

Newsletter

Chairman's Column

July Meeting 2016

This evening we extend a very warm welcome to all Southampton Canal Society Members to their 49th Annual General Meeting. Details and the Agenda are included in this newsletter.

Please if possible print off and bring along to the meeting. Do please feel free to raise any questions or other concerns at the AGM. And finally, enjoy the Cheese & Wine supper to finish off the evening.

August Meeting

Just a reminder that there will be **NO** meeting in August as the hall is closed for the annual maintenance.

September Meeting

A talk about the "Industrial Archaeology within the New Forest" will be given by James Brown from the New Forest National Parks Authority. Hear about the past and future of the park, ice houses, fire blackened stones, churchyards with history; heritage on our doorstep.

October Meeting

SCS members Eric and Sue Lewis are "Cruising around the Canals" on the 6th October.

David Townley-Jones

Following on from my report on David's accident last month, we spoke recently to his wife Jean and got a brief update.

He was progressing as well as expected. He has been moved from the main ward to a side ward because of noise. They had tried to get him to stand but he was unsteady. He was recognising his immediate family and talking. As soon as they can, they will move him into a rehabilitation section and work on various movements.

Alan Rose

IWA campaigns on Bridgewater Canal licensing

BOATERS using the waterways of the North West of England will know that there has long been a reciprocal agreement in place to allow boats licensed on the Bridgewater Canal to access local CRT waterways, and for CRT licence holders to use the Bridgewater Canal to travel between the Rochdale, Trent & Mersey and Leeds & Liverpool Leigh Branch canals, without any additional charge.

The Bridgewater Canal Company (BCC) has recently changed the reciprocal agreement and IWA is concerned that this may affect boaters with CRT licences who wish to use the Bridgewater Canal to access other CRT waters for a short period and then return the same way. IWA North West Region is continuing to lobby on behalf of all boaters and businesses in the area in an effort to mitigate any adverse affects from the changes.

Current enforcement activity along the Bridgewater Canal already seems to be discouraging CRT licensed boaters from making the transit from Preston Brook to Leigh and Manchester as they may be charged a £40 supplementary licence fee for the return journey. It is expected that if this trend continues the local businesses along the Bridgewater will suffer as visitor numbers reduce.

CRT had recently extended the reciprocal agreement to allow additional time for Bridgewater licensed boats to visit Liverpool, and so it is particularly disappointing that there seems to be no 'reciprocation' from BCC to encourage CRT craft to visit the Bridgewater Canal.

Mike Carter, IWA North West Region Chairman, said "IWA is campaigning for a system that allows suitably licensed boats to be able to visit all locations surrounding the Bridgewater Canal, including Manchester, Liverpool, Wigan, Blackburn, Middlewich, Barbridge and Kidsgrove. IWA considers that both CRT and BCC should be encouraging visitors to the area by maintaining a reasonable licensing policy that avoids isolating these locations for both Bridgewater and CRT licensed craft."

<https://www.waterways.org.uk/news/view?id=270> 7 June 2016



The Chairman and Secretary seen on their boat *Purton* at the recent Braunston Historic Boat Rally
<http://www.towpathtalk.co.uk/>

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Bits and Pieces

Woking Canal Festival

This festival will be held on the Basingstoke Canal over the weekend of 6/7 August. More than 3 dozen historic narrow boats are expected including *Purton* and *Stanton* belonging to SCS members. Further details in Waterways Events on page 7 and at <http://www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk/woking-canal-festival/> We hope to see you there!

Editor's apologies

Laura and I have recently spent time on our boat *Stanton* which included blacking the hull, and insurance and Boat Safety surveys. During this trip, I produced both the May and June issues of the Newsletter on board. To help with this, I keep a number of emails containing information about the waterways and transfer these emails between my home computer and a laptop used on board.

In transferring emails back to my home computer, I inadvertently lost about 20 emails sent to me shortly before I got home. Unfortunately, these included two from readers of this Newsletter notifying me of changes to their email addresses.

My sincere apologies but if the two individuals concerned could notify me again, I will update my records.

