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**IWA names new chairman**

Following a Trustee meeting on Saturday November 16, Paul Rodgers has been elected as the Association's new National Chairman with immediate effect.

Paul succeeds outgoing National Chairman, Ivor Caplan who, after two years at the helm, has decided to focus on areas of particular interest including heritage, navigation and planning.

Paul brings a wealth of business and volunteering expertise to the role. He is Chairman and Founder of European payments community, Vendorcom and has a background in marketing, strategy development and community building. He first volunteered for IWA in 2014, when his wife persuaded him to go on a week long Canal Camp with her and since then his involvement has grown.

Commenting on Paul's appointment, Neil Edwards, IWA's Chief Executive says, "Paul brings a new perspective, having been a volunteer working across our Waterway Recovery Group sites, such as the Cotswold Canals, as well as a member of our Marketing Committee. He is an entrepreneur with a flair for getting straight to the heart of what matters. His business and leadership experience will take IWA forward to the delivery of our strategic objectives, starting with the plans for our 75th anniversary year."

*Inland Waterways Association*

## Chairman's Column

### December Meeting

On the 5th we look forward to the Annual Inter-Society Waterways Quiz. As last year's winners, Southampton Canal Society will be organizing with the questions having been set by Peter Oates. He says that this year he has tried to make the questions a bit easier than in some previous years.

Tonight's teams include IWA Guildford & Reading, IWA Salisbury and Southampton 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.

### New Year Meeting

On January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2020, we start off with 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.

### New Year Lunch

Has been arranged for Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January at Keats Restaurant, Winchester Road, Ampfield SO51 9BQ at 12:30 for 1pm. The menu selection will be arranged during our December / January meeting. Please see Angela with your choices and requirements.

Please see the menu choices on page 4 in this newsletter.

### Seasonal Greetings to all our Members

We have now reached the end of our 2019 programme and, as is usual at this time of year, I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

## November Meeting

### Fishlake Meadows Nature Reserve, Romsey - Andy Lester

Andy started the evening with a summary of his work with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

He then told us of his interest in the wetlands now known as Fishlake Meadows. He explained about the wildlife that lives there and rests there.

Fishlake Meadows is a spectacular wetland, home to hunting ospreys, elusive bitterns, migratory cuckoos and murmuring starlings. It also supports other species like otters, water voles, many species of dragonfly and damselfly, and an impressive variety of plants.

The unique inhabitats of the area established themselves after farming of the land ceased some two decades ago. Kevin Keegan, the footballer,

bought the land to build a golf club but found the land too wet as the golf balls would be lost in the water.

Unusually, the reserve now boasts a mix of floodplain habitats rarely seen in our chalk river valleys.

Visit in winter to see the wildfowl, visiting marsh harriers and majestic great white egrets. Spring brings reed and sedge warblers as well as a great variety of migrant birds. It's also possible to spot beautiful demoiselle and azure damselfly, osprey, kingfisher and snipe.

The location of the reserve is Cupernham Lane, Romsey, S051 7AA and it's open to all.

*Angela Rose*

## Green light for £3.37m Leeds inland port

We have secured full planning permission from Leeds City Council to bring the vision for Leeds Inland Port at Stourton Wharf in West Yorkshire one step closer.

We submitted our planning application to Leeds City Council in 2018 and are now speaking to West Yorkshire Combined Authority to secure the £3.37 million needed for the scheme.

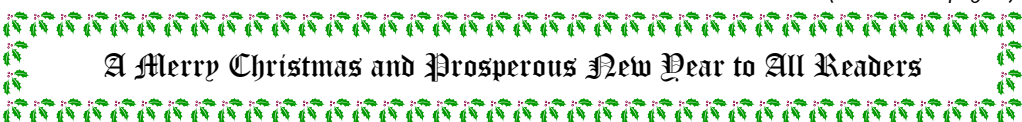
We have also revealed designs for Leeds Inland Port and hope to commence construction onsite in summer 2020. Aggregates will initially be the first goods to be delivered to the site. Plans to accommodate other goods and container freight are also under development.

