

Newsletter

Chairman's Column

This evening Gordon will offer, on your behalf, a very warm welcome to Graham Mackenzie and his talk about the history of the largest working steamship in Britain - the "SS Shieldhall".

March Meeting

This will take place on Thursday 2nd March. "Forgotten Wrecks of the First World War" will be the subject of the talk by Stephen Fisher, from the Maritime Archaeology Trust, based in the National Oceanography Centre, Southampton. This sounds very much like an interesting evening.

April Meeting

On Thursday 6th April, at the meeting we will hear about "Eling Tide Mill, the Past and the Future." Ruth Keer, our speaker, recently visited Winchester College and confirmed that the mill was owned by the Crown until about 1200, as part of the Royal Manor of Eling. Come along and find out more.

Important News

On Thursday 1st June 1967, fifty years ago, twenty local canal enthusiasts held their first meeting at the Scouts' Headquarters in Millbrook. Brian Evans was elected Chairman and Laurie Pearce the Secretary. Thus was the Southampton Canal Society founded.

I and my fellow committee members are looking into how we all would like to "celebrate" this milestone. One suggestion which was aired at the recent Society lunch was:



Above: Milestones Museum Right: John Pinkerton II

A visit to Basingstoke on Thursday 1st June. In the morning, if some of you wish, can be spent at the "Milestones Museum of Living History". This



would then be followed by a boat trip on the Basingstoke Canal, where we can relax on a charter cruise at 2.30 pm on the John Pinkerton from Odiham to the 13th century King John's Castle. It may be possible to arrange for a local guide to meet us at the canal-side to describe the remains and its history in the days of King John. The trip and talk is approximately 3 hours. A catering service is also available at an extra cost. So far twenty four members have shown a keen interest. The costs involved would be:

- A pre-booked group visit of more than 15 to the Museum would cost £8.35 per person.
- The hire of the boat would be £260 for up to 49 people.
- A coach for the day will be between £470 -£525 for 44-49 seaters. Alternatively we could drive ourselves and car share.

Of course, any other suggestions that you would prefer will be considered.

Please let Aelred or Gordon know if you are interested or email me. alanjrose@btinternet.com

New Year Lunch

Our New Year lunch at Keats Restaurant in Ampfield was another great success. Excellent food and jolly good company. Pictures of the event can be found on page 3.

Laurie Pearce

It is with deep regret that I have to report the death on 12th January of Laurie Pearce, a founder member of the Society. I'm sure all who knew him would wish to join me in expressing the sorrow we feel at this time. Sincere condolences to the family, especially his widow, Linda. An obituary can be found on page 4.

The funeral will be on 21st February at 12.15pm at the Wessex Vale Crematorium, Bubb Lane, Hedge End, SO30 2HL (SU488156). Afterwards, a reception will be held at the Bitterne Conservative Club, 70 Dean Road, Bitterne, SO18 6AN (SU454133). All will be most welcome at both occasions.

Alan Rose

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Bits and Pieces

Western Boat Show

THE organisers of the *Northern Boat Show* are launching a *Western Boat Show* at the heart of the *Bristol Harbour Festival* to be held in Bristol from July 21-23 in 2017.

Endorsed by *Bristol Harbour Festival*, this three-day consumer boat show will put sailing boats, power boats and marine products, systems and services in front of serious boat buyers and more than 250,000 visitors to the Festival. The *Northern Boat Show* is now in its third year and moving to new dates in 2017 to coincide with the *International Mersey River Festival* on June 23-25, 2017.

Newsletter and Website

This month the Waterways Events listed in this publication and on the Society's website have each been produced in a new manner. Previously these were compiled separately and, although efforts were made to keep them giving the same information, this was not always successful.

Now your editor holds all the event information in a single database and has written software to generate both items from it. At least, if any information is incorrect then they both tell the same lie!

Also the Details column has been split into two in an attempt to improve readability.