Waterways Events

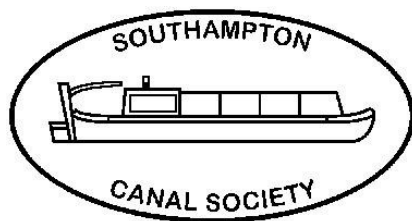
The following is a list of waterway events taking place within approximately 50 miles of Southampton. Whilst every effort is made to ensure the correctness of this information, please check with the listed contact who will be glad to confirm and supply further details.

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	Contact
Thu 7 Jul 2016 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Annual General Meeting and this will be followed by Cheese and Wine and a natter. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanjrose@btinternet.com
Fri 8 Jul 2016 7.00pm	Mikron Theatre	"Canary Girls" performed at Fordingbridge Group of WIs, The Town Hall, 63 High Street, Fordingbridge, Hants, SP6 1AS (SU147141). Tickets: £10. Indoor venue. Ice cream available in interval. Please use town car park (The Bartons SP6 1HZ) free after 6pm.	Tel: 014255 650493 / 01425 652172
Sat 9 Jul 2016 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	"PURE" performed at Donnington Parish Hall, Stockbridge Road, Chichester, PO19 8QT (SU854034). Tickets: £12 (concs £10). Indoor show. Refreshments available.	Tel: 01243 576701
Sun 10 Jul 2016 5.00pm	Mikron Theatre	"Canary Girls" performed at Forbury Gardens, Reading, RG1 3EJ (SU718736). No tickets required, cash collection after show. Bring picnic, chairs and blankets. Outdoor show.	Tel: 01189 372771
Sun 17 Jul 2016 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk - for details please contact Mike Chapman.	Mike Chapman: 01225 426948 Email: history@coalcanal.org.uk
Tue 19 Jul 2016 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	"PURE" performed at The Bounty, Bourne End, Bucks, SL8 5RG (SU888869). By the River Thames - see website re access. No tickets required, cash collection after show. Bar and food available. Outdoor show - shelter if bad weather.	Tel: 01628 520056 Web: www.thebountypub.com
Wed 20 Jul 2016 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	"Canary Girls" performed at Bourne End WI - Spade Oak Farm, Bourne End, SL8 5PS (SU884876). Tickets: £12 (concs £10). Bar available. Outdoor show with shelter. Tickets via contact.	Tel: 01628 531521 / 07860 405000 Email: bourneendwi@yahoo.com
Thu 21 Jul 2016 7.00pm	IWA Salisbury Group	Boules and BBQ. The Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Wilts, SP5 3AR (SU182275).	Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 Email: glover.3@btinternet.com Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841
Thu 21 Jul 2016 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	"Canary Girls" performed at Eyot Centre, Wargrave Road, Henley-on-Thames, RG9 3JD (SU766823). No tickets required, cash collection after show. Bring picnic, chairs and blankets. Outdoor show with indoor backup. Gates open from 6pm for picnics.	Tel: 01491 578658 Email: davemcewen@btinternet.com
Fri 22 Jul 2016	Mikron Theatre	"PURE" performed at The Riverside Tea Garden @ Sonning Lock, Reading, RG4 6UR (SU755757). Please park in village and walk to lock. No tickets required, cash collection after show. Bring chairs, blankets and picnic. Outdoor show with shelter and indoor backup. Celebrating tearoom's 10th and the lock-house's 100th birthdays.	Tel: 07710 224008
Sat 23 Jul 2016 11.00am-16.00pm	National Trust	Puffing-a-Wey. Steam Boat Association return with their steam powered craft. Take a short boat trip with one of the members. Dapdune Wharf, Wharf Road, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4RR (SU993502).	Navigation Office: 01483 561389 Email: riverwey@nationaltrust.org.uk
Sat 23 - Sun 24 Jul 2016	Kennet & Avon CT	Newbury Waterways Festival, Victoria Park, Newbury, RG14 5AU (SU473672). Main public event on Sunday 24th.	Julie Dean Email: juliedean@btinternet.com
Sun 24 Jul 2016 1.00pm	Mikron Theatre	"PURE" performed at Minal Cricket Pavillion, Mildenhall, Nr Marlborough, SN8 2LR (SU213697). Tickets: £12 (concs £10). BBQ, soft drinks and tea and cake stall. Bring chairs and blankets. Outdoor show - shelter if bad weather.	Tel: 01672 516408
Tue 26 Jul 2016 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	"Canary Girls" performed at The Rowbarge, Station Road, Woolhampton, Reading, RG7 5SH (SU572664). No tickets required, cash collection after show. Food and bar available. Bring chairs and blankets. Outdoor show.	Tel: 0118 971 2213 Web: www.brunningandprice.co.uk/rowbarge
Wed 27 Jul 2016 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	"PURE" performed at The Oxford Science Park - Sadler Building, Heatley Road, Oxford, OX4 4GE (SP538021). Tickets: £12 (concs £10). Refreshments available. Indoor show.	Tel: 01865 781300 Web: www.oxfordsp.com/mikron.php
Thu 28 Jul 2016 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	"PURE" performed at The Rowbarge, Station Road, Woolhampton, Reading, RG7 5SH (SU572664). No tickets required, cash collection after show. Food and bar available. Bring chairs and blankets. Outdoor show.	Tel: 0118 971 2213 Web: www.brunningandprice.co.uk/rowbarge
Fri 29 Jul 2016 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	"Canary Girls" performed at The Teapot Tearooms, Britchcombe Farm, Uffington, Faringdon, SN7 7QJ (SU308871). No tickets required, cash collection after show. Food and refreshments available. Bring chairs and blankets. Outdoor show - shelter if bad weather.	Tel: 07800637917 or 01367 820260 Web: www.facebook.com/TheTeapotTearoomandgarden Email: rdewilton@yahoo.com
Sat 30 Jul 2016 1.00pm	Mikron Theatre	"PURE" performed at Bear Flat, Bloomfield Road Allotments, Bath BA2 2AB (ST745637). No tickets required, cash collection after show. Refreshments available. Gates open from 12pm. This is an outdoor show with shelter. Bring a picnic, chairs and blankets.	Tel: 07867 532512 Web: www.banes-allotments.org.uk
Sat 30 Jul 2016 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	"PURE" performed at The Space, Market Walk, Keynsham, Bristol, BS31 1FS (ST655684). Tickets: £12 (concs £10). Bar and refreshments available. Indoor show. Tickets via contact.	Tel: 01179 868 683 Email: ric@keynshamfest.co.uk Tickets also via https://keynshamtickets.cloudvenue.co.uk/
Wed 3 Aug 2016 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	"Canary Girls" performed at Goring Lock, Goring, RG8 9AE (SU596809). No tickets required, cash collection after show. We'll perform under the bridge if its wet! This is an outdoor show with shelter and indoor back up.	Tel: 01484 843701

