

Newsletter

Chairman's Column

December Meeting

Tonight we welcome you all to the Annual Inter-Society Waterways Quiz. As last year winners IWA Salisbury's team have organised for Nick Grundy to be Question Master.

Tonight's teams include IWA Guildford & Reading, IWA Salisbury, Southampton Canal Society and a team from the Basingstoke Canal Society.

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

January Meeting

On 5th January 2017, 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 that will have something to do with the waterways.

As before we hope to accommodate any format to include sides and photographs

New Year Lunch

This will be on Saturday 14th January 2017 at **Keats Restaurant**, Winchester Road, Ampfield, SO51 9BQ. This year the cost is £24 per person. At this evening's meeting, Angela Rose has the Booking List and Menu Choices. No rush the Final menu choices do not have to be in until after our January Meeting. A copy of the menu can be found in this newsletter on page 3 and on the Society website at www.sotoncs.org.uk/archive/pdf/SCS-Lunch-Menu-Jan-2017.pdf

2017 Programme

Please look at the Waterways Diary for details of talks and speakers for next year's programme up to April 2017.

Society Library

Books from the SCS library are being brought along for sale this evening. If anyone is interested any funds raised will go into the our Society.

Seasonal Greetings to all our Members

We now have reached the end of our 2016 programme and, as is usual at this time of year, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Alan Rose

Attacks close Dublin canals

TWO Irish canals have been closed to navigation through Dublin following indiscriminate attacks on boaters and barges.

The Grand Canal and Royal Canal were closed indefinitely at the end of September despite up to €50 million being spent in recent years to encourage more traffic to flow.

Waterways Ireland blamed anti-social behaviour, warning of safety fears for its staff and boaters

after cataloguing 28 incidents in four years including assault, intimidation, theft, vandalism and arson. It said the worst incidents of anti-social behaviour generally occur between the first and sixth locks on the Grand Canal and during spells of good weather.

The shutdown was ordered after a gang of youths

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Bits & Pieces

Spot the Paddle Pawl Stops

Following the announcement last year that CRT would cease fitting any more stops to paddle pawls (IWA Bulletin September 2015), IWA has been following up with CRT their plans for improving paddle pawl maintenance and design. In the meantime, IWA would like to know where paddle pawl stops that had been fitted earlier in 2015 still remain in place, and is asking boaters to advise of any remaining paddle pawl stops at locks on CRT waterways by emailing [Alison Smedley](mailto:Alison.Smedley@iwa.org.uk), IWA Campaigns Officer.

Your Newsletter

Don't forget that your Editor would love to receive items or comments for the Newsletter that might be of interest to fellow readers.



A Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to All our Readers

Waterways Events

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.

OS grid references and/or postcodes are shown (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.

