



NEWSLETTER

Chairman's Column

December Meeting

My thanks to Paul Herbert for stepping in for me tonight, and, to welcome you all to the Annual Inter-Society Waterways Quiz.

Peter Oates has set the questions and Laura Sturrock will be keeping the scores.

Tonight's teams: IWA Guildford & Reading, IWA Salisbury and Southampton Canal Society with Paul Herbert, Aelred Derbyshire, Gordon Osborn and Brian Evans representing us. There is also an opportunity for teams from the audience to compete for a prize.

As is our tradition, thank you all for bringing along a variety of food to share, this finishes off the evening very well.

Next Meeting

On Thursday January 3rd 2013, we will be holding our Members' Photographic Evening and Competition.

This gives everyone the opportunity to show some pictures that you feel will entertain/ amuse/educate your fellow members.

Just before the tea interval, entries for the Photographic Competition will be shown, you don't have to be showing other pictures during the evening to enter. One picture only to do with the waterways.

As before, we hope to accommodate any format of picture. David Doulton has offered again the use of his digital projector. Please contact Peter Oates if you have any questions about an unusual format.

John Dodwell comes to town

At our meeting on 7 March 2013, we will welcome John Dodwell, a Trustee of the Canal & River Trust. He will update us on the Trust plus give us an opportunity for a "Questions and Answers" session.

John has been an IWA member since 1961. He took a leading role in IWA's campaign about the Transport Act 1968 and was IWA General Secretary from 1971-4, campaigning successfully against the proposed hand over of BW to regional water authorities.

After that, he went back to being a chartered accountant and went into corporate finance, specialising in raising money for small companies, including those in the property sector. He was chair or finance director of a number of companies, including some on the Stock Exchange's AIM market. He was involved with charities, including their investment portfolios.

He set up his own water freight advisory firm and became chair of the Commercial Boat Owners Association. In the last five years, he has also been a

2013 Programme

Please look at the Waterways Diary page for details of speakers for next year's programme up to April 2013.

SCS Christmas / New Year Lunch

We will be getting together for our lunch on Saturday 12th January meeting at 12.30 for 1pm.

This evening please see the Booking List and Menu Choice. Payment to Gill Herbert please.

Final booking and payment required at the January meeting.

November Meeting

We all enjoyed spending "A Night at Blackstone Hall" with Pete, Jane and George of the Day Star Theatre. The evening was well supported by our members and friends. Thank you all for your help and the wonderful American supper.

Bowls looking for a home

After last month's Day-Star Theatre visit and the American Supper, somebody left behind two identical 8.5" Crown bone china bowls. Gill Herbert has kept them safe and would be delighted to hand them back to their owner at the December meeting.

Seasonal Greeting to all our Members

We now have reached the end of our 2012 programme and, as is usual at this time of year, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Alan Rose

member of the Government's Inland Waterways Advisory Council and of the British Waterways Advisory Forum. All three as a volunteer – the same as being a CRT Trustee.

About 10 years ago he bought a boat and he now owns an old BCN tug built of riveted steel at Harris Bros yard at Bumblehole, Netherton. *Helen* is 51ft long and draws 3ft along her whole length – and yes, he is well aware that the bottom is sometimes too near the top! For the technically minded, the engine is a three-cylinder Bolinder.

At our March meeting, SCS members will be joined by local IWA members for a 'joint' meeting which we hope will be well attended.

If you wish to come along and ask John any questions, please email Alan Rose on alanjrose@btinternet.com so that John can ensure that he has relevant information to hand at the meeting.

Angela Rose

EA Navigation Charges 2013

The Environment Agency has announced that it will continue to apply cost increases to its licences at Consumer Price Index + 2% until 2015. This is in contrast to Canal & River Trust's position, where following their boaters' survey which identified cost as a major concern, CRT gave a commitment of just inflation increases beyond the current spending round

period. EA was unable to give a similar commitment because, unlike CRT which now has certainty of funding for a 15-year term, the EA does not know what the government's funding position will be from year to year and the Agency is currently facing more funding cuts.

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Waterways Diary

The following is a list of waterway events taking place within approximately 50 miles of Southampton. Whilst every effort is made to ensure the correctness of this information, please check with the listed contact who will be glad to confirm and supply further details.

Recently, OS grid references and/or postcodes have been added (where known but not guaranteed) to aid location of the event. If YOU know of an event taking place that should be in this list then please contact the editor.