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**SOUTHAMPTON CANAL SOCIETY
2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton
Thursday 7 July 2016 at 7.45 pm**

AGENDA

1. Announcements.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. Minutes of 2015 Annual General Meeting held on 2 July 2015 (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 2016).
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. Proposed disposal of Society Library.
11. 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.

SOUTHAMPTON CANAL SOCIETY 48th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY 2 JULY 2015 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:-

Ron & Myra Glover, Malcolm & Janet Gunningham, Ann Phippard

3. ATTENDANCE

A register was circulated and 20 members recorded their attendance. The attendance register forms part of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting.

4. MINUTES OF 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting held on 2 July 2014 had been provided to all members.

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

There were no matters arising.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman's report for 2014/15 had been printed in the July Newsletter. He felt that the Society had enjoyed an interesting programme throughout the year and wished to thank the President, Brian Evans, members and the Committee for their support. Alan highlighted some of the points in his report including the previous year's programme and events which had included the cruise on the Chichester Canal and the Society regaining the 'Inter-Society Quiz' trophy. It had been encouraging to see a few new faces though some of the meetings had not been well attended.

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He thanked all those without whose efforts the Society would not function. He referred to the valuable work carried out by the Secretary, Angela Rose, and the Treasurer & Membership Secretary, Aelred Derbyshire, together with the other Committee members, David Townley-Jones (the senior raffle manager, ably assisted by Laurie Pearce), Sue Derbyshire and Gordon Osborn. Thanks were also due to Brenda Pomeroy, and her helpers, for providing the monthly refreshments; to Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, Peter Oates; our Auditor/Examiner, Laura Sturrock; and to our President, Brian Evans, and former Chairman, Paul Herbert, who were always there with help and sound advice.

