

# Newsletter

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## Chairman's Column

### David James

Further to the item in our last Newsletter, I am delighted to be able to report that David James returned home in early May and is well on the road to recovery. In fact, as I write this, he and Margaret were expecting to be up at their boat for the first time since his illness. A letter from David and Margaret, under the heading 'Calling the Middlewich Samaritan' was published in this month's issue of 'Waterways World' (That letter has been reproduced in this Newsletter).

We look forward to seeing David and Margaret at a future meeting.

### Newsletter

As I announced at our 3 June meeting, it had not been possible to publish a June Newsletter because Peter was away until just before the meeting. Any items have been carried over to this issue.

### Annual General Meeting

Just a reminder that our August meeting will actually be held on Thursday 29 July. That will be our 2004 Annual General Meeting which will be followed by a video, made by members Tony and Pauline Fry, of their cruise on the Caldon Canal in February 2004. As always, all Officer and Committee posts will be up for election so, if you would like to take an active role in the work of the Society, why not put your name forward.

### Third Society Boat Gathering

Over the May Day bank holiday weekend the Society's third boat gathering was held at Flecknoe and Braunston. See the article inside this Newsletter for a report on that event.

### 'Waterworld'

Further to items in previous Newsletters, I am pleased to advise members that a copy of Ken and Margaret Froud's video recording of the latest series of 'Waterworld' has been placed in our library for



members' use. Many thanks to Ken and Margaret for the loan and to Michael Faull for making the copy.

### IWA Stand – Southampton International Boat Show



It is not long now to the 2004 Southampton Boat Show and I am sure that Peter Oates will soon be looking for people to assist on the IWA stand. If you are

interested in helping, or would like to know what it entails, please give Peter a ring or email him. His number and email address can be found under the Committee section on the back page of this Newsletter.

### Society Burgees

Martin Cripps has informed me that the new supply of Society burgees has now been delivered. We have only a limited supply and they retail at £8.00 each. So, any Society boat owners that do not already have one of these burgees, please see Martin at one of our meetings.

### Titchfield Canal

We have recently been approached by the Titchfield History Society seeking the Society's assistance towards a research project they are undertaking concerning the Titchfield Canal. We have been able to provide information and advice on other possible sources.

### Refreshments Rota

We still have gaps in the refreshments rota for some months up to the end of this year, including for the next meeting (AGM) on 29 July. Can volunteers please see Gill as soon as possible.



### Raffle Prizes

Many thanks again to those members who have donated raffle prizes in recent months. Your generosity is much appreciated.

*Paul Herbert*

## May Meeting

### “A Haven for Wildlife – Titchfield Haven Nature Reserve” – Dennis Bright

When Dennis last visited the Society the audience sat almost spellbound by the quality of his photographs of the Itchen Valley and its wildlife. He was, therefore, warmly welcomed on his return visit in May when he was obviously delighted to speak about one of his favourite subjects – the Titchfield Haven Nature Reserve, with which he has been associated for many years.

He told us about the origins of the area that now comprises the reserve, and how it developed over the centuries, to the popular site many of us are familiar with today.

His talk included, of course, the history of the Titchfield Canal and its demise, though it is now of

course part of the Titchfield Haven Reserve.

Dennis described his various experiences of the reserve, in his usual easy manner, complete with a number of humorous anecdotes. His photography of the area, its flora and fauna, the birds and waterfowl, and the land-based inhabitants such as foxes etc were, as one would naturally expect of Dennis, superb, often breathtaking.

For those members who were not able to get to the May meeting they missed a real treat. But never fear, we will be inviting Dennis back to speak to us on another subject in due course.

*Paul Herbert*

## June Meeting

### The Kennet & Avon Canal Trust – Peter Crawford

Over the years we have had many presentations about the Kennet & Avon Canal, both from members of the Trust and also from British Waterways officials. At our June meeting we were pleased to welcome Peter Crawford who has been associated with the Trust, in a number of capacities, for many years.

