

## Chairman's Column

### July Meeting 2014

This evening we extend a very warm welcome to all Southampton Canal Society Members to their 47th Annual General Meeting.

Details and the Agenda are included in this newsletter. Please if possible print off and bring along to the meeting.

Do feel free to raise any questions or other concerns at the AGM. And finally, enjoy the Cheese and Wine supper to finish off the evening.

### June Meeting

Our June meeting was excellent: "The Ups and Downs of the South Pennine Ring" with Gordon Osborn. Thank you Gordon for your talk and the write up on page 3.

### August Meeting

Just a reminder that there will be NO meeting August as the hall is unavailable.

### September Meeting

This will be a two part evening:

First Eva Drinkwater with a talk and photos of the old days of the Society, restoration and other involvement in the IWA.

Secondly, while at Foxton over Easter, we obtained details (on a memory stick) from Mike Beech, the curator of the museum, showing the history of Foxton locks and the surrounding area.

### Chichester Canal Cruise

See below for details. Please contact Aelred to book your place.

### October Meeting

On the third of the month, Geoff Watts will talk about "Memories of the Great War."

### November Meeting

November 6th will see Day-Star Theatre visit us again.

*Alan Rose*

## Cruise on the Chichester Ship Canal

On Tuesday 23 September the Society is organising a cruise on the Chichester Ship Canal. We have chartered their wide-beam trip boat *Richmond* for a two hour cruise from the Canal Basin, starting at 2:00 pm. The cruise will include a talk on the wildlife and history of the Canal and a Cream Tea (tea or coffee, scones with jam and cream and a selection of sponge cakes). The cost will be £16 per head.

There is limited parking at the Canal Basin but public parking nearby. The Canal Basin is a one minute walk from Chichester railway station and there is a regular service from Southampton Central at 13 and 33 minutes past each hour, with a journey time of about

60 minutes.

If you would like come on this cruise please see one of us at the Society AGM on July 3. There is no meeting in August, because the Hall is closed, but there will be a last chance to decide at the meeting on 4 September, after which we have to notify the cruise operator of final numbers.

The cruise will only accommodate up to 28 people, so if you wish to reserve a place but are not planning to attend the meeting please email us on [aelred.d@virgin.net](mailto:aelred.d@virgin.net) or call us on 01794 512920.

*Aelred and Sue Derbyshire*

## Mikron Theatre Tour 2014

*This year's tour features two new shows, the venues of which, within about 50 miles of Southampton, are listed on the Waterways Diary on pages 2 and 3.*

### Till the Cows Come Home

Harvey Granelli is fed up working for Thistledale Council. He followed his miserable mother into local government, but he has more in common with his Italian father – part-time playboy and one-time ice-cream maker, Romeo.

Inspired by a dream of his long dead dad, Harvey finally finds the courage to follow his heart. But when he whips up a gelato from Papa Granelli's recipe book it just doesn't taste the same. Times have changed; the way our food is produced has changed.

Harvey now has a choice. He can make an inferior product, or he can source the very best ingredients and make the finest ice-cream in the world. His quest will take him to the corners of the earth – from Thistledale to Tuscany: from Bridlington to Brazil.

But can Harvey really recreate a taste from the past? Will he return in time to prevent his faithful girlfriend Maud surrendering to the charms of another man? And why is he being followed?

Join Mikron this season for a farm-fresh, full-fat, fair-trade fable about the nation's favourite food!

### Troupers

It's 1914.

British entertainment is down on its uppers.

Actor-manager Lena Ashwell (OBE) has a theatre but no audience.

So she assembles a motley bunch of 'turns' and books a tour with a difference. For her TROUPERS won't tread the boards of Old Blighty but the muddy, bloody fields of France.

Twice nightly, we're here all week, if we're *here at all!*

In a little-told story of the Great War, TROUPERS brings to life the amazingly audacious Concerts At The Front – a hitherto unsung war effort that's full of guts, gusto and greasepaint.

Who better to present this story than modern-day troubadours, Mikron?

Further details can be found on Mikron Theatre's website: [www.mikron.org.uk](http://www.mikron.org.uk)

# 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.

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.