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
Tue 31 Jan 2017 7.30pm	Surrey Industrial History Group	"The Majestic Age of the Ocean Liner" lecture by Richard Mellor (ex Union Castle Line and P&O). Cost £5.00.	Education Centre, Guildford Cathedral, GU2 7UP (SU984500).	Bob Bryson: Email: meetings@sihg.org.uk Web: www.sihg.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. For more information visit: www.ss-shieldhall.co.uk	Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanjrose@btinternet.com
Mon 6 Feb 2017 7.30pm	Wilts & Berks CT	"A Black Country Odyssey" . Steve Bacon will give an illustrated tour of the history and sights around the Birmingham Canal Navigations. Entry £2.	The Angel Hotel, 47 High Street, Royal Wootton Bassett, SN4 7AQ (SU068826).	Cheryll Yeowell: 01793 812708 Email: cheryll.yeowell@wbct.org.uk
Tue 14 Feb 2017 7.30pm	Surrey Industrial History Group	"Matthew Boulton FRS, Industrialist Extraordinary" lecture by Trevor Williams. Cost £5.00.	Education Centre, Guildford Cathedral, GU2 7UP (SU984500).	Bob Bryson: Email: meetings@sihg.org.uk Web: www.sihg.org.uk
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: 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
Thu 16 Feb 2017 7.30pm	Somersetshire Coal CS	"SCCS Restoration -- The next major step" The opportunities created by the "Waterspace Study" by Patrick Moss.	Radstock Working Men's Club, The Street, Radstock, BA3 3PR (ST688547). For location see map here	Steve Page: 01761 433418 Email: membership@coalcanal.org.uk
Sun 19 Feb 2017 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk - Cleveland Bridge to Grosvenor Bridge.	Cleveland Bridge, Bath, BA1 5DH (ST753656).	Mike Chapman: 01225 426948 Email: history@coalcanal.org.uk
Tue 21 Feb 2017 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Reading Br)	To be announced. £2.50 (incl K&A members) to help pay for room hire.	Grange Free Church Hall, Circuit Lane, Southcote, Reading, RG30 3HD (SU692718).	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 Stephen Fisher from 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: www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk
Thu 16 Mar 2017 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	"Boat Safety" by Andrew Phasey, Technical Officer for the Association of Waterway Cruising Clubs.	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 16 Mar 2017 7.30pm	Somersetshire Coal CS	"Maps and Plans of the S.C.C and Railways" by Roger Halse.	Radstock Working Men's Club, The Street, Radstock, BA3 3PR (ST688547). For location see map here	Steve Page: 01761 433418 Email: membership@coalcanal.org.uk
Sun 19 Mar 2017 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk - Churchill Bridge to Sydney Gardens.	Churchill Bridge, Bath, BA1 1UD (ST750643).	Mike Chapman: 01225 426948 Email: history@coalcanal.org.uk
Tue 21 Mar 2017 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Reading Br)	AGM + "Helpless in Holland" by Rob Dean CMG (Trust Chairman). £2.50 (incl K&A members) to help pay for room hire.	Grange Free Church Hall, Circuit Lane, Southcote, Reading, RG30 3HD (SU692718).	John Swift: 0118 941 5540 Email: swift.john21@gmail.com Mobile: 07533 886917.
Mon 3 Apr 2017 7.30pm	IWA Guildford & Reading Br	Branch AGM at National Trust's premises.	Dapdune Wharf, Wharf Road, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4RR.	Gareth Jones: 07850 819071 Email: gareth@hillhouse.farm
Thu 6 Apr 2017 7.45pm	Southampton CS	"Eling Tide Mill, the Past and the Future" by Ruth Keer. Visitors welcome. For more information visit www.elingexperience.co.uk	Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanjrose@btinternet.com
Sun 16 Apr 2017 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk - Sydney Gardens to Bathampton.	A36 road bridge, Sydney Gardens, Bath, BA2 6PF (ST758654).	Mike Chapman: 01225 426948 Email: history@coalcanal.org.uk
Tue 18 Apr 2017 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Reading Br)	To be announced. £2.50 (incl K&A members) to help pay for room hire.	Grange Free Church Hall, Circuit Lane, Southcote, Reading, RG30 3HD (SU692718).	John Swift: 0118 941 5540 Email: swift.john21@gmail.com Mobile: 07533 886917.

