

Newsletter

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Chairman's Column

Peter Lewis

As all members will be aware, Peter Lewis sadly passed away on Friday 9 May. A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for his Life was held at Isaac Watts Memorial Church, Southampton on Monday 19 May. A packed church, including many Society members, witnessed a very moving Service and tributes to Peter.

Our thoughts are with Sue and Eric and Peter's fiancée, Tracey.

Congratulation to Ken and Margaret

Many congratulations and best wishes to Ken and Margaret Froud who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 23 May. As many members



will be aware, Ken and Margaret have been Society members since the 1970s and have been living on their narrow boat 'Duorf II' on the Old Engine Arm at Napton Top Lock, on the South Oxford Canal, for over 20 years. An appropriate greetings card, signed by many Society members, was sent to Ken and Margaret.

Second Society Boat Gathering

The May Day bank holiday weekend saw the Society's second boat gathering at Flecknoe and Braunston. See the article inside this Newsletter for a report on that event.

'Waterworld' 2003

In last month's Newsletter I referred to criticism levied at Carlton Television for refusing to show their popular 'Waterworld' series nationwide, or produce videos of the programmes. However, Ken and Margaret Froud have come to our rescue. They have very kindly videoed all six programmes of the latest series and have made a copy available to the Society. Many thanks Ken and Margaret.

In turn, many thanks to Michael and Angela Faull for taking that video and making copies for members own private use (and, therefore, no breach of copyright!). They have also donated a copy to the Society Library so that the wider membership can enjoy these programmes.

Whilst on this subject, have any other members got copies of any of the previous series?

2003 Visit by 'Day-Star Theatre'

Tickets will soon go on sale for the October visit by 'Day-Star Theatre'. Whilst attendances for this annual show have always been good, this year I



would like to put out the 'House Full' board. So, please tell all your friends about Day-Star and let's see if we can fill the hall.

We have kept the ticket price for 'Day-Star' at £3 for a number of years but it is necessary this year to increase this to £4 to ensure we cover our costs. Considering the price of a ticket includes a light supper, this is still extremely good value.

The Society's Inaugural Meeting

Flicking through the Society's original minute book I came across the note of the very first Society meeting held on 1 June 1967. That meeting is obviously of great significance to the Society and I thought that it might be interesting to current members to read what happened on that occasion. I am considering including items from those old minutes as an irregular feature in future Newsletters. Please see the separate item in this Newsletter.

Do you want to Paint the Town (or at least your boat) Red - or even any other colour?

Are you looking forward to that enviable task of repainting your boat? If so, Society members David and Margaret James may be able to help you. At this year's National Boat, Caravan and Outdoor Show held at the NEC, Birmingham, in February, David and Margaret won a voucher for £85 worth of International Toplac Paint. David and Margaret will not be able to use this paint themselves as they have a new boat on order and this will be delivered ready painted. They have therefore generously donated their prize to the Society and have suggested that it be auctioned. It is understood that the voucher can be



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April Meeting - The Residential Boat Owners Association – John Ross

At our May meeting we were pleased to welcome John Ross, Vice-Chairman of the Residential Boat Owners Association (RBOA). John lives on board his converted concrete barge, 'Jason', at Old Bursledon on the River Hamble.

John started his talk by telling us that, according to Government statistics, there are 21,000 boats lived on in this country, representing c.55,000 people. I don't think any of those present had an inkling that the number of 'live-aboards' was so large. The types of boats used for this purpose vary (almost any form of boat can be lived on) as do the people who like to live in this way – there is no standard person, they just share the same spirit of sense of freedom with no ties. The community spirit, friendship and fellowship between boaters are amazing.

John explained that it was now easier to live on boats than previously, though there had been many fights with British Waterways. Technically one should have planning permission for residential moorings but this is often ignored by inland local authorities.

Problem areas for residential boats were described which included London (now choc-a-bloc), Oxford, Cambridge and the South Coast, where such moorings were now almost impossible. There were many problems in this area and John described a number of these which included a significant decline in the number of residential moorings permitted on the South Coast, and local authority concerns about houseboats.