Date / Time	Organiser	Details	Contact
Thu 1 Dec 2016 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Inter Society Waterways Quiz: IWA Salisbury Group as last year's winning team will be organising the Quiz and the evening is hosted by SCS. The traditional American Supper will finish off the evening. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanjrose@btinternet.com
Mon 5 Dec 2016 7.30pm	Wilts & Berks CT	"The Kiel Canal" by John Laverick. John will bring his experience as an engineer and traveller of canals to talk about the Kiel Canal, the world's busiest and Europe's largest ship canal. The Angel Hotel, 47 High St, Wootton Bassett SN4 7AQ (SU068826).	Web: https://www.wbct.org.uk
Thu 15 Dec 2016 7.30pm	Somersetshire Coal CS	"Fussells of Mells" by Robin Thornes. Meet: Radstock Working Men's Club , Radstock House, The Street, Radstock, BA3 3PR (ST688547).	Steve Page 01761 433418 Email: membership@coalcanal.org.uk
Thu 15 Dec 2016 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	Christmas Dinner. The Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 3AR (SU182275).	Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 Email: glover.3@btinternet.com Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841
Sun 18 Dec 2016 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk - Windsor Bridge to Newbridge. Meet: Old Windsor Castle Inn, Bath , BA1 3DN (ST735651).	Mike Chapman: 01225 426948 Email: history@coalcanal.org.uk
Wed 21 Dec 2016 8.00pm	Basingstoke CS	"A Watery Canadian Adventure - Cruising Around the Islands of Vancouver" with SCS members Ron and Myra Glover. See report on this talk given at SCS in November 2015 Newsletter. Parish Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Station Road, Chobham, GU24 8AZ (SU974615)	Malcolm Brickwood: 07437 200021 Email: chobham.talks@basingstoke-canal.org.uk Web: http://www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk
Thu 5 Jan 2017 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Members' annual "Waterways Photographic Evening & Competition". Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanjrose@btinternet.com
Sat 14 Jan 2017 12.30pm	Southampton CS	New Year Lunch at Keats Restaurant, Winchester Road, Ampfield, SO51 9BQ (SU400232). See Chairman's Column (page 1) & Menu (page 3). Booking essential.	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanjrose@btinternet.com
Sun 15 Jan 2017 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk - Churchill Bridge to Cleveland Bridge. Meet: Churchill Bridge, BA1 1UD (ST750643).	Mike Chapman: 01225 426948 Email: history@coalcanal.org.uk
Tue 17 Jan 2017 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Reading Br)	"Claverton Pumping Station" - George Eycott. Grange Free Church Hall, Circuit Lane, Southcote, Reading, RG30 3HD (SU692718). £2.50 (incl K&A members) to help pay for the room hire.	John Swift: 0118 941 5540 Email: swift.john21@gmail.com Mobile: 07533 886917.
Wed 18 Jan 2017 8.00pm	Basingstoke CS	"Studying the Bats of the Basingstoke Canal and Greywell Tunnel" with Dr Paul Hope. Paul talk about studies of the bats on the Canal and his 6 year PhD study into the hibernating bat population within Greywell Tunnel. Parish Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Station Road, Chobham, GU24 8AZ (SU974615)	Malcolm Brickwood: 07437 200021 Email: chobham.talks@basingstoke-canal.org.uk Web: http://www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk
Thu 19 Jan 2017 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	"CRT Work Parties on the K&A" by Derrick Hunt. The Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 3AR (SU182275).	Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 Email: glover.3@btinternet.com Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841
Thu 19 Jan 2017 7.30pm	Somersetshire Coal CS	"The Camerton Branch Railway" by Roger Halse. Meet: Radstock Working Men's Club , Radstock House The Street, Radstock, BA3 3PR (ST688547).	Steve Page 01761 433418 Email: membership@coalcanal.org.uk
Thu 2 Feb 2017 7.45pm	Southampton CS	"SS Shieldhall" - the history of the largest working steamship in Britain now 61 years old. Visitors welcome. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184). For more information visit: www.ss-shieldhall.co.uk	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanjrose@btinternet.com
Wed 15 Feb 2017 8.00pm	Basingstoke CS	"Eling Tide Mill, the Past and the Future" by David Plunkett. This ancient site is over 900 years old with successive mills and causeway dams. The long history will be explained and how the tides govern the working of the mill. Parish Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Station Road, Chobham, GU24 8AZ (SU974615)	Malcolm Brickwood: 07437 200021 Email: chobham.talks@basingstoke-canal.org.uk Web: http://www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk
Thu 16 Feb 2017 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	"Crofton Pumping Station - The challenges ahead" by Peter Turvey. The Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 3AR (SU182275).	Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 Email: glover.3@btinternet.com Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841
Sun 19 Feb 2017 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk - Cleveland Bridge to Grosvenor Bridge. Meet: Cleveland Bridge, BA1 5DH (ST753656).	Mike Chapman: 01225 426948 Email: history@coalcanal.org.uk
Tue 21 Feb 2017 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Reading Br)	TBA. Grange Free Church Hall, Circuit Lane, Southcote, Reading, RG30 3HD (SU692718). £2.50 (incl K&A members) to help pay for the room hire.	John Swift: 0118 941 5540 Email: swift.john21@gmail.com Mobile: 07533 886917.
Thu 2 Mar 2017 7.45pm	Southampton CS	"Forgotten Wrecks of the First World War" - talk by the local Maritime Archaeology Trust. Visitors welcome. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanjrose@btinternet.com
Wed 15 Mar 2017 8.00pm	Basingstoke CS	"History of Bursledon Brickworks" with Carolyn Haynes. The talk gives a history of the only Victorian steam driven brickworks left in the country, why they are so important and what, hopefully, their future will be. Parish Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Station Road, Chobham, GU24 8AZ (SU974615)	Malcolm Brickwood: 07437 200021 Email: chobham.talks@basingstoke-canal.org.uk Web: http://www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk

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November Meeting

What's Good for The Goose? - Day-Star Theatre

More than 40 years ago, Lord Claybourne died without an heir and bequeathed Claybourne Hall and the land to "The people of the village of Nether Claybourne". Over the years the village benefited from letting the land to local farmers. Now in the current agricultural climate the village finds itself without a tenant and, the village pub "The Goose" is losing trade. A ghostly figure of Lord Claybourne speaks of his son's involvement in the "Bad Penny Band" and the subsequent faking of his death in 1964.

Local villagers Polly, her brother Neil and ageing Mother struggle to make ends meet. They are concerned over the local gossip of a notorious property developer who is showing an interest in the land and the village pub. Doctor Margery sees this as an opportunity to bring in the money to expand her medical centre, but her "dotty" husband Brian, a retired brain surgeon is not too keen.

A stranger comes into "The Goose" and joins in the darts match, who is she? Neil and Polly realise she is the twin sister of Margery, Marigold, who left the village in 1966 nothing was heard of her since.

Neil recalled taking Marigold out on his "Tiger Cub" motorbike; it broke down and has not been ridden since. Margery, after meeting up with the "dishy" property developer at Claybourne Hall is booked to give a talk to the villagers, recommending the development. Unbeknown to them their conversation at the hall was overheard and the development was not for the proposed "affordable homes" but for a 18hole golf course and luxury hotel.

Opposition and questions are asked by the mystery woman, Marigold. The disgruntled developer quietly leaves.

Polly and Neil visit "The Goose" and find out that the pub has a new owner Marigold, back from her travels for good. She asks Polly to be the new landlady. The ghostly figure of Lord Claybourne passes through.

Pete played 4 characters and Jane 3 characters. Our thanks to Pete and Jane. A very entertaining evening and thank you for supporting "Day Star Theatre".

Angela Rose

SCS New Year Lunch Menu

Canal Club Luncheon 14th January £24.00

Starters

Crespelle Alla Keats

(Baked Pancakes filled with Spinach and Ham, Creamy Sauce)

Soup of the Day

Goats Cheese Panna Cotta

Vegetable Crisps, Basil Oil & Dressed Leaves

Hot Smoked Salmon Fishcake

Saffron Aioli

Beef & Tomato Rigatoni Pasta

Basil infused Mascarpone Cheese

Keats Chicken Liver Paté

5 Spiced Apple Chutney

Main Courses

Roast Turkey

Bacon & Sausage roll, Roast Chestnut, Apricot & Sage Stuffing Honey Glazed Roasted Root Vegetables

6 Hour Pot Roasted Hampshire Brisket of Beef

Heritage Carrots in Cooking Liquor

Caramelised Shallots, Winter Green Vegetables, Madeira & Thyme Sauce

South Coast Fish of the Day

Green Seasonal Vegetables, Fennel, Citrus Crumb & Lobster Sauce

New Forest Marque Wild Boar & Crackling

Red Cabbage, Sultanas & Bramley Apple, Crushed Peas, Cider Sauce

Roasted Butternut, Portobello Mushroom & Aubergine Mille Fuille (V)

Harissa Hummus & Chargrilled Haloumi

All Main Courses Come Served with Roast Potatoes

Selection of Homemade Desserts

To Include

Keats Boozy Christmas Pudding Brandy Sauce

Freshly Ground Coffee & Chocolates & Mints

EA Launches £1m Winter Programme of River Thames Lock Works

The Environment Agency embarked on its annual winter programme of major repairs and refurbishments to locks along the non-tidal River Thames from Tuesday 1 November.

In all, eight lock sites will have a total of £1.2m spent on them – five in Oxfordshire and one each in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Surrey. Major works include removing both pairs of lock gates at Shifford Lock near Bampton in Oxfordshire, and Kings Lock in Oxford, so that the frames can be re-faced with new sheets of timber. As each gate weighs around eight tonnes, they will be removed by crane and transported by low-loader lorry to the Environment Agency's depot in Osney, near Oxford where its in-house team of specialist craftsmen will carry out the work.

