



Southampton Canal Society

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WELCOME BACK

Southampton Canal Society is happy to welcome the Day-Star Theatre Company back to the St John Ambulance Hall for another performance. The new play for this year is entitled "The Last Run".

This story weaves its way to and from the present day and back and forth over the last fifty five years. It is the story of an old wooden narrow boat, a boating family whose daughter has eloped with the boss's son, an ageing secret agent with a penchant for working locks and a quirky mystery which surrounds the boat and touches all who come in to contact with her over the years.

There are plenty of comic boating antics, a touch of sadness, a mind boggling conspiracy plot and an insight into how our canals have changed since the end of World War Two

This is also the last in a series of plays which have, to a greater or lesser degree touched on the unfortunate adventures of Miles and Leaf otherwise known as 'Telford & Brindley'. Past plots get hopelessly entangled and storylines collide head on. However it is not necessary to have seen any of the other plays as they may even just add to the confusion! Just remember, things aren't always what they seem.

**DAY-STAR
THEATRE**



The performers are:-

Jane Marshall

Co-founder of Day-Star. She has appeared in the film Robin Hood and on T.V. in Brookside. Jane also paints and runs courses on traditional canal painting. A country girl at heart and mad about horses. She also plays the fiddle.

Duffy Marshall

Co-founder of Day-Star and writer of all Day-Star plays, songs and music. He has appeared on T.V. in Watching, Coronation Street, Medics, Children's Ward and Brookside. He knows nothing about horses and prefers to sing songs in pubs. 'Duffy' is his mum's maiden name, his real name being Pete.

Management of Trees along the Waterways

The Inland Waterways Association is in the process of reviewing its national policy concerning tree management issues along inland waterways. The Society has been sent a consultation draft of its proposed new policy. This policy is supplemental to, and will not replace, IWA's Environment Policy which was published in spring 1999.

Trees are an important and valued part of the waterways environment. However, uncontrolled establishment and growth of such trees can damage the navigations, reduce their amenity, and cause safety hazards.

The IWA is concerned that management of trees

along canal and river navigations receives insufficient priority and attention from navigation authorities.

As a result, it is adopting a policy to express its views concerning the need for appropriate tree management standards and maintenance practices, and concerning what standards and practices are appropriate.

The IWA would be grateful for your views on aspects of the document; especially on any points that you might feel would make the document a more useful guidance tool.

Any member who would like to examine a copy of the draft (which extends to 4½ sides of A4 paper) should contact the Secretary, Peter Oates. The IWA would like to receive comments in writing to arrive no later than Friday 8th September.

June Meeting

The Society's Annual General Meeting was held at the June meeting this year. For those with an aversion to such occasions, the official business was completed in less than half an hour. The Chairman's Report and the Society's accounts, accompanied by the Treasurer's Report, had been circulated to members before the meeting and this certainly helped speed proceedings along a little.

In the absence of any other volunteers, your editor allowed himself to be elected to the vacant position of Secretary. Tony Coles stood down from the Committee owing to personal commitments. The remainder of the officers of the Society and the Committee members were re-elected unopposed. However, there were no volunteers to fill the two vacancies on the Committee. There are powers to co-opt further members during the year - anyone interested to taking on one of the not too onerous posts should speak to the Chairman.

The meeting decided to accept the Committee's recommendation to increase the annual subscriptions by £1.00 in each category i.e. to £7.00 for single membership and to £10.00 for a family. Even after

this increase, these sums cannot be considered to be exorbitant for 12 meetings per year and 10 or 11 copies of this august journal.

The major part of the evening was spent watching more of the marvellous video footage taken by Hugh Gough on a journey by boat from Llangollen to his home mooring on the Kennet & Avon near Newbury. The quality and content were indeed excellent. I had not seen Hugh's previous show to the Society last year but the reports I had heard about a professional standard were proved to be true. I have seen commercial videos which were not as good as this.

During the journey, undertaken several years ago, Hugh visited places that many present recognised, but included also sights less familiar. It was interesting to note some of the scenes that have changed, even in the relatively short period since Hugh's passing.

As a result of Hugh's presentation, the Society has sent him a cheque for £50.00 payable to the Surrey & Hampshire Canal Society towards the back pumping being installed on the Basingstoke Canal.

