

Chairman's Column

February Meeting

A warm welcome to our speaker this month, John England. John has travelled up from Bere Regis with our former member Bob Dukes, who with his wife Ann, gave an evening's talk on the Silk Worm in 2008. BROWNSEA ISLAND is the subject of this evening's presentation.

March Meeting

On Thursday 1st March, Peter Oates and Laura Sturrock will be presenting "Ellesmere Port & Liverpool 2011." As owners of the 75 year old ex-working narrow boat *Stanton*, Peter and Laura attended the gathering of historic canal boats at the National Waterways Museum, Ellesmere Port over the Easter weekend in 2011. A number of historic boats were invited to the Liverpool Boat Show at the end of April and beginning of May and this entailed a crossing of the tidal River

Mersey. Finally the route for the leaving of Liverpool involved a journey along the Liverpool Link, opened in 2009, which provides a non-tidal connection with the rest of the inland waterway network. The speakers will show pictures of and comment on their experiences.

Peter and Laura are travelling down from Northamptonshire for this evening, do come along and support them.

Christmas/ New Year Lunch at the Blue Hayes

As in previous year's it is a very good way for 29 members and my Mother-in law Joyce, to spend a very relaxed Saturday afternoon, enjoying good food and finding out from our fellow members their hobbies and other interests. See pictures below.

Thank you Maureen for organising this annual event.

Alan Rose



Members enjoying themselves during the recent lunch at the Blue Hayes Restaurant.
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H.R.H. The Princess Royal to visit Canal Project

HRH The Princess Royal will be visiting the Cotswold Canals Project at Wallbridge, Stroud on Friday 10th February. She will open Wallbridge Upper Lock, Stroud Brewery Bridge and tour the Canal Visitor Centre.

Cllr Keith Pearson, Deputy Leader of Stroud District Council said:

"We are very pleased that Her Royal Highness is

honouring us with a visit to the important canal developments at Wallbridge.

This is a major feather in the cap for the canal project and we look forward to showing her everything that has been achieved by the canal team and volunteers working together."

<http://www.cotswoldcanals.com>

Waterways Diary

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.

Recently, OS grid references and/or postcodes have been added (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.