The monthly raffle still remained our highest regular income and he thanked all those who regularly donate prizes.

Finally the Chairman thanked all those members for their continued support and to those who regularly turn up early to meetings to help in setting up the hall.

There were no questions.

6. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's report for 2014/15 had been printed in the July Newsletter and Angela Rose briefly spoke to that report. She expressed her thanks and appreciation to all the members for their continued support during the year; also thanking the Chairman for leading the Society through the previous year and her fellow Committee members who she felt worked well together as a team. 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 had felt the Society had enjoyed a successful year and were looking forward to another good year ahead.

There were no questions.

7. TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Treasurer and Membership Secretary's report for 2014/15 and the audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015, including the balance sheet, had been printed in the July 2015 Newsletter. Aelred wanted to thank the previous Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Gill Herbert, for the orderly way that she had handed over the accounts and also thanked Laura Sturrock for examining his accounts so promptly.

He referred to the notes on the accounts and explained the variations. He made mention to the renovations planned for the Chilworth Parish Hall which included the creation of smaller meeting spaces. It might be that one of those might be better suited to some of our monthly meetings.

There were no questions on the report.

It was **proposed** by Gordon Osborn and **seconded** by Terry Phippard that the Treasurer & Membership Secretary's report be approved and the accounts for 2014/15 be adopted and that was approved by the members present.

8. REVIEW OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES

The Treasurer & Membership Secretary advised that the Committee had reviewed the Society's membership subscription rates and, bearing in mind the Society's current financial position, was recommending that the rates remain unchanged in respect of the membership year commencing 1 April 2016.

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

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

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

The President reminded members that all officer and committee posts were up for annual election. All the present officers and committee members were willing to stand again and there had been no other nominations either prior to or at the meeting.

It was **proposed** by David Dalton and **seconded** by Terry Phippard 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	Aelred Derbyshire
Other Committee Members	David Townley Jones, Sue Derbyshire, Gordon Osborn

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

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

On behalf of the members, Gill Herbert thanked the officers and committee members for all their efforts on behalf of the Society. Those sentiments were endorsed by the President, Brian Evans, and the members present.

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

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Chairman's Report 2015-2016

The Society has enjoyed an interesting programme throughout 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 2015 with David Doulton showing slides & film of canals and rail; John Ross, canal artist, came to us in June; in September Aileen Butler entertained with her Magic Lantern show. Then in October, Ron & Myra Glover were cruising around Vancouver and Day-Star Theatre was well supported in November. At the annual December "Inter-Society Quiz", we welcomed a new team from the Basingstoke Canal Society and we offer our congratulations to the IWA Salisbury team - they were on top form and at last gained the coveted trophy. An American Supper finished off the last two meetings thanks to our Members.

Early in the New Year, the Members' Photographic evening was well supported by 27 members. Then at our next meeting in February, 34 members and friends welcomed Roger & Sandra Downton with their excellent canoe trip reconstructing the "Cockleshell Heroes". A very well supported evening in March finished off our year with 39 members and visitors to hear Tim Coghlan talk about Sonia Rolt and other "Idle Women".

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, sometimes travel expenses as well. This year we have been pleased to welcome visitors at our meetings and we all certainly make them welcome. 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 myself are 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: our Secretary Angela and the Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Aelred Derbyshire. I should point out that Aelred is a very dedicated and valued person being able to continue the work that our previous Treasurer, Gill Herbert held. Then there are the other committee members: David Townley-Jones, who runs the raffle, Sue Derbyshire and Gordon Osborn have been valuable committee members again this year. Gordon's son has also been updating the Society's Facebook page.

Thanks must also go to Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, Peter Oates; our Auditor/Examiner, Laura Sturrock; our President Brian Evans and Paul Herbert, who are always there with the 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, hopefully, Day Star again in November. I would like to thank all members for your continued support as we enter our 50th year.

*Alan Rose
Chairman*

Secretary's Report 2015-2016

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 my fellow Committee Members. As a team, I know we are working very well. Again, 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 "Newcomers, 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's Statement - 31 March 2016

I would like to thank Laura Sturrock for promptly examining the accounts despite personal problems.