Peter Oates

CHICHESTER CANAL

West Sussex County Council is about to produce its fourth five-yearly Canal Management Plan. These four plans reflect the thinking of the Canal's owners, and reflect the progress that has been made since John Cooper, Chairman of the Chichester Canal Society, became one of the first volunteers with the vision to open up the Ship Canal to the sea once more. In the first plan, which was produced in the early eighties, opening the canal was seen as a wild pipe dream, says John.

This latest plan, soon to be made public, accepts the

canal will be restored to through navigation. It is no longer a barely feasible option, it is a real possibility, with a timetable for completion of the tasks involved.

"I sometimes feel no progress has been made at all," says John, who became chairman soon after the Society was formed in May 1979. "But, of course, there has been. People who come back to Chichester after a few years are amazed at the difference. The agenda has moved forward in the past 21 years from 'What canal?' to a waterway which everyone believes should be restored."

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Waterways Quiz

Last month's Quiz answers:

- 1 The now demolished lock at Thurlwood was built to combat unstable ground and consisted of a complex steel tank structure with guillotine gates at each end.
- 2 Starvationers were boats employed in the Duke of Bridgewater's Worsley coal mines.
- 3 Hardham Tunnel was the only tunnel built on a river navigation (the Arun in Sussex) in Britain.
- 4 Bath Deep Lock (19' 6") is the deepest on BW waters.
- 5 The Jolly Tar public house is at Barbridge Junction on the Shropshire Union Canal.
- 6 The first canal to cross the watershed between the Rhine and Danube rivers was Ludwig's Canal.
- 7 The last regular commercial traffic on the Caldon was pottery.
- 8 The Queen Mother re-opened the Stratford Canal in 1964.
- 9 A French peniche is 38.5 metres long.
- 10 The junction of the Staffs & Worcs and Trent & Mersey Canals is at Great Haywood.

Sorry, but there's no more quiz questions for the moment.

WATERWAYS DIARY 2000

The following is a list of waterway events taking place within approximately 50 miles of Southampton.

Hopefully you can find something to interest you. If YOU know of an event taking place that should be in this list then contact the editor.