At Penton Hook Lock near Staines in Surrey, the downstream gates will be removed so that repairs can be made to the hinges that support them. To do this, the lock chamber will need to be braced and then pumped dry. Before the lock is fully drained, any fish found in it will be safely transferred to the main river – this is normally many hundreds if not thousands of fish. The annual investment in their upkeep ensures the locks are in good working order, enabling boaters to carry on cruising throughout the 135 miles of navigable waterway from Cricklade in Wiltshire, near the river's source, to Teddington in south west London, where the river becomes tidal.

[IWA Bulletin 22 Nov 2016](#)

Slough Canal Basin Proposals for Regeneration

Plans have been put forward to create a new waterside destination and housing around the basin on the Slough Arm of the Grand Union Canal.

IWA Middlesex Branch alongside the Friends of Slough Canal has lobbied the planners of Slough Borough Council for a long time for the area to be developed. Historically there have been several similar proposals for the terminus of the 5 mile Arm, but to date none of these have come to fruition.

Robin Bishop of IWA Middlesex Branch said "The development should open up the area and breathe new life into this part of Slough. It will also encourage local residents to use this wonderful amenity on their doorstep."

The plans have been put forward by Slough Urban Renewal, which is a joint venture between Slough Borough Council and Morgan Sindall Investments.

[IWA Bulletin 25 Oct 2016](#)

Trial New Visitor Moorings at Kings Cross

CRT is introducing a trial stretch of new visitor moorings on the Regent's Canal in King's Cross following a consultation last year into how the space in this increasingly popular area can be shared fairly. Seven-day visitor moorings will be introduced between York Way and the Tiber Gardens pocket park while the remaining moorings up to Treaty Street will continue to be 14-day casual moorings. To ensure safe navigation, the moorings in the area will be restricted to double mooring only, with a maximum of two narrowboats or one widebeam on a visitor mooring, and two rows of boats on the remaining moorings.

This trial is an interim measure while the Trust develops plans for installing electric bollards along the stretch, and considers future mooring space allocation across the Capital through the London Mooring Strategy. The trial will run for up to six months from November 2016 to April 2017.

The Trust will be updating the signage at all the sites, including

details of the stay times, a clear description of the location and the post-code and grid reference in case of emergencies.

Sorwar Ahmed, London boater liaison manager at CRT said: "King's Cross has undergone a massive amount of regeneration over the past five years and the Regent's Canal is right at the heart of it. It's become a popular place to moor for boaters from London and further afield and we have to find a way to manage the moorings fairly for all, while making sure there's enough space for boats to cruise past safely. We consulted widely with the boating and waterside communities and these plans reflect the range of responses we received. We're continuing to work on how London's towpath mooring space can work best for boaters and we welcome feedback."

More information on the consultation and the plans is available here.

[IWA Bulletin 25 Oct 2016](#)

Festive Floating Market at Bradford upon Avon

The historic town of Bradford upon Avon is set to host its first Christmas Floating Market along the 87 mile Kennet & Avon Canal.

Taking place on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 December between 11am – 7pm, trade boats will turn the town's picturesque wharf into a bustling waterway Christmas market, selling everything from jewellery to furniture, mulled wine and roasted chestnuts.

Santa is also due to make a visit on his floating grotto and will be handing out pirate themed goody bags to children on the nice list.

Mark Evans, for CRT, said: "We held our first ever floating market on the K&A back in the summer and it was a huge success so we're delighted to welcome the market back."

For more information visit [Bradford Upon Avon Festive Floating Market](#)

<http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/news-and-views/news/> 25 Nov 2016

Dublin Attacks

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pelted a couple on a boat with rocks as they were being guided through the lock in Inchicore and blocked the boat from passing through.

Waterways Ireland claimed staff have been harassed and threatened elsewhere as they escort up to 70 boats a year through the capital.

Describing the move as 'totally and utterly over the top', Mick Kinahan, of the Dublin branch of the Inland Waterways Association of Ireland and an experienced guide on the Dublin canals, accused the authorities of over-reacting.