Time	Organiser	Details	Contact
<b>Thu 3 Jul 2014 7.45pm</b>	<b>Southampton CS</b>	<b>AGM followed by Cheese &amp; Wine. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).</b>	<b>Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: <a href="mailto:alanjrose@btinternet.com">alanjrose@btinternet.com</a></b>
Thu 3 Jul 2014 7.00pm	Wilts & Berks CT	Circular guided walk from Grove Recreation Ground, Cane Lane, Grove, Wantage OX12 0AA (SU398895). This walk takes in the remaining part of the Grove Lock flight not covered on the 25th and a diversion up to Crab Hill. Distance about 3 miles - allow 2 hours. Free, but £2.00 per head donation for the Canal Trust gratefully accepted.	Brian Stovold : 07946 524928 Web: <a href="http://www.wbct.org.uk/home/full-calendar/">http://www.wbct.org.uk/home/full-calendar/</a>
Mon 7 Jul 2014 7.45pm	Hampshire Industrial Archaeology Soc	"Itchen Village, Itchen Ferry and the Diaper family" by Cheryl Butler. Underhill Centre, St John the Evangelist Church, St John's Road, Hedge End, SO30 4AF (SU488125).	Carol Burdekin: 01962 855200 Email: <a href="mailto:info@hias.org.uk">info@hias.org.uk</a>
Thu 17 Jul 2014 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	Boules & BBQ. The Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 3AR. (SU182275)	Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 Email: <a href="mailto:glover.3@btinternet.com">glover.3@btinternet.com</a> Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841
Fri 18 Jul 2014 7.30pm	The Bounty	Mikron Theatre - "Till the Cows Come Home." Outdoor show with shelter and indoor backup. Collection after show. The Bounty, Bourne End, Bucks SL8 5RG (SU890871) Food and refreshments available.	The Bounty: 01628 520056 Web: <a href="http://www.thebountypub.com">www.thebountypub.com</a>
Sat 19 Jul 2014 7.00pm	Henley-on-Thames Allotment Assoc	Mikron Theatre - "Till the Cows Come Home." Outdoor show with shelter and indoor backup. Bring picnic, chairs and blankets. Gates will be open from 6pm for picnics. Collection after show. Eyot Centre, Wargrave Road, Henley on Thames, RG9 3JD (SU770820).	Eyot Centre: 01491 578658 Web: <a href="http://www.henleyallotments.org.uk">www.henleyallotments.org.uk</a>
Sun 20 Jul 2014	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk - The Combe Hay Inclined Plane. Meet: Layby near Bridge Farm, Combe Hay, BA2 7EE (ST745604).	Derrick Hunt: 01225 863066 Email: <a href="mailto:workparty@coalcanal.org.uk">workparty@coalcanal.org.uk</a> Web: <a href="http://www.coalcanal.org">http://www.coalcanal.org</a>
Sun 20 Jul 2014 7.30pm		Mikron Theatre - "Troupers." Outdoor show with shelter and indoor backup. Bring picnic, chairs and blankets. Collection after show. Sonning Lock House, Thames Street, Sonning, Reading, RG4 6UR (SU752754). Please park in the village and walk to the lock.	Tel: 07710 224008
Mon 21 Jul 2014 7.30pm	The Bounty	Mikron Theatre - "Troupers." Outdoor show with shelter and indoor backup. Collection after show. The Bounty, Bourne End, Bucks SL8 5RG (SU890871) Food and refreshments available.	The Bounty: 01628 520056 Web: <a href="http://www.thebountypub.com">www.thebountypub.com</a>
Wed 23 Jul 2014 7.30pm	The Rowbarge	Mikron Theatre - "Till the Cows Come Home." Outdoor show, bring chairs and blankets. Food and refreshments available. Collection after show. The Rowbarge, Station Road, Woolhampton, Reading, RG7 5SH (SU572664).	The Rowbarge: 0118 9712213 Web: <a href="http://www.brunningandprice.co.uk/rowbarge">www.brunningandprice.co.uk/rowbarge</a>
Thu 24 Jul 2014 9.30am	Wey & Arun CT	2½ mile circular guided walk along canal towpath and through village of Loxwood to include visit to Brewhurst Mill. Cost £5, limit of 20 walkers - please book. Canal Centre, Loxwood, West Sussex, RH14 ORD (TQ041311)	Canal Centre: 01403 753999 Email: <a href="mailto:canalcentre@weyandarun.co.uk">canalcentre@weyandarun.co.uk</a> Web: <a href="http://www.weyandarun.co.uk/walks.php">www.weyandarun.co.uk/walks.php</a>
Fri 25 Jul 2014 7.30pm	Cricklade Bloomers	Mikron Theatre - "Till the Cows Come Home." Cricklade Bloomers, Brook House, High Street, Cricklade, SN6 6DD (SU101938). Bring your own refreshments. Outdoor event with indoor alternative for inclement weather. Tickets £10.00 from The Council Office, Ockwells, 113 High Street, Cricklade, SN6 6AE.	Cricklade Town Council: 01793 751394 Web: <a href="http://www.crickladeinbloom.co.uk">www.crickladeinbloom.co.uk</a>
Sat-Sun 26-27 Jul 2014 10.00am-5.00pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Newbury Br)	Newbury Waterways Festival at Victoria Park, Newbury, RG14 2DW (SU473673). The main part of the event will be on Sunday.	Graham Smith: Tel: 01635 580356 Email: <a href="mailto:newbury.secretary@katrust.org.uk">newbury.secretary@katrust.org.uk</a>
Sat 26 Jul 2014 6.30pm	Reading Boro Council	Mikron Theatre - "Troupers." Outdoor show, bring picnic, chairs and blanket. Collection after show. Forbury Gardens, Reading, RG1 3EJ (SU718736).	Reading BC, Events and Festivals Department: 0118 937 2771
Sun 27 Jul 2014 7.30pm	Basingstoke CS	Mikron Theatre - "Troupers." Indoor show. Beer available. Collection after show. Fleet Football Club, Calthorpe Park, Crookham Road, Fleet, GU51 5FA (SU803535).	Verna Smith: 01252 517622
Mon 28 Jul 2014 7.30pm	The Trout Inn	Mikron Theatre - "Troupers." Outdoor show, with shelter and indoor backup. Bring chairs and blankets. Beer and food available. Collection after show. The Trout Inn, St John's Bridge, Faringdon Road, Lechlade On Thames, GL7 3HA. (SU223990)	The Trout Inn: 01367 252313 Web: <a href="http://www.thetroutinn.com">www.thetroutinn.com</a>
Wed 30 Jul 2014 7.30pm	The Rowbarge	Mikron Theatre - "Troupers." Outdoor show, bring chairs and blankets. Food and refreshments available. Collection after show. The Rowbarge, Station Road, Woolhampton, Reading, RG7 5SH (SU572664).	The Rowbarge: 0118 9712213 Web: <a href="http://www.brunningandprice.co.uk/rowbarge">www.brunningandprice.co.uk/rowbarge</a>
Sat 2 Aug 2014 3.00pm	B&NES Allotments Association	Mikron Theatre - "Till the Cows Come Home." This is an outdoor show with shelter. Bring a picnic, chairs and blankets. Refreshments available. Collection after show. Bloomfield Road Allotments, Bear Flat, Bath, BA2 2AB. (ST745637)	B&NES Allotments Association: 07867 532512 Web: <a href="http://www.banes-allotments.org.uk">www.banes-allotments.org.uk</a>
Mon 4 Aug 2014 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	Mikron Theatre - "Troupers." Goring Lock, Goring, RG8 9AE. (SU596808) Bring your own chairs and picnics. We'll perform under the bridge if it's wet! Collection after show.	Mikron Theatre Office: 01484 843701 Web: <a href="http://www.mikron.org.uk">http://www.mikron.org.uk</a>
Tue 5 Aug 2014 7.30pm	The Oxford Science Park	Mikron Theatre - "Troupers." Indoor show. The Oxford Science Park, Heatley Road, Oxford, OX4 4GE. (SP539021) Tickets £11.00 (£9.00 concs) on weekday mornings from Sadler Building Reception Tel: 01865 781 300 or on the door. Refreshments available 5.30pm - 7.15pm and in interval.	The Oxford Science Park: 01865 781300 Web: <a href="http://www.oxfordsp.com/news-mikron.asp">www.oxfordsp.com/news-mikron.asp</a>