### Half a million tonnes of freight off the roads

Sean McGinley, director Yorkshire & North East director explained: "We are looking forward to progressing our plans to realise Leeds Inland Port which will have capacity to take up to half a million tonnes of freight traffic off the roads. The overall marketplace for freight within West Yorkshire is over ten million tonnes per annum and the potential to move a considerable proportion of this by water is high."

He added: "Leeds Inland Port presents a fantastic opportunity for our charity to help to reduce the environmental impact of transporting goods,

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**A Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year to All 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	Venue	Contact
Thu 5 Dec 2019 7.45pm	Southampton CS	<b>Inter-Society Waterways Quiz.</b> SCS will be in charge of this year's quiz evening. Followed by the traditional American Supper.	Chilworth Village Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: <a href="mailto:alanjrose@btinternet.com">alanjrose@btinternet.com</a>
Fri 6 Dec 2019 6.00pm-10.00pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Crofton Br)	"An Evening of Victorian and Edwardian Entertainment: A Magic Lantern and Phonograph Show" by David Bayley of the Magic Lantern Society showcasing Victorian and Edwardian cinematography equipment and projection techniques. See website for further details. Tickets on night or on-line. £10-00 include light refreshments. Cash bar available.	Market Lavington Old School, Church Street, Market Lavington, Wiltshire SN10 4DT (SU014541).	Web: <a href="http://www.croftonbeamengines.org">www.croftonbeamengines.org</a> Tickets: <a href="mailto:crofton@katrust.org.uk">crofton@katrust.org.uk</a>
Sat 7 Dec 2019 11.00am-3.00pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Crofton Br)	<b>Winter Works Open Day.</b> See and meet some of our dedicated volunteers carrying out essential maintenance tasks on our wonderful old engines. Admission free but donation welcome.	Crofton Beam Engines, Crofton, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3DW (SU261623).	Web: <a href="http://www.croftonbeamengines.org">www.croftonbeamengines.org</a>
Thu 12 Dec 2019 7.00pm	IWA Salisbury Group	<b>Christmas Dinner</b> at the Green Dragon.	The Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 3AR (SU182275).	Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 or 07768 622966 Email: <a href="mailto:glover.3@btinternet.com">glover.3@btinternet.com</a> or <a href="mailto:myra.glover@waterways.org.uk">myra.glover@waterways.org.uk</a> Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841
Thu 12 Dec 2019 7.30pm	IWA Avon & Wilts Br	<b>Short talk on Saltford Railway station</b> by Chris Warren, followed by the Christmas party.	The Community Room, Wickhouse Close, Saltford, BS31 3BZ. (ST678674).	Geoff Brown: 07980 279929 Email: <a href="mailto:geoff.brown@waterways.org.uk">geoff.brown@waterways.org.uk</a>
Wed 18 Dec 2019 8.00pm	Basingstoke CS	"Film evening from the BCS archives." Archive film about one of the last commercial voyages from the Wey Navigation into London's Royal Docks. The film was made in the 1970s by Tony Harmsworth but has recently had a commentary added and presents a vivid picture of life and work on the Wey Navigation and the River Thames at this time.	Parish Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Station Road, Chobham, GU24 8AZ (SU974615)	Email: <a href="mailto:chobham.talks@basingstoke-canal.org.uk">chobham.talks@basingstoke-canal.org.uk</a> Web: <a href="http://www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk">www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk</a>
Thu 2 Jan 2020 7.45pm	Southampton CS	<b>Members Photographic Evening and Competition.</b> This gives everyone the opportunity to show some pictures that you feel will entertain / amuse / educate your fellow members.	Chilworth Village Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: <a href="mailto:alanjrose@btinternet.com">alanjrose@btinternet.com</a>