"I would hate to see that because of a few incidents, some of them minor, that this approach is taken," he said.

Waterways Ireland apologised for the closure of the canals but said it expected disruption to be limited as it does not have any current bookings for boats to be guided through the city. Up to 70 barges and boats travel the route every year.

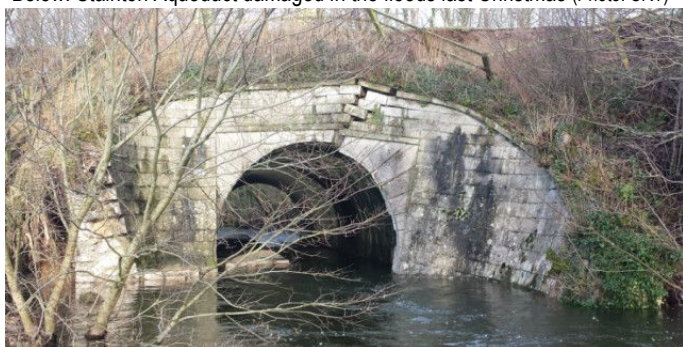
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Trust publishes waterways heritage report



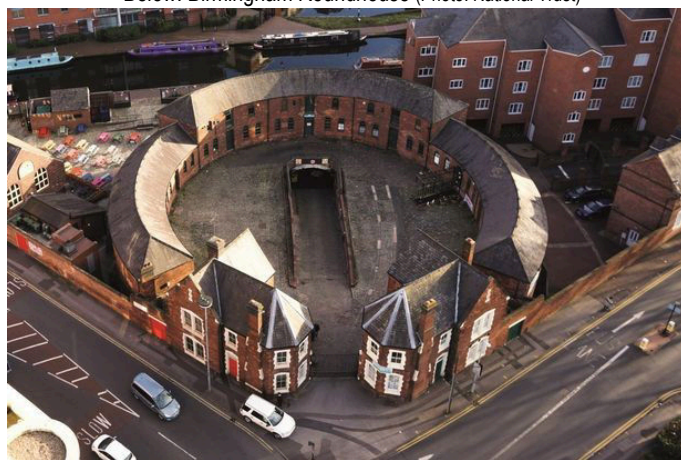
Above: James Street Aqueduct after repairs (Photo: Mark Edwards)

Below: Stainton Aqueduct damaged in the floods last Christmas (Photo: CRT)



Above: Disused Saul Junction Lock before repairs (Photo: Jaggery)

Below: Birmingham Roundhouse (Photo: National Trust)



The Canal & River Trust has published its annual report into the state of the waterways heritage. During the year the Trust made good progress, notwithstanding the devastating effects of the floods in the winter of 2015.

As part of the £43.7 million spent on inspections and works to its waterways in 2015/16, the Trust carried out works on 194 listed or scheduled canal structures.

The Trust has an exemplary record in conservation and legal compliance which has been further recognised in the year with continued progress with Historic England and the Department for Communities and Local Government towards a National Listed Building Consent Order. The Order, the first of its kind, would allow the Trust to make repairs to its masonry and brick structures without having to gain individual consents, allowing repairs to be made more quickly and saving both time and money.

The report takes a closer look at the number of the Trust's assets that are on the Heritage at Risk registers. In the past year, James Bridge Aqueduct in the West Midlands was removed from the register after a programme of repair work. However the floods saw Stainton Aqueduct on the Lancaster Canal added, meaning the number of assets on the register remains stable at 24. There is positive news for the future as work progressed at Soulbury Pumphouse on the Grand Union, the Birmingham Roundhouse, Saul Junction Lock and Fox's Kiln at Gloucester Docks, and several of these could be removed from registers in 2016/17.

Volunteers play an important part in supporting the Trust's heritage activity and in the past year 1,209 hours were given by volunteers working with the Trust's heritage team. Volunteers have been involved in all areas, including historical research, making heritage assessments and conservation management plans, practical works and recording historic structures.

Incidents that affected waterways heritage were down 25% on the previous year, with just under 800 recorded. The most common cause of damage was vandalism (38% with just under half involving graffiti), while a similar number of incidents involve damage caused by boats (34%) and 16% were caused by vehicles striking historic structures and, in particular, bridge parapets.