Time	Organiser	Details	Contact
Thu 2 Feb 2012 7.45pm	Southampton CS	John England's presentation on "Brownsea Island." Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
Thu 2 Feb 2012 7.30pm	IWA Avon & Wilts Branch	"The Avon Navigation". An illustrated talk by Dr Brenda Buchanan. "The Crown", 500 Bath Road, Saltford, BS31 3HJ, (ST683669).	John Gornall Email: avonandwilts@waterways.org.uk
Tue 14 Feb 2012 10.00 - 11.00am.	Itchen Navigation Heritage Trail Project	The Day the Barges Came. Join professional storytellers for a story walk along the Itchen Navigation near Mansbridge and go back to a time when barges ruled these waters. For children aged 4-10yrs with an adult. Suggested donation: £2 per child. Meet next to Woodmill Lane car park (SU440151) Web: http://www.hwt.org.uk/pages/in-whats-happening.html	Phone for more details and to book a place - Polly Whyte: 01489 774400 Email: pollyw@hwt.org.uk
Tue 14 Feb 2012 2.00 - 3.00pm	Itchen Navigation Heritage Trail Project	The King of the River. Join professional storytellers for a story walk along the Itchen Navigation near Allbrook following some of the animals who live along this waterway. For children aged 4-10yrs with an adult. Suggested donation: £2 per child. Meet Ham Farm pub, Twyford Rd, Eastleigh, SO50 4LF (SU4567206). Street parking is available nearby. Web: http://www.hwt.org.uk/pages/in-whats-happening.html	Phone for more details and to book a place - Polly Whyte: 01489 774400 Email: pollyw@hwt.org.uk
Tue 14 Feb 2012 2.00 - 4.00pm	Bishopstoke History Society	The Itchen Navigation. A presentation of over 60 illustrations covering the history, intrigue and tragedies associated with the River Itchen and Itchen Navigation. Bishopstoke Community Association Centre, Old School, Church Rd, SO50 6DN (SU466198). To be repeated on Fri 16 Mar 2012.	Joan Simmonds: 023 8061 7481
Wed 15 Feb 2012 3.00 - 4.30pm	Itchen Navigation Heritage Trail Project	Guided Walk for Dogs along a section of the Itchen Navigation at Shawford. Meet outside the Bridge pub on Shawford Road, SO21 2BP (SU473249) (near Shawford train station). Suggested donation: £3.00. Fuller details at: http://www.hwt.org.uk/pages/in-whats-happening.html	Phone to book a place - Polly Whyte: 01489 774400 Email: pollyw@hwt.org.uk
Wed 15 Feb 2012 8.00pm	Surrey & Hampshire CS	"Canals and Rivers of Eastern France." Robin Higgs will be showing a selection of slides from his boating holidays in Eastern France in 2010 and 2011. Parish Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Station Road, Chobham, Surrey, GU24 8AZ. (SU974615).	David Millett: 01252 617364 Email: d.millett7@ntlworld.com
Thu 16 Feb 2012 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	"The Portsmouth and Arundel Navigation (Ford to Hunston)" with Aidge Roberts. This talk will be about the history of this unsuccessful canal and show slides of the visible remains. The Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 3AR (SU182274).	Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 Email: glover3@gotadsl.co.uk or Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841
Thu 16 Feb 2012 7.30pm	Somersetshire Coal CS	"Coal from Camerton" by Neil McMillen. The Radstock Working Mens' Club, Radstock, BA3 3EP. (ST688547).	Patrick Moss: 07736 859882 Email: lazydaysafloat@yahoo.co.uk
Fri 17 Feb 2012 10.30 - 12 noon	Itchen Navigation Heritage Trail Project	Guided Walk for Dogs along a section of the Itchen Navigation at Bishopstoke. Meet by the Hub car park, Bishopstoke Road, SO50 6LA (SU463191) Suggested donation: £3.00. Fuller details at: http://www.hwt.org.uk/pages/in-whats-happening.html	Phone to book a place - Polly Whyte: 01489 774400 Email: pollyw@hwt.org.uk
Sun 19 Feb 2012 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk - Camerton Colliery and Canal. Meet Durcott Lane, Camerton, nr Bath, BA2 0QE (ST6805787).	Mike Chapman: 01225 426948 Email: mike@chapman76.fsnet.co.uk
Tue 21 Feb 2012 7.30 for 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Reading Br)	"Restoration of Paddle Steamer Medway Queen" - Mark Bathurst. The Grange Free Church Hall, Circuit Lane, Southcote, Reading, RG30 3HD (SU691719)	John or Pam Swift: 01189 415540 Email: swift.john21@gmail.com
Wed 29 Feb 2012 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Newbury Br)	"The Canal du Midi" with Ron and Myra Glover of SCS and the IWA Salisbury Group. Stone Building, Newbury Wharf, RG14 5AS. (SU473672)	Graham Smith: Tel: 01635 580356 Email: GrahamV.Smith@virgin.net
Thu 1 Mar 2012 7.45pm	Southampton CS	"Ellesmere Port & Liverpool 2011" with Peter Oates and Laura Sturrock. Pictures of the 2011 Easter Gathering at the Ellesmere Port Museum, the crossing of the Mersey and a journey along the new Liverpool Link. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
Thu 15 Mar 2012 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	"Traditional Canal Painting" by Robert Wright, a member of the Waterways Craft Guild. This talk will cover the origins of Roses and Castles decoration, famous narrow boat painters, changes in the decoration after WWII and the origins, objectives and workings of the Guild. The Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 3AR (SU182274).	Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 Email: glover3@gotadsl.co.uk or Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841
Thu 15 Mar 2012 7.30pm	Somersetshire Coal CS	"The Kennet & Avon Canal Archives" by Elaine Kirby. The Radstock Working Mens' Club, Radstock, BA3 3EP. (ST688547).	Patrick Moss: 07736 859882 Email: lazydaysafloat@yahoo.co.uk
Fri 16 Mar 2012 7.30 - 9.30pm	Bishopstoke History Society	The Itchen Navigation. A presentation of over 60 illustrations covering the history, intrigue and tragedies associated with the River Itchen and Itchen Navigation. Bishopstoke Methodist Church, Sedgwick Rd, SO50 6FH (SU468195). Repeated presentation, first given on Tue 14 Feb 2012.	Joan Simmonds: 023 8061 7481
Sun 18 Mar 2012 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk - Sapperton Tunnel. Meet Tunnel House Inn, near Coates, Gloucestershire, GL7 6PW (SO965006). (Do not use pub car park unless you are a patron).	Richard Hignett: 01793 855631
Tue 20 Mar 2012 7.30 for 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Reading Br)	Reading Branch AGM. Speaker to be advised. The Grange Free Church Hall, Circuit Lane, Southcote, Reading, RG30 3HD (SU691719)	John or Pam Swift: 01189 415540 Email: swift.john21@gmail.com
Wed 21 Mar 2012 8.00pm	Surrey & Hampshire CS	"The Hereford and Gloucester Canal" with Dick Skeets. The history and details of the ongoing restoration. Parish Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Station Road, Chobham, Surrey, GU24 8AZ. (SU974615).	David Millett: 01252 617364 Email: d.millett7@ntlworld.com

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January Meeting

Members' Photographic Evening and Competition

The first meeting of 2012 was attended by 24 members.

