London's Rivers in the  
1930's by Dr Edwin Course.

**7th December 1995**

Inter Society / Waterway Quiz  
and American Supper.

**4th January 1996**

Speaker to be confirmed

**1st February 1996**

Explore the Panama Canal and the  
River Douro by Hugh McKnight.

From 1st April 1996 the  
Environmental Agency will assume the  
present roles and responsibilities of the  
National Rivers Authority, Her  
Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution and  
Waste Regulation in England & Wales

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**JULY MEETING**

In his report at the 28th AGM the Chairman grumbled about low attendance's at recent meetings and felt that the Secretary had arranged excellent Speakers for our meetings which had warranted better turn-outs.

He was sad to announce that Martin Cripps had resigned as Secretary, due to other commitments and thanked Martin for his excellent service.

Tony Coles also stood down from his job as editor of the 'Newsletter'. The Chairman thanked him for his five years of work and complemented him on the standard of presentation.

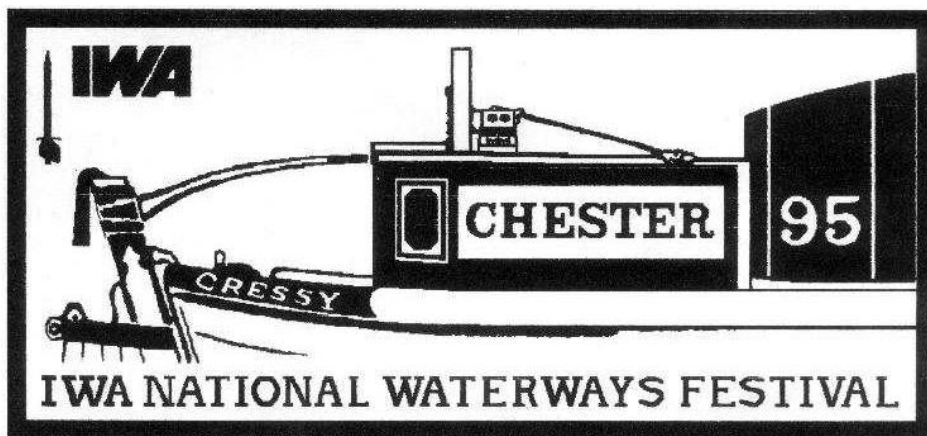
He thanked the Committee Members, all had performed useful tasks during the year; Paul Herbert for setting up the new Society Constitution, storing the Society exhibition stand and recording the sales stand purchases & sales; Laura Sturrock, along with her partners, Hunt & Co, for all 'Newsletter' copying and distribution; Ray Brooks for storing, bringing and taking the sales stock; and the Lewis Family for keeping the accounts, looking after the library ( more heavy transport ) and selling most of the raffle tickets.

Joyce Mayhew & her helpers were also thanked for the refreshments provided for the meetings.

The Chairman sheered up when the election went smoothly - though no one volunteered to be Chairman. Paul Herbert became Vice Chairman; Eric Lewis, Secretary; Laura Sturrock, Treasurer.

Ray Brooks & Martin Cripps stayed on, and Peter Oates was welcomed back to the Committee. Peter VOLUNTEERED to become 'Newsletter' editor.

After the break 3 videos were shown which Eric Lewis had kindly brought along. 'Impossible Restoration', about the restoration of the Huddersfield Narrow, 'The Regents Canal' and 'Barging Through London'.



This years National Waterways Festival is up the Shroppie to one of Britain's most beautiful and historic cities - Chester on the Shropshire Union Canal by Bridge No 129. The Festival will launch the IWA's big year - the Golden Jubilee Year Celebrations.

Boats will be moored southward to Tower Wharf and also in the centre of the city and some northward towards Ellesmere Port Northgate Locks will be controlled and manned by BW and volunteers.

The Festival Logo depicts Cressy - Tom Rolt's famous narrowboat. As a Shropshire Union R&CCo. boat she was probably built at Chester. Rolt was born in Chester and 1995 is the 50 th anniversary of the historic Rolt/Aickman meeting aboard her that led to the founding of the IWA.

Supported by Chester City Council and British Waterways who are doing considerable work on the waterway. Our current sponsors include ATS Tyre Services North West, Waterways *World* and Canal & Riverboat. There will be the usual huge range of exhibitors and attractions. The site will be open from 10 am to 6 pm on each of the three days.

There will special emphasis on waterway campaigns in the North West and Western regions, and one of the events linked to - and finishing at - the Festival will be a sponsored run up the Shroppie (with an associated raffle) organised by our Stoke on-Trent members. This will benefit both the boat for the handicapped *Beatrice* and WRG m their 25 th anniversary year.

The weekend also sees the re-enactment of one of the most famous clashes of the English Civil War - the Battle of Rowton Moor; re-staged as part of me City's *Divided loyalties* Civil War Festival. It takes place on Sunday and Monday.