Richard Parry, chief executive at the Trust, said: "It's heartening to see that the passion, expertise and hard work of our employees and volunteers is having a positive effect on the heritage in our care. Despite the devastation caused by the flooding in the north of England last winter which damaged several heritage structures, we have continued to improve the overall condition of the historic locks, bridges, aqueducts and tunnels that are used and enjoyed by millions of people. It's a great compliment that Historic England has recognised our impressive compliance record and chosen to work with us on a National Listed Building Consent Order."

Sir Neil Cossons, chair of the Trust's Heritage Advisory Group which provides the Trust with valuable advice and support on heritage and conservation issues, said: "The Trust's heritage portfolio is an engaging and accessible one, there for everyone, to be savoured, enjoyed and understood. At once robust and unpretentious, this astounding asset can also have a delicate fragility that demands the utmost care and sensitivity to ensure its qualities are not degraded. It is a demanding brief but the Trust's commitment to caring for the waterways' heritage is impressive, discerning and professional, infusing its thinking and central to the shaping of policy."

The report is available to view here: [Waterways Heritage Report](https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/news-and-views/news/)
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SOUTHAMPTON CANAL SOCIETY

Established 1967

The objectives of the Society are to foster interest in canals and inland waterways, to assist in their preservation, restoration and development, and to give practical help on waterway projects.

Meetings are normally held on the first Thursday of each month at 7.45pm (see Waterways Events) at Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. OS Grid Ref: SU410184. Contact the Secretary for further information.

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Year's trial for new Thames visitor moorings arrangements

THE Environment Agency (EA) is to test new arrangements for managing its short-stay visitor moorings along the non-tidal River Thames. During a 12 month trial which started in November, Thames Visitor Moorings, (TVM) a private company run 'by boaters for boaters', will take over responsibility for managing bookings and collecting fees at 21 of the 22 visitor mooring sites currently operated by the EA. The change will bring significant benefits for boaters and the EA alike.

Boaters will be able to register their arrival (a condition of use) online or by phone at any time of day, and pay any fees using a debit or credit card, or through Paypal. At present, they must register their arrival with the duty lock keeper, who can also take cash payments for any fees due. This can cause problems however if the lock keeper is off-duty, working off-site, busy with other duties, or if the boater doesn't have any cash to hand.

For the EA, the new arrangements are expected to boost the income it receives from its visitor moorings and improve its ability to monitor usage and take enforcement action if necessary.

Nick McKie-Smith, the Environment Agency's waterways operations enforcement manager for the non-tidal River Thames said: "I've got high expectations of this pilot. We're using a first rate provider who really understands the needs of boaters, and ourselves. I'm confident the new arrangements will hugely improve the customer experience and compliance at our visitor moorings, and increase our revenue. It's good news for boaters, and for us."

The EA and others provide short-stay visitor moorings to facilitate touring on the Thames. Generally, they allow boaters to stay for up to three days for a nominal charge to enjoy the facilities and attractions of the local area, before moving on to another location and freeing up the space for someone else to use.

Unfortunately, some boaters stay considerably longer than the maximum allowed, preventing their fellow boaters from using the moorings for their intended purpose. The EA introduced new 'car park' style terms and conditions at its visitor mooring sites in 2013 and this has vastly improved compliance. These additional new arrangements will improve the management of these sites even further.

Rex Walden is the owner/operator of Thames Visitor Moorings. A residential boater and former chair of the Residential Boat Owners' Association (RBOA), Rex is also a member of the Thames Navigation Users Forum (TNUF) – a group representing boaters' interests in regular discussions with the EA.

Rex said: "I use visitor moorings most of the year. I share the challenges and frustrations of boaters but also understand those of the EA and the wider riverside community. TVM is born out of my experience. It is genuinely 'by boaters for boaters' and is intended to make life easier for all of those who use the river and the organisations who manage it.

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Waterways Events *(continued from page 2)*

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Mon 3 Apr 2017 7.30pm	IWA Guildford & Reading Br	Branch AGM at National Trust's premises at Dapdune Wharf, Wharf Road, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4RR.	Gareth Jones: 07850 819071 Email: gareth@hillhouse.farm
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