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David Butcher

Sadly Myra Glover has reported the death of our member David Butcher in July. He had been diagnosed with dementia not very long ago but still came to our meetings and the last time that we saw him was at the IWA Salisbury Group's boules & BBQ in June.

He had gone into his garden to do a few jobs and fell and hit his head. Maureen dialled 999 and he was taken to Winchester hospital. He had a bleed on the brain and sadly did not survive.

His wife Maureen was very positive, she knew that David would go down hill and he was getting frustrated not being his normal self, so she does accept it as a sense of relief for him.

David and Maureen have been members of the Salisbury Group since the start and were also long-standing members of Southampton Canal Society and Ron & I first met them many years ago when they kept their narrow boat at Pewsey Wharf Boat Club.

IWA Trailboat Festival 2020

Next year's IWA Trailboat Festival will be hosted by the Wey & Arun Canal Trust on the summit of the Wey & Arun Canal at Alfold/Dunsfold over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend (23rd-25th May, 2020) to raise the profile of the Canal and its restoration.

Chairman's Column

Greetings to you all during a nice warm spell. I trust you all are coping.

Annual General Meeting

The society's 52nd meeting in July was well received with 10 members present and 14 apologies. The summer buffet was also a success which finished off the evening.

No August Meeting

Just a reminder that there will be **NO** August meeting as the hall is closed for maintenance.

September meeting

For the 5th September meeting we now have Mr Bob Marshall telling us about the Bursledon Brickworks. Bob is a volunteer at the Brickworks.

Angela and I will not be at the September meeting as we will be away at Stoke Bruerne for the Village



Bursledon Brickworks

at War followed by a trip to the Lichfield and Hatherton meeting and then on to the Black Country Museum festival.

Alan Rose

CRT 2018/19 annual report and accounts

CRT have published their 2018/19 annual report and accounts, which detail continued investment in our 2,000 miles of waterways across England and Wales. As well as further growth in the number of volunteers and supporters helping to look after their local canal or river.

Spending on the Trust's charitable activities topped £156m while those volunteering for the Trust gave a record 670,000 hours of their time. Green Flag status continued to grow with 250 miles of waterway now holding the quality assurance mark at year end (now 300 miles), there was a small rise in boats on the network, and record numbers of children were engaged through the Trust's education programme.

Chief executive Richard Parry comments: "While delivering our waterway operation, maintenance and repair remains our priority, we are striving for greater efficiency so that our funds can go further. The past year has seen us reminded of the scale of our core responsibility with some extreme weather contributing to infrastructure damage and to severe water shortages in many areas in the peak summer months.

"Our capacity to deliver on our broader strategic agenda has been strengthened this year through a major restructure that has seen accountability devolved into regional teams whose priorities reflect the needs and aspirations of each area that they serve.

"The renaissance of the canals continues to go from strength to strength and the network we manage today is in better health than ever, with many thousands of volunteers now helping us to care for the navigations we operate, and an ever-expanding range of partner groups working alongside us to make a difference to the waterways in their local communities. The ongoing value of our canal and river navigations is no longer in doubt, and the numbers already spending time on or by

our waterways proves their enduring popularity. With environmental causes gaining more support than ever before, the Trust is active in embracing the 'think global but act local' message to deliver beauty and wellbeing on the doorstep for millions of people."

Highlights in the 2018/19 annual report and accounts include:

- An increase in charitable spending to £156m with record spend on waterway operation, maintenance and repair
- Growth in volunteering to 671,000 hours, with the first volunteer recording 10,000 hours of service for the Trust, and a 27% growth in volunteer lock keepers to 1,130
- A further increase as Keep Britain Tidy's Green Flag status awarded to 250 miles of canals at year end (now 300 miles)
- 420 local groups – canal adoption groups, corporate volunteers and community groups – helping to care for the Trust's canals
- Over 92,000 children enjoyed face-to-face sessions with the Trust's Explorer's team and nearly 4,000 adults and children took part in a 'Let's Fish!' taster-session
- An increase in boats of 0.5% to 34,367 with boating accounting for around 22% of overall income
- The publication of the first Boater report explaining how the Trust generates income, including the contribution from boaters, and how the money is spent across the network
- A growth in Friends (those making a regular financial donation) rising 18% to almost 29,000

[Canal & River Trust News Release - 30 July 2019](#)

The full report and accounts can be read on the [CRT website](#).

