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**Trio rescued from canal**

*In the Romsey Advertiser of 4 January, on page 8 under NEWS IN BRIEF, Brian and Annegret found the following article:*

Three people were rescued by fire fighters after falling into a Hampshire canal.

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS) was called out after two women ended up in the water and a man made an unsuccessful attempt to get them out. It happened near Nelson Close, Romsey. An HFRS spokeswoman said the trio became stranded in ankle-deep water after the slippery bank prevented them from scrambling out.

Fire crews from Romsey and Redbridge rescued them using an extension ladder. The HFRS spokeswoman said the trio, who are believed to have been unharmed, declined the offer of medical help. It is not known what caused the two women to tumble into the water.

**Society Website**

May I remind readers that the SCS website offers information all about the Society. If you haven't looked lately, it can be found at [www.sotoncs.org.uk](http://www.sotoncs.org.uk).

## Chairman's Column

### February 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Tonight we look forward to learning about "Bats- the Super Heroes of the night" with Nik Knight. Thank you to Sue Derbyshire for arranging this evening.

### March Meeting - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>

"Steam Narrowboating- not for the faint hearted" with Mark Rudall.

### April Meeting - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>

Chris Witts with "My life on the River Severn" based on the tanker trade in the 1960's, to the grain trade in the 1980's.

### Committee Meeting

Our next Committee Meeting is on the 18<sup>th</sup> February. If you have any questions or suggestions

you would like brought up please inform any Committee Member tonight or Email or telephone (the details are on the back page of this Newsletter).

### SCS New Year Luncheon

24 members enjoyed a well presented Lunch at Keats Restaurant, Ampfield on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January. Angela spoke to Linda Pearce and invited her along, they sat with Christine Wilkinson, Marjorie and Julie Callow and all enjoyed a good natter.

Unfortunately Eva was not feeling well after a disturbed night and has had a spell in hospital for tests. We wish her well.

Enjoy the Bats.

*Alan Rose*

## New Year Luncheon 2019



Half a dozen pictures of members enjoying themselves at Keats Restaurant celebrating the New Year.

*Pictures courtesy of Sue Derbyshire*



## Quiz Winners

Alan Rose has contributed this picture of the SCS winning team at the Waterways Quiz at the December meeting.

Thanks Alan.