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Wed 6 Aug 2014 7.30pm	Waterfront Café	Mikron Theatre - "Troupers." Outdoor show with shelter and indoor backup. Waterfront Café, Benson Marina, Benson, OX10 6SJ. (SU613916) Tickets (£12) must be booked in advance. Food and refreshments available. Collection after show.	Waterfront Café: 01491 835631 Email: <a href="mailto:info@waterfrontcafe.co.uk">info@waterfrontcafe.co.uk</a> Web: <a href="http://www.waterfrontcafe.co.uk">www.waterfrontcafe.co.uk</a>
Thu 7 Aug 2014	Southampton CS	<b>There will be NO August Meeting: Hall unavailable.</b>	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: <a href="mailto:alanjrose@btinternet.com">alanjrose@btinternet.com</a>
Thu 7 Aug 2014 7.30pm	The Plough Inn	Mikron Theatre - "Troupers." Outdoor show, bring chairs and blankets. Collection after show. The Plough Inn, High Street, Long Wittenham, Abingdon, OX14 4QH. (SU545937) Food and drink available.	The Plough Inn: 01865 407738 Web: <a href="http://www.theploughinnlw.co.uk">http://www.theploughinnlw.co.uk</a>
Thu 4 Sep 2014 7.45pm	Southampton CS	<b>Part 1: Eva Drinkwater and the old days of the Society, restoration and other involvement in the IWA. Part 2: The history of Foxton locks and the surrounding area. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).</b>	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: <a href="mailto:alanjrose@btinternet.com">alanjrose@btinternet.com</a>
Tue 23 Sep 2014 2.00pm	Southampton CS	Cruise on the Chichester Ship Canal. See article on page 1 for further details.	Aelred and Sue Derbyshire: 01794 512920 Email: <a href="mailto:aelred.d@virgin.net">aelred.d@virgin.net</a>
Thu 3 Oct 2014 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Geoff Watts will talk about "Memories of the Great War." Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: <a href="mailto:alanjrose@btinternet.com">alanjrose@btinternet.com</a>
Thu 6 Nov 2014 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Day-Star Theatre. Details to be finalised. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: <a href="mailto:alanjrose@btinternet.com">alanjrose@btinternet.com</a>