John continued with a round-up of the expansion and rejuvenation of the waterways which were creating

many opportunities for regeneration, employment and tourism. This in turn was leading to more publicity for the waterways which created greater interest in the numbers of people wishing to live permanently afloat. Unfortunately, this sometimes resulted in the media spelling out the idylls of such a waterways life, often providing the impression that this was an easier and cheaper option than living on land, and failing to detail some of the main issues, problems and regulations, thereby giving many interested people a completely incorrect impression. Very few people thinking of moving afloat did their research and many purchased large and expensive boats to live on, without any previous experience of the canals. However, despite all this, the majority of people who moved onto a boat, stayed afloat. John explained how the RBOA offered an advisory service to those considering living afloat, which included an excellent book - 'Living Afloat', a new edition of which had recently been published, and their bi-monthly newsletter, 'Soundings'.

John briefly referred to residential boats taken across the Channel to Europe and talked about the operations and facilities of those waterways and the attitudes of the navigation authorities.

After the refreshments break John showed a variety of waterways slides.

Many thanks John for describing to us the work of the RBOA and the ins and outs of residential boating, both on the inland waterways network and around the coast.

Paul Herbert

Chairman's Column

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exchanged for 5 x ¾ litre tins of a colour(s) of your choice.

Many thanks to David and Margaret for their generosity. More details of the auction will be provided at the AGM.

Future of the Newsletter?

Apart from the very occasional contribution from other members (for which we are always grateful), Peter and I seem to be the sole providers of copy for our monthly Newsletter. Whilst this isn't fair on us, having to constantly come up with topics and ideas for inclusion, there is the danger that the Newsletter

becomes focused on what we want to include rather than the Society membership as a whole. This is not a healthy situation and can lead to stagnation.

Such an appeal for contributions has become a regular occurrence but I make no apology for applying such pressure. So **PLEASE** get out your pens and pencils, put on your thinking caps, and write an article on your waterway or other experiences that you think might interest your fellow members. Boat owners might like to write about how they designed or purchased their boat, or fitted it out, or improvements they have carried out. Other members could pen an article about a trip they have been on, not necessarily on the waterways.

So go on - please give it a go!

Paul Herbert

Thank You

We would like to say a huge "Thank You" to everyone for the cards, letters, flowers etc. and most of all prayerful support during Peter's illness and our subsequent loss. The love we have been shown is overwhelming and we know that Peter will always be remembered with great affection.

Sue and Eric Lewis

2nd Society Boat Gathering

Over the bank holiday weekend, 3-5 May, six boats owned by Society members gathered at Flecknoe on the five mile pound between Braunston and Napton, for the Society's 2nd Boat Gathering. This location was chosen because eight Society boats are moored in the Napton area.

This year's revellers were:-

David & Maureen Butcher on 'Wychwood No.2'

Michael & Angela Faull on 'Laura'

Ken & Margaret Froud on 'Duorf II'

Paul & Gill Herbert on 'The Evelyn Broadbent'

Terry & Ann Phippard (+ 2 friends) on 'Dolly'

Peter Oates & Laura Sturrock on 'Swallowdale'

On the Saturday evening we all joined in with a barbecue but, because of poor weather conditions, we had to eat inside. Somehow we all managed to find room on 'Swallowdale' (some in the saloon at the front, with the rest squeezed close together in the cosy confines of the boatman's cabin at the rear).

The weather dramatically improved on Sunday and, after a group photograph on the towpath, 'Dolly' and 'Swallowdale' cast off to find moorings at Braunston whilst the remaining boat crews enjoyed a leisurely lunch in the sun on the bank. Fortunately, despite it being the bank holiday weekend, all boats managed to find a mooring in Braunston, without difficulty. That evening, as planned, all boat crews excluding

(Postscript 1: In the May Newsletter, under the heading 'Walking through Braunston History' Peter published details of the Dick Herne Braunston History Society and of their three planned walks. Peter included a photograph of the eight Society members relaxing in the 'Old Plough' after the first of those walks).

(Postscript 2: Another 'impromptu' get-together of Society members and some of their boats took place at Braunston over the recent bank holiday weekend, coinciding with the Crick Boat Show and the second of the three guided walks around Braunston).

Bid to save neglected waterway

The following article appeared in the Hampshire Chronicle on the 14th February 2003. Thanks to Brian Evans for spotting it.

Environment chiefs are preparing to make a crucial bid for funding to save one of Hampshire's historic waterways. The Itchen Navigation that runs from Winchester, through Eastleigh to Southampton, is threatened by neglect. This winter, high water levels and flows are again threatening the structure.