## 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
Mon 4 Feb 2019 7.30pm	Wilts & Berks CT (Royal Wootton Bassett Branch)	<b>North by North West.</b> - a talk by Trust members Steve Bacon and Cyan Ellis on the canals around Manchester. Cost £3.00. All welcome.	The Angel Hotel, 47 High Street, Wootton Bassett, Wilts, SN4 7AQ (SU068826).	Jenny Stratton: 01793 850310 Email: <a href="mailto:jenny.stratton@wbct.org.uk">jenny.stratton@wbct.org.uk</a>
Thu 7 Feb 2019 7.15pm	Kennet & Avon CT, Crofton Branch	<b>"The Brooke Bond Tea Company"</b> - a Tea Party presentation by David Harris, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the company. Tickets £5.00 by email or on the door. To include complimentary tea (PG Tips). In support of the Crofton Pumping Station.	St Peter's Church, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 1HQ (SU185687).	Tel: 01672 870300. Web: <a href="http://www.croftonbeamengines.org">www.croftonbeamengines.org</a> Tickets: <a href="mailto:crofton.manager@katrust.org.uk">crofton.manager@katrust.org.uk</a>
Thu 7 Feb 2019 7.45pm	Southampton CS	<b>"Bats - the super heroes of the night"</b> with Nik Knight.	Chilworth Village Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: <a href="mailto:alanjrose@btinternet.com">alanjrose@btinternet.com</a>
Sat 16 Feb 2019 10.30am- 3.00pm	Kennet & Avon CT, Crofton Branch	<b>Open Day.</b> We will be open on occasional days so that visitors can see maintenance work in progress.	Crofton Beam Engines, Crofton, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3DW (SU261623).	Web: <a href="http://www.croftonbeamengines.org">www.croftonbeamengines.org</a>
Sun 17 Feb 2019 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	<b>Walk - Paulton and Timsbury Basins</b> - guided walk to view the basins.	Paulton public car park, BS39 7NW (ST651565)	Adrian Tuddenham: 01225 335974 Email: <a href="mailto:editor@coalcanal.org.uk">editor@coalcanal.org.uk</a>
Tue 19 Feb 2019 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Reading Br)	<b>Canal Laureate 2018/19.</b> Speaker Nancy Campbell. 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: <a href="mailto:swift.john21@gmail.com">swift.john21@gmail.com</a> Mobile: 07533 886917.
Wed 20 Feb 2019 8.00pm	Basingstoke CS	<b>"Archaeological Treasures of the Thames."</b> Malcolm Head will lead a show and tell discussion featuring some artefacts recovered from the Thames during dredging operations conducted over the years. It's remarkable that the objects, some very fragile, have survived mechanical dredging and are available to enjoy today.	Parish Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Station Road, Chobham, GU24 8AZ (SU974615)	Email: <a href="mailto:chobham.talks@basingstoke-canal.org.uk">chobham.talks@basingstoke-canal.org.uk</a> Web: <a href="http://www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk">www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk</a>
Thu 21 Feb 2019 7.30pm	Somersetshire Coal CS	<b>"Saltford Brass Mill Project"</b> by Richard Ross.	Radstock Working Men's Club, The Street, Radstock, BA3 3PR (ST688547). For location <a href="#">see map here</a>	Steve Page: 01761 433418 Email: <a href="mailto:membership@coalcanal.org.uk">membership@coalcanal.org.uk</a>
Thu 21 Feb 2019 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	<b>The Wilts and Berks Canal.</b> A member of the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust will update about the restoration of this canal which links the Kennet & Avon Canal at Semington to the River Thames at Abingdon.	The Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 3AR (SU182275).	Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 Email: <a href="mailto:glover.3@btinternet.com">glover.3@btinternet.com</a> Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841
Thu 7 Mar 2019 7.45pm	Southampton CS	<b>"Steam Narrowboating – not for the faint hearted"</b> with Mark Rudall.	Chilworth Village Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: <a href="mailto:alanjrose@btinternet.com">alanjrose@btinternet.com</a>
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Sun 17 Mar 2019 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	<b>Walk - Paulton to Radford</b> - guided walk.	Paulton public car park, BS39 7NW (ST651565)	Derrick Hunt: 01225 863066 Email: <a href="mailto:workparty@coalcanal.org.uk">workparty@coalcanal.org.uk</a>
Wed 20 Mar 2019 8.00pm	Basingstoke CS	<b>"200 Years of The Thames and Medway Canal."</b> David Rouse's talk traces the timeline from initial fundraising, construction challenges, the impact of railway fever, and eventual demise of the canal. Looking forward, the canal could be developed into a green safe water corridor, supporting fishing, informal boating and other activities.	Parish Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Station Road, Chobham, GU24 8AZ (SU974615)	Email: <a href="mailto:chobham.talks@basingstoke-canal.org.uk">chobham.talks@basingstoke-canal.org.uk</a> Web: <a href="http://www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk">www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk</a>
Thu 21 Mar 2019 7.30pm	Somersetshire Coal CS	<b>"The Glastonbury Canal"</b> - including railways, by Dick Osborne.	Radstock Working Men's Club, The Street, Radstock, BA3 3PR (ST688547). For location <a href="#">see map here</a>	Steve Page: 01761 433418 Email: <a href="mailto:membership@coalcanal.org.uk">membership@coalcanal.org.uk</a>
Thu 21 Mar 2019 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	<b>"The Middle Danube &amp; its Connecting Waterways."</b> John Pomfrett will cover the Danube for over 600 miles from Vienna through several countries to a passage through the spectacular Iron Gate Gorge into Romania and Bulgaria. He also cover the river's navigable tributaries and canals.	The Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 3AR (SU182275).	Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 Email: <a href="mailto:glover.3@btinternet.com">glover.3@btinternet.com</a> Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841
Mon 1 Apr 2019 7.30pm	IWA Guildford & Reading Br	<b>Branch AGM</b> at the National Trust's premises.	Dapdune Wharf, Wharf Road, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4RR (SU992503).	Gareth Jones: 07850 819071 Email: <a href="mailto:gareth@hillhouse.farm">gareth@hillhouse.farm</a>
Thu 4 Apr 2019 7.45pm	Southampton CS	<b>"My life on the River Severn"</b> based on the Tanker Trade in the 1960s and the grain trade in the 1980s by Chris Witts.	Chilworth Village Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: <a href="mailto:alanjrose@btinternet.com">alanjrose@btinternet.com</a>