Using a very professional IT set-up, Peter gave us an introductory background to the history of the canal, the various Acts of Parliament, its building, operation and subsequent decline. He continued with an overview of the continuing restoration programmes. The way he described it was as follows:-

1794-1850	Active life
1850-1950	Decline/Railway ownership

1950-1990	Restoration to through navigation
1990-2000	Completion of restoration
2002-	Active life with sustainable future

He gave details of the very important Kennet & Avon Canal Partnership and the Heritage Lottery Fund Project. £50m had been spent on the canal over the last fifty years. Currently, 8 million visitors a year were attracted to the canal.

It is obvious that the Kennet & Avon Canal now has a secure future and the K&A Trust has played a major role in firstly saving the canal, and subsequently leading the fight for its eventual full restoration.

Well done to all those concerned since 1950.

*Paul Herbert*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Society Boat Gathering

Over the bank holiday weekend, 1-3 May, a total of twelve boats gathered at Flecknoe on the five mile pound between Braunston and Napton for the Society's 3<sup>rd</sup> Boat Gathering (for the information of new members, that location was chosen because a large number of members' boats are moored in the Napton area.

This year's participants from the Society included:-

- David & Maureen Butcher on “Wychwood No.2”
- Michael & Angela Faull on “Laura”
- Ken & Margaret Froud on “Duorf II”
- Malcolm & Barbara Hartas on “Pilgrim”
- Paul & Gill Herbert on “The Evelyn Broadbent”
- Eric & Sue Lewis on “Remus”
- Rogan & Lynn Olding on “Tin Lizzie”
- Terry & Ann Phippard on “Dolly”
- Alan & Angie Rose on “Liberty”
- Peter Oates & Laura Sturrock on “Swallowdale”

In addition, there were two ‘guest’ boats, whose crews are closely associated with Society members.

David and Margaret James had also planned to attend but were unable to, of course, because of David's illness. However, we were delighted to receive a telephone call from David on the Saturday, informing us that he had now returned home, and wishing the Gathering a successful weekend.

The weekend followed the same programme as the first two events with a general gathering and barbecue on the Saturday evening, though that was in some doubt for some time due to bad weather, but fortunately conditions cleared sufficiently for it to proceed. Throughout Sunday boats left their moorings and travelled to Braunston where all were able to find moorings, despite it being a bank holiday weekend.

On Sunday evening most of the crews joined up in the ‘Old Plough’ in the village for an evening meal.

On the Monday the fleet gradually dispersed, with the majority returning to their home moorings whilst some were fortunate to be able to continue cruising.

During the weekend a raffle was held which raised £25 for Leukaemia Research.

*Paul Herbert*



## **SOUTHAMPTON CANAL SOCIETY**

### **36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2003**

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

1. **CHAIRMAN**

The Annual General Meeting was chaired by Paul Herbert, Chairman of the Southampton Canal Society.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies for absence from:-

Alan & Adrienne Howarth

Laurie & Linda Pearce

Charles & Pauline Stride

Maureen Butcher

3. **ATTENDANCE**

An attendance register was circulated and 34 members recorded their attendance. The attendance register forms part of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting.

4. **MINUTES OF 2002 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of the 35th Annual General Meeting held on 25 July 2002 had been provided to all members attending the meeting and it was **proposed** by David Townley-Jones and **seconded** by Malcolm Hartas that the minutes be accepted. On being put to the vote the minutes were accepted by the members present. The Chairman signed the minutes as an accurate reflection of the business discussed at that meeting.

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 2002 Annual General Meeting.

5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman's report had been provided to all members attending the meeting. Therefore, Paul Herbert presented his report, as read, just highlighting one or two items of special note.

There was one question put forward by Frank Stokes concerning the security of information held on the Society's membership database. The Chairman and Membership Secretary explained that those records were only held by the Society and would not be made available to any individual outside the Society, or to any other organisation. Frank Stokes expressed his satisfaction with the response to his question.

6. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Secretary's report had been provided to all members attending the meeting. Therefore, Eric Lewis presented his report as read, just highlighting one or two items of special note. There were no questions.

7. **TREASURER AND MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Treasurer and Membership Secretary's report, which included the un-audited income and expenditure account for the year ended 31st March 2003 and the balance sheet as at 31 March 2003, had been provided to all members attending the meeting. Therefore, Laura Sturrock presented her report as read, just highlighting one or two items of special note. There were no questions. It was **proposed** by Eric Lewis and **seconded** by Bob Dukes that the Treasurer and Membership Secretary's report and the accounts be accepted and this was approved by the members present.

8. **REVIEW OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES**

The Treasurer and Membership Secretary advised that the Committee had taken into account the Society's current financial situation and anticipated future commitments and were recommending that the annual subscription rates be increased to £13.00 for family membership and to £9.00 for individual membership. It was **proposed** by Martin Cripps and **seconded** by Paul Taylor that the subscription rates be increased as proposed.

9. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

This part of the Annual General Meeting was chaired by the President, Brian Evans, who advised that all

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the current officers were willing to stand for nomination for a further year. No other nominations had been received prior to the meeting or were put forward at the meeting.

The following appointments were therefore proposed:-

Position	Name	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman	Paul Herbert	Peter Oates	Anne Coleman
Vice-Chairman	Laura Sturrock	Sue Lewis	Gill Herbert
Secretary	Eric Lewis	Bob Dukes	Anne Coleman
Treasurer & Membership Sec	Laura Sturrock	Sue Lewis	Malcolm Hartas

Upon being put to the vote, the above officer appointments were approved by the members present.

The President advised that existing committee members Peter Oates, Martin Cripps and David Townley-Jones were willing to stand for nomination for a further year. Nominations were invited for places on the Committee. There were no further nominations.

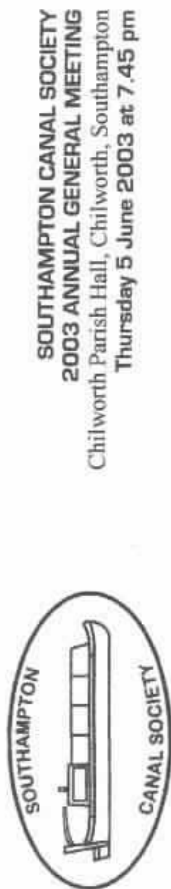
It was **proposed** by Malcolm Hartas and **seconded** by Gordon Osborn that Peter Oates, Martin Cripps and David Townley-Jones be appointed to the Committee. Upon being put to the vote, the above committee appointments were approved by the members present.

Peter Oates confirmed his willingness to continue as the Society Webmaster and Editor of the Newsletter.

**10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business. The meeting closed at 8.52pm.

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In order to keep accurate minutes of the meeting can all Society Members please record their attendance below.

Please sign and then print name in block capitals. Many thanks.

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<i>[Signature]</i>	D.E. JOHNSON	<i>[Signature]</i>	J. MASSY
<i>[Signature]</i>	P. OATES	<i>[Signature]</i>	M. JAMES
<i>[Signature]</i>	VIV TOWNLEY-JONES	<i>[Signature]</i>	D.L. JAMES
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<i>[Signature]</i>	RON GLOVER		
<i>[Signature]</i>	TONY FRY		
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<i>[Signature]</i>	MICHAEL HOSKIN		
<i>[Signature]</i>	GORDON OSBORN		

## Chairman's Report – 2003/04

Time certainly seems to fly by and it does not seem that a year has passed since I sat down to write my 2002/03 report. I am writing my third report as your Chairman at the end of another very successful year for Southampton Canal Society. I have had a lot of support from Society members and, particularly from the Committee and other members who help the Society in a number of ways. Many thanks to all of you for your continued support.

