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MEETINGS - 1st Thursday each month at 7.45 pm.  
St. John Ambulance Hall, King's Park Road, Southampton.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 4th July - 'HMS Warrior 1860'. History, Restoration and Preservation.
- 1st August - Members Slides.
- 5th September - 'Engineering on Gloucester & Sharpness Canal and Associated Waterways' by BWB speaker.
- 3rd October - 'Boat Museum - Ellesmere Port' - Tony Hirst, Director.
- 7th November - Hugh McKnight - 'European Waterways'.

JUNE MEETING - AGM NOTES.

Committee. All 3 officers were returned as shown at the head of the Newsletter. Eric Lewis, Paul Herbert and Tim Bebbington joined the Committee. Members agreed that there should be a rise in subscriptions, bringing them to £5-00 Individual and £7-00 Family.

The list of thanks was a long one -

Joan Hickman for auditing the accounts.

To the Tea-Regulars, Eric and Joyce Mayhew, Eva Drinkwater and Jackie Coles. Due to other commitments Jackie Coles wished to give up providing the teatime supplies. Thanks for her efforts to date and thanks to Joyce Mayhew for taking over the job.

Martin Cripps was thanked for not only being a good secretary but also for running the Society outings and arranging the speakers for nearly all our meetings.

Dawn Cripps received thanks for having run most of the raffles during the year, Mike Smetham for running the Library and Dave Townley-Jones for looking after the sales stand.

To Tony Coles for producing your monthly 'Newsletter' and finally to Hunt & Co for printing and distributing 'Newsletter' and by doing so, contributing handsomely to the waterways cause.

NEW VICE PRESIDENT. It was proposed and carried that Laurie Pearce, our founder secretary, should become a Vice President.

Members were reminded that Ken & Margaret Froude and Peter Dates were also Vice Presidents.

HAVE YOU purchased your Southampton Canal Society pens yet?

T Shirts in various sizes are available at £4-50.

JON SIMS SAYS that the mini bus trip (walk) to the Somerset Coal Canal is still on but not before the leaves fall in the Autumn.

PS. Have you seen the photo of Jon taken in 1971? See his article in the June and July editions of Waterways World.

CHAIRMAN HAS received a letter of thanks from the IWA CHARITY BANK for our parcel of stamps, tokens etc....

Since August 1988 £3,500 has been raised in this way and it is hoped to raise £2,500 each year. Keep 'em coming in.

GLOUCESTER AND SHARPNESS CANAL. The major problem being debated by the Gloucestershire Branch at present is the change of use of the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal. Now that there is no significant commercial traffic along the canal, the manager is trying to maximise income by encouraging linear moorings along several stretches. This makes the canal unsuitable for larger boats, as manoeuvring space is occupied by moored boats, and there have been several incidents of tied up craft being damaged by passing traffic.

**PEWSEY WHARF PROTEST.** The Avon and Wilts Branch's complaints about plans to excavate a boat basin and site buildings close to the water's edge at Pewsey Wharf seem to have paid off. The architects have submitted revised plans which omit the basin, reduce the number of buildings and move them back from the water. The Branch has welcomed the new plans but expressed concern at proposed lay-by moorings to the east of the Wharf which could threaten the strength of the embankment. It has also been stressed that access to the Wharf is necessary for large vehicles such as cranes and boats on trailers or lorries.

**NAUTICAL TRAINING REQUEST.** The Inland Shipping Group is collating information on the nautical training and education which is now available. Would anyone with knowledge of courses or training in navigation and ship handling in the Sou'Wester area please write to:-

Graham Stanton, South West Inland Shipping Co-ordinator, Sunset Gate, 18 Kewstoke Road, Kewstoke, Weston-super-Mare, Avon, BS22 9YD.

**SOUTH OF THE PLAIN.** The Salisbury Group is now well and truly under way, meeting every other month at Stoford, near Salisbury. Since its launch, it has held two social meetings plus an excellent presentation by Mike Smetham about the Southampton/Salisbury Canal. Secretary David Hankins said "We are not trying to 'poach' members, but we would welcome members from surrounding Branches who may find it easier to visit us than to their own Branch meetings - us South Wilts people are a friendly bunch!"

**HAVE YOU SEEN 'PROGRESS'** crossing the English Channel? Borrow the video from Mike Smetham, our Librarian.

### CANAL BOAT TRIPS - ZOO WATERBUS

Little Venice - London Zoo - Camden Lock

#### FARES

All tickets bought on the boat	Trip (Mins)	Adults	DAPs/ Child
		£	£
<b>One Way Trips</b>			
Little Venice - Camden Lock	(50)	2.50	1.40
Camden Lock - Little Venice	(50)	2.50	1.40
London Zoo - Little Venice	(35)	2.00	1.20
London Zoo - Camden Lock	(15)	1.00	0.60
<b>Return Trips</b>			
Little Venice-Camden Lock-Little Venice	(110)	3.10	1.80
Camden Lock-Little Venice-Camden Lock	(110)	3.10	1.80
London Zoo - Little Venice - London Zoo	(80)	2.80	1.60
London Zoo - Camden Lock - London Zoo	(40)	1.50	1.00

(It is possible to catch a later boat back if you wish to spend time at the half way point)

#### Combined Ticket

(one-way trip plus reduced Zoo entry)		Adults	Child
Little Venice - London Zoo	(35)	5.40	3.90
Camden Lock - London Zoo	(15)	5.40	3.30

**NB:** Since the landing stage is within the Zoo grounds, passengers intending to disembark at the Zoo must buy a combined ticket (which includes Zoo entry).

**CHILDREN** - under 3 travel free (but should not take a seat to themselves if the boat is full). Under 4 pay for the boat trip but not Zoo admission.

Under 16 pay the child fare quoted.

#### TIMETABLE

##### SUMMER

31st MARCH - 30th SEPTEMBER  
DAILY

#### DEPARTURES

from Little Venice: 10am, 11am, then hourly till 5pm\*

from Camden Lock: 10am, 11am, then hourly till 5pm\*

from London Zoo:  
to Camden Lock: 10.35am, then hourly till 5.35pm\*

to Little Venice: 10.15am, then hourly till 5.15pm\*

\* last trip, one way only.

##### WINTER

6th OCTOBER - 17th MARCH  
SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS  
& Mon-Fri 22nd-26th October

#### DEPARTURES

from Little Venice: 10.30am, 12.00, 1.30pm, 3.00pm.

from Camden Lock: 11.15am, 12.45pm, 2.15pm, 3.45pm\*

from London Zoo:  
to Camden Lock: 11.00am, 12.30pm, 2.00pm, 3.30pm.

to Little Venice: 11.30am, 1.00pm, 2.30pm, 4.00pm\*

\* one way only.