



Chairman's Column

2012 Annual General Meeting

Welcome to all our Members attending the Society's 45th Annual General Meeting. The agenda and all the supporting documentation was included in LAST month's Newsletter (apart from the accounts which are included in this issue). There are a few copies available at the AGM if required. At the time of going to press, there are vacancies on the committee. Please consider joining the committee to fill these.

Enjoy the Cheese and Wine Supper, to finish off the evening.

Day-Star Theatre

Our friends from Day-Star Theatre have been booked to appear at our meeting on 1st November. They will be

presenting "A Night at Blackstone Hall". The play will be followed by an American Supper. Tickets cost £8.00 and should be available at the AGM. Please buy your tickets from Gill or Angela (if you can't get to the meeting, contact details are on the back page).

August Meeting

Please note that there will be NO meeting in August.

September Meeting

At the meeting on the 6th September, there will be a talk by Chris Coyle, the Secretary of the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust. He will be updating us on the progress of their various ongoing projects.

Thank you all for supporting the Society.

Alan Rose

Google Maps to feature canals and rivers

Google has embarked on a project to map towpaths in England and Wales, as part of a plan to get more people on to rivers and canals.

Later this year, Google Maps will be updated to enable users to plan journeys that include bridges, locks and the 2,000 miles of canal and river paths across England and Wales.

The project is being launched today with the Canal and River Trust, which begins its stewardship of the nation's waterways next month. It takes over from British Waterways and the Waterways Trust in England and Wales to become responsible for the nation's third largest collection of listed structures, as well hundreds of

important wildlife habitats.

Tony Hales, the chairman of the trust, said: "We are delighted that these exciting partners have come on board as we launch. This is a huge vote of confidence in the Canal and River Trust and recognition of the important role it will play as the guardian of one of the nation's environmental treasures."

Ed Parsons, a geospatial technologist at Google UK, said of the project: "Canal towpaths offer green routes through our towns and cities, and by working with the Canal and River Trust we're adding towpaths to Google Maps and encouraging people to discover their local waterway."

www.guardian.co.uk 19 June 2012

David Beach

We are sad to report the death of our member David Beach on 31 May, at the age of 71.

David married Diane in 1963. Soon after the marriage David's work took them to Peterborough for around six years. They returned to live in Chandlers Ford and for many years regularly attended Canal Society. In recent times we have not seen so much of David, but he always

made a point of coming to see Day-Star.

Both interested in railways and waterways, they have spent numerous holidays visiting locations and industrial museums.

David's funeral was held on Wednesday 13 June. Four Southampton Canal Society members attended.

Brian Evans

BBC coverage of the Jubilee Pageant

In this letter to the Telegraph, Martyn Heighton, director of National Historic Ships UK, has torn into what he called the BBC's "shocking" coverage of the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant on 3rd June.

I write as Head of the organisation charged by government with overseeing the National Registers of Historic Vessels and promoting public understanding of and interest in historic vessels in the UK.

Clare Balding's statement in today's Daily Telegraph (8th June) that executives decided "looking at boats for how ever many hours might be dull" exposes the bankruptcy of imagination, intelligence, and lack of appreciation of heritage, coupled with a patronising attitude to the general public, which so palpably besets the BBC's senior management. Surely even they could work out that over a million people do not stand in the driving rain for hours to be bored by what they have come to see, nor do 10 million viewers cling to an

outside broadcast in the ever-diminishing hope that they might be told something they really want to hear, if the subject matter before them is of no interest.