Looking back over the past year I have been delighted with the Society's performance. Whilst we have lost some members, I have been encouraged by the high attendances at the majority of our meetings during the year. We continue to attract new members and I will continue to give high priority to increasing our membership base. As with any organisation it is important to attract new members in order to stimulate our work and avoid stagnating – not that our Society could ever be described in that way.

We have again enjoyed an excellent programme of monthly activities with visiting speakers covering topics ranging from the Tal-y-lyn Railway, the Macclesfield Canal and adjoining waterways, The Ipswich and Stowmarket Navigation, Titchfield Haven Nature Reserve, to the work of the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust. A number of our own members have entertained us including Laura Sturrock and Peter Oates with their presentation on working boats on the inland waterways and the Itchen Navigation and Eric and Sue Lewis's 'Around Britain by Canal in the 70s'. We have enjoyed our annual Inter-Society Waterways Quiz (and congratulations to our team who won the trophy again) and our popular Members' Slides, Prints and Photo Competition Evening. Another packed house thoroughly enjoyed Day-Star Theatre's latest production, 'Another Fine Day' which finally, and sadly, brought to an end the saga of Sandy Edge.

One of the highlights of our programme was the visit by the IWA National Chairman, John Fletcher, accompanied by his wife Margaret. We were also very fortunate to be able to welcome Andrew Stumpf, BW's Regeneration Manager who spoke about the proposed Bedford/Milton Keynes Link and the restoration of the Cotswolds and Droitwich Canals. That we are able to attract speakers of national importance, such as John and Andrew, demonstrates how highly our Society is considered in the waterways movement. After both the Day-Star Theatre performance and the Inter-Society Quiz we were all able to partake of excellent suppers and enjoy the social atmosphere of those occasions.

In addition we have organised and enjoyed three special events - two Skittles Evenings and our 3<sup>rd</sup> Society Boat Gathering. Society members continue to take part in a number of activities associated with the waterways. The highlight was surely the National Waterways Festival held at Beale Park on the River Thames which attracted a record number of boats, including eight (I think) Society boats, along with other members in the camp site and many others visiting for the day. Some of

those members, plus others, later attended the Cutweb Internet Boat Club Rally at Napton Top Lock. Other activities included assisting on the IWA Stand at the Southampton Boat Show; Laura Sturrock's and Peter Oates' continued involvement with the famous wooden butty 'Raymond' and the ongoing restoration of that boat's new partner, the motor boat 'Nutfield'; Ray Brooks has continued his work with the London Narrow Boat Project, both as a committee member and a cover skipper of their community boats; and Ray, Eric and Sue Lewis and Gill and myself steered boats once again on Calmore Junior School's 'Adventure Afloat 2004'. In addition, we must not forget David Butcher's ongoing involvement with the Association of Waterways Cruising Clubs and David Pearce's Chairmanship of that Association and also the St Pancras Cruising Club, of which he is Commodore. I am sure that I have forgotten other members with similar important roles in the waterways movement, apologies to those I might have overlooked.

The Society continues to attract much valuable publicity, both through its Newsletter which is widely circulated, its excellent website, and by way of the many photographs of its members and items contributed to the waterways magazines.

Our financial position remains very healthy thanks to Laura Sturrock's 'hand on the tiller' and we have been able to continue making modest donations in respect of our programme of visiting speakers as well as making more major donations to various waterways organisations at year end.

The Committee has continued to meet regularly and that small band of volunteers works well together, considering the Society's future strategy and planning the programme of speakers and other events.

I now have pleasure in thanking all those members of the Society who contribute so much to its success. There is always a danger in mentioning names that someone gets omitted – if I have inadvertently done so, please accept my apologies. As usual, I am pleased to start with my fellow officers and committee members. Laura Sturrock works hard covering the three roles of Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Membership Secretary. Peter Oates has continued to publish our monthly Newsletter, despite some frustrations at times over delayed deadlines, and as our Webmaster. Eric Lewis is our Secretary and has worked hard putting together our annual programme of speakers, assisted by wife Sue. We all owe those three officers a considerable debt as all their work for the Society is voluntary and they have considerable input