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

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**1st June 1995**  
30 years of fighting rust in the preservation of transport by Ian Dean.

**6th July 1995**  
Annual General Meeting followed by canal videos.

**3rd August 1995**  
Members Slides (early warning - go out and take some)

**7th December 1995**  
Inter Club/Section Quiz (Since we won at Chichester last year we host the 1995 quiz)

**1st February 1996**  
Explore the Panama Canal and the River Douro  
by Hugh McKnight.

**Southampton Canal Society Library**  
Please return any books to Sue Lewis at meetings for the benefit of all members.

**MAY MEETING.**  
Tony Conder's talk on the History of Waterways and Gloucester Docks can only be described as excellent. Beginning with copies of old pictures he then moved on to some superb modern slides of the waterways with emphasis on Gloucester Docks. The pictures were accompanied by a very polished commentary with a high humorous content. Tony's description of the National Waterways Museum and stories of the building conversion and fitting out certainly made a visit sound very attractive.

**GEOprojects Maps.**  
New stock now on the sales stand - Grand Union Canal Nos. 1, 2 & 3 and The Thames Map. Grand Union No. 4 to follow in July.  
All maps are priced at £3.75.

**IWA SOLENT & ARUN BRANCH EVENTS.**  
**Sunday 4th June** - Guided walk along the Itchen. Meet for a 10.30 start, in the free car park by the London bound platform of Winchester station. Walk towards Shawford in time for lunch. Picnic lunch or food available in pub. Return by train or retrace your steps. Your guide for the day is Peter Boyce (who spoke to SCS in March on Early Inland Navigation in Hampshire).  
**Sunday 16th July** - Visit to Coultershaw Mill, near Petworth (see SCS April newsletter for full details).

**IWA JUBILEE.**  
Southampton Canal Society date for celebration will be the 18th May 1996. Basic plans so far are for a walk along the Romsey section of the Redbridge - Andover Canal followed by a bar-b-que at Romsey Community School.

**GLOUCESTER DOCKS.**  
Following our talk in May about Gloucester Docks we have details of a day trip to the docks on Tuesday, 29th August, by coach from Alresford with the Alresford History and Literary Society.  
Further details from Robert Lawrence, 27 Grange Road, Alresford.

**IWA JUBILEE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION.** This competition is growing into a large event. The initial sponsors, Canon UK Ltd have been joined by Agfa Gavaert Limited and Blakes Holidays with Crown blue Line, France. The range of prizes offered has also grown to a most tempting array.  
The winner will receive a top of the range Canon EOS SLR camera with 35-80 USM lens (value £760) plus a holiday for two on the waterways of France. Second prize is a Canon EOS 500 camera with a 28-80 zoom lens (value £400) plus a champagne trip aboard the Agfa hot-air balloon. Third and fourth place winners will receive Canon Sureshot Z11S (value £300) and Sureshot M (value £100) cameras respectively. There are also 100 Agfa 'Singleuse' for winners of local heats. A national Sunday newspaper is considering providing coverage too.  
The competition is open to all amateur photographers and the closing date for entries is 31st March 1996. The entry fee is £1.00 for IWA members and £6.00 for non-members, so entrants might consider joining at the same time. Heats will be judged at local Branch level with the winners going on to final judging and display at the Windmill End Jubilee National Waterways Festival by a celebrity professional photographer.  
The theme is:-

*The Inland Waterways Association's 50 Years of Achievement*  
*Our waterways Environment Today*

This should give plenty of scope for everyone.  
For further details and application form please contact your local Branch of the IWA or send an SAE to Brian Timms/Ray Carnell, c/o IWA, 114 Regents Park Road, London NW1 8UQ.

### **SMALL BOAT WANDERINGS by Peter Glover.**

Following on from the March meeting by Peter Boyce - Early Hampshire Navigations - I joined in with the local IWA Branch for the CANAL CLEAN UP - a litter walk along the Titchfield Canal one Sunday in late March, also arranged by Peter Boyce. A dozen or so people met at the Hill Head beach car park, with the idea that some folk would drive to Titchfield and collect litter at that end - also cars would be available at each end of the canal walk - forward planning, someone had obviously been awake early to remember that part of the plan.

Quite by chance, I had a small 8 foot dinghy in the back of my VW van, upon which the IWA members suggested it could be launched at Titchfield - to add to the occasion of clearing litter to actually navigating the canal, if only for a distance of 300 yards, it was an added bonus. Several small boys of the family doing the clean up were given a boat ride, plus I might add, one or two of the bigger boys as well.