## June Meeting "The Ups and Downs of the South Pennine Ring" with Gordon Osborn

Southampton Canal society member, Gordon Osborn, explained the delights and problems of the South Pennine ring. Inspired by a previous society presentation by Eric and Sue Lewis in 2005, Gordon described a two week hire cruise in the summer of 2013 on a boat from Sowerby Bridge. The canal ring, which includes 73 miles and 197 locks, requires some planning in addition to the effort involved. The expert advice provided by Nigel and Susan Stevens at Shire Cruisers, did however make the planning process much easier.

The first canal in the ring was the Calder and Hebble, a pleasant broad canal with a mix of urban and rural sections, passed quickly until the high river levels at Brighouse prevented further progress



Scenic Sparth Reservoir on the Huddersfield Narrow Canal with an unplanned overnight stop. The cruise continued the following day onto the River Calder and then the Huddersfield Broad canal, with a mix of open country, industrial units and playing fields providing a green corridor to Aspley basin and the start of the Huddersfield Narrow canal.

The interesting canal through Huddersfield, continues to develop with Salters tunnel now almost completely removed. The lock count continues to rise as the canal climbs out of the city, becoming more open, but with regular canal-side mills. After the dramatic passage through Slaithwaite the locks continue, each in a pleasant setting, until Marsden and the summit.

Passage through Standedge tunnel is much improved, with the system of boat trains now replaced with individually skippered boats each provided with a chaperone. Passage through the UK

longest canal tunnel now takes around one and a half hours to complete.

The descent from the summit started quickly after and although a recent repair at lock 24W was apparently unsuccessful, the journey was problem free with the help of CRT staff. Good moorings are provided at Dobcross, Uppermill and again at Frenches Wharf before the descent continues. A planned paddle replacement at lock 18W delayed progress, whilst in the next pound bank repairs and dredging was in progress.

The descent to Stalybridge is a mix of pleasant woodland, urban housing and mill buildings. Points of interest include Scout Tunnel, the pylon straddling the canal and the passage through Stalybridge which still causes interest amongst the people in the busy town square. The canal continues, more enclosed but not unpleasant, passed the bus depot and across the Tame to Whitelands Tunnel and Lock 1W. The smell from the adjacent yard probably makes this the low point of the canal, but this is quickly left behind to arrive at Portland basin and the junction with the Peak Forest Canal.

Although an early start is still the official advice, the Ashton canal continues to improve, and the passage to Ancoats was busy with boats. The new marina and the adjacent tram station at New Islington provide good moorings, convenient for the start of the



Picturesque Rochdale Canal at Bottomley Lock

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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.

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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.

**Society Website:** <http://www.sotoncs.org.uk>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/SouthamptonCanalSociety>

## How I Caught the Canal Bug

*This month we conclude the article by Laurie Pearce about his boating on the inland waterways. Thanks again for this contribution, Laurie.*

The following year I realised my ambition and bought my traditional narrow boat, a 29ft David Piper hulled vessel which was based at Norbury on the Shropshire Union. This was made possible pricewise by a policy which had just matured! I brought it down to Tyle Mill on the K&A where I was fortunate enough to obtain a permanent mooring.