I have no grounds for doubting Ms. Balding's declaration that "facts are my friends", but do wonder if she is aware that the BBC appears to have been intent on not allowing her or any of her colleagues anywhere near any information with which they might strike even a passing relationship. At the behest of the BBC's Pageant team, this organisation supplied the BBC with a full list of all the vessels on the National Registers in both the Pageant and Parade of sail; short, broadcast-friendly histories of vessels across the spectrum of types attending; links to our website so that the BBC could delve further if it so wished, and a standing invitation to contact me or my staff with any further queries they might have. Furthermore, and again at the request of the

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Waterways Diary

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

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

Time	Organiser	Details	Contact
Thu 5 Jul 2012 8.00pm	Mikron Theatre	'Losing the Plot.' Waterfront Café, Benson Marina, Benson, OX10 6SJ (SU613916). Tickets must be booked in advance (£10) by phone. Bistro Menu and Bar available.	Tel: 01491 835631
Thu 5 Jul 2012 7.45pm	Southampton CS	AGM followed by Cheese & Wine. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
Thu 5 Jul 2012 7.30pm	Chichester Ship CT	Talk on Chichester Canal Restoration. An update on the restoration of the canal from Chichester to the sea. At Donnington Parish Hall, Stockbridge Road, Chichester, PO19 8QT (SU854034). Tickets £3.00 on the door.	Linda Wilkinson: 01243 576701 Email: membership@chichestercanal.com
Fri 6 Jul 2012 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	'Can You Keep a Secret?' The Trout Inn, St John's Bridge, Lechlade On Thames, GL7 3HA (SU223991). Food & Drink available from 6pm	Tel: 01367 252313 Web: www.thetroutinn.com
Sat 7 Jul 2012 10.00am	Sussex IA Soc & Chichester Ship CT	A linear guided walk (6 miles) along the old Portsmouth and Arundel Canal towpath from Barnham Court Farm, Church Lane, Barnham, PO22 0BP (SU956036) to Hunston. Bring packed lunch. Parking at the start.	Linda Wilkinson: 01243 576701 Email: membership@chichestercanal.com
Sun 8 Jul 2012 10.00am - 4.00pm	Sussex IA Soc & Chichester Ship CT	Poyntz Bridge open. Situated approx. 200m south of Chichester Canal Basin (SU859039), this bridge is possibly the only single span 1820 cast iron swing bridge in the UK. Plus a display of photos and artefacts. At 2.00pm a guided walk around the canal basin will be led by Alan Green.	Linda Wilkinson: 01243 576701 Email: membership@chichestercanal.com
Sun 8 Jul 2012 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	'Losing the Plot.' Donnington Parish Hall, Stockbridge Road, Chichester, PO19 8QT (SU854034). Tickets (£7.50) by phone or on the door. Refreshments available.	Linda Wilkinson: 01243 576701 Email: membership@chichestercanal.com
Fri 13 Jul 2012 7.30pm	Wilts & Berks CT	Circular Guided Canal Walk (about 3½miles and 2 hrs) from Childrey Village Hall, High Street, Childrey, nr Wantage, Berks, OX12 9UE (SU362875). Please wear suitable clothing/shoes/walking boots. Postponed from 14 June.	Brian Stovold: 07946 524928
Sat 14 Jul 2012 10.00am	Sussex IA Soc & Chichester Ship CT	A linear guided walk (4 miles) from Salters Lock, Chichester Marina, along the towpath to Chichester Basin seeing the engineering features and remains. Parking available at the Marina, PO20 7EJ (SU835010).	Linda Wilkinson: 01243 576701 Email: membership@chichestercanal.com
Tue 17 Jul 2012 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	'Can You Keep a Secret?' The Plough Inn, High Street, Long Wittenham, Abingdon, OX14 4QH (SU546938). Food and Refreshments available.	Tel: 01865 407738
Wed 18 Jul 2012 10.00am - 12.30pm	Itchen Navigation Heritage Trail Project	Otter Trail Guided Walk (3½ miles). Circular walk on outskirts of Otterbourne. Meet & park: Brambridge Garden Centre, Kiln Lane, SO50 6HT (SU467222). Suggested donation: £2.	Ali Morse: 01489 774413 Email: AliM@hwt.org.uk
Sun 22 Jul 2012 10.00 - 5.00pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Newbury Br)	Newbury Waterways Festival. Victoria Park, Newbury, RG14 1DR (SU473673).	Graham Smith: Tel: 01635 580356 Email: GrahamV.Smith@virgin.net
Thu 26 Jul 2012 10.00 - 11.00am	Itchen Navigation Heritage Trail Project	Story Walk: The King of the River. A walk along the Itchen Navigation at Allbrook following some of the animals who thrive along this waterway. Suitable for children aged 4 to 10 accompanied by adults. Meet outside the Ham Farm Pub, Twyford Road, SO50 4LF (SU456207). Street parking is available nearby. Suggested donation: £2 per child.	Tom Selby: 01489 774413 Email: TomS@hwt.org.uk
Thu 26 Jul 2012 2.00 - 3.00pm	Itchen Navigation Heritage Trail Project	Story Walk: The Day the Barges Came. A walk along the Itchen Navigation at Mansbridge going back to a time when barges ruled these waters. Suitable for children aged 4 to 10, accompanied by adults. Meet by the river at Woodmill Lane, next to the car park (SU440151). Booking essential. Suggested donation: £2 per child.	Tom Selby: 01489 774413 Email: TomS@hwt.org.uk
Mon 30 Jul 2012 10.00 - 11.00am	Itchen Navigation Heritage Trail Project	Story Walk: The Day the Barges Came. See above on 26 Jul 2012 2.00pm.	Tom Selby: 01489 774413 Email: TomS@hwt.org.uk
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Thu 2 Aug 2012	Southampton CS	There will be NO August Meeting as the hall is unavailable.	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
Thu 6 Sep 2012 7.45pm	Southampton CS	"The Wilts & Berks Canal" presented by Chris Coyle, the Company Secretary of the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
Sat 8 Sep 2012 2.00 - 5.00pm	Wey & Arun CT	Gunpowder Store, Stonebridge Wharfside, Shalford, near Guildford, Surrey. This will be the first time that this building has been open to the public (as part of National Heritage Weekend). Also guided walks at 3pm from the Gunpowder Store along part of the old route of the Wey & Arun Canal (1½ miles). Parking: Broadford Business Park, Shalford, GU4 8EP (SU998466) behind the Parrot Inn, on A248 Shalford to Peasmarsh road.	WACT Office: 01403 752403 Email: office@weyandarun.co.uk Web: www.weyandarun.co.uk Guided walk bookings: Guildford Tourist Information Centre: 01483 444333 Email: tic@guildford.gov.uk
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SOUTHAMPTON CANAL SOCIETY
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2012