Waterways Events

The following is a list of waterway events taking place within approximately 50 miles of Southampton. Whilst every effort is made to ensure the correctness of this information, please check with the listed contact who will be glad to confirm and supply further details.

OS grid references and/or postcodes are shown (where known but not guaranteed) to aid location of the event.

If YOU know of an event taking place that should be in this list then please contact the editor.

Date/Time	Organiser	Details	Venue	Contact
Thu 1 Aug 2019	Southampton CS	NO MEETING. As always, there is NO August meeting as the hall is closed for maintenance.		Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanjrose@btinternet.com
Sat 3 Aug 2019 1.00pm	Mikron Theatre	All Hands on Deck. No tickets required, cash collection after show. Refreshments and food available. Gates open from 12pm for picnics. Outdoor show. Bring picnic, chairs and blankets.	Bloomfield Road Allotments, Bloomfield Road, Bear Flat, Bath, BA2 2AB (ST745637).	Tel: 07867 532512 Web: www.banesallotments.org.uk or mikron.org.uk
Sat 3 Aug 2019 10.00am-5.00pm	The Claverton Group	Claverton Pumping Station. Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Accompanied Children under 16 free, no concessions.	Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).	Tel: 01225 483001 Email: enquiries@claverton.org Web: www.claverton.org
Sun 4 Aug 2019 2.00pm	Mikron Theatre	All Hands on Deck. Tickets Full: £13.00 Concs: £11.00. Bar available. Indoor show.	St Mary's Church Hall, Church Street, Fordingbridge, SP6 1BB (SUI45138).	Tel: 07980 374971 Web: www.forestlive.co.uk or mikron.org.uk
Tue 6 Aug 2019 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	Redcoats. No tickets required, cash collection after show. Beer and food available. Outdoor show. Bring chairs and blankets.	Plough Inn, Wolvercote Green, Wolvercote, Oxford, OX2 8BD (SP495096).	Tel: 01865 556969 Web: www.theploughoxford.co.uk or mikron.org.uk
Sat 10 Aug 2019 10.00am-5.00pm	The Claverton Group	Claverton Pumping Station. Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Accompanied Children under 16 free, no concessions.	Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).	Tel: 01225 483001 Email: enquiries@claverton.org Web: www.claverton.org
Sat 17 Aug 2019 10.00am-5.00pm	The Claverton Group	Claverton Pumping Station. Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Accompanied Children under 16 free, no concessions.	Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).	Tel: 01225 483001 Email: enquiries@claverton.org Web: www.claverton.org
Sat-Mon 24-26 Aug 2019 10.30am-4.30pm	Kennet & Avon CT, Crofton Branch	August Bank Holiday steaming and Crafters & Makers Fair. Adults: £8.00 Concessions: £7.00 Children under 16: Free.	Crofton Beam Engines, Crofton, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3DW (SU261623).	Web: www.croftonbeamengines.org
Sat 24 Aug 2019 10.00am-5.00pm	The Claverton Group	Claverton Pumping Station. Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Accompanied Children under 16 free, no concessions.	Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).	Tel: 01225 483001 Email: enquiries@claverton.org Web: www.claverton.org
Sat-Sun 31-I Aug-Sep 2019 0.00am	Wilts & Berks CT	Melksham Food and River Festival. Looking to welcome a good cross section of boats on the water. In the park, in the region of 80 stalls, plus live music, cooking demonstrations and much more.	The King George V Park, Lowbourne, Melksham, Wiltshire, SN12 7ED. (ST907641).	Paul Lenaerts: 07855 887547 Email: paul.lenaerts@wbct.org.uk Web: www.melkshamfoodandriverfestival.co.uk