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Wed 17 Apr 2019 8.00pm	Basingstoke CS	<b>"Metropolitan Police Marine Policing Unit."</b> Officer William Sargent will talk about the Marine Policing Unit (MPU) which is responsible for policing the 47 miles of River Thames within the Met area (Dartford to Hampton Court) as well as providing a specialist response to over 250 miles of canals and waterways, lakes and reservoirs and other bodies of water in London.	Parish Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Station Road, Chobham, GU24 8AZ (SU974615)	Email: <a href="mailto:chobham.talks@basingstoke-canal.org.uk">chobham.talks@basingstoke-canal.org.uk</a> Web: <a href="http://www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk">www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk</a>
Sat-Mon 20-22 Apr 2019 10.30am-4.30pm	Kennet & Avon CT, Crofton Branch	<b>Easter weekend steaming.</b> Adults: £8.00 Concessions: £7.00 Children under 16: Free.	Crofton Beam Engines, Crofton, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3DW (SU261623).	Web: <a href="http://www.croftonbeamengines.org">www.croftonbeamengines.org</a>
Sat 20 Apr 2019 10.00am-5.00pm	The Claverton Group	<b>Claverton Pumping Station.</b> 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: <a href="mailto:enquiries@claverton.org">enquiries@claverton.org</a> Web: <a href="http://www.claverton.org">www.claverton.org</a>
Sun 21 Apr 2019 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	<b>Walk - Radford to Camerton</b> - guided walk.	Meet at Camerton Heritage Site, BA2 0PB (ST681579)(Park in Durcott Lane).	Derrick Hunt: 01225 863066 Email: <a href="mailto:workparty@coalcanal.org.uk">workparty@coalcanal.org.uk</a>
Sat 27 Apr 2019 10.00am-5.00pm	The Claverton Group	<b>Claverton Pumping Station.</b> 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: <a href="mailto:enquiries@claverton.org">enquiries@claverton.org</a> Web: <a href="http://www.claverton.org">www.claverton.org</a>
Sat-Mon 4-6 May 2019 10.30am-4.30pm	Kennet & Avon CT, Crofton Branch	<b>Early May Bank Holiday steaming.</b> Adults: £8.00 Concessions: £7.00 Children under 16: Free.	Crofton Beam Engines, Crofton, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3DW (SU261623).	Web: <a href="http://www.croftonbeamengines.org">www.croftonbeamengines.org</a>

## January Meeting

### Waterways Photographic Evening and Competition

The following list, hopefully, will give you an idea of the pictures shown by our members. Twenty- five members including five visitors attended.

**Alan Rose** : Railways and working barges on the Rhine. Summer cruise to the IWA Festival at St Neots via Northampton - St Neots - Salters Lode - the pumping station at Prickwillow - Ely - St Ives - the West River - Bedford - the A14 bridge construction.

**Colin Brooks**: The Grand Tour - the Kennet & Avon - Bath - Bristol - Crofton. On the Thames at Reading - Henley and Lechlade. On the River Wey "Duck Weed" - Dapdune Wharf. Onto the Grand Union - Fenny Stratford - The Iron Trunk Aqueduct at Cosgrove - Thrupp.

**Eric and Sue Lewis**: Dudley and the Black Country Museum - Lord Dudley's huge Limekilns - the Tunnel Gauge - The best Fish and Chips.

There is always a Chaplin on site.

**Gordon Osborn**: Foxton Locks - an empty Culvert - Bakers Lock. Coventry and a concrete sofa on a raft of concrete.

**Malcolm and Janet Gunningham**: A varied selection.

Then we had competition pictures from:

**Eric Lewis**: A compilation picture of items around the Black Country Museum (see below). This was voted the winner.

The other entries featured pictures of:

A spiders web

A Heron

St Ives Bridge taken at 0230 in the morning.

