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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

- 3rd June - A.G.M. and Film Night. - Joshua Jones, A Bridge in Time and The Water Highway.  
1st July - The Isle of Wight Steam Railway - Past, Present and Future by Jim Loe, Commercial Director, IOW Railway Co Ltd.  
5th August - Members slide and Film Night.  
2nd September - Wey South - Progress by the Wey and Arun Canal Trust by John Wood, Secretary & Vice Chairman, Wey and Arun Canal Trust.  
7th October - The History and Preservation of the Steam Narrowboat 'President' by Richard Thomas.  
4th November - An artists view of waterways by Harley Crossley.  
2nd December - American Supper and ?  
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6th January - Another Three Men in a Boat. A late 1950s journey around England's Waterways, in a Thames camping skiff by Roger Hardy.  
3rd February - Our Waterways Heritage by Mrs Frances Hart, Chief Executive of the Inland Waterways Association.  
3rd March - European Waterways, further travels on film and slide by Hugh McKnight.

MAY MEETING. The slide show 'Burgundy King' by Society members Ron & Myra Glover turned out to be an evening of interest and variety.

Their talk began with getting the boat - on its trailer - across the channel by ferry and onto the French Waterways. The four week holiday we were told of covered the River Yonne, Canal du Nivernais, Canal lateral a la Loire, Canal de Briare, Canal du Loing, River Seine and Canal de Bourgogne. Several gauges of waterway were involved and each waterway had its style of lock and paddle gear. We heard of the boat rally they visited at Clamecy (Canal du Nivernais), of trying to keep cool on board in the hot French sunshine, of the attitude of French lock keepers and of meals eaten in canal and riverside restaurants, all told in a very expert manner.

We look forward to hearing about their next trip which will most likely be on the canals of the Alsace.



- CANALS 200. 5 events over this coming weekend.  
5th-6th June Somerset Waterways Festival, Bridgewater.  
Telephone:- 0873 830328.  
5th-6th June 'Carts and Crafts' horse and harness demonstration, Stoke Bruerne.  
Telephone:- 0604 862229  
6th June Great inflatable boat race. Tring to Hemel Hempstead, Grand Union Canal.  
Telephone:- 0442 228497  
6th June Guided Walk, waterways wildlife at Purton, Gloucester & Sharpness Canal.  
Telephone:- 0452 311192  
6th June Canal Walk, Birmingham.  
Telephone:- 0902 409010

**FIRST DAY COVERS.** On 20th July the Royal Mail will issue a set of four new postage stamps on the theme of 'Inland Waterways' to mark the 200th anniversary of the Grand Union Canal. To coincide with this stamp issue two very special first day covers will be available.

**1. IWA OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER.**

Printed in full colour, these depict five different views of the Grand Union Canal. The postage stamps will be affixed to these envelopes which will then receive a special pictorial postmark on the day of issue.

- (a) covers with single postage stamp..... £2.75
- (b) covers with all four stamps (limited to 1000 numbered copies)..... £5.95
- (c) -ditto- personally signed by Charles Hadfield,  
co-founder of the IWA..... £9.75

**2. VICTORIAN PRINTS SERIES.**

This is an exquisite series of first day covers depicting Victorian engravings. For this issue the envelopes show the Grand Union at Berkhamstead with the Canal's coat of arms in silver leaf.

- (a) covers with single postage stamp..... £3.75
- (b) covers with all four stamps (limited to 500 numbered copies)..... £6.75
- (c) -ditto- personally signed by David Stevenson BSc,  
Chairman of the IWA..... £9.75

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**KENNET AND AVON CANAL.** Terry Kemp started with British Waterways as a canal lengthsmen, based in Pewsey, after 10 years with Lloyds Bank. In his spare time he gave lectures to local school children about the Kennet and Avon.

After 11 years he became Project Officer and then in 1989 he became Waterway Manager. He felt he had two main tasks. One was to get closer to the customer and secondly the controls had to be in place for more effective management of the canal. After the decision was made to re-open the canal (dreamt about since the 1950s, the most difficult task was taking the waterway beyond August 1990.

Last year Terry was seconded to the Kennet and Avon Canal Trust for 3 years to head the £1.8m back pumping appeal. It is hoped to raise this money through new memberships, events and activities.

The first area of pumping systems is planned for Devizes in 3 years time. The cost of that at the moment is £1m but it is achievable given the support and backing.

Terry's dream for the waterway is that it should be continuously used with no restrictions and is used safely by everybody.

**ANOTHER** of our Chairmans drawings is reproduced on the right.