Sat 31 Aug 2019 10.00am-5.00pm	The Claverton Group	Claverton Pumping Station. Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Accompanied Children under 16 free, no concessions.	Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).	Tel: 01225 483001 Email: enquiries@claverton.org Web: www.claverton.org
Thu 5 Sep 2019	Southampton CS	Bursledon Brickworks. Mr Bob Marshall will tell us about the brickworks where he is a volunteer.	Chilworth Village Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanjrose@btinternet.com
Sat 7 Sep 2019 10.00am-5.00pm	The Claverton Group	Claverton Pumping Station. Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Accompanied Children under 16 free, no concessions.	Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).	Tel: 01225 483001 Email: enquiries@claverton.org Web: www.claverton.org
Sat 14 Sep 2019 10.00am-5.00pm	The Claverton Group	Claverton Pumping Station. Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Accompanied Children under 16 free, no concessions.	Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).	Tel: 01225 483001 Email: enquiries@claverton.org Web: www.claverton.org
Sun 15 Sep 2019 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk - Camerton Hopyard to Dunkerton - guided walk.	Dunkerton Sewage Works - location uncertain.	Derrick Hunt: 01225 863066 Email: workparty@coalcanal.org.uk
Sun 15 Sep 2019 2.30pm-5.00pm	Wey & Arun CT	Heritage open day guided walk from Gunpowder Store (Shalford) to Bramley. Approx 2.5km, 2 hours, starting from Stonebridge Wharf, the walk follows parts of the original canal to the former Bramley Wharf. Gunpowder Store may also open. Free of charge (donations to WACT welcome). Pre-booking required: online, by email or phone by noon, Thu 8 Sep 2019.	Meet at Gunpowder Store, Stonebridge Wharfside, Shalford, GU4 8EH (SU998465). Parking available at Broadford Business Park, Shalford GU4 8EP (SU998467) (behind the Parrot Inn) on the A248 Shalford-Godalming road.	Trust Office: 01483 505566 Email: events@weyandarun.co.uk Web: weyandarun.org.uk/events47
Tue 17 Sep 2019 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Reading Br)	Wildlife of the Kennet Valley with Adrian Lawson. Entry donation £2.50 (incl K&A members) – to help pay for the meeting.	Grange Free Church Hall, Circuit Lane, Southcote, Reading, RG30 3HD (SU692718).	John Swift: 0118 941 5540 Email: swift.john21@gmail.com Mobile: 07533 886917.
Sat 21 Sep 2019 11.00am-dusk	National Trust	Wey River Festival, Dapdune Wharf. Boaters and visitors alike are welcome. There'll be plenty to do such as crafts and many other foodie and activity stands. The illuminated pageant at dusk is the highlight, lighting up the river from the centre of Guildford.	Dapdune Wharf, Wharf Road, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4RR (SU992502).	National Trust Navigations Office: 01483 561389 Email: riverwey@nationaltrust.org.uk Web: https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/
Sat 21 Sep 2019 10.00am-5.00pm	The Claverton Group	Claverton Pumping Station. Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Accompanied Children under 16 free, no concessions.	Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).	Tel: 01225 483001 Email: enquiries@claverton.org Web: www.claverton.org