Notes on the accounts:

The total of subscriptions for the year was £608. Two members were removed from the list because they had not paid their subscription and had not responded to communications.

The monthly Raffle and sale of tea and coffee continue to make a significant contribution to funds.

The item on library fees is a non-recurring item. When I took over the library from Adrienne I found this sum in small change from previous library hires.

The Sales item arose because the Secretary decided to sell off surplus stocks of regalia and I hauled in three boxes of library books at the

Quiz Evening and managed to sell a few.

The lower amount of ticket sales for Daystar was reflected in the lower fee because they had a simpler, but equally enjoyable, production.

Hall Hire reflects extra hours for both the Daystar and Quiz Evening set-ups. The Hall Hire Committee has maintained the rate unchanged.

The monthly costs for Hall Hire and Speaker Fees were covered by Subscriptions, the Excess of Income over Expenditure is represented by the surplus on the Daystar evening.

*Aelred Derbyshire
Hon Treasurer and Membership Secretary*

The accounts may be found on the next page.

Southampton Canal Society
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31 March 2016

	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income					<u>2015</u>	
Subscriptions						
2014/15				479.00		
2015/16		527.00		<u>81.00</u>	560.00	
Raffle		413.00			402.00	
Teas		112.22			123.76	
Wine		7.00			26.60	
Library fees		14.30				
Donation		27.00				
Sales		44.00			-	
Events						
Boat Trip				352.00		
Daystar		<u>390.00</u>	1,534.52	<u>510.00</u>	<u>862.00</u>	1,974.36
Expenditure						
Hall hire		569.00			363.50	
IWA						
Membership	54.00			54.00		
Insurance	<u>175.20</u>	229.20		<u>169.60</u>	223.60	
Gift to Gill		25.00				
Speaker Fees		205.00			168.65	
Donation to Lucy					40.00	
Events						
Boat Trip				352.00		
Daystar	250.00			<u>330.00</u>	682.00	
Donation	<u>20.00</u>	270.00				
Engraving of Trophy		3.00			2.75	
Teas		4.80			4.50	
Wine					70.00	
Celebration Cake					<u>10.00</u>	
Secretary' Expenses		<u>81.50</u>	1,387.50			1,565.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure			147.02			409.36
Deposit Interest			0.24			0.24
			<u>147.26</u>			<u>409.60</u>
 Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2016						
Current Assets						
Bank Deposit account			345.36			345.12
Bank Current account			1,195.81			1,077.44
Cash in hand			4.11			4.11
			<u>1,545.28</u>			<u>1,426.67</u>
Less Uncleared cheque						28.65
			<u>1,545.28</u>			<u>1,398.02</u>
Reserves						
Brought forward			1,398.02			988.42
Surplus/(Deficit) for year			147.26			409.60
Carried forward			<u>1,545.28</u>			<u>1,398.02</u>

Report to the members of Southampton Canal Society

I have examined the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016.

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
28 June 2016

June Meeting

The Claverton Pump with George Eycott and The Burbage Crane with Peter Dunn

As this evening's meeting was just after the Bank Holiday we were very pleased to have 22 members to welcome George and Peter.

The Claverton Pumping Station was built in 1812 by John Rennie. It is the only one of its kind in Britain and was built of Bath Stone at a cost of £6279. Flow in the River Avon turns an enormous 5.6m x 7.6m wooden waterwheel that drives two beam pumps to lift the water 13m to the canal.

Various repairs and modifications were needed over the last 204 years. Around 1952 the pump and equipment was in a very poor state, which necessitated a Lister FR3 6" replacement pump being fitted to keep the canal topped up.

As funding became available from BWB etc work began on the restoration during the 60s. The millpond was cleaned out and an adapted Vespa scooter wheel was found and used on a pulley system to assist the men in the water to clear the silt. Engineering students from Bath University offered their services, and a local senior school, in their technical department, made up 408 wooden gear teeth which were then soaked in oil. Fitted and then machined in place using made up tools to do the job.