Thu 9 Jan 2020 7.30pm	IWA Avon & Wilts Br	"Bristol Channel pleasure steamers" by Richard Clammer.	The Community Room, Wickhouse Close, Saltford, BS31 3BZ. (ST678674).	Geoff Brown: 07980 279929 Email: <a href="mailto:geoff.brown@waterways.org.uk">geoff.brown@waterways.org.uk</a>
Fri 10 Jan 2020 7.00pm-9.30pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Crofton Br)	"Living on a Nuclear Submarine." A talk Michael William Pitkeathly MBE that takes you into life on board an operational submarine during the cold war. Tickets £10.00 by email, phone, on-line or on the door. To include light refreshments. Cash bar available.	The Assembly Rooms, Marlborough Town Hall, Marlborough, SN8 1AA. (SU188691).	Tel: 01672 870300. Web: <a href="http://www.croftonbeamengines.org">www.croftonbeamengines.org</a> Tickets: <a href="mailto:crofton.manager@katrust.org.uk">crofton.manager@katrust.org.uk</a>
Sat 11 Jan 2020 12.30pm for 1.00pm	Southampton CS	<b>New Year Lunch.</b> The menu selection will be arranged during our December / January meeting. Please see Angela with your choices and requirements. See the December 2019 Newsletter for the menu. Booking essential.	Keats Restaurant, Winchester Road, Ampfield, SO51 9BQ (SU400232).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: <a href="mailto:alanjrose@btinternet.com">alanjrose@btinternet.com</a> December Newsletter: <a href="#">December Newsletter</a>
Wed 15 Jan 2020 8.00pm	Basingstoke CS	"When London had an inland Port." Lester Hillman will talk about the arrival of the completed Regent's Canal with a huge terminal at City Basin a game changer for London. Hear about the politics, engineering marvels, commerce and crime. What of the future of the City Basin?	Parish Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Station Road, Chobham, GU24 8AZ (SU974615)	Email: <a href="mailto:chobham.talks@basingstoke-canal.org.uk">chobham.talks@basingstoke-canal.org.uk</a> Web: <a href="http://www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk">www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk</a>
Sat 18 Jan 2020 11.00am-3.00pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Crofton Br)	<b>Winter Works Open Day.</b> See and meet some of our dedicated volunteers carrying out essential maintenance tasks on our wonderful old engines. Admission free but donation welcome.	Crofton Beam Engines, Crofton, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3DW (SU261623).	Web: <a href="http://www.croftonbeamengines.org">www.croftonbeamengines.org</a>
Tue 21 Jan 2020 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Reading Br)	"Bruges to Paris by slow boat" - a presentation by Rob Dean CMG (K&ACT President). Entry donation £2.50 (incl K&A members) - to help pay for the meeting.	Grange Free Church Hall, Circuit Lane, Southcote, Reading, RG30 3HD (SU692718).	John Swift: 0118 941 5540 Email: <a href="mailto:swift.john21@gmail.com">swift.john21@gmail.com</a> Mobile: 07533 886917.
Fri 31 Jan 2020 7.00pm-9.30pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Crofton Br)	"The Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railway – The Best Way to See Snowdonia" by Mark Temple, Bristol Branch of the Ffestiniog Railway Society. Tickets £10-00 available on-line, by phone or email. To include light refreshments. Cash bar available.	Kennet Valley Hall, Lockeridge, Nr Marlborough SN8 4EL (SU141678).	Tel: 01672 870300. Web: <a href="http://www.crofton.manager@katrust.org.uk">Tickets: crofton.manager@katrust.org.uk</a>
Thu 6 Feb 2020 7.45pm	Southampton CS	<b>"Reconstructing the FMC wooden motor boat CLENT"</b> - a talk by Peter Boyce.	Chilworth Village Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: <a href="mailto:alanjrose@btinternet.com">alanjrose@btinternet.com</a>