Time	Organiser	Details	Contact
Thu 6 Dec 2012 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Annual Inter-Society Waterways Quiz. Followed by an American Supper. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
Thu 13 Dec 2012 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	Christmas dinner. Cost of meal: £17.50 for 3 courses, £14 for 2 courses. Responses to Myra Glover by 7 December. The Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 3AR. (SU182275)	Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 Email: glover3@gotadsl.co.uk
Sun 16 Dec 2012 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk: Carrying Coals to Dundas - 3. Dunkerton to Combe Hay. Second of a series of walks to cover the length of the Northern Branch of the S.C.C. from Paulton to Dundas. Meet: Dunkerton layby on A37, (nearest post code BA2 8BS) (ST715597).	Mike Chapman: 01225 426948 Email: mike@chapman76.fsnet.co.uk
Wed 19 Dec 2012 8.00pm	Surrey & Hampshire CS	Roger Squires BEM - 'Passage to Astrakhan.' Roger will describe the 4702 km cruise he made along the waterways from the Baltic to the Caspian Sea and then on to the Black Sea. Parish Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Station Road, Chobham, GU24 8AZ (SU974615).	David Millet: 01252 617364 Email: d.millet7@ntlworld.com
Thu 20 Dec 2012 7.30pm	Somersetshire Coal CS	"The Working Life of the SCC" by Patrick Moss. The Radstock Working Mens' Club, Radstock, BA3 3EP. (ST688547)	Patrick Moss: 07736 859882. Email: lazydaysafloat@yahoo.co.uk
Thu 3 Jan 2013 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Members Waterways Photographic Evening and Competition. A chance to show off your favourite pictures. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
Tue 15 Jan 2013 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Reading Br)	'Pirates' - Ian Black. The Grange Free Church Hall, Circuit Lane, Southcote, Reading, RG30 3HD (SU691719). Entry £2.50 to help pay for the meeting.	John or Pam Swift: 01189 415540 Email: swift.john21@gmail.com
Thu 17 Jan 2013 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	To be confirmed. The Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 3AR. (SU182275)	Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 Email: glover3@gotadsl.co.uk Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841
Wed 23 Jan 2013 8.00pm	Surrey & Hampshire CS	Peter Halman - "Thames from Oxford to Windsor." Peter will be visiting us to share his knowledge of the history of this beautiful waterway through the centuries. Parish Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Station Road, Chobham, GU24 8AZ (SU974615).	David Millet: 01252 617364 Email: d.millet7@ntlworld.com
Wed 30 Jan 2013	Kennet & Avon CT (Newbury Br)	"The Bruce Trust" by Rebecca Bruce, the Trust administrator. The trust provides canal boat holidays for disabled, disadvantaged or elderly people. Stone Building, Newbury Wharf, RG14 5AS. (SU473672)	Graham Smith: Tel: 01635 580356 Email: GrahamV.Smith@btinternet.com
Thu 7 Feb 2013 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Linda Wilkinson on the Chichester Ship Canal Trust. There is a possibility of a future visit by SCS with a guided walk. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
Tue 19 Feb 2013 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Reading Br)	"Old Industries of the River Kennet" by David Cliffe. The Grange Free Church Hall, Circuit Lane, Southcote, Reading, RG30 3HD (SU691719). Entry £2.50 to help pay for the meeting.	John or Pam Swift: 01189 415540 Email: swift.john21@gmail.com
Thu 21 Feb 2013 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	To be confirmed. The Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 3AR. (SU182275)	Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 Email: glover3@gotadsl.co.uk Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841
Wed 27 Feb 2013 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Newbury Br)	"National Coastwatch - Eyes Along the Coast" by David Russell. The National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) is a registered Charity formed in 1994 to restore visual surveillance along the UK Coast after this was withdrawn by HM Coastguard. Stone Building, Newbury Wharf, RG14 5AS. (SU473672)	Graham Smith: Tel: 01635 580356 Email: GrahamV.Smith@btinternet.com
Wed 27 Feb 2013 8.00pm	Surrey & Hampshire CS	"Down the Rhine and up the Neckar" by Ron & Myra Glover. Parish Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Station Road, Chobham, GU24 8AZ (SU974615).	David Millet: 01252 617364 Email: d.millet7@ntlworld.com
Thu 7 Mar 2012 7.45pm	Southampton CS	"The Canal & River Trust" by John Dodwell, a CRT trustee. He will give a talk, discuss and hold Questions & Answers session. See item on Page 1. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
Mon 18 Mar 2013 7.30pm	IWA Guildford & Reading Br	Branch AGM followed by guest speaker Councillor Linda Kemeny, chair of the Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee (JMC). Heathervale Baptist Church, Heathervale Road, New Haw, Addlestone, Surrey, KT15 3NW. (TQ048622)	Gareth Jones: 07850 819071 Email: hhel@btconnect.com
Tue 19 Mar 2013 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Reading Br)	Branch AGM (Speaker to be advised). The Grange Free Church Hall, Circuit Lane, Southcote, Reading, RG30 3HD (SU691719). Entry £2.50 to help pay for the meeting.	John or Pam Swift: 01189 415540 Email: swift.john21@gmail.com
Wed 20 Mar 2013 8.00pm	Surrey & Hampshire CS	"The Ribble Link and the Lancaster Canal" by David Saady. Parish Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Station Road, Chobham, GU24 8AZ (SU974615).	David Millet: 01252 617364 Email: d.millet7@ntlworld.com
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Wed 27 Mar 2013 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Newbury Br)	"The History of Canals and Traditional Narrowboat Painting," a talk including a demonstration by John Ross. Stone Building, Newbury Wharf, RG14 5AS. (SU473672)	Graham Smith: Tel: 01635 580356 Email: GrahamV.Smith@btinternet.com
Thu 4 Apr 2012 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Chris Humby of the Bishopstoke History Society will talk on "The Itchen Navigation" - an unseen & unheard history of the River. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: info@apas-engineering.com