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January Meeting

Waterways Photographic Evening & Competition

The following list, hopefully, will give you an idea of the pictures shown by members.

Eric Lewis: After giving nearly 34 years of trouble free motoring on *NB Remus*, the Bukh DV20 engine failed after 10,550 hours service. Oh dear! Pictures of it being lifted out, engine room cleaned, new shaft, propeller and ancillaries fitted. All is running well now. Having missed cruising to the Woking Festival, Eric & Sue travelled there by car and were able to take excellent photographs of the working boats *NB Beatty* owned by Nick Grundy; Stewart & Lloyds *Tug No 1*; *NB Stanton* and a few others. He also showed pictures of the stalls and events taking place. They did manage a cruise on the Ashby Canal with the new engine and we were shown photos of the "new end."

Alan Rose: "What we did on our Holidays" - a selection from cruising from Napton down to Oxford, up the Thames to the Round House above Lechlade. A fine day the Thames, going in thru Thames Lock onto the River Wey. Photo's taken at Byfleet Boat Club of other Working Boats waiting for their allotted time to go thru the Woodham Flight and onto the Basingstoke Canal. Various views at the Woking Festival including, a movie of a single cylinder Bollinder engine starting up. Finally leaving the Basingstoke by going and under the M25 bridge some very good graffiti there! Cox's Mill area is very pretty. now back onto the Thames and Teddington Lock, Hampton Court at night & day. Under Richmond Bridge and into Brentford Locks, moving thru the Hanwell Flight and continue up the Grand Union Canal, detouring along the Wendover Arm. Arriving back at Stoke Bruerne in time for the Village at War weekend. Finally there was a lovely sunset to finish off our holiday.

Gordon Osborn: His Easter 2016 cruise on the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal, beginning at Goetre Wharf, with a photograph of a tree that had fallen across the canal right under a bridge with a boat waiting the other side to come through. Llanfoist Wharf, the home to the Brecon Park Boat Hire Centre has beautiful views of the Welsh countryside. Gordon mentioned some of the history of the canal including various tramroads and inclined planes, he finished off with "wildlife" pictures.

Janet Gunningham: Society Boat gathering at Flecknoe. Cruising to Braunston and joining in the IWA Northampton Branch Rally. Pictures of Nutfield & Raymond celebrating 80 years. Good pictures of Atherstone Locks and Hawkesbury Junction. Their later cruise up the Hatton Flight to Great Haywood and into Gas Street Basin. We discussed the normal "boaters moans" of Elsan emptying, toilet and shower facilities. Janet and Malcolm spent a few days in the area visiting the "new library" and talking to a very well informed James Brindley. To finish off with the steamer "Hasty"; sheep being gongoozlers and finally a peaceful view of Foxton Locks.

After the break we viewed the entries for the Photographic competition. A good choice of pictures from: The Locks on the Crinan Canal; Flowing Water; Brindley; Scruffy Heron; More Herons and A group of Chicks (so cute).

The winning picture was "Scruffy Heron" by Gordon Osborn.

A very enjoyable evening, thank you to all who helped and to David Doulton for the use of his digital projector, and last, but not least our members and visitors.

Angela Rose



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These pictures of members enjoying themselves at the Canal Society's New Year lunch on 14 January at Keats Restaurant were taken by Paul Herbert. Thanks Paul.



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Society's New Year Lunch



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Laurie Pearce October 22, 1921 – January 12, 2017

Laurie Pearce was born in Portsmouth, one of four children, three boys and a girl. When he was 18 months old, his family moved to the Isle of Wight and there he spent his childhood, never far from boats. As a boy, he loved to sail a dinghy and sometimes sailed over to Hamble with an uncle.

During the Second World War, Laurie served in the Royal Navy, and in 1946 was in Hong Kong following the Japanese surrender. He was in the Royal Navy for more than 13 years, and then, in 1953, joined Her Majesty's Customs and Excise. This was the Laurie who I first came to know.