Date	Organisers	Details of Event	Contact
Thu 06/07/00 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Day-Star Theatre with "The Last Run", their new show for 2000. Tickets £3.00	Peter Oates: 01794 517614
Sun 09/07/00	Local Rotary Clubs	River Arun Paddle - tide assisted from Littlehampton to the Black Rabbit (Offham) with barbecue at the pub. Entry fee passed on to RNLI. Contact Peter King, 20 Admiralty Road, Bognor Regis PO22 7DN	Peter King (see left - phone unknown)
Sun 09/07/00 2.00pm	Chichester Canal Society	Guided walk & Strawberry Cream Tea. Start Salterns Lock, Chichester Marina. Adult £3.50, child £2.50	Canal Basin (day): 01243 771363
Sat 15/07/00 2.00pm	Chichester Canal Society	The 19th Annual Beer Barrel Races. Commences 2.00pm at the Canal Basin, Chichester	Entry forms: 01243 671051
Wed 19/07/00 7.30pm	Chichester Canal Society	A talk by John Herniman on the Chichester Canal, "Vision and Opportunity". Venue: District Council Offices, East Pallant. Charge of £2 includes light refreshments.	Canal Basin (day): 01243 771363
Thu 20/07/00 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Branch	Social Evening	Tony Fry: 01722 710192
Sat 22/07/00 7.30pm	Chichester Canal Society	Mikron Theatre presents "Traveller's Fare" at The Geoffrey Osborne Conference Centre, Stockbridge Road, Chichester (close to Basin). Adult £5.00 child £4.00	Canal Basin (day): 01243 771363
Sun 23/07/00 9.45am	IWA Avon & Wilts Branch	IWA South West Region Boat Trip from Wapping Wharf, Bristol to Bath aboard narrow boat "Redshank" with coach return. Fares: Adults £15.00 Children £10.00	Dave Chalmers: 0117 9720423
Sun 23/07/00 7.30pm	Surrey & Hampshire CS	Mikron Theatre presents "Don't Start From Here" at the Fox and Hounds, Crookham Road, Fleet. Natural arena of the pub garden beside the Basingstoke Canal. Bring folding chairs or rug, or just sit on the grass. Sponsored by SHCS and supported by your contributions	
Sat - Sun 29-30/07/00		Newbury Waterways Festival	Bob Wetton: 01635-41018
Sun 30/07/00 9.30am	IWA Solent & Arun Branch	River Itchen Cruise - Itchen Bridge to Woodmill and Mans Bridge - on both tidal and non-tidal parts of the river.	Alan White: 01243 573765
Thu 03/08/00 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Brian Evans will present more slides of his visit to China.	Peter Oates 01794 517614
Sun 20/08/00	Chichester Canal Society	Canalside Water Fair with a Pirate Theme. Chichester Basin. Adult 50p child free. Starts at 12 noon.	Canal Basin (day): 01243 771363
Sun 20/08/00	IWA Solent & Arun Branch	Chichester Canal Cruise in association with Canalside Water Fair	Alan White: 01243 573765
Fri - Mon 25-28/08/00	IWA	IWA National Waterways Festival at Waltham Abbey on the River Lee	Ian Gall: 01925 740291
Thu 07/09/00 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Archaeology on the River Itchen with Dr Andrew Russel	Peter Oates: 01794 517614
Fri - Sun 15-24/09/00	National Boat Shows Ltd	Southampton Boat Show, Mayflower Park, Southampton	
Sun 17/09/00 10.30am	IWA Solent & Arun Branch	Beaulieu River Picnic Cruise - Buckler's Hard first downstream, then upstream to Beaulieu for a picnic	Alan White: 01243 573765
Thu 21/09/00 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Branch	Social Evening	Tony Fry: 01722 710192
Thu 21/09/00 7.30pm	IWA Avon & Wilts Branch	"The Severn Passage" by Tom Higgs. Venue: Riverside pub, Saltford Marina, Saltford, Bristol (just off the A4 between Bristol and Bath).	Bob Kelly: 0117 9744221
Thu 05/10/00 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Frank Stokes will show slides of his visit to Projekt 17 in Germany and to the Shannon-Erne Waterway in Ireland	Peter Oates: 01794 517614
Thu 19/10/00 7.30pm	IWA Avon & Wilts Branch	"From the Cradle to the Grave and back again" - A talk about the story of the Monmouthshire, Brecon and Abergavenny Canal by Phil Hughes. Venue: Riverside pub, Saltford Marina, Saltford, Bristol.	Bob Kelly: 0117 9744221
Thu 02/11/00 7.45pm	Southampton CS	"Navigating where others cannot reach" with Chris Coburn	Peter Oates: 01794 517614
Thu 07/12/00 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Annual Inter-Society Waterways Quiz and American Supper	Peter Oates: 01794 517614
First Wed of month	IWA Dorchester Group	Evening meetings. Further details from Graham Pugh.	Graham Pugh: 01305 262305
4th Thursday of month	Wey & Arun CT	Interesting but not too arduous walks in Sussex come rain or shine. Lunch at well chosen establishment en route or at end. Donation to WACT appreciated.	Don Gibson: 01903 201375
All year	Wey & Arun CT	Cruises on n/b <i>Zachariah Keppel</i> on the restored canal at Loxwood.	John Lisk: 01493 752403.
All year	Chichester CS	Cruises on n/b <i>Egremont</i> on Chichester Canal.	Bookings: 01243 670786

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.

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1st Thursday each month at 7.45pm
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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members are reminded that these are now due for the next year. It should be noted that the AGM approved increases in the subscriptions to £7.00 single and £10.00 for a family. The Treasurer, Laura Sturrock, will be pleased to see you!

ROMSEY HOSPITAL APPEAL

A nearly completed 66ft narrowboat is open to view on Sunday 9th July and Saturday 15th July at Abbey Farm Barn, Mottisfont from 10.00am till 5.00pm. Entry £1-00 - All proceeds to go to Romsey Hospital.

DIBDEN BAY CONFERENCE

The Residents Against Dibden Bay Port and Friends of the Earth are organising a conference for groups opposing the plans to build a huge new super-port at Dibden Bay on Southampton Water near the edge of the New Forest. The conference will be held at Hythe Parish Hall, near Southampton on Saturday July 22nd. Further details which were sent to the Society from the Secretary, Peter Oates.

FORTHCOMING SOCIETY EVENTS

6th July 2000

Day-Star Theatre with "The Last Run", their new show for 2000

3rd August 2000

Brian Evans will present more slides of his visit to China.

7th September 2000

Archaeology on the River Itchen with Dr Andrew Russel

5th October 2000

Frank Stokes will show slides of his visit to Projekt 17 in Germany and to the Shannon-Erne Waterway in Ireland

2nd November 2000

"Navigating where others cannot reach" with Chris Coburn

7th December 2000

Annual Inter-Society Waterways Quiz and American Supper

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Map 3 Fenny Stratford - Thames	
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with Society logo embroidered on breast

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