*Bittern No 3* served me well with its twin cylinder Lister being the height of reliability. It boasted a boatman's cabin with all the trimmings but lacked a weed hatch. It also lacked the necessary fittings etc to conform with Thames Conservancy regulations! My worst moments were on our way to a rally on the Slough Arm. Incessant rain caused the River Brent to rise 3ft overnight whilst we were moored between Thames Lock and Brentford Lock to a riverside warehouse. I was awake all night loosening the mooring lines every hour and next day it was a hair-raising plod against the swift current until we reached the safety of the Hanwell flight of locks. I prayed desperately that we didn't foul up the propeller!

I spent a three week holiday doing the Thames, Grand Union and Oxford Canals again, also a trip to Lechlade and beyond to the entrance of the Thames and Severn Canal. Being painted in the traditional style complete with Buckby can etc we always attracted much interest on the Thames in those days as narrow boats were a rarity on the river then.

Subsequently, personal circumstances required a more accessible

boat. So with great reluctance *Bittern No 3* was sold and a new 32ft non-traditional craft was bought from Club Line Cruisers of Coventry in 1977. Problems arose with the engine on the way back to the K&A, a 1.5 BMC water cooled unit and the end result after much wrangling was a new engine brought down from Coventry and fitted in the boat with great difficulty on my mooring at Tyle Mill.

*Bittern No 4* did a fair amount of cruising including the River Wey to Godalming and two Hawkesbury rallies. But again fate took a hand which meant a purpose built boat in order to continue canal cruising. With economy in mind, I settled on 'Steelcraft' of Brierly Hill on the Stourbridge Canal who produced a 36ft sturdy boat in 1983 but lacked a "posh" fitted interior. I also discovered two gas leaks whilst on the way back to Tyle Mill! It brings to mind the old adage: "You only get what you pay for!" I understand the builders went out of business a year or so later when the owner died!

I eventually realised another ambition to moor the boat at the bottom of my garden and so, after moving house to Fazeley beside the Birmingham & Fazeley Canal, we were able to explore new waters such as the Llangollen and River Trent to Nottingham.

There comes a time when rising costs and advancing years causes problems and so *Bittern No 5* was sold and is now based at Weedon on the Grand Union still retaining its original name. Linda and I have now moved back to the Southampton area and can now continue attending the SCS meetings again, but still retain happy memories of all those years on the "cut."

*Laurie Pearce*

## June Meeting

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escorted passage on the Rochdale Canal.

Anticipation of the first section of the Rochdale Canal was inevitably worse than the reality, which while it does have shallow and industrial areas it also has open parkland and trees. Our companion boat through this section, did collect a piece of carpet round the prop, and we had similar trouble with a plastic bag. The broad locks require more effort but were all in reasonable condition, as was the case for the entire cruise.

Slattocks locks were a pleasant end to a busy day, with good moorings waiting at the top. The journey through Rochdale is urban and industrial but passes quickly as the locks are less frequent. The housing is suddenly lost as you pass through bridge 56 at Newbold and the journey to Littleborough is pleasant and easy.

The ascent to the summit now begins again and after Littleborough, is through open country, until Sladen Lock (44) where the restricted lock section starts. Mill buildings close in around the

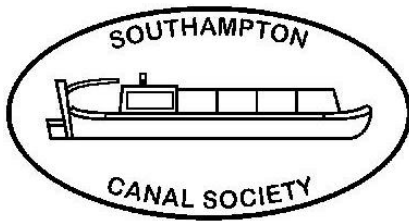
canal, so much so that the balance beam of lock 42 must be the shortest in the country. Two locks below the summit the scenery becomes more open and picturesque and after the short summit just gets better and better.

The descent to Todmorden is on a grand scale and the scene is positively enhanced by the presence of the canal. We did have some problems with Todmorden lock, but CRT quickly arrived, and our journey continued.

The cruise through Hebden Bridge, Brearley and Luddenden Foot to Sowerby Bridge has longer pounds between locks and is contained in the pleasant Calder valley. This last section of the canal ring has a surprise bend waiting in the dark of Fallingroyd Tunnel and ends at the deep lock at Tuel Lane.

A journey that includes; the longest, highest and deepest tunnel; the highest canal pound; the highest broad lock; the deepest inland lock; and dramatic scenery is only lacking more boats.

*Gordon Osborn*



**SOUTHAMPTON CANAL SOCIETY**  
**2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton**  
**Thursday 3 July 2014 at 7.45 pm**

**AGENDA**

1. Announcements.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. Minutes of 2013 Annual General Meeting held on 4 July 2013 (herewith) and matters arising.
4. Chairman's Report (herewith).
5. Secretary's Report (herewith).
6. Treasurer and Membership Secretary's Report (herewith). (Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2014).
7. Review of Annual Subscription Rates.
8. Election of the following Officers:-
  - Chairman
  - Vice-Chairman
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer & Membership Secretary
9. Election of Committee (the Officers plus up to three other Society Members. Additional Members may be co-opted as required).
10. Any other business relevant to an Annual General Meeting, where prior notice of the item has been given.