In 1967, he wrote me a letter, asking if I would like to join the Kennet and Avon Canal Association. I had written to the Southern Evening Echo to publicise the waterways restoration movement. David Kessler-Lyne and Mike Smetham found us in a similar way. Annegret and I invited them to our house, along with Laurie's late wife, Joan. And out of that initial meeting, the Southampton Canal Society was born.

Laurie made an excellent committee secretary. He was superb at publicity, too. Like a salesman putting a foot in a door, he would answer any comment or article in newspapers and magazines. Our society quickly grew.

Joan and Laurie made a good fundraising team.

Joan did her beautiful canal art, and Laurie fixed speakers for our monthly meetings. Laurie and I would collaborate on our first talks to other groups. He sat at my projector and changed the slides (no remote controls in those days) and I gave the talk. Later, when he had built up a slide collection, he gave his own talks.

Members of this young Southampton Canal Society attended a number of canal working parties, mostly on the Kennet and Avon Canal. I remember Laurie being with us in 1967 at Sulhampstead and later ones on Bath Locks.

Joan and Laurie bought a small two-berth, glass fibre boat and together with Pete and Margaret Wheble and David and Margaret



Laurie at the Society's New Year Lunch last year.

Kessler-Lyne went canal cruising. Laurie always wrote a report for our Newsletter. These articles often found their way into the Southern Evening Echo or a waterways magazine. He was always thinking about publicity. We built an exhibition stand and he and Joan would help with visiting shows.

On a couple of occasions, Laurie arrived at a committee just in time and still in uniform, having been called to a ship at the last minute. Once he was quite jubilant, having found a large quantity of drugs. Laurie's favourite duty involved several weeks on the Isle of Wight. He and Joan took a little caravan to live in while there. Best of all, a little boat went with the job for our Customs man to get to the yachts coming in from abroad, when they made first landfall on the island. He also did customs duty at an American military base in Norfolk.

Joan died after a long illness in March 1988. As a nurse, Linda had helped to care for her. Laurie and Linda married in February 1991 and moved to Tamworth to a house with a mooring at the bottom of the garden where they kept a narrowboat. While living there they cruised, with Laurie staying in touch with the society by sending reports of their travels. He would also find canal bits in the Midlands press.

Laurie and Linda returned to Hampshire in December 2000, attended most of our meetings. He resumed his fundraising habit by helping to sell raffle tickets. Linda was pleased to tell me that they had been able to celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

Laurie hadn't been in the best of health in recent years. But he would still nearly always drive himself to our monthly meetings from Old Netley to Chilworth. He was well cared for by Linda, who would bring him to the meetings when he was feeling under par. Laurie's loyalty to Southampton Canal Society and the waterways campaign has been unbeatable. All the more sad that he just did not live long enough to enjoy our 50-year celebrations in June. He will be greatly missed. We send our sympathy to Linda and relatives.

Brian Evans, January 2017

New Family Canal Camp for 2017

IWA's Waterway Recovery Group has announced its 2017 programme of canal restoration working holidays for volunteers of all ages. The week-long holidays, called Canal Camps, offer a unique opportunity to volunteer and learn new skills, whilst exploring amazing parts of Britain's industrial heritage. WRG has [28 Canal Camps](#) planned for 2017 on 13 different canal restoration sites, offering volunteers the chance to rebuild a weir on the North Walsham & Dilham Canal in Norfolk, restore a lock on the Cotswold Canals, or repair a canal basin on the Stover Canal in Devon.

For the first time WRG is running a Family Canal Camp weekend, open to families with children aged between 8 and 14, which will take place on the Uttoxeter Canal.

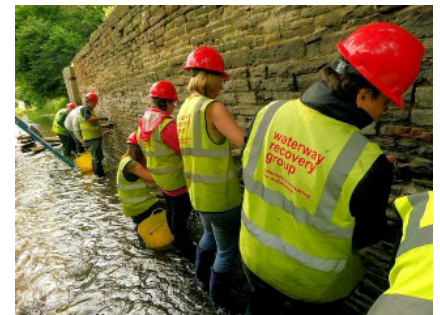
Mike Palmer, WRG Chairman, commented: "We are really pleased we now have a workable programme in place to enable families with children to enjoy the camaraderie and canal experience together. It's been a long-standing ambition to introduce younger volunteers in a fun, safe way and if we get the uptake that we're hoping for we plan to expand the Family Camp opportunities in future years."