Brian Evans opened the evening with slides from 1996 of the IWA Jubilee Jigsaw which celebrated and advertised the IWA's Golden Jubilee. All around the country, each IWA branch had a jigsaw piece several feet across showing their local waterways area. This piece was transported by water around the waterways of the area and handed over by each local mayor to the next section. Finally all the jigsaw pieces, having been carried by water to Birmingham, were assembled at the IWA "Waterways for Leisure" conference making a waterways map of the country.

IWA Solent & Arun Branch and Southampton Canal Society worked together on this "Fun Day" and cruised on the Romsey Canal, as Brian said they put "Stop Planks" in to hold the water level. Scenes at Woodmill and on the Itchen, the final slide of Peter Glover sailing away, with the jigsaw piece, in his Mirror dinghy down to Portsmouth for the next section.

A few chuckles and comments were heard as members recalled this adventurous time.

[The issues of this Newsletter for May and June 1996 carried reports of these events. Copies can be found on the Society's website <http://www.sotoncs.org.uk> in the Newsletter Archive. - Ed]

We continued the evening with Eric & Sue Lewis's selection with their boat *Remus*, followed by Alan Rose with *Purton*, Janet Cunningham showed her favourites and Dave Doulton's views from the K&A.

The Competition Winner was Eric Lewis with "Syke House Lock" on the New Junction Canal which runs between the Aire and Calder Navigation and the the Sheffield & South Yorkshire Navigation.

Other entries shown were: Bristol Floating Harbour, Autumn in Devizes and a Winter Scene.

An enjoyable and well supported evening was had by us all

Our thanks go to Dave Doulton for the use of his New Digital Projector & Laptop..

Angela Rose

Waterways Diary

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Time	Organiser	Details	Contact
Fri 23 Mar 2012	Itchen Navigation Heritage Trail Project	History and Hot Chocolate Guided Walk. Find out more about the history of the Itchen Navigation and the local area around Mansbridge. Suggested donation £1.50. Please bring a few quid with you for a hot drink at the pub afterwards. Meet and park at the White Swan Pub, Mansbridge Road, West End, SO18 3HW (SU449155)	Phone for more details - Polly Whyte: 01489 774400 Email: pollyw@hwt.org.uk
Fri 23 Mar 2012	Itchen Navigation Heritage Trail Project	Fundraising Gig at the Railway Inn, St. Paul's Hill, Winchester, SO22 5AE (SU475299) with local rock group "The Fabulous Rockmen" in aid of the Itchen Navigation project. Tickets: £10 and available from the pub now.	Phone for more details - Polly Whyte: 01489 774400 Email: pollyw@hwt.org.uk
Thu 5 Apr 2012 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Tony Shadick will show film footage of SCS boat trips; Railway at war; Classic Goodwood; Air shows; the rebuild of an old Coast Guard boat and a trip to the Thames by bus. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
Tue 17 Apr 2012 10.00am	Wey & Arun CT	4 mile guided walk from the Limeburners Arms, Lordings Rd, Billingshurst, RH14 9JA (TQ072254), visiting parts of the canal. Meet in pub car park. Please check permission if you intend to park in the pub car park.	WACT Office: 01403 752403 Email: office@weyandarun.co.uk Web: www.weyandarun.co.uk
Tue 17 Apr 2012 7.30 for 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Reading Br)	"K & A Archives" with Elaine Kirby, the Trust's archivist. The Grange Free Church Hall, Circuit Lane, Southcote, Reading, RG30 3HD (SU691719)	John or Pam Swift: 01189 415540 Email: swift.john21@gmail.com
Wed 18 Apr 2012 8.00pm	Surrey & Hampshire CS	"Southampton Shipping with Railway Connections" by Paul Gosling. The story of shipping in Southampton Water and Docks from 1970 to the present. Parish Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Station Road, Chobham, Surrey, GU24 8AZ. (SU974615).	David Millett: 01252 617364 Email: d.millett7@ntlworld.com
Sun 22 April	Chichester Ship CT	Bullion Run to celebrate 190th anniversary. A re-enactment of Dashwoods Bullion Run with a cavalcade of small boats as part of the 190th anniversary of the opening of the canal. Along the canal and ending at the basin at approx. 2.00pm for a display of model boats. Chichester Canal Basin, PO19 8DT (SU858041).	Linda Wilkinson: 01243 576701 Email: membership@chichestercanal.com
Wed 25 Apr 2012 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Newbury Br)	Branch AGM, followed by a discussion about the future of the Canal and the Trust lead by Trust President David Bruce. Stone Building, Newbury Wharf, RG14 5AS. (SU473672)	Graham Smith: Tel: 01635 580356 Email: GrahamV.Smith@virgin.net
Thu 3 May 2012	Southampton CS	There will be NO May Meeting as the hall is reserved for use as a polling station	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
Tue 15 May 2012 7.30 for 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Reading Br)	"A Tale of Two Steamers" - Roddy McKee talks about the 'Waverley' & 'Kingswear Castle'. The Grange Free Church Hall, Circuit Lane, Southcote, Reading, RG30 3HD (SU691719)	John or Pam Swift: 01189 415540 Email: swift.john21@gmail.com
Thu 17 May 2012 10.00am	Wey & Arun CT	4 mile circular walk from the Bat and Ball, Newpound Lane, Wisborough Green, Billingshurst, RH14 0EH (TQ060267) visiting parts of the canal. NB: There are many stiles on this walk and a short section will be on fast road. Meet in pub car park. Please check permission if you intend to park in the pub car park.	WACT Office: 01403 752403 Email: office@weyandarun.co.uk Web: www.weyandarun.co.uk
Thu 17 May 2012 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	"European Locks, Lifts & Structures". Ron and Myra Glover will show slides and explain the function of many of these structures found on the European waterways. The Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 3AR (SU182274).	Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 Email: glover3@gotadsl.co.uk or Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841
Thu 7 June 2012 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Speaker to be confirmed. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: info@apas-engineering.com

