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**MEETINGS**

1st Thursday each Month at 7.45pm  
St John's Ambulance Hall, Kings Park  
Road, Southampton.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

2nd September 1993

**Wey South - Progress on the Wey and Arun Canal**, By John Wood Secretary and Vice Chairman of the Wey and Arun Canal Trust.

7th October 1993

**The History and Preservation of the Steam Narrowboat** **President** by Richard Thomas.

4th November 1993

**An Artist View of the waterways** by Harley Crossley.

2nd December 1993

**American Supper and ?**

6th January 1994

**Another Three Men in a Boat**, a late 1950s journey around England's Waterways in a Thames camping skiff by Roger Hardy.

3rd February 1994

**Our Waterways Heritage** by Mrs Frances Hart, Chief Executive of the Inland Waterways Association.

3rd March 1994

**Rhine-Main-Danube**, a full length documentary 16mm colour film with sound approx 1hr 30m long. By boat from the Rhine to the Upper Danube, by Hugh McKnight.

**AUGUST MEETING**

What a shame the August Meeting was so poorly attended. With a members slide evening it is usual to have a few slides from here and there making for a very interesting meeting with several subjects. The August meeting was well up to standard. Sue Lewis began by showing recent slides taken on the Llangollen Canal with particularly interesting ones as their boat crossed the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct. They took a trip on the steam railway from Llangollen and Sue finished off with a little look at the restored Locks on the Montgomery Canal.

Martin Cripps slides were entitled 'Braunston to Foxton'. Most of Martins slides made up an informative visit to the Foxton locks and the Inclined Plane Museum. He then showed a few taken in France.

After the break Brian Evans completed the programme with pictures of a pair of working narrowboats at the Wolverton Aqueduct and Cosgrove lock ( Grand Union ). These were followed by a few slides of the Society members taken at the Black Country Museum and finished with slides of a number of French canal Locations.

**THE EXHIBITION**

Was assembled in the museum on the evening of Monday 16th August and officially opened by the Lord Mayor on Wednesday 18th August and will run until 9th October. Do try and get along to see it . Ray Brooks will be demonstrating rope fender making on Saturday 4th September and Les Osborn will be encouraging you to have a go at traditional style canal painting on Saturday 11th September. Please give them your support.

**PROTEST**

Have you written your protest letter regarding the Birmingham Northern Relief Road and the Lichfield & Hatherton Canals road bridges ? or are you sitting there feeling guilty having read this paragraph ? Redeem yourself. Put pen to paper and add your letter to the protests pile on the desk of the Secretary of State !

**NATIONAL WATERWAYS FESTIVAL - PETERBOROUGH August 28-29-30**

The weather for this years festival was a vast improvement on last year at Wakefield with warm sunny days and mild evenings making it a pleasure to walk around and view the boats exhibits and waterways societies promoting their cause. Sponsorship had allowed the last two festivals to run without the need for an admission charge but this year a charge had to be made to cover costs but still represented excellent value for a whole days entertainment. However as they say 'membership has its privileges' as IWA members where admitted free, another good reason to join.

The Waterways Festival offered immense variation to both boater, waterways enthusiastic and general visitor with displays to suit all and a large fair.

The IWA and Waterways Charities displayed a wide range of interests including activities on campaigning and restoration as well as protecting our waterways heritage. These trusts and societies came from far and wide and promoted their cause in a variety of interesting ways, in widening peoples knowledge of what is being undertaken and raising funds to protect the waterways and carry out conservation and restoration.

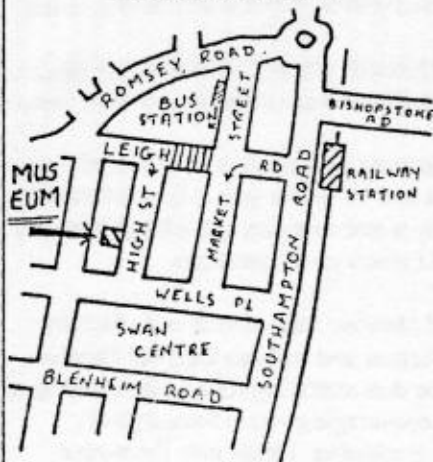
The Craft Fair and Waterways Artists had a very good range of waterways and related items on display all at competitive prices with a high standard of workmanship and artistic merit which really had to be seen to be appreciated. The Waterways Artists had all types of work on display and some where painting as the exhibition took place, with prints, etchings and originals available to view and purchase.

For the boat owner or prospective purchaser all was available to look at with the craftsman and experts often available to answer many questions. Not only could you look, you could also buy from steel hulls to fully fitted narrowboats, see the various range of engines and even listen to some running if required. Fixtures, fittings and equipment was in abundance and there was no shortage of brassware and traditional canal decorated ware available.

The funfair was of a good size and ones attention could not fail to see the main attraction of Bungee Jumping from a crane, which was in constant use all day with no shortage of willing volunteers to jump. But for those who wanted to do it with a bit of one-upmanship, why jump alone when you could have a friend strapped to you and jump together or even better still why not do it in a canoe yes a canoe! this virtually brought the festival to a standstill as everybody stood and watched.

The BBC where their in force with BBC Radio 2's Ed Stewart show being broadcast live on Monday afternoon and BBC 1's TV program 'Songs of Praise' being recorded for transmission on Sunday afternoon the 5th September.