### Subscriptions are now due

Single Membership £5.50

Family Membership £ 8.00

### Southampton Canal Society Sales

Embossed Ball Point Pens 50p

Fibre Tip Pens 75p

#### GEO projects Maps

Basingstoke Canal £ 3.00

Oxford Canal £ 3.75

Kennet & Avon Canal £ 3.75

Grand Union Canal each £ 3.75

map 1 Birmingham - Fenny Stratford

map 2 Braunston - Kings Langley

map 3 Fenny Stratford - Thames

map 4 Leicester line - Soar - Erewash

Screen Printed Tee Shirts £6.50

in Navy - large & extra large

in red - medium

Embroidered Sweat Shirts about £15.00

in Navy - medium

in Bright Royal - medium

Waterway Jigsaws £ 3.50

192 pieces 10" x 13 3/4"

Notelets, ( Brians etchings ) line

drawings of canal scenes £ 1.00

Colourful Tea Towels £ 2.50

Decorated Mugs £ 2.25

Decorated Trays £ 1.00 & £ 2.95

### Rosie & Jim fun days

Rosie and Jim's boat *Ragdoll* will visit a special 'Family Fun Weekend in the Country' at Lee Valley Leisure Pool in Broxbourne on 27 / 28 August. Special activities for Children will include badge making, printing and Roses &

Castles painting, a mini fair, dragon boat racing on the Lee Navigation. and the chance to cruise aboard the *Lady of*

*Lee Valley*. More information from British Waterways tel. 01992 788375.

#### Other Dates

3rd September at **Angle Canal Day**, Regent's Canal, Islington.

10th September at **Slough Arm Canal Day**, Grand Union Canal, Slough.

tel BW 0113 281 6890

### Southampton Canal Society Library

Please return any books to

Sue Lewis at meetings for the benefit of all members

### Caan Hill Flight - Kennet & Avon Canal

Recently I spent a weekend camping at the Three Magpies pup at Sell Green, Seend 50 yd's from the K & A. Walking beside the flight watching the boats pass through the locks was fascinating. The locks operated between 10 am & 4 pm are very busy. Each lock took two or four boats - depending on size.

Amongst these canalists was Margaret & Ken Froud, old friends & members of the Southampton Canal Society, who now live on their boat on the Oxford Canal, not far from Napton.

They with two friends in another boat, had made a trip to Bristol - taking 3 1/2 weeks for the journey. When I saw them they were on the return leg and I am surprised it took so long, it had taken 4 1/2 hours to traverse about two thirds of Caan Hill Locks!.

British Waterways are underway with a huge pipe scheme at great expense - to enable water to be pumped back to the top of the lock flight, to end the water restrictions in the use of the locks.

*Eva Drinkwater June 1995*

## REMUS



As members of Southampton Canal Society and incurable canal addicts since 1969 Sue and Eric Lewis had hired narrowboats on the inland waterways on many occasions. It wasn't until 1984 that they were able to buy a 35 ft Colecraft, hull and superstructure to fit out themselves. At this stage they realised that perhaps the most important job was to decide on a name! In the event this was easily solved because they had both been introduced to canals through Oliver Lovell's *Waterway Educational Holidays* aboard *Romulus*, an ex Grand Union Canal Company's small Woolwich 'Star' class motor.

Eric's first trip had been spent travelling between Diglis Basin and Braunston in beautiful sunshine while Sue's first experience had been in blizzard conditions in April at Cowley on the Grand Union Canal.

The name for their boat must be Remus, the twin brother of *Romulus* in Roman mythology!

Of interest to readers may be the fact that the original name of *Romulus* was *Denebola* in the GUCCCo fleet. The boat was converted to a water bus and had its name changed to *Water Fairy* in British Waterways Board days. After Oliver Lovell sold *Romulus* Eric lost touch with it, but understands that a new owner has reconverted the boat and reverted back to its original name *Denebola*. He would be very pleased to hear from any reader who has up to date information and can be contacted at 51 Friars Croft, Calmore, Southampton, Hampshire S040 2SS

*Waterways World July 1995*

OR is Eric a closet Star Trek fan! - On Stardate 1709.1 Captain Kirk in command of the USS Enterprise discovered that the Romulans were an offshoot of the Vulcan Race, which left Vulcan more than a 1000 years before. They settled on the twin planets Romulus and **Remus** building a powerful star faring empire with very advanced technology including a cloaking device.

Question is does Eric's boat Remus also have a cloaking device.

### Macc Plaques

Replica bridge numbers in cast resin are available to canal enthusiasts wanting appropriate house numbers and are being used by British Waterways as part of their commitment to ensure that all bridges and locks are identified. These cast resin plaques have been found to look more like the original metal one's and have been impact tested. Details from, Charles M Weston, 80 Montgomery Road, Nether Edge, Sheffield S7 1LR

### Printed cards of Harley Crossley Oil Paintings

Members may be interested to know that a number of Harley Crossley's fine Oil Paintings of various Ocean Liners and scenes from Southampton Docks are available from W H Smith's at approx. £ 1.50 each, purchase the set and have them framed for an excellent set of prints.