**Note:** In accordance with the Society's Constitution, only fully paid up members are eligible to vote at a meeting of the Society. Individual members and affiliated member organisations are entitled to one vote. Joint or family membership entitles that category to a maximum of two votes. Only members aged 18 or over are eligible to vote. All votes have to be cast in person, no proxy votes being permitted.

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**SOUTHAMPTON CANAL SOCIETY**  
**46th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 4 JULY 2013**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**1. CHAIRMAN**

The Annual General Meeting was chaired by Alan Rose, Chairman of Southampton Canal Society.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies for absence from: Sue Derbyshire, David Doulton, Annegret Evans, Malcolm & Janet Gunningham, Eric & Sue Lewis, Keith & Pamela McKeown, Linda Pearce, Brenda Pomeroy, Jon & Junia Van de Geer.

**1. ATTENDANCE**

A register was circulated and 19 members recorded their attendance. The attendance register forms part of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting.

**1. MINUTES OF 2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on 5 July 2012 had been provided to all members.

On being put to the vote, the minutes were accepted by the members present.

The only matter arising from the minutes was a correction from David **Dolman** to David **Doulton** in Paragraph 8.

**5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman's report for 2012/13 had been printed in the July Newsletter. Alan Rose felt that the Society had enjoyed an interesting programme through the year and he wished to thank the President, Members and the Committee for their support.

He outlined the various speakers and events that had been enjoyed during the year. It had been encouraging that, through advertising, a few new faces had been seen at our meetings. However, there had been low support at some meetings and a few more members at our meetings would make it more worthwhile for our speakers and for the Society. We have a good programme of speakers and other events lined up for the future including DayStar again in November.

He and the Committee were always keen to hear members' suggestions for speakers and other activities.

Sadly, through the year or so we have lost a number of members and others associated with the Society.

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The Chairman wanted to thank all those without whose efforts the Society would not function. Starting with the officers and committee members, our Secretary, Angela Rose, had undertaken many varied tasks ensuring that the Society continued functioning; our Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Gill Herbert, was very dedicated and always had up-to-date accounts; and David Townley-Jones, as our Senior Raffle Manager, helping to raise funds. Aelred and Sue Derbyshire with Gordon Osborn have been valuable committee members this year.

Thanks must also go to Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, Peter Oates; our Auditor/Examiner, Laura Sturrock; and our President Brian Evans and Paul Herbert, who are always there with help and sound advice. I must also thank Laurie Pearce for his regular assistance with the raffle and Brenda Pomeroy and her helpers for providing our tea and biscuits each month.

Our monthly raffle still remains our highest regular income and I would like to thank all those that regularly donate the prizes.

Finally, thanks to all those members that regularly turn up early to our meetings and help set up the hall and put it all away at the end, and to the whole membership for their continued support as we enter our 47<sup>th</sup> year.

There were no questions.

## 1. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's report for 2012/13 had been printed in the July Newsletter. Angela Rose opened her report with her thanks and appreciation to all the members for their continued support during the year and also thanked the Chairman, for leading the Society through the previous year and her fellow Committee members. There were special thanks to Peter Oates in respect of the Newsletter. She referred to the regular advertising of Society meetings in the local and national media and outlined details of the future programme of speakers and events.

She reiterated the aims of the Society, trusted that members have felt the Society has enjoyed another successful year and are looking forward to another good year ahead.

There were no questions.

## 1. TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Treasurer and Membership Secretary's report for 2012/13 and the audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2013 had been printed in the July 2013 Newsletter. Gill Herbert briefly went through the details of the accounts. In her report she stated that the Society's bank balances for the year ending 31 March 2013 showed a slight profit of £35.93 compared to a deficit the previous year. Income and expenditure had decreased last year as a result of fewer activities, including reducing our monthly meetings to ten. As a result there were lower hall hire charges but also reduced raffle income. There had been an increase in refreshments income. Overall, Daystar Theatre had showed a loss. The cost of our annual insurance via IWA had been considerably reduced as a result of our lower overall turnover.

Overall membership totalled forty-nine (eighteen joint and 13 single memberships) which was a slight decrease over the previous year.

The Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2013 showed:

Deposit Account	£344.64
Current Account	£482.58
Cash in Hand	<u>£ 6.86</u>
	<u>£834.08</u>

Laura Sturrock, the Society's Auditor, had examined the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2013 and had no reason to believe that the accounting records had not been properly maintained. The accounts agreed with the underlying accounting records. Gill Herbert wanted to thank her for examining the accounts and for providing professional advice.