Emergency repairs are regularly undertaken, but long term a seven figure sum is needed to restore the man-made waterway that last carried freight in 1869. The Environment Agency carried out emergency repairs downstream of Allbrook, near Eastleigh, last year by dumping 150 tonnes of chalk along the bank. A smaller breach at Twyford was also repaired as was a sluice at The Malms Lock near Shawford south of Winchester. Several sections of towpath are submerged. Repairs to

Ken and Margaret (who were cruising to the Ashby Canal) joined up in the 'Old Plough' at Braunston for an evening meal (and a drink or two). We were joined by Alan and Angela Rose from Bursledon, whose boat 'Liberty' is moored on the Old Engine Arm at Napton, and their friends Brian and Sharon who also moor there. So, in all there were sixteen of us sitting down to eat. Good job that we had reserved a table in advance.

Some of us had originally planned to have breakfast on the 'Gongoozlers Rest' (a floating café moored in Braunston) on Monday morning but we had spotted a poster in the 'Plough' the previous evening, advertising the first of three planned guided walks around Braunston, taking place at 10am, so eight of us took part in that event which turned out to be both enjoyable and informative. Then it was back to the 'Plough' for lunch – Oh, it is so tough, this boating!

That afternoon the fleet dispersed, three boats returning to Napton Marina whilst the others continued cruising.

During the weekend a couple of raffles were held, for prizes which had been donated by those attending. A total of £26 was raised on behalf of Cancer Research UK.

It was the general view that it had been a successful and enjoyable weekend, which should be repeated next year. A number of suggestions were made to make the event even more successful, and these will be considered in due course.

Paul Herbert

another section north of Allbrook will have to wait until the spring-summer.

The agency is to apply for funding from the National Heritage Lottery Fund, probably with the Hampshire Wildlife Trust. A bid failed to get money from the Aggregates Levy Environmental Fund, administered by English Nature and the Countryside Agency.

A major problem has been the unchecked growth of thousands of trees. They are damaging the banks and, by shading the water, reducing the ecological interest.

Tim Greenwood, chairman of the Hampshire Area Environment Group, said: "I'm grateful for the work that has been done. My concern is we are concentrating on repairing the banks and there remain the trees rooting into the banks and causing further problems."

Removal of trees would be a major part of the restoration, the group heard.

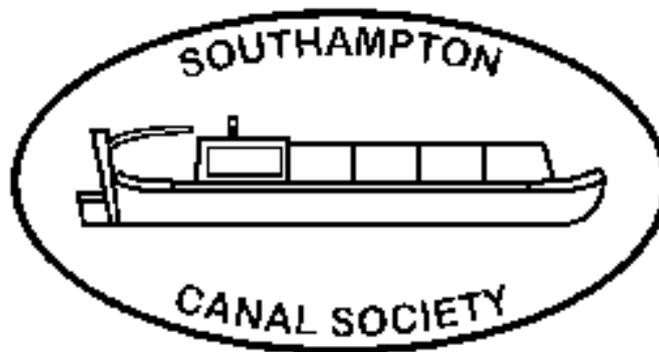
All Our Yesterdays

Recently I was looking back through the Society's old minute book and came across the minutes of the very first meeting held on 1 June 1967 at the Headquarters of the 22nd Millbrook Scouts. In those early days it was normal to take notes (or minutes) of each monthly meeting. I am thankful that that practice was later discontinued – it is difficult enough to take the minutes of our Committee meetings. It was interesting to read how the Society started and thought that today's members might like to share in that history, particularly this month as we hold our Annual General Meeting and celebrate the Society's 36th Anniversary.

At that first meeting twenty people were present (including current members Brian and Annegret Evans and Laurie Pearce).