WRG volunteering holidays act as a catalyst for canal restoration projects, enabling significant progress to be made on a site in just one week. Working together, WRG volunteers can achieve great

things such as building a canal basin and new section of canal, restoring a flight of locks, removing tonnes of rubbish from a canal or even rebuilding a bridge. In the summer of 2016 WRG volunteers contributed over £400,000 in volunteer hours towards restoring the canal network of England and Wales!

WRG also attracts a wide range of volunteers from abroad and its friendship with the French volunteering group REMPART and other European volunteers continues to grow. Over 20 international

volunteers from Spain, Italy, Germany and France attended a Canal Camp in 2016. In addition, WRG helped 58 Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants complete their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award residential section. See the [best bits from 2016](#). A full list of [Canal Camp dates and locations](#) is now available online. Watch our 'Who Digs Canals' video.



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Anglian Waterways Under Threat of Closure

IWA has issued a strong warning that potential long-term closures of Environment Agency waterways in East Anglia will be resisted by waterway users. IWA has seen documents that reveal EA is prepared to make long-term closures of navigation assets. EA admits that this is the inevitable consequence of its underfunding problems, which IWA has been campaigning about for many years.

In the minutes of a meeting between EA and CRT about the proposed transfer of EA waterways, brought to our attention by a concerned waterway user following a Freedom of Information request, EA stated that some navigations in their Anglian Region (which includes the Great Ouse and River Nene) may have to be closed to navigation on health and safety grounds.

Three locks in the region are already closed with EA admitting that it is unable to reopen them due to current funding restraints. It is only a matter of time before further navigation assets are closed, potentially on waterways that are well used and provide links or through routes to other waterways, a situation that IWA regards as unacceptable. The Anglian Water Act 1977 provides a Right of Navigation on most of these waterways and IWA considers that EA cannot not simply ignore its legal duties.

Les Etheridge, IWA national chairman, said "Whether or not EA's waterways are transferred to CRT, these navigations need to receive increased funding from Government in order to halt the progressive deterioration that is currently taking place. IWA's wish to see the EA navigations transferred to CRT has always been conditional upon sufficient funding being provided and threats of closure to currently navigable waterways are simply unacceptable. Waterways provide far too much to the nation in terms of health benefits, recreation and regeneration for this to be a sensible option and we must not allow it to happen. Now is the time for boaters to make their voice heard and we need your help. If you live near, or boat on, any of the EA Anglian waterways, please write to your local MP and the relevant local authority in order to make them aware of your concerns. Letter templates are available [through this link](#). Your support will be vital as politicians need to understand that waterway supporters are not prepared to just sit there whilst waterways close around them".

Suggestions of who to write to can be obtained by [emailing Alison Smedley](#), Campaigns Officer. Please copy any letters to Alison so that IWA is aware of the level of support for the campaign.

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IWA's Concerns About Proposals for the Edgbaston Tunnel

CRT has consulted local waterway organisations on proposals by Birmingham City Council to fund works to increase the width of the towpath through Edgbaston Tunnel on the Worcester & Birmingham Canal, as a result of increased pedestrian use. This would have the effect of reducing the navigable width of the tunnel and would result in a change from two way to single way working, as there would no longer be room for two boats to pass in the tunnel.

IWA has written to CRT to object to this proposal for the following reasons:-

- It could set a precedent for the loss of navigable width through other tunnels with towpaths, or indeed in any location where the local authority felt that they would like more space for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Safety of pedestrians - people walking through the tunnel will be more at risk from speeding cyclists if the towpath is widened. Cyclists should always be prepared to dismount at bridges and tunnels and the widening of the towpath at this location will do nothing to encourage this.
- Safety of boaters – the Worcester & Birmingham Canal is very shallow through the Edgbaston area. Reducing the tunnel to single way working will require boats to hold back to allow oncoming boats to come through, which may result in deeper draughted boats going aground and potentially swinging across the channel in

front of the oncoming boat. Dredging and bollards to provide a waiting area at each end of the tunnel would be useful regardless of the outcome of this consultation.