Gill also thanked the Committee for their support.

There were no questions on the report.

It was **proposed** by Gordon Osborn and **seconded** by David Townley-Jones that the Treasurer & Membership Secretary's report be approved and the accounts for 2012/13 be adopted and that was approved by the members present.

## 1. REVIEW OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES

The Treasurer & Membership Secretary advised that the committee had reviewed the Society's membership subscription rates bearing in mind the Society's current financial position and was recommending that the individual rate be increased from £15 to £16 and the joint rate be increased from £25 to £27 in respect of the membership year commencing 1 April 2014.

There were two other proposals from the floor:-

- 1) That there be no increase in membership fees but instead a door charge of 50p be made to members;
- 2) Increase the annual membership to £17 (single) and £30 (joint).

Following discussion it was **proposed** by Alan Rose and **seconded** by Aelred Derbyshire that the Committee's recommendation be adopted and, upon being put to a vote, that proposal was approved.

## 9. OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

Regarding the price for refreshments, there was a proposal from the floor that these be increased to 60p.

There was a second proposal that refreshments be increased to £1.

On being put to the vote a charge of 60p was approved.

Regarding Daystar Theatre it was proposed that the ticket price be increased to £10 and that a suggested donation for wine be £1. Those were both approved.

## 10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

That part of the Annual General Meeting was chaired by the President, Brian Evans.

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The President reminded members that all officer and committee posts were up for annual election. All existing officers and committee members were willing to stand for a further year. There had been no other nominations prior to or at the Annual General Meeting.

It was **proposed** by Paul Herbert and **seconded** by David Wilkinson that the officers and committee be re-elected en-bloc (as below) and this was approved unanimously:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
Chairman	Alan Rose
Vice-Chairman	Vacant
Secretary	Angela Rose
Treasurer & Membership Secretary	Gill Herbert
Other Committee Members	David Townley-Jones, Aelred Derbyshire, Sue Derbyshire, Gordon Osborn

It was further agreed that Laura Sturrock be appointed the Society's Auditor/Examiner and Peter Oates as the Newsletter Editor and Webmaster.

## 11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The President, Brian Evans, thanked the Committee members for all their efforts on behalf of the Society.

On behalf of the members Laurie Pearce gave a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Committee.

There had been no notice of any other business, relevant to an Annual General Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

## Chairman's Report 2013-2014

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The Society has enjoyed an interesting programme through the year and I wish to thank our President Brian Evans, members and the Committee for their support. Angela, our Secretary, arranged a varied selection of speakers throughout the year.

We started in April 2013 with Chris Humby of the Bishopstoke History Society talking about the Itchen Navigation. This was followed in June by Nick Grundy with the Queens Jubilee Pageant. September saw Gordon Osborn and the CRT Hydrology Manager Adam Comerford speak about water management and modelling. In October we learnt about the K&A archives at Devizes with Elaine Kirby.

We had our yearly Day-Star Theatre treat in November with "The Making of Geoffrey Phelps" which was very well supported. At the annual December "Inter-Society Waterways Quiz," IWA Guildford & Reading were again on top form. An American Supper finished off the last two meeting thanks to our members.

Early in the New Year, the Members' Photographic evening was well supported by 22 members. The next meeting in February was where local man Geoff Watts gave his talk on the Titanic.

To finish of our year twenty members and three visitors enjoyed Stuart Fisher's travels by canoe around hidden canals and waterways in Britain.

It has been encouraging to see, through advertising, a few new faces at our meetings, but remember we have to pay for most speakers a fee, or a charity donation and sometimes travel expenses as well.

A few more in the audience at our meetings would make it more worthwhile for our speakers and for our Society. So please, if you are able, encourage your friends and family to come to our meetings

and join the Society.

My fellow Committee members and I always keen to hear your suggestions for speakers and any other activities you may think of.

Next, I would like to thank all those without whose efforts the Society would not function.

Starting with the officers and committee members: our Secretary Angela, the Treasurer and Membership Secretary Gill Herbert. I should point out that Gill is very dedicated and always has up to date Accounts ready at each of our Committee meetings. David Townley-Jones is our senior raffle manager. Last but not least, Aelred and Sue Derbyshire together with Gordon Osborn have been valuable committee members again this year.

Thanks must also go to Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, Peter Oates; our Auditor/Examiner, Laura Sturrock; and our President Brian Evans and Paul Herbert, who are always there with the with help and sound advice.