A duck on board Purton

Swan uppers

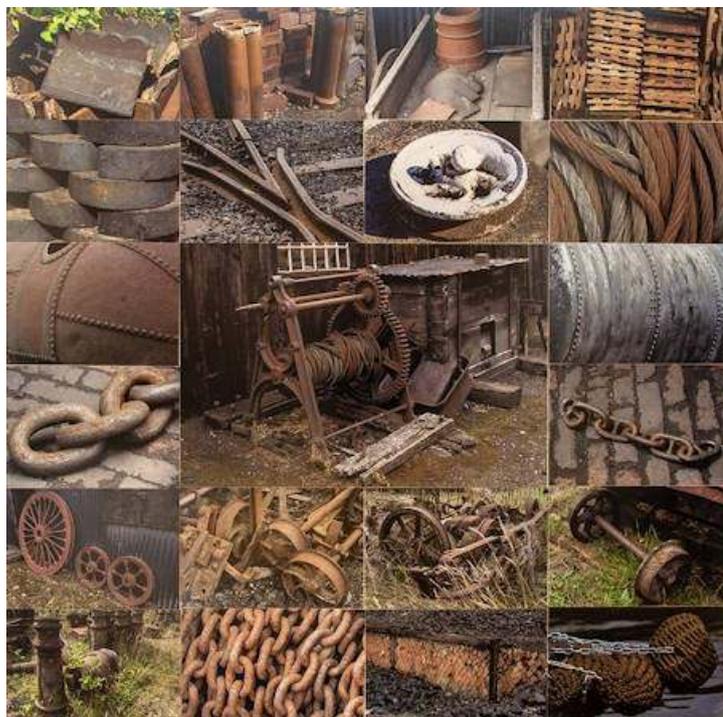
A view at Abingdon

Chirk

A very interesting evening was had by all.

Thanks to David Doulton for the use of his projector and computer.

*Angela Rose*



*Eric Lewis has given the following explanation of how he produced this image:*

My entry was originally the result of a summer project set by the Fordingbridge Camera Club. The intention was to make a collage of images on a theme, in the style of a well known photographer by the name of Iain McGowan.

The images for my collage were mainly taken at the Black Country Living Museum. The finished collage could have been produced digitally as one image and then printed onto one sheet of paper but I decided to print 20 of the images at a ratio of 6:4 and one image in a ratio of 12:8 (this being the central image). All 21 images were then mounted onto one large mounting board and this was re-photographed for use as a digitally projected image.

## Cotswold Canals

The Stroud Valleys Canal Company (SVCC) is the registered charity set up to look after the western section of the Cotswold Canals. It controls most of the canal from about 1km east of Saul Junction through to and including Brimscombe Port, about 2.5 miles east of Stroud.

SVCC have launched a new website <https://www.stroudvalleyscanal.co.uk> where all of the latest news and information about the canal can be found. SVCC will act as navigation authority for the canal and issues boat licenses, mooring and angling permits.

### Putting the port back in Brimscombe



Above: Brimscombe Port before infilling (photo: Stroud District Council)  
Below: Brimscombe Port CAD (computer-aided design) drawing of new port seen in the same general direction as above but from a different elevation.

Plans to reinstate the Thames & Severn Canal's former transshipment basin at Brimscombe Port as part of a regeneration scheme have gone on show – work could start in 2020 on creating the terminus of the first phase of reopening the Cotswold Canals.

Originally part of the 'Phase 1a' scheme to reopen the canals from Stonehouse through Stroud to Brimscombe but dropped following the 'credit crunch', the plans for the Port have been revived thanks to a £2m kickstart from the Government's Homes England body, matched by the same sum from Stroud District Council.



Before it was closed in the 1930s, filled in and used for light industry in the 1960s, the original basin would fit over 100 barges, and

was used to transfer cargoes between shorter wider Severn trows and longer but narrower upper Thames barges. The reinstatement stops short of re-creating that amount of water space, but will include a basin with 26 moorings, plus an aqueduct over the River Frome, new footpath and road bridges, visitor moorings, a winding hole, and provision for continuing restoration up the Golden Valley. The development scheme will retain the historic Port Mill and Salt Store, demolish 1960s industrial units, and create 173 new homes plus waterside retail units and a community centre.

With the rest of Phase 1a now all but complete, and Lottery funding provisionally agreed for the Phase 1b connecting length to Saul Junction, boats from the rest of the network could cruise to the reinstated Port in just a few years' time.

*Canal Boat* 15 January 2019

### Putting the pub back in Dauntsey



The Peterborough Arms at Dauntsey Lock (photo: Wilts & Berks CT)  
Below: The partially restored Dauntsey Lock is next to the pub (photo © [Maurice Pullin \(cc-by-sa/2.0\)](#))

The canalside Peterborough Arms started life as a farmhouse, dating from the early 19th century, but became a pub in the 1920s when the farmer opened part of the house as a public house. It was a free house and a tied house at various times but closed its doors in 2013 for what was thought to be the last time.