## SOUTHAMPTON CANAL SOCIETY EXHIBITION



At the EASTLEIGH MUSEUM and with free Admission it is open Tuesday to Friday 10.00am - 5.00pm Saturday 10.00am - 4.00pm Special events see "Exhibition" over

### Southampton Canal Society Sales

Embossed Ball Point Pens 50p

Available at the October Meeting  
Screen Printed Tee Shirts about £6.50  
in Navy - medium & large  
in red - medium

Embroidered Sweat Shirts about £15.00  
in Navy - medium & large  
in Bright Royal - Medium & Large

### Slow Boat Through Germany by Hugh McKnight

This book describes most of Germany's attractive and worthwhile inland waterways and includes the Rhine, Necker, Main, Mosel, Lahn, Dortmund - Ems and Mittelland Canals

Priced at £17.99 and fully illustrated it is available from October from Shepperton Swan Ltd, The Clock House, Upper Halliford, Shepperton, Middlesex. TW17 8RU.  
Tel 0932 783319

This Book and a large selection of other waterways books will be available for purchase from Hugh McKnight at our 3rd of March Meeting 1994

### ENTENTE FLUVIAL

An effort is being made to twin the Basingstoke Canal with the Canal d'Orleans. A party of 25 people visited the French canal in May and a return visit is likely to be hosted in 1994. More information from Tony Davis 0932 844261.

### GUIDED WALKS along LONDON'S WATERWAYS

These walks by the Inland Waterways Association are in partnership with London Walks, with the Sunday afternoon walks starting at 2.30pm and Tuesday evenings at 6.30pm and last for about 2 hours.

The IWA guides lead the walks and donate the 'takings' to IWA funds and the cost is £4.00 and start from the Underground Station Listed.

DATE	WALK	Underground Station
Sun 5 Sept	Regent's Canal: Islington - Mile End	Angel
Sun 19 Sept	Regent's Canal: Mile End - Limehouse	Mile End
Sun 3 Oct	Bow Back Rivers & Three Mills	Bromley by Bow
Sun 17 Oct	New River: Manor House - Highbury	Manor House
Sun 7 Nov	New River: Highbury - Angel	Highbury & Islington

### SOUTHAMPTON BOAT SHOW 10 Sept - 18 Sept

At Mayflower Park, opening hours on the 10 Sept 10.00am - 6.00pm Admission £9.50, 11 Sept - 18 Sept 10.00am - 7.00pm Admission £6.50. There will be an IWA Stand at the show and if you would like to help then please contact Peter Oates Tel 0703 463188.

### CROFTON BEAM ENGINES 25 Sept & 26 Sept

Steaming Weekend where the two restored beam engines can be seen working under steam at Crofton Pumping Station on the Kennet & Avon Canal. Open 10.30am - 5.00pm on the above dates, admission £2.50 adults and children £1.00.

### CLAVERTON PUMPING STATION 12 Sept & 26 Sept

These restored water powered pumps can be seen in action on at Claverton on the Kennet & Avon Canal. Open 10.30am - 5.00pm on the above dates, admission £1.60.

### BOAT TRIPS from BATHAMPTON to CLAVERTON 12 Sept & 26 Sept

Public trips on the Kennet & Avon Canal from the George Inn at Bathampton 2.00pm to Claverton and back 5.00pm aboard the narrowboat Jubilee, fares £4.50 adults and £3.20 children. Bookings can be made to Mrs Janet Williams Tel 0225 462313.

### WEEKEND CANAL COURSES - STOKE BRUERNE

To be held at the Canal Museum at Stoke Bruerne on the Grand Union Canal which cost £50.00 for two days.

2nd & 3rd October	Roses & Castles Painting
9th & 10th October	Fendermaking & Ropework
16th & 17th October	Canal Crochet
23rd & 24th October	Roses & Castles Painting
6th & 7th November	Fendermaking & Ropework
13th & 14th November	Roses & Castles Painting
4th & 5th December	Fendermaking & Ropework

For further details contact The Canal Museum, Stoke Bruerne, Towcester, Northamptonshire, NN12 7SE. Tel 0604 862229.

### LONG DISTANCE TOWPATH WALK

The 145 mile route of the Grand Union Canal between London and Birmingham is being promoted as the first national waterways walk in Britain by British Waterways.

There is a challenge passport to encourage people to complete the walk, which is open to walkers, cyclists and boaters to travel the full route by visiting ten check in boxes and to stamp their passport. With no time limit the journey therefore does not have to be undertaken all in one go and upon completion a certificate and plaque are available along with a prize draw entry for a pair of Gore-Tex shoes.

For further information contact British Waterways Tel 0923 226422, there is a small charge for a BW key ink pad and an accommodation guide.

### EXPLORE the BIRMINGHAM CANAL NAVIGATIONS

The Birmingham Canal Navigations are a modern day explorers paradise. The BCN Society are proud to announce a new initiative aimed at encouraging their Exploration. The scheme is based on seeking and recording the location of 12 of the 27 junction signposts, erected by the BCN Society over the last nine years, which may be by any means, boat, on foot and by canoe spread over any time period.

Proof of sighting can be photograph or sketch and once authenticated they will be returned to explorers and on payment of a normally £7.00 will qualify for a BCN's EXPLORE plaque. Interested? then send an A5 SAE to Myrtle Smith, 'Pennyfathings', Mill Lane, Acton Trussell, Staffordshire, ST17 0RD.