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Sat-Sun 28-29 Sep 2019 10.30am-4.30pm	Kennet & Avon CT, Crofton Branch	Crofton Steam Gala. Adults: £8.00 Concessions: £7.00 Children under 16: Free.	Crofton Beam Engines, Crofton, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3DW (SU261623).	Web: www.croftonbeamengines.org
Sat 28 Sep 2019 10.00am-5.00pm	The Claverton Group	Claverton Pumping Station. Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Accompanied Children under 16 free, no concessions. Final pumping day this year.	Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).	Tel: 01225 483001 Email: enquiries@claverton.org Web: www.claverton.org
Thu 3 Oct 2019	Southampton CS	William Walker. David Farthing will be telling us about the diver who helped save Winchester Cathedral from sinking.	Chilworth Village Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanjrose@btinternet.com
Tue 15 Oct 2019 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Reading Br)	Somersetshire Coal Canal with Adrian Tuddenham. Entry donation £2.50 (incl K&A members) – to help pay for the meeting.	Grange Free Church Hall, Circuit Lane, Southcote, Reading, RG30 3HD (SU692718).	John Swift: 0118 941 5540 Email: swift.john21@gmail.com Mobile: 07533 886917.
Thu 17 Oct 2019 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	"London's Lost Route To the Sea." A speaker from the Wey & Arun Canal Trust will inform us about the history, original function and restoration of this navigation.	The Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 3AR (SU182275).	Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 Email: glover.3@btinternet.com Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841
Sun 20 Oct 2019 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk - Dunkerton, including the Aqueducts - guided walk.	Dunkerton Parish Hall, The Hollow, Dunkerton, Bath BA2 8BG (ST709596).	Derrick Hunt: 01225 863066 Email: workparty@coalcanal.org.uk
Thu 24 Oct 2019 7.30pm	Somersetshire Coal CS	"Midford - 2 Counties, 3 Parishes, 2 Railways and The Somersetshire Coal Canal" by Roger Halse.	Radstock Working Men's Club, The Street, Radstock, BA3 3PR (ST688547). For location see map here	Steve Page: 01761 433418 Email: membership@coalcanal.org.uk
Thu 7 Nov 2019	Southampton CS	Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. Andy Lester will talk about the leading nature conservation charity in the two counties, protecting local wildlife and inspiring people to love nature.	Chilworth Village Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanjrose@btinternet.com

Red Diesel Consultation

IWA is appealing to boaters and boatyard operators to respond to an HMRC consultation following the announcement that private pleasure craft in the UK will be prohibited from using red diesel. The consultation, about the likely timescales required for implementing the change, follows the statement in the Spring Budget that HMRC would seek evidence on the impact of the government's proposal to comply with the judgment made last year by the European Court of Justice.

IWA met with HMRC officials late last year, along with British Marine, the Cruising Association, and the Royal Yachting Association; with all four boating representative bodies putting the case that a change to using white diesel would create insurmountable problems for boat users and the industry.

The implementation of the ruling would mean the end of the use of red diesel for any leisure boating. Whilst red diesel could continue to be used for heating, it would have to be in a separate tank, and there would be no dispensation for any proportion of fuel used by the engine for generating heat and light. Commercially operated boats would still be able to use red diesel, as would residential boaters with proof of fixed moorings, but boats without a home mooring who are continuously cruising would be required to use white diesel.



IWA considers that it is not practical for most boats that use the inland waterways to have two tanks; that inappropriate modifications would raise safety concerns; and that many diesel suppliers would simply not supply both red and white diesel due to the costs of installing additional equipment. IWA is particularly concerned that this change may encourage people to take measures that could adversely impact the environment and safety, such as increased use of generators in confined spaces or spillages from containers of fuel purchased away from the waterways. IWA is also concerned that the increased costs faced by both boat owners and boatyard operators will make an already expensive pastime unaffordable to some existing boaters and to many potential new boaters.

IWA will be taking up the offer from HMRC for further meetings during the consultation, and encourages all boating organisations, boatyards, diesel suppliers, and boat owners to respond to the consultation and provide evidence of the practical implications of the proposals.

The consultation runs until 9th September and [can be found on the Government website](#).

Inland Waterways Association - 17 July 2019



Two pictures of boats on a trip to collect coal in June 2017. Left: empty on the BCN Old Main Line near Oldbury. Right: loaded and moored on Tixall Wide, Staffs & Worcs Canal.