New Elm boards were too fitted on the waterwheel. The problem with elm it has to be kept wet - as this was not always possible the wood rotted away in just four years. The hard wood Iroko was then fitted. Pistons were cleaned and bores were honed out with the assistance of the thinnest member of the team going into the bores (this was before the namby pamby world of H & E). Having to make tools to suit the job, it may have looked a bit "Heath Robinson" but it worked. Various engineering terms were used such as watts parallel motion simulation and air sniffer valve.

All in all the Claverton Pump burns no fuel, makes no waste, in

today's world it is the ultimate environmentally friendly technology.

The Claverton pump site is owned and is mainly funded by CRT but is run and maintained by The Claverton Group who are all volunteers including WRG.

To arrange a visit speak to Peter Dunn at www.claverton.org

Peter Dunn then followed with the History of the Burbage Crane and others on the K & A waterway. Peter gave examples of 16 other cranes of similar construction such as at the photographs in the 1950's at Honeystreet, Bradford on Avon gauging dock, Hungerford and Newbury. Peter also showed us old photos of the Bath timber cranes, all of similar construction.

The first reconstruction at Burbage was carried out in 1970, the jib had broken and the King Post was rotten around the base. A quick repair was carried out by cementing in the base and a new jib fitted.

In 2007 major work was needed, scaffolding was erected as the crane was very unstable with the jib broken. BWB supplied the work boat to move the structure to the Claverton site for assessment. Within three hours the whole crane fell apart with rot. Over the next few years it was rebuilt using traditional methods by the Claverton team.

In 2012 the crane was returned to Burbage, the base was driven back by George Eycott on a flatbed trailer and his Land Rover. The jib was returned by more conventional means, a lorry, to Burbage Wharf, where it was reassembled using a modern crane and manpower.

The crane was load tested to modern standards, using a sack of polystyrene, by the President of the K & A Trust Mr David Bruce. This was followed with a glass of wine around the crane. Attended by the volunteers who had worked on it and other dignitaries.

Angela Rose

Waterways Events *(continued from page 2)*

Date / Time	Organiser	Details	Contact
Thu 4 Aug 2016 3.30pm	Mikron Theatre	"PURE" performed at Waterfront Café, Benson Marina, Benson, OX10 6SJ (SU613916). Tickets (£12) must be booked in advance from Sue 01491 835631. Bistro menu available at extra cost on the day (no need to book). Refreshments, beer and food available. This is an outdoor show with shelter and indoor back up.	Tel: 01491 835631 Web: www.waterfrontcafe.co.uk
Thu 4 Aug 2016	Southampton CS	There will be NO August Meeting as the hall will be closed for maintenance.	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanjrose@btinternet.com
Thu 4 Aug 2016 8.00pm	Mikron Theatre	"Canary Girls" performed at Waterfront Café, Benson Marina, Benson, OX10 6SJ (SU613916). Tickets (£12) must be booked in advance from Sue 01491 835631. Bistro menu available at extra cost on the day (no need to book). Refreshments, beer and food available. This is an outdoor show with shelter and indoor back up.	Tel: 01491 835631 Web: www.waterfrontcafe.co.uk
Fri 5 Aug 2016 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	"PURE" performed at The Plough, High Street, Long Wittenham, OX14 4QH (SU545937). No tickets required, cash collection after show. Beer and food available. Outdoor show. Bring chairs and blankets.	Tel: 01865 407738
Sat 6 - Sun 7 Aug 2016	Basingstoke CS & Historic Narrow Boat Club	Woking Canal Festival, Brookhouse Common, Woking, Surrey, GU21 5BP (TQ008593). Celebrating 50th anniversary of the foundation of both of the organising groups. And 25 years since formal re-opening of the canal. Parking in town centre car parks. Public transport recommended.	Roger Cansdale: 01252 678608 Web: http://www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk/woking-canal-festival/ Email: roger.cansdale@ntlworld.com
Sun 7 Aug 2015 2.45pm	Mikron Theatre	"PURE" performed at Woking Canal Festival, Brookhouse Common, Woking, Surrey, GU21 5BP (TQ008593). No tickets required, cash collection after show. No public parking on site. Use town centre car parks and walk along towpath to event (about 350m).	Tel: 01483 760161 Web: www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk
Sun 21 Aug 2016 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk - for details please contact Mike Chapman.	Mike Chapman: 01225 426948 Email: history@coalcanal.org.uk
Thu 1 Sep 2016 7.45pm	Southampton CS	"Industrial Archaeology within the New Forest" by James Brown from the New Forest National Parks Authority. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanjrose@btinternet.com
Fri 2 Sep 2016 6.30 - 10.00pm	Kennet & Avon CT	Carnival on the Canal, Devizes Wharf, SN10 1EB (SU004617).	K&ACT, Devizes Wharf: 01380 721279 Web: http://katrust.org.uk/events/