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Thu 13 Feb 2020 7.30pm	IWA Avon & Wilts Br	"Manchester Canals" by Steve Bacon.	The Community Room, Wickhouse Close, Saltford, BS31 3BZ. (ST678674).	Geoff Brown: 07980 279929 Email: <a href="mailto:geoff.brown@waterways.org.uk">geoff.brown@waterways.org.uk</a>
Sat 15 Feb 2020 11.00am-3.00pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Crofton Br)	<b>Winter Works Open Day.</b> See and meet some of our dedicated volunteers carrying out essential maintenance tasks on our wonderful old engines. Admission free but donation welcome.	Crofton Beam Engines, Crofton, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3DW (SU261623).	Web: <a href="http://www.croftonbeamengines.org">www.croftonbeamengines.org</a>
Sun 16 Feb 2020 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	<b>Combe Hay Tunnel to Engine Wood</b> - guided walk.	The Avenue, Combe Hay, BA2 7EH (ST732598).	Adrian Tuddenham: 01225 335974
Tue 18 Feb 2020 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Reading Br)	"Long Life Lock Gates" - a presentation by Laurel & Hardy (Bill Fisher & Terry Kemp). Entry donation £2.50 (incl K&A members) – to help pay for the meeting.	Grange Free Church Hall, Circuit Lane, Southcote, Reading, RG30 3HD (SU692718).	John Swift: 0118 941 5540 Email: <a href="mailto:swift.john21@gmail.com">swift.john21@gmail.com</a> Mobile: 07533 886917.
Wed 19 Feb 2020 8.00pm	Basingstoke CS	"100 years under the flightpath." Ms Jo Gosney will talk about Farnborough and the impact of aviation on the people, workplace and economy for over a century.	Parish Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Station Road, Chobham, GU24 8AZ (SU974615)	Email: <a href="mailto:chobham.talks@basingstoke-canal.org.uk">chobham.talks@basingstoke-canal.org.uk</a> Web: <a href="http://www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk">www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk</a>
Thu 27 Feb 2020 7.30pm	Somersetshire Coal CS	"The Bridgwater Canal and the Manchester, Bolton & Bury Canal" by Steve Bacon.	Radstock Working Men's Club, The Street, Radstock, BA3 3PR (ST688547). For location <a href="#">see map here</a>	Steve Page: 01761 433418 Email: <a href="mailto:membership@coalcanal.org.uk">membership@coalcanal.org.uk</a>
Thu 5 Mar 2020 7.45pm	Southampton CS	"Lucy Houston : the Lady that Saved a Nation" will be the subject of the talk by Colin van Geffen.	Chilworth Village Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: <a href="mailto:alanjrose@btinternet.com">alanjrose@btinternet.com</a>
Thu 12 Mar 2020 7.30pm	IWA Avon & Wilts Br	A.G.M. followed by a brief talk by Roger Francis, our new IWA region chairman.	The Community Room, Wickhouse Close, Saltford, BS31 3BZ. (ST678674).	Geoff Brown: 07980 279929 Email: <a href="mailto:geoff.brown@waterways.org.uk">geoff.brown@waterways.org.uk</a>
Sun 15 Mar 2020 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	<b>Combe Hay Lock Flight</b> - guided walk.	Layby opposite Bridge Farm BA2 7EE (ST745604).	Derrick Hunt: 07986 972984
Tue 17 Mar 2020 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Reading Br)	<b>Branch AGM</b> followed by talk by Chris Sims, Trust Chairman. Entry donation £2.50 (incl K&A members) – to help pay for the meeting.	Grange Free Church Hall, Circuit Lane, Southcote, Reading, RG30 3HD (SU692718).	John Swift: 0118 941 5540 Email: <a href="mailto:swift.john21@gmail.com">swift.john21@gmail.com</a> Mobile: 07533 886917.
Wed 18 Mar 2020 8.00pm	Basingstoke CS	"Woking's Railway." Alan Norris will describe the coming of the railway to Woking in the 1830's. The talk will also include the Brookwood Cemetery railway and the Bisley Tramway.	Parish Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Station Road, Chobham, GU24 8AZ (SU974615)	Email: <a href="mailto:chobham.talks@basingstoke-canal.org.uk">chobham.talks@basingstoke-canal.org.uk</a> Web: <a href="http://www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk">www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk</a>
Thu 26 Mar 2020 7.30pm	Somersetshire Coal CS	"Cleveland Pools -- Another Georgian Achievement" by Sally Helvey & Dr Linda Watts.	Radstock Working Men's Club, The Street, Radstock, BA3 3PR (ST688547). For location <a href="#">see map here</a>	Steve Page: 01761 433418 Email: <a href="mailto:membership@coalcanal.org.uk">membership@coalcanal.org.uk</a>
Mon 30 Mar 2020 7.30pm	IWA Guildford & Reading Br	<b>Branch AGM</b> at the National Trust's premises.	Dapdune Wharf, Wharf Road, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4RR (SU992503).	Chris Jones: 07711 784374 Email: <a href="mailto:chrismjones10@btinternet.com">chrismjones10@btinternet.com</a>
Thu 2 Apr 2020 7.45pm	Southampton CS	<b>To be arranged.</b>	Chilworth Village Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: <a href="mailto:alanjrose@btinternet.com">alanjrose@btinternet.com</a>