SOUTHAMPTON CANAL SOCIETY

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Normally 1st Thursday each month at 7.45pm (see Waterways Diary). Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. OS Grid Ref: SU410184.

Royal woodland for Kennet & Avon Canal

British Waterways is appealing for volunteers to help plant a new 60-acre woodland beside the Caen Hill lock flight on the Kennet & Avon Canal. It is one of 60 Diamond Woods being planted across the country in 2012 to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The first of the 10,000 trees that will make up the canal-side wood are being planted over the next two months. The remainder will be planted towards the end of year, when conditions once again become suitable for planting trees. The project is being run by the Woodland Trust and funded by the Forestry Commission.

The first public planting days will take place on Sunday 29 January (10am-3pm), Sunday 12 February (11am-1pm) and Saturday 17 March (10am-3pm).

"All those who want to get involved are welcome to come along to the public planting days and plant a single tree or to stay all day. Just turn up. Mud will be plentiful so bring warm clothes, stout footwear and a spade if you have one."

This event is open to all, but under 16's must be accompanied by an adult. Parking will be available in the Caen Hill Locks car park, brown-signed from Rowde, near Devizes.

For more information about the 29 January or 17 March planting days email karen.fishwick@britishwaterways.com or telephone her on 07917 424590. For more information about the 12 February planting day email karenrickey@woodlandtrust.org.uk or telephone her on 08443 345404.

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Trust transfer delay?

In the absence of definite news, speculation is growing that the launch of the new Canal & River Trust might be delayed past its original launch date of 1st April. The transition trustees are continuing to negotiate with Defra, particularly over the issue of government funding for the next decade. It is said that trustees are arguing firmly that an annual grant of £39million is insufficient to give the Trust the 'flying start' it desperately needs.

BW and Defra are refusing to comment publicly. However, sources close to negotiations believe that a final agreement is 'very close', likely before the end of January. Once agreed, the transfer needs to be approved by Parliament and the Welsh Assembly, but any delay in negotiations will put pressure on the parliamentary timetable. Conceivably this could delay approval for months, although both BW and Defra consider it unlikely.

Rumours on some websites that 'selected journalists' were privately briefed on the delay seem wide of the mark. Indeed, the transition trustees released a public report on the negotiations last month. It pointed out:

"While the Parliamentary process looks as if it will now take longer than we had previously been advised, putting pressure on an April launch date, all the building blocks needed to establish the new Trust next year are falling into place ... it is all taking place much longer than either party would wish."


However, even if there is no delay in the move to Trust status on 1st April, the public launch could be delayed until mid-June, to ensure it does not clash with the planned Diamond Jubilee festivities over the Whitsun bank holiday or the Olympics the following month.

<http://www.waterwaysworld.com>

Bishopstoke History Society

The Itchen Navigation

This is a new presentation in the "Back in Time Series"



(A presentation of over 60 illustrations covering the history, intrigue and tragedies associated with the River Itchen and Itchen Navigation)

Tuesday, 14th February
2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Bishopstoke Community Association Centre
Old School, Church Road

This presentation will also be repeated on
Friday, 16th March at Bishopstoke Methodist Church

Free Entry Free parking
Donations are welcome