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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Towpath puddle challenge

Youngsters in Wiltshire have been issued an unusual challenge – to find a jump-able puddle in a revamped stretch of towpath on the Kennet & Avon Canal in Devizes.

The challenge comes as work to resurface the 700-metre stretch, between Prison Bridge and Town Bridge, has reached completion.

The new allegedly puddle-free path, funded in partnership with Wiltshire Council, will be suitable for use all year round. It is the second phase of three in a proposed project to improve towpath surfaces alongside the 200-year old canal.

Making a splash

Mark Evans, waterway manager at the Trust, said: "This new towpath is a huge improvement on the old one, and we're very grateful to Wiltshire Council for their help in making it happen. We're fairly certain it gives people an all-weather route between the famous Caen Hill Locks and Devizes town centre, but just to be sure we're

challenging the experts, and appealing to the many enthusiastic puddle jumpers we see out and about on the canal to see if they can find any. Luckily these summer showers we're having should give them lots of opportunity to get the wellies on and head out."

Philip Whitehead, cabinet member for highways, said: "We are committed to continuing to develop the pedestrian and cycle access through Devizes, and I'm delighted the next phase of this work has been completed. The canal is a wonderful facility, and this worthwhile investment will be enjoyed by thousands of people of all ages for years to come and will help improve air quality through the town too."

Get involved

Let us know about the puddles you spot, by emailing feedback@canalrivertrust.org.uk, please note we'll only take reports of puddles that are at least an inch deep and give a decent splash!

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An update on the Boxing Day floods

Summer may be on the horizon but CRT are still dealing with the aftermath of the Boxing Day floods in the Calder Valley and there has been real progress recently with some of the larger, more challenging engineering projects.

The good news is that a further section of the Rochdale Canal reopened to boats ahead of the recent Bank Holiday weekend. The canal is now available for use from Hebden Bridge to the winding point at Bridge 24 just above Lock 14 near Todmorden.

Reconnecting the Rochdale

The next section of waterway to reopen will be the Calder & Hebble Navigation at Elland and Crowther Bridges where work is being undertaken to open the canal allowing people to navigate out of the Rochdale Canal onto the rest of the network.

Both bridges were so badly damaged by the force of the floodwaters that they need to be carefully dismantled and completely rebuilt. It's a delicate job and CRT are removing as many of the interesting features as possible so that they can be reused in the new bridges. It's taken slightly longer than anticipated to install the temporary dams at Crowther Bridge which has pushed the programme back by a day or so. CRT are now aiming to reopen the canal to boats by 4 July.

One of the areas worst affected was around Todmorden on the Rochdale Canal. Here a section of canal wall was washed out causing

the canal to breach. Works have recently started to repair the breach, rebuild 250 metres of collapsed wash wall and carry out repairs to Woodhouse Weir. The project will cost around £700,000 and is expected to be completed in August.

A delicate job

Nearby, a landslip also caused the surface of a slope to slide down on and into part of the canal, blocking the way with earth, trees and debris and damaging the canal.

Since then the Trust has been liaising with the owners of the slope, with a view to reopening the canal as quickly as possible.

Whilst discussions continue regarding insurance, one of the landowners has, in the meantime, agreed to grant permission for CRT to access the slope. This means that they can help with the important job of assessing whether the damage caused has resulted in any further movement of the land and these investigations have started.

Elsewhere, works have been taking place to dredge both the Rochdale Canal and the Calder & Hebble Navigation, re-grout Lock 2 on the Rochdale Canal, repair a number of culverts and carry out temporary repairs at Stainton Aqueduct on the Lancaster Canal. At the same time their fantastic volunteers continue to give their time generously to repair and restore towpaths across the Calder Valley.

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