I was pleased it was a Southampton Canal Society boat that was represented.

#### **Southampton Canal Society Sales**

Embossed Ball Point Pens 50p

Fibre Tip Pens 75p

GEOprojects Maps.

Basingstoke Canal £2.50

Oxford Canal £3.75

Kennet & Avon Canal £3.25

Grand Union Canal

Nos. 1, 2 & 3 - £3.75 each

The Thames Map £3.75

Notelets, with line drawings of canal scenes £1.00

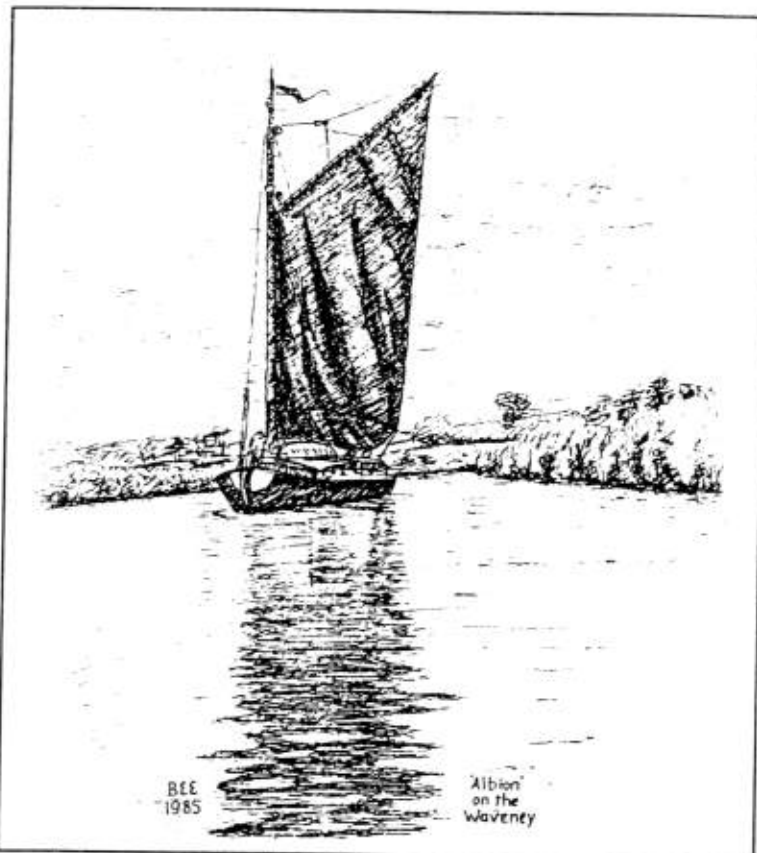
Screen Printed Tee Shirts £6.50  
in Navy - large & extra large  
in Red - medium

Embroidered Sweat Shirts £15.00  
in Navy - medium  
in Bright Royal - medium

Colourful Tea Towels £2.50

Decorated Mugs £2.25

Decorated Trays £1.00 & £2.95



My thanks to Peter Glover for writing these two pieces about his boating exploits. How about some other contributions from SCS members to make my job easier.

Newsletter editor.

### **ARUN SPONSORED CRUISE by Peter Glover.**

This was my second year at taking part in a very interesting cruise on the upper reaches of the River Arun between Pulborough and Pallingham, approximately 3.5 miles. Again I had my Mirror dinghy with Seagull outboard motor.

In company with several people I had met last year, we set off at various intervals, eventually meeting at Pallingham for our lunch break. This year the river level was at least 5 feet lower than previously, so several dinghys and canoes were able to get under the footbridge and explore another mile or so up river.

On the return I was able to row and drift with the flow of the river, taking in the peaceful surroundings of the countryside and wildlife of the river banks.

Any donations, however small, are like water in a canal - every little helps.

May I thank members kind enough to sponsor me for doing something I enjoy most - being afloat in my own boat.

### **WANTED:** Editor to produce Southampton Canal Society newsletter once a month.

I have been typing away for just over 5 years producing our Newsletter and feel that it is time for a new editor to step into my shoes.

I will produce the next edition, July 1995 (don't forget the AGM), but after that the Newsletter will have to be in new hands. Will a member **PLEASE** volunteer for this job as I feel the committee members already do enough work to keep your Society running smoothly with a good and varied programme.

Tony Coles.

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