	2012	2011
	£	£
<u>Income</u>		
Subscriptions	360.00	893.00
Events	1628.50	1954.50
Silent Auction	62.00	0.00
Interest	0.24	0.24
Raffle	365.00	348.10
Teas	79.30	119.87
Sales	17.50	84.75
Other income	32.00	161.11
	2544.54	3561.57
 <u>Expenditure</u>		
Events	1460.60	1927.63
Speakers	261.80	311.00
Donations	60.00	91.25
Newsletter	131.00	189.00
Insurance	265.00	262.50
IWA membership	49.00	47.00
Hall hire	580.50	493.50
Clothing purchase	0.00	153.00
Refunds	20.50	0.00
Other expenses	144.66	83.24
	2973.06	3558.12
 Deficit of Income over Expenditure	(428.52)	3.45

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2012

<u>Current Assets</u>		
Bank deposit account	344.40	344.16
Bank current account	446.89	875.65
Cash in hand	6.86	6.86
	798.15	1,226.67
 <u>Retained Surpluses</u>		
Brought Forward	1226.67	1223.22
Deficit/Surplus for year	(428.52)	3.45
Carried Forward	798.15	1226.67

Report to the members of Southampton Canal Society

I have examined the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2012.

I have no reason to believe that the accounting records have not been properly maintained. The accounts agree with the underlying accounting records.

Laura Sturrock
12 June 2012

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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Meetings:

Normally 1st Thursday each month at 7.45pm (see Waterways Diary). Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. OS Grid Ref: SU410184.

June Meeting

The history of the wooden butty *Lucy* and her ongoing restoration - Peter Boyce

Nineteen members enjoyed an interesting, informative and lively evening with Pete and Irene.