- Pinchpoint - reducing the navigable width through the tunnel would create a new pinchpoint on this stretch of canal which is contrary to IWA policy. The Worcester & Birmingham Canal was originally conceived as a broad waterway, and the 14 mile summit pound (including Edgbaston Tunnel) was built to broad dimensions, although the locks on the canal were subsequently built narrow.
- Heritage - although Edgbaston Tunnel does not have Listed building status, it is a significant heritage structure and as such the historic dimensions of the tunnel should not be altered.

Instead of widening the towpath, IWA has suggested to CRT that the Birmingham City Council funding for the project should be used to improve the lighting through the tunnel as well as replacing the railings and moving them closer to the waters' edge (the current railings are set into the towpath by about 1 ft/30cm) in order to widen the towpath without reducing the width of the channel. This would have the added benefit of allowing a design of railing to be used which would be better for pedestrians using the tunnel, without the current protrusions. A smooth top to the replacement handrail would also allow boats to be towed from the bank (whether by horse or by person in the case of a breakdown) without snagging.

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IWA's Response to Towpath Use Survey

IWA has submitted a response to Canal & River Trust's consultation on "Better Towpaths for Everyone - Running and Cycling on Towpaths". Among the answers to the questions, which were answered on behalf of IWA members and all users of the waterways, IWA made the following suggestions for what more could be done to encourage people to slow down:

- More should be done to highlight the dangers to cyclists themselves, as well as other users of the towpaths, though discrete signage where appropriate.
- Where towpaths are being improved (which would allow cyclists to travel faster) narrowings of the towpath such as through tunnels and under bridges should be used as natural barriers to make

cyclists slow down.

- Messages about appropriate use (eg slowing down when approaching other users, dismounting under bridges, using a bell or horn, remembering that pedestrians have priority, being aware of boat crews operating locks or bridges or stepping off a boat onto the towpath, slowing down or dismounting around locks or blind bends, etc) should be promoted to cyclists generally through cycling magazines/websites. It is no good just relying on CRT/ waterway websites to promote the messages as many cyclists won't see these. Cycling clubs should be asked to avoid group cycling or races along towpaths.

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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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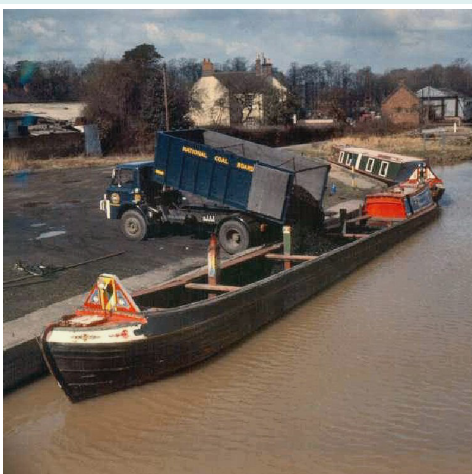
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Right: NB Stanton loading coal at Atherstone Top Lock in February 1970.

Far Right: Hargreaves push tug and pans carrying aggregates on an unknown waterway.

Below: NB Roach loaded with coal and making progress down the Severn above Worcester in September 2016.

Lower Right: Carrying containers from Liverpool on the Manchester Ship Canal at Eastham Locks.



Carrying on Water

Waterways Events *(continued from page 2)*

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Sat 29 Apr 2017 7.30pm	Wey & Arun CT	Annual General Meeting.	Cranleigh Village Hall, Village Way, Cranleigh, GU6 8AF (TQ059389).	Trust Office: 01483 505566 Email: support@weyandarun.co.uk Web: www.weyandarun.co.uk
Thu 4 May 2017	Southampton CS	There will be NO meeting - hall may be used for elections		Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanjrose@btinternet.com
Sat 13 May 2017 10.30am	Kenet & Avon CT	55th Annual General Meeting of the Trust	West Lavington Village Hall Sandfield, West Lavington, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 4HL (SU004535).	Trust Office: 01380 721279 Web: katrust.org.uk