New Guide to exploring the Wey & Arun canal

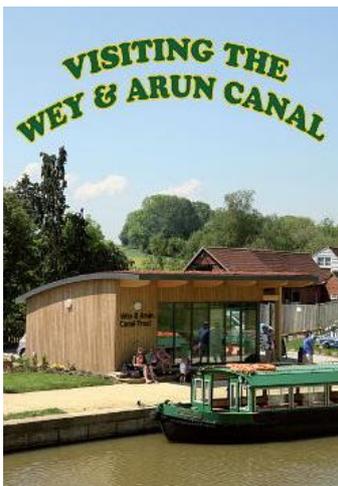
“Visiting the Wey & Arun Canal” is a new guidebook from the Wey & Arun Canal Trust (WACT) that aims to make it easier for visitors to use the canal for leisure activities and to also find out more about the canal's history and route.

While the Canal Centre at Loxwood, West Sussex, and the public boat cruises offered from there may have helped many people explore one section of the Canal, there are many other parts of the waterway that visitors have yet to discover. The launch of this new publication aims to change that.

Sally Schupke, chairman of the Trust says “This marvellous little book is an absolute must for anybody wishing to visit the Wey & Arun Canal, called “London's Lost Route to the Sea”. They will have the opportunity to see where original canal structures still stand, newly restored areas, and explore its path through Surrey and Sussex countryside.”

The 72-page guide includes colour photographs of the canal, as well as maps and details of how to access parts of the canal by road and by public transport.

The new guidebook is priced at £5 and can be bought from the Loxwood Canal Centre (situated behind the “Onslow Arms” pub,



on the B2133 in Loxwood, West Sussex, opening hours 12-3pm Wednesdays, Fridays and weekends, telephone 01403 753999 or email canalcentre@weyandarun.co.uk or available by mail order (plus £1.50 P&P) from: WACT office, The Granary, Flitchfold Farm, Loxwood, RH14 0RH, email: office@weyandarun.co.uk or by calling 01403 752403 between 9am and 1pm on weekdays.

The 23-mile Wey & Arun Canal was built between 1813 and 1816 to link the Rivers Wey and Arun, thus forming an inland barge route between London and the south coast in order to provide a safe inland route for military supplies to the fleet in Portsmouth. However, after the Napoleonic Wars, it became a largely agricultural canal, carrying goods including coal, chalk, lime and farm produce. The coming of the railways finally sealed the canal's fate, the waterway being abandoned in 1871.

Since 1971, the Wey & Arun Canal Trust, a registered charity, has been working to re-open navigation along the waterway and, once fully restored, to again link Littlehampton on the south coast with the River Thames via the River Wey.

WACT News Release - 19 October 2012

Heritage Lottery Fund Application 2012

A request was made recently to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to pause canal restoration work at Bowbridge on the Cotswold Canals.

Completion of the bridge here would open up an additional 2km of canal, including two locks, to restoration by volunteers.

Funding for shortfalls & additional works

The approach to HLF included a request for an additional £800,000 to meet shortfalls, brought about by the fall in value of Brimscombe Port and additional works which were not envisaged in the British Waterways' original cost plan.

Good News

The good news is that the Trustees of the HLF have agreed to this proposal, thus ensuring that full restoration of the canal between Stonehouse and Bowbridge can be achieved. In addition, and as originally envisaged, a towpath from Saul Junction to Brimscombe Port will be constructed.

Brimscombe Port still a priority

Meanwhile, redevelopment of Brimscombe Port remains a priority and is being taken forward. The intention is to continue renting out buildings on the site and use the income from the estate alongside possible investment from the Homes and Communities Agency to fund the canal infrastructure.

Regeneration opportunities

In the meantime, parts – or all - of the site can be regenerated if interested developers come forward.

Interest from developers is now being sought for five separate parts of the site, rather than the whole of it.

A brochure giving details has been produced recently which is available to potential developers on request to Hawkeswood Property Consultancy. Email: ch@hawkeswoodproperty.co.uk

Cotswold Canals Trust - 23 November 2012



Narrow boats Spey and Gifford at Ellesmere Port, Easter 2011

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