However, the locals wanted their pub back...

The Wilts & Berks Canal Trust, with the backing of the local community, had the building declared an asset of community value. The Trust was able to raise the required amount with the assistance of their members, supporters and the local community. The Trust purchased the building from Wadworths in August 2014 - a closed pub, a Grade 2 building and in bad repair. Then began the arduous process of refurbishment.



Many, many hours of fund-raising and volunteer effort later, the refurbishment phase has been completed. Dauntsey wanted its pub back and the Canal Trust wanted a Canal Centre and Community Centre. On the 1st December 2018, four and a bit years after starting, that has been achieved. The Peterborough Arms, Dauntsey Lock, SN15 4HD is beside the B4069 between Swindon and Chippenham.

Acknowledgements to [Wilts & Berks CT](#) and [Peterborough Arms](#) websites

## 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 Parish 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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## Flood scheme on track for 2019 start

OXFORD Flood Alleviation Scheme, a project to create a channel to reduce the risk of flooding from the River Thames, is still on track for work to begin this year - despite two obstacles.

The first of these has now been overcome, with the increased cost from £120 million to £150 million of the project - the largest of its kind currently in England - being covered by £10 million additional funding from Highways England through its Designated Environment Fund and additional Government flood-risk funding.

The second obstacle is objections so far from 55 sources. Compulsory Purchase Order notices have been put up around the area through which the channel will run and CPO letters sent out to landowners and others with an interest in land affected, permanently or temporarily, by the scheme.

This is a major issue with nearly 800 land plots attached. A resolution

by negotiation is the preferred option.

The Environment Agency is leading the project, which is for a relief channel to run from the western outskirts of Oxford to Sandford Lock. It will take three to four years to build.

The application for planning permission was submitted in 2018 and the Environment Agency is expecting a final planning decision early in 2019.

A third issue to be resolved is the public concerns at the loss of some 2000 trees that will result. The Environment Agency is planning to mitigate this by planting replacement trees along the route as each stage of progress is completed.

In doing so it hopes to double the present tree coverage by planting more than 4000 standard trees and adding a further 15,000 smaller trees together with shrubs; the EA will select native species.

*Towpath Talk - February 2019*

## Trust to begin major project



The Wey & Arun Canal Trust is set to embark on another major volunteer-led restoration project thanks to the acquisition of a 900 metre stretch of abandoned canal near Bramley in Surrey.

The Birtley Reach area of the canal is particularly picturesque thanks to its position on a slope between the Downs Link path above (which follows the route of the former Horsham-Guildford railway) and the Cranleigh Waters in the valley

below. The Trust is planning to create a new circular canal-side walk linking to the Downs Link, providing an attractive amenity for locals and visitors.

The purchase has been made possible by the generosity of an overseas Trust member.

Bramley Link manager Philip Oliver said: "There is a lot of work to do, but when restored this area will undoubtedly be an asset for Bramley and for Surrey. We are grateful to the owners of Westland Farm for their support and foresight, and the Trust member who made the purchase possible.

"We look forward to giving the public access to this beautiful waterside path and to the restored canal itself, while also improving the environmental value of the land."

[weyarun.org.uk/content/trust-begin-major-project-near-bramley](http://weyarun.org.uk/content/trust-begin-major-project-near-bramley)

## The Coal Canal Way

The Coal Canal Way is a series of walks which, when taken together, cover the entire length of the Northern Branch of the disused Somersetshire Coal Canal.

**Paulton - Radford - Camerton - Dunkerton - Combe Hay - Midford - Tucking Mill - Monkton Combe - Brassknocker - Dundas**

The walks are described in both directions for people who want a short exploration which returns to its starting point.

The individual short walks can be linked to those on adjacent pages to form a longer walk for those who prefer greater distances.

Each page includes a map at an appropriate scale for that section and a description of the interesting things to be seen on the walk, with a summary of their history.

The booklet can be bought from the Somersetshire Coal Canal Society's online shop at <https://sccs.onlineweb.shop> for £4.00 post free.

Alternatively, it can be downloaded from the Society's website at <http://www.coalcanal.org/books/CCW/ccw.php> to produce a copy via your own printer. A copy can even be read online at <http://www.coalcanal.org/features/CCWay/CCWScreen.php>