## Walk Across Wales

The following email was recently received in the editorial office from Brian and Annegret Evans:

In September Andrew, our son, and granddaughter Sophie took part in the "Walk across Wales", a 45-mile walk from the Shropshire border to the sea at Aberystwyth. The route was mostly along footpaths, some of them rough and little used and it also included crossing Plynlimon. The walk has to be completed in 18 hours. They left the start at 05.00 hours and reached the coast at 22.30 – in by 20 minutes! For this they both received a certificate.

To make it all more worthwhile Andrew decided to seek some sponsorship. He chose four charities, three of them local to Tring where he lives. The charity of most interest to our members would be the Wendover Arm Trust whose members are restoring the canal from the Grand Union to Wendover, a very expensive job since a lot of the route has to be lined. This is necessary, for the waterway runs across chalkland.



Andrew set up an account with Justgiving. Donors could choose which charity to give to and how much. He was able to pass £230 to the Trust. The Trust Members were pleased and obviously grateful since he was made a Life Member of the Wendover Arm Trust - something new for the Evans family!

Regards,  
Brian and Annegret

## 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 in this issue) at Chilworth Village Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. OS Grid Ref: SU410184. Contact the Secretary for further information.

This Newsletter is normally published during the first week of each month in time for the Society's meeting.

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## New Year Lunch Menu

Here is a copy of the menu for the New Year Lunch on Saturday 11 January 2020. Please note that these are Keats' current prices and this could potentially change, though it is unlikely. The restaurant will contact Alan in the New Year with a definite price per head.

### Lunch Menu

- 2 Course £19.90 - 3 Course £22.50 -

#### Starters

#### **Soup of The Day**

Fresh Crispy Croutons

#### **Melon Cocktail**

Mango Coulis

#### **Crespelle Alla Keats**

Baked Pancakes Filled with Spinach & Ham, in a Creamy Sauce

#### **Aubergine Parmigiana**

Layered Aubergine, Tomato & Cheese

#### **Garlic Mushrooms**

Pan Fried Mushrooms in Garlic Butter

#### **Penne Pasticciate**

Baked Penne Pasta in a Bolognese Sauce Topped with Béchamel & Grated Cheese

#### **Caprese Salad**

Slices of Mozzarella & Plum Tomato with Herb Dressing & Balsamic Glaze

### Main Courses

#### **Beef Stroganoff**

Beef Fillet Cooked in Cream, Mushroom, Wine & Herbs

#### **Fish of the Day**

Your Choice of Sauce

#### **Pollo Carbonara**

Chicken Breast cooked in Parmesan & Cream, with Pancetta

#### **Roast Leg of Lamb**

Red Wine & Rosemary Sauce

#### **Turkey Romagnola**

Turkey Topped with Ham & Mozzarella, in Garlic Butter

#### **Homemade Lasagne Verdi**

Served with Salad or Mixed Vegetables

#### **Pork Marsala**

Pork Escalope's cooked in a Marsala Wine, Mushroom & Cream Sauce

All Dishes Served with a Selection of Vegetables and Potatoes

#### **Selection of Homemade Desserts**

*Freshly Ground Coffee and Infusions to Follow £2.50*

## Green light for £3.37m Leeds inland port

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reducing carbon emissions and road congestion, as inland waterways across the world continue to be effective and efficient transport corridors. By improving the connection between Leeds and the North Sea through our canal network, we hope to pave the way for further development of the inland waterway freight sector across Britain and internationally."

### Reduce environmental impact

Minister for the Northern Powerhouse, the Rt Hon Jake Berry MP, said: "I am excited to support this pioneering new project from the Canal &

River Trust to create a new inland port at Stourton Wharf in Leeds.

"The new port, removing up to half a million tonnes of freight traffic from local roads and relieving traffic congestion, will create a host of new economic opportunities not just for people in Leeds but throughout this key region of the Northern Powerhouse.

"This major infrastructure project supports the wider investment the Government is making in Leeds with over £694.5 million of Local Growth funding to spur regeneration, create new jobs and level up communities."

*Canal & River Trust News 7 November 2019*