I must not forget to mention Laurie Pearce for his regular assistance with the raffle and to Brenda Pomeroy and her helpers for providing our tea and biscuits each month.

Our monthly raffle still remains our highest regular income and I would like to thank all those that regularly donate the prizes.

Finally, thanks to all those members that regularly turn up early to our meetings and help set up the hall and put it all away at the end.

We have a good programme of speakers and other events lined up for the future, including the Day-Star Theatre again in November.

I would like to thank all members for your continued support as we enter our 48<sup>th</sup> year.

*Alan Rose, Chairman*

## Secretary's Report 2013-2014

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As Secretary my thanks and appreciation first go out to all our Members for their continued support during the year. Thank you also to our Chairman Alan Rose for leading the Society through the last year and with my fellow Committee Members, as a team, I know we are working very well.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Gill Herbert wishes to retire from her duties as Treasurer and Membership Secretary. Do we have any volunteers? Full support would be at hand as needed.

No changes in the rest of the committee.

I extend a special thanks to Peter Oates who often "knocks my Newsletter reports into shape."

Our meetings continue to be published in local newspapers, Radio Solent and National Waterways publications.

Our Society's aim is to encourage "New Comer's, Boaters and Walkers" to the waterways, to look back at the history and the hard work accomplished, and still needed, to keep our wonderful British waterways, (under the Canal & River Trust) open for all to enjoy for ever.

I trust that we all feel that the Southampton Canal Society has enjoyed another successful year.

*Angela Rose, Secretary*

# Treasurer and Membership Secretary's Report 2013-2014

## Balance Sheet

The Society's bank balances for the year ended 31st March 2014 showed a profit of £154.34 compared to a small profit in 2013 and a deficit in 2012.

## Income and Expenditure

Both our income and expenditure decreased last year as a result of fewer activities. We held ten monthly meetings, one of which was held at the smaller village hall that had a lower hiring charge. The raffle showed an increase in income whereas refreshments had a slight decrease. Day-Star Theatre showed a profit this year as a result of a larger audience and an increase in ticket price. Additional expenses incurred to stage the production and the cost of the American Supper still resulted in a profit compared to a loss in 2013.

The cost of speakers was comparable to last year and members paid for their Christmas Lunch individually at the venue rather than submitting their money via the Canal Society.

Our IWA Insurance premium is considerably reduced if our income does not exceed approximately £2,000 per annum.

Other Expenses under the Expenditure heading included two years of secretarial costs, prizes for the Photographic Competition, the Quiz Evening and the engraving of the trophy, and the cheese and wine enjoyed by members at the AGM.

## Membership

Four members did not renew their membership last year despite reminders being sent. One person replied citing health problems. We welcomed one new member.

## Audit

I would like to thank our auditor, Laura Sturrock, for once again examining the Society's Accounts and providing professional advice on the state of our finances which I found useful.

I would also like to thank Aelred Derbyshire who has stepped in to cover the role during my absences, David Townley-Jones and Laurie Pearce for the Raffle, Brenda Pomeroy for Refreshments and members of the Committee for their support.

*Gill Herbert, Treasurer and Membership Secretary*

## SOUTHAMPTON CANAL SOCIETY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
	£	£
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Subscriptions	685.00	695.00
Events	470.00	889.50
Interest	0.24	0.24
Raffle	368.00	348.00
Teas	107.50	112.38
Sales	18.00	1.00
Other income	<u>63.10</u>	<u>14.00</u>
	<u>1711.84</u>	<u>2060.12</u>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Events	330.00	807.50
Speakers	195.00	215.00
Donations	00.00	20.50
Newsletters	00.00	96.85
Insurance	169.60	169.00
IWA membership	54.00	52.00
Hall Hire	645.50	558.00
Refunds	39.90	20.50
Presentations	00.00	75.00
Other expenses	<u>123.50</u>	<u>9.84</u>
	<u>1557.50</u>	<u>2024.19</u>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>	<b>£154.34</b>	<b>£35.93</b>

## Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
	£	£
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>		
Bank deposit account	344.88	344.64
Bank current account	636.68	482.58
Cash in hand	<u>6.86</u>	<u>6.86</u>
	<u>£988.42</u>	<u>£834.08</u>
<b><u>Reserves</u></b>		
Brought forward	834.08	798.15
Surplus/(deficit) for year	<u>154.34</u>	<u>35.93</u>
<b>Carried forward</b>	<b>£988.42</b>	<b>£834.08</b>

## Report to the members of Southampton Canal Society

I have examined the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014.

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

(signed) Laura Sturrock  
23 June 2014