Lucy is a wooden butty built at Braunston for the carrying fleet of John Knill, entering the fleet in 1953. She was named after John Knill's mother. She was built by Frank Nurser at the Samuel Barlow Coal Co.'s boat dock at Braunston in 1951 and 1952, and was first registered at Daventry as number 548 on 24th February 1953. (The butty *Raymond* was the last boat built at the same yard in 1958.)

She was re-registered by Barlows Ltd. in January 1955, and worked by them until 1962. Finally she was re-registered by Blue Line Cruisers Ltd. on 12th April 1962. Steered by the Whitlocks, and paired first with the motor *Ian* and later with *Renfrew*, she finished carrying on the long distance Jam 'Ole Run in October 1970, and retired to Braunston with the Whitlocks in 1971. Rose Whitlock lived on her outside the Marina until 1977.

Since 1977, she had been a private residential boat, and latterly sank at the Wolfhampcote end of the Braunston Puddle Banks. In 2008, she was acquired by Pete Boyce as the start of a reconstruction project. Pete bought her for £1. After all *Lucy* only needed a lick of paint and a tidy up!!

In May 2009, she was raised from the mud. We watched film of the lift, a very muddy and wet affair, at which Peter Oates & Laura Sturrock helped. *Lucy* was towed by *James Loader* to Pete's yard at

Braunston and later lifted out and placed on a purpose built cradle in the Tess yard at Braunston Turn. Steel frames are fitted to hold her shape while materials are being collected together.

Taken whilst stripping the boat, photos of the construction showed the hull's outer layer, wooden strip sheeting, covered in calico and horsehair, similar to the lathe and plaster look.

Former boat -man Nick Hill supplied oak for the sides and stern post from his own land. Pete showed an old wooden knee and how he has computer generated the design of these parts.

Pete and Irene try use the canal system to obtain materials. Elm for the bottom was shipped from Norbury Junction and oak for the keelson was cut at Hull. Pete, now owner of *Renfrew*, moved her up to Newark to collect the wood in April, but the rain came and floods so the load had to come down by lorry. The oak for the new keelson comprises 3 pieces 25' x 10" x 4" which will be scarfed together. Ash for the tiller and larch are being used.

Pete does have a proper job. This means the restoration of *Lucy* is a life time's work, even with his knowledge of boats, and the skills he has learnt over many years. Further details can be found on the internet at www.phobox.com/lucy

The Society paid Peter's costs for the evening which will go into the "*Lucy*" fund.

Angela Rose

BBC coverage of the Jubilee Pageant

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Trust, we acted as go-between bringing together the BBC with the owner of Amazon, the remarkable screw schooner which attended the Spithead Review celebrating Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897, and which, after crossing the Atlantic and over-wintering in Ireland, made passage to the Thames to take part of the Parade of Sail.

We might just as well not have bothered. I saw no evidence of my staff's hard work in the meanderings of the commentators on the day, whilst as the BBC had no cameras covering the Parade of Sail, nothing was shown of Amazon nor indeed any of the other stunning large vessels lining the river (such as Kathleen & May, the last surviving sailing topsail schooner from the thousands which once traded the UK coasts; the Thames barge Edith May, which is National Historic Ships UK Flagship for 2012; the superb French 3-masted ship Belem, or the stunning replica medieval ship Matthew).

In addition to the histories of the vessels and those who sailed in them (the ignorance demonstrated over the heroism of the Dunkirk

Little Ships was truly shocking) the present-day stories of the boats and ships on the Thames that day are also fascinating. These vessels came from all over the UK and further afield at their own (often considerable) expense, and thanks to herculean efforts over many months by their crews and the volunteers who maintain them (many of whom did not enjoy the opportunity to be on board). They are now returning to their home ports in foul weather having received no recognition through our national broadcasting body of the nature of their contribution to the day.

I am left wondering what the BBC holds to be "interesting". I am minded to take my recording of the broadcast and overlay it with the commentary which we believe should have been the one on the day, inviting as part of this exercise the excellent Tom Cunliffe, who was utterly side-lined during the broadcast and prevented from sharing in his inimitably enthusiastic style, the extensive knowledge he holds on the subject. It would be instructive to see the difference. Perhaps I should send the resultant programme to the Director General with my compliments as a training video.