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

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 2nd March 1995**
Early Inland Navigation
in Hampshire
by Peter Boyce.
- 6th April 1995**
History of Postcards featuring
Hampshire & Canals
by John Silman.
- 4th May 1995**
The History of Waterways and
Gloucester Docks
by Tony Conder,
Curator, National Waterways
Museum, Gloucester.
- 1st June 1995**
Steam Railway
- 6th July 1995**
AGM plus ?
- 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)

**Southampton Canal
Society Library**

Please return any books to
Sue Lewis at meetings for the
benefit of all members.

FEBRUARY MEETING. Our speaker Chris Mitchell brought along an impressive exhibition of Grand Union photographs covering many engineering aspects, both historical and up to date.

Before becoming Manager of the Grand Union Canal, south of Marsworth Junction, where his office is situated, Chris was for some years a BW engineer, and from this talk and slides we learned interesting facts, also on history and engineering. Bulbourne Works near Tring are part of his responsibility and it was quite surprising to see the extent to which modern materials are replacing the traditional ones, in lock gate manufacture etc., yet still the old appearance can be maintained.

Several of our members regularly use "Chris' Waterway" and know it well, so this inspired lively discussion during question time in the second part of the meeting.

APRIL MEETING. John Silman will be showing more of his collection of historic postcards. He would like to see your old Hampshire or Canals postcards if you have any. Bring them along and John will project them onto the screen.

SMALL BOAT CRUISE. The 1995 Small Boat Cruise will be held over the weekend of 30th September/1st October on the Wey & Arun Canal. Based at the Onslow Arms, this will be the first event of its kind to take place on the Wey & Arun, plans are to hold a barbecue on the Saturday evening, with daytime cruises along the restored section of the canal as far as Drungewick Aqueduct. The event is open to all small boats, canoes, dingies etc. and there is no entry fee. As is the custom on Guilford & Reading Branch Small Boat Cruises, commemorative certificates will be issued to all participants in exchange for a donation to IWA funds. The move to an autumn weekend gives plenty of time to reserve the dates.

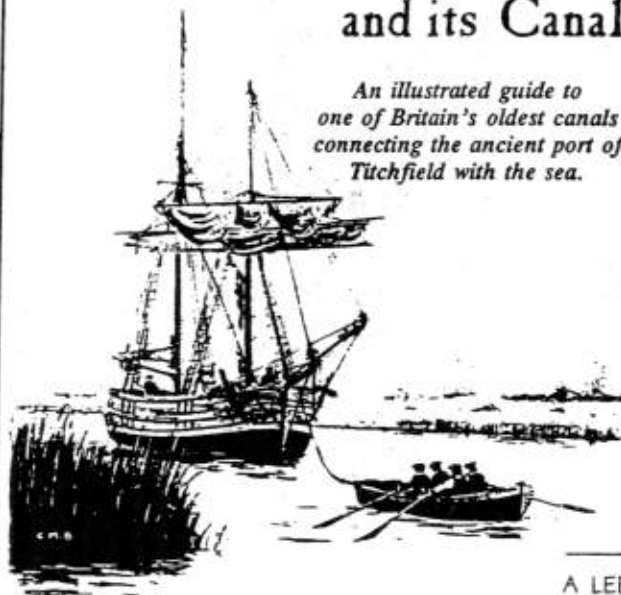
**The Lost Port of Titchfield
and its Canal**

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RIVER ARUN sponsored cruise this year will take place on Sunday, April 23rd. Launch at the Watersedge Public House at 9.30am. For full details contact Alan White, Wheelhouse, Pottery Lane, Nutbourne, Chichester PO18 8RW. Tel:- 01243 573 765.

Although sponsorship is desirable it is not necessary. You can take part by just making a small donation. The more boats the better.

Last year Southampton Canal Society was represented by Peter Glover and Jim Lanigan and our contribution was virtually 25% of the total collected. Peter & Jim both received a little plaque for taking part. (reproduced on the right.)

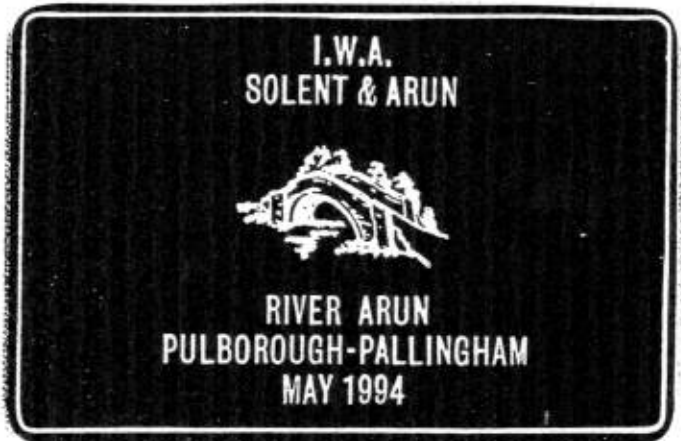
Our picture (drawn by the SCS Chairman) shows Peter & his boat lost in the jungles of Pallingham Lock and was drawn from one of Jim's photos.

Peter & Jim will be going along on the 1995 cruise. Please sponsor them again. The IWA Solent & Arun Branch will pass on the proceeds to restoration projects.



Lost in Pallingham Lock

Brian Evans 1995



Southampton Canal Society Sales

Embossed Ball Point Pens 50p

Fibre Tip Pens 75p

GEO projects Maps.

Basingstoke Canal £2.50

Oxford Canal £3.75

Kennet & Avon Canal £3.25

Notelets, with line drawings of canal scenes, by your Chairman.

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

SOLENT & ARUN BRANCH MEETINGS.

Thursday 16th March - "Restoration of the Wey & Arun Canal" by John Wood at Portchester Community Centre, 7.30pm.

Friday 24th March - Solent & Arun Branch AGM at the Fernleigh Centre, Chichester, 8pm, to be followed by "Waterway Recovery Group" by Chris Davey.

Sunday 26th March - Canal Clean Up. A litter walk along the Titchfield Canal, meet on the beach at Hill Head, 9.30am.

ENTENTE FLUVIAL. On the first weekend of September last, at the time of the Basingstoke Canal's 200th Anniversary Celebrations, we were pleased to welcome a 20-strong party of French visitors connected with the Basingstoke "twin", the Canal d'Orleans. We were able to show our visitors something of our canal, including a boat trip on the *John Pinkerton*. As much as anything they seemed to be impressed with the volunteer input that had gone into the restoration, and the great support among local organisations for the future well-being of the canal. The IWA Guildford & Reading Branch is one of the constituent organisations of the Entente, along with the Surrey & Hampshire Canal Society, Basingstoke Canal Boating Club, Basingstoke Canal Canoe Club and the Basingstoke Canal Authority. It is hoped that we may visit France next year, possibly taking with us canoes and trail boats. If you wish to be kept informed of this and other twinning events please drop me a line.

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