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 are normally held on the first Thursday of each month at 7.45pm (see Waterways Events in this issue) at Chilworth Village Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. OS Grid Ref: SU410184. Contact the Secretary for further information.

This Newsletter is normally published during the first week of each month in time for the Society's meeting.

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Robin Higgs

With the passing of Robin Higgs, who died on 20th June, aged 88, inland waterways restoration lost one of its most ardent and successful supporters. His first involvement with canals was at IWA's National Festival at Woking in 1962 and he started in earnest in the early years of the Waterway Recovery Group, when he acted as WRG's first plant manager and founder Graham Palmer's chauffeur.

Graham was legendary for his leadership of waterways restoration in the late 1960s and '70s and his appearances around the country, but he couldn't drive - so it was Robin who took him everywhere. And it was no accident that WRG was launched on Robin's home patch at the IWA National Festival at Guildford in 1970.

It was perhaps on the Basingstoke Canal that Robin achieved his greatest success. He became a member of the Surrey & Hampshire Canal Society soon after its formation in 1966, and led the campaign to persuade Surrey and Hampshire county councils to take it into public ownership and implement the restoration. He became chair of the canal

society in 1974 and remained until the restoration was completed in 1991.

In the late 1970s he put forward a proposal to acquire the successful John Pinkerton trip-boat operation, which still flourishes today. He presided over the formal opening of the Basingstoke Canal in May 1991 by the Duke of Kent, and was delighted when, last year, the Duke made a second visit to present the society with the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

He was widely known among waterway restoration groups as the only chair of the Southern Canals Association, from its inception in 1975 to date. He was made an OBE in 2003.

By trade, Robin owned and ran a family plant nursery business near Woking, and was president of the agricultural and horticultural society in his home village. His wife, Heather, predeceased him.

Waterways World - September 2019

Fundraising - Cotswold Canals Trust

The following article appeared in the Autumn 2019 edition of 'The Trow', the magazine of the Cotswold Canals Trust. You may find it of interest. Whilst aimed at local interests, you might even consider a donation even if you can give only a smaller contribution. Further information can be found at <https://www.cotswoldcanals.org.uk>

Stroud District Council and the Cotswold Canals Trust are leading the **Cotswold Canals Connected** project to reconnect the Stroudwater Navigation to England's navigable waterways, at Saul Junction. Our other partners are *Gloucestershire County Council, Canal and River Trust and Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust*.

The whole project will cost about £24 million. In 2017 we secured the initial funding from the key partners and the *National Lottery Heritage Fund* to generate surveys, designs, approvals and final costs, and we will be submitting the final application to the *Heritage Fund*, very soon. Volunteers will contribute work to the value of around £2.5 million and we have been fundraising locally and nationally for a contribution of £1.6 million to make the bid viable.

The Fundraising team have been working non-stop to raise this contribution towards **Cotswold Canals Connected** and have continued to gain support from individuals, organisations and grant giving trusts and foundations. With thanks to these efforts we have made great strides to achieving the matched funds needed to bid for the development stage and are on the homeward stretch....

....we have many thousands of pounds to raise.

Now is your chance to get involved and put your family name and/or business on the map! Quite literally, you will be supporting the infrastructure that will rebuild the economy, ecology and industry of our canal corridor community.

How you can mark your place in history?

- Cement your family's names in the canals' history by sponsoring a brick — £50 each.
- Celebrate your company's local success with a bespoke mooring bollard — Starting from £1,000 (price dependent on the position chosen by you).
- We also have larger projects that can be sponsored along the length of the canal such as: Lock Gates; reed beds; orchards and bridges.

There is something for everyone to support, please do share with your friends, employers and employees.

With 7,500 members reading this Trow and over 200 active volunteers, CCT is the best supported Canal Restoration charity in the country, we ask you to share the news with your friends and contacts and help to create the heritage of the future.

Get in touch to find out more: aimee.malcolm@cotswoldcanals.com

Thank you for reading and I look forward to discussing how you choose to support **Cotswold Canals Connected**.