A variety of Inland Waterways literature and maps were displayed around the hall. Brian Evans gave an introductory talk and stressed the aims of various national associations and societies who were solely responsible for saving Britain's Inland

Waterways systems from total abandonment. "It was only through public pressure that British Waterways were accepting their responsibilities, if somewhat, begrudgingly, and carrying out the minimum of maintenance on the canal system." He went on to say that up to the end of 1966, he thought that he and his wife were the only persons in the area who suffered from "canal mania", but as a result of one or two letters to the Editor of the Southern Evening Echo he realised that there were others similarly affected, and by contacting those other people, a small band of canal enthusiasts became known to one another. As a result of the subsequent 'get-togethers' it was decided to try and form a local area group of people who were



Thames Waterways Newsletter

Did you know that one can keep up to date with all the latest happenings on the River Thames with the Environment Agency's new Waterways Newsletter? Packed with all the latest news on river works, projects, news stories, events, contact details and lots more, you will find this an enjoyable and informative read. For those with e-mail facilities, copies of the future newsletters can be requested by contacting: visitthames@environment-agency.gov.uk and include your postal address.

(With acknowledgement to the May issue of 'NABO News', the magazine of the National Association of Boat Owners).

obviously interested in the inland waterways generally, but who could do little individually to encourage their interest, as except for the Itchen Navigation and a small section of the Southampton and Andover Canal at Romsey, there was no canal proper closer than the Kennet and Avon, a canal whose future, along with others, depended entirely on the campaign being waged to bring about its restoration.

Brian went on to say that he hoped that by forming a local society with a modest annual subscription, it would enable those interested to meet socially once a month and so share their common interest. It was hoped to arrange canal trips and other outings of interest as the Society progressed, and there was also

a supply of photographic slides and films of waterways interests that would be shown when the winter evenings came along.

He then thanked all those present for coming along to the meeting and asked for any questions. A short discussion then took place.

It was suggested that there should be an election of Officers and Committee and, amongst others, Brian Evans was elected Chairman (*and continued in that role until the 2001 Annual General Meeting when he retired and was elected as the Society's first President*) and Laurie Pearce as Secretary. After a refreshments break, a discussion ensued as to the advisability of having a small annual subscription to cover costs – a subscription of 10/- (50p) was agreed.

The Chairman then asked for suggestions as to a suitable name for the newly formed club or society. After some discussion the **Southampton Canal Society** was agreed.

The Secretary was asked to notify the local press of the formation of the Society, and also send a letter to the Minister of Transport expressing the Society's concern at any attempt of the Ministry to abandon any of our inland waterways when the Minister's report was made public later in the year.

A levy of 1/- (5p) per person was taken to cover immediate expenses. 10/- (50p) was paid to the 22nd Millbrook Scout Group for hire of the hall, leaving 11/- (55p) remaining in the general fund.

The Chairman then closed the meeting, thanking all those present for their support, and announced that the next meeting would be held in the same venue on 6th July.

Paul Herbert

PICTURE PHRASE QUIZ

The following quiz was set in the Old Plough in Braunston on the occasion of the recent, second Society Boat Gathering. It was suggested that other Society members might like to have a go at this quiz as well. Each of the boxes shown below gives a clue to a well known phrase or saying. Answers are given on the last page of this Newsletter.



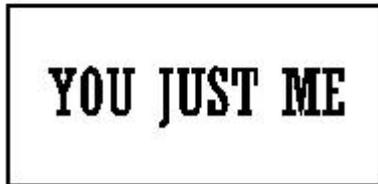
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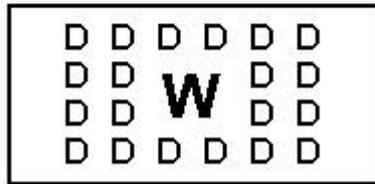
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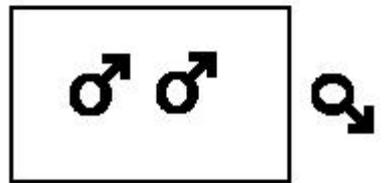
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WATERWAYS DIARY

The following is a list of waterway events taking place within approximately 50 miles of Southampton. Hopefully you can find something to interest you.

Whilst every effort is made to ensure the correctness of this information, please check with the listed contact who will be glad to supply further details of that event. If YOU know of an event taking place that should be in this list then contact the editor.

Time	Organiser	Details	Contact
Thu 5 June 2003 7.45 pm	Southampton CS	Annual General Meeting followed by the video <i>The Lost Way to the Sea</i> ..	Eric Lewis: 023 8086 0384
Sun 8 June 2003	Wey & Arun CT	The Puddle (sponsored walk) will start and finish at Loxwood North Hall, and will visit the new Drungewick Aqueduct. Start between 8.30 and 10.30 am.	Jo Beagles: 01483 418195 E-mail: jobeagles@aol.com
Fri 13 June 2003	Byfleet Boat Club	Visit to Sutton Place near Guildford. This was home of Sir Richard Weston, promoter of Wey Navigation. Built in 1523, agreed to be finest example of English renaissance architecture. Limited places: booking essential.	James Bell: 01932 830493
Sun 15 June 2003 10.00 am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk 3 - Combe Hay to Dunkerton (5 miles). Meet at Combe Hay Cemetery. Park in "The Avenue" Combe Hay	Roger Halse: 01249 652846
Sat 21 June 2003	?	Reading Water Fest - On the Kennet by Chestnut Walk and Riverside Walk	Joe Keen - 0118 939 0373
Thu 26 June 2003 9.45 am	Wey & Arun CT	Howzat? for a Walk. 6½ miles walk. Meet Wisborough Green on the Green Durbans Rd off B2133. Lunch @ Cricketers. Depart 10.00 am. 3 hours. Donation to WACT appreciated	Don Gibson: 01903 201375
Sun 29 June 2003 11.00 am	IWA Solent & Arun Branch	Basingstoke Canal - Western End Cruise. From the slipway at Winchfield Hurst (Barley Mow) to Greywell Tunnel and back.	Peter Boyce: 02392 269642. E-mail pete@greensleeves.freeserve.co.uk
Thu 3 July 2003 7.45 pm	Southampton CS	Tal-y-llyn Railway - film and slides with Peter Kent Mason.	Eric Lewis: 023 8086 0384
Fri - Sun 4 to 6 July 2003	National Trust	Guildford Festival Boat Gathering	National Trust - 01483 561389
Fri - Sun 4 to 6 July 2003	Cotswolds Canal Trust	Saul Canal Festival at junction of Gloucester & Sharpness Ship Canal and Stroudwater Navigation.	Dudley Greenslade 01453 825515
Sun 6 July 2003 2.30 pm	Chichester Ship Canal Trust	Guided Canal Walk & Strawberry Tea. Salterns Lock, Chichester Marina.	Ann Lowther - 01243 787183
Wed 9 July 2003 7.30 pm	Chichester Ship Canal Trust	History & Future of the Chichester Ship Canal. Edes House, County Hall, Chichester.	Ann Lowther - 01243 787183
Sat 12 July 2003 7.30 pm	Chichester Ship Canal Trust	A Woman's Place - Mikron Theatre & BBQ. Geoffrey Osbourne Construction.	Ann Lowther - 01243 787183
Sun 13 July 2003 2.30 pm	Chichester Ship Canal Trust	Teddy Bears' Picnic. Chichester Canal Basin	Ann Lowther - 01243 787183
Thu 17 July 2003 7.30 pm ???	IWA Salisbury Group	Robert Hughes (artist) talking about "Canals in Miniature" at Salisbury Rugby Club.	Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841 or Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322
Sat 19 July 2003	Byfleet Boat Club	Visit to Newark Priory and Woking Old Palace close to Wey Navigation.	James Bell: 01932 830493
Sun 20 July 2003 10.00 am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk 4 - Dunkerton to Camerton (6 miles). Meet at Dunkerton Church. Park in Dunkerton village. Please do not park in the road leading to the church.	Roger Halse: 01249 652846
Thu 24 July 2003 9.45 am	Wey & Arun CT	Not just Manure. 5 miles walk. 9.45 am Limeburners Inn [and lunch]. Lording's Road, Newbridge B2133. Depart 10.00 am. 2½ hours. Donation to WACT appreciated.	Don Gibson: 01903 201375
Thu 31 July 2003 7.45 pm	Southampton CS	To be confirmed. Please note that this meeting will be held the week before the first Thursday of August.	Eric Lewis: 023 8086 0384
Sat - Sun 16 & 17 August 2003	Chichester Ship Canal Trust	Chichester Canal Water Fair with a Pirate Theme - Canal Basin. All day fun and frolics on the Chichester Canal. Chance to cruise the basin and waterway on Sunday.	Fair: Ann Lowther 01243 787183 Cruise: Peter Boyce: 02392 269642, pete@greensleeves.freeserve.co.uk
Sun 17 August 2003 10.00 am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk 5 - Camerton to Timsbury (5 miles). Meet at the entrance to the Camerton Heritage Centre. Park in Durcott Lane	Roger Halse: 01249 652846
Fri - Mon 22 to 25 August 2003	IWA	National Waterways Festival at Beale Park near Pangbourne on the Thames. IWA Solent & Arun Branch stand to be transported to and from site by working narrow boat. Peter Boyce wants help with this and manning stand.	Festival Hotline: 0870 240 2438. Peter Boyce: 02392 269642. E-mail pete@greensleeves.freeserve.co.uk
Thu 28 Aug 2003 9.45 am	Wey & Arun CT	Bay Bridge Canal. Where? 6 miles walk. 09.45 am The Partridge, Partridge Green [lunch] Junction B2135/B2116. Depart 10.00 am. 3 hours. Donation to WACT appreciated.	Don Gibson: 01903 201375
Thu 4 Sept 2003 7.45 pm	Southampton CS	Tim Boddington on the Macclesfield Canal and adjoining waterways.	Eric Lewis: 023 8086 0384
Sun 14 September 2003 12.30 to 17.00	IWA Solent & Arun Branch	Hamble River Cruise - Swanwick to Curbridge and Botley Quay.	Peter Boyce: 02392 269642. E-mail pete@greensleeves.freeserve.co.uk
Thu 18 Sept 2003 7.30 pm ???	IWA Salisbury Group	Barry Eagles on "Wessex Steam" at Salisbury Rugby Club.	Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841 or Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322
Sun 21 Sept 2003 10.00 am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk 6 - Midford to Wellow (6 miles). Meet opposite the Hope & Anchor. Park in/off Twinhoe Lane. Please do not park in pub car park.	Roger Halse: 01249 652846

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Time	Organiser	Details	Contact
Thu 25 Sept 2003 9.45 am	Wey & Arun CT	The Border Party. (5 miles). 09.45 am Sir Roger Tichbourne [lunch] 1 mile north Loxwood B2133. Depart 10.00 am. 2½ hours. Donation to WACT appreciated.	Don Gibson: 01903 201375
Thu 2 Oct 2003 7.45 pm	Southampton CS	'Day-Star Theatre' with their new production for 2003	Eric Lewis: 023 8086 0384
Sat 18 October 2003	Byfleet Boat Club	Visit Chilworth Gunpowder Mills south of Guildford beside River Wey. Produced gunpowder for 300 years up to 1920.	James Bell: 01932 830493
Sun 19 October 2003 10.00 am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk 7 - Wellow to Single Hill (6 miles). Meet at Wellow Church. Park in Wellow	Roger Halse: 01249 652846
Thu 6 Nov 2003 7.45 pm	Southampton CS	IWA National Chairman John Fletcher (to be confirmed).	Eric Lewis: 023 8086 0384
Sun 16 Nov 2003 10.00 am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk 8 - Single Hill to Radstock. Meet at the Village Hall. Park in the Village Hall car park	Roger Halse: 01249 652846
Thu 20 Nov 2003 7.30 pm ???	IWA Salisbury Group	Eric Lewis talking about "Around Britain by canal in the 70s" at Salisbury Rugby Club.	Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841 or Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322
Thu 4 Dec 2003 7.45 pm	Southampton CS	Inter-Society Waterways Quiz and American Supper	Eric Lewis: 023 8086 0384
Until 28 September 2003	Kennet & Avon CT	Crofton Beam Engines - Open daily from 18 April to 28 September inclusive from 10.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Steaming weekends: Bank holiday weekends plus the last weekends of June, July and September.	01672 870300
Until 19 October 2003	Kennet & Avon CT	Claverton Pumping Station - Open every Sunday, Wednesday and Bank Holiday from Easter until 19 October 2003 from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 pm (last admission 4.30 p.m.) Tel. for Pumping Days.	01225 483001 www.claverton.org
Until 5 October 2003	Surrey & Hampshire CS	Public cruises on John Pinkerton. Every 1st and 3rd Sunday afternoon except Bank Holiday weekends plus Weds, Fris and Suns 19 & 31 in August. 2½-hour round trip leaving at 2.30 pm from Colt Hill Wharf. Sun 24 & Mon 25 Aug 1¼-hour return trip starting at 11.30 am, 1.30 pm and 3.30 pm from Fox & Hounds, Fleet.	Info and Bookings: 01962 713564 (10 am - 8 pm)
All year	Wey & Arun CT	Cruises on n/b Zachariah Keppel on the restored section of canal at Loxwood.	WACT Office: 01403 752403 wact@weyandarun.freeserve.co.uk
All year	Chichester CS	Cruises on n/b Egremont on the canal from Chichester Basin.	Bookings: 01243 670786
Until 26 July 2003	National Trust	1653 & All That! -The History of the River Wey Navigations. An exhibition at the Surrey History Centre, Goldsworth Road, Woking.	NT Dapdune Wharf: 01483 561389

ASSOCIATION OF WATERWAYS CRUISING CLUBS 1964-2004

40th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

BOAT RALLY

9th-11th JULY 2004

AT BLACK BUOY CRUISING CLUB, KNOWLE, GRAND UNION

To celebrate the foundation of the Association in 1964, AWCC is holding a special event organised by the Midland Region and with the help of Black Buoy Cruising Club.

There will be a Grand Celebrity Opening with a full range of attractions including:

WORKING BOATS, LIVE BANDS,
MORRIS DANCERS, MARTIAL ARTS DISPLAY,
REAL ALE BEER TENT, DUCK RACE,
REFRESHMENTS, PRIZE DRAW

Entry fee £10.00 per boat To include full rally pack, plaque etc.

Event Secretary: Mrs Sheila Smith, 1 Millfield Road, Kimberley Notts NG16 21J

Check for the latest rally details on the AWCC website: www.awcc.org.uk

Further details from AWCC Vice-President David Butcher or Chairman David Pearce at most Canal Society meetings

GRAND PRIZE DRAW

1st Prize - A ONE YEAR GOLD LICENCE for a private pleasure boat - kindly donated by British Waterways

2nd Prize - 14" COLOUR TV & VIDEO

3rd Prize - ELECSOL BATTERY kindly donated by Elecsol

4th Prize - 2 DAY off peak CANAL BOAT Holiday kindly donated by Copt Heath Wharf

many other prizes including:

A WATERWAYS PICTURE kindly donated by Waterway Images

A WEEKS HOLIDAY ON nb "Cecelia" for a Charity of the winners choice - kindly donated by Worcester & Birmingham Canal Society

A FOLDING BICYCLE

To be drawn at: Black Buoy Cruising Club, Knowle, Grand Union Canal on Saturday 10th July 2004

Tickets - £1 per book of five

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:

1st Thursday each month at 7.45pm
Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton

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BW Re-organisation

The new Chief Executive of British Waterways, Robin Evans, has announced changes to BW's organisation and structure aimed at improving customer and visitor services and increasing business efficiency and focus. These involve replacing the current regions and waterways managements with ten new waterway business units, each fully resourced with the people and skills needed for all aspects of their operations. Each waterway unit will have its own service, operations, technical, environmental, conservation, estate and finance staff working on the 'front line'. Local decisions will be much quicker and the business will run more efficiently, enabling BW to deliver the services that its customers and visitors want.

(With acknowledgement to the May 2003 issue of 'BW Monthly', the British Waterways Staff Newspaper).

FORTHCOMING SOCIETY EVENTS

5th June 2003 - Annual General Meeting followed by the video *The Lost Way to the Sea*.

3rd July 2003 - Tal-y-llyn Railway - film and slides with Peter Kent Mason.

31st July 2003 - To be confirmed. Please note that this meeting will be held the week **before** the first Thursday of August.

4th September 2003 - Tim Boddington on the Macclesfield Canal and adjoining waterways.

2nd October 2003 - 'Day-Star Theatre' with their new production for 2003

6th November 2003 - IWA National Chairman John Fletcher (to be confirmed).

4th December 2003 - Inter-Society Waterways Quiz and American Supper

Answers to the Picture Phrase Quiz

1. Easy on the eyes.
2. Out to lunch.
3. Too hot to handle.
4. Just between you and me.
5. West Indies.
6. Spotted dick.
7. Go for broke.
8. Backward pupils.
9. Shrinking violet.
10. Bags under the eyes.
11. All right on the night.
12. Odd man out.
13. You turn me on.
14. A time and place for everything.
15. Look both ways.
16. Upright piano.
17. Close quarters.
18. Ice cube.
19. Weekend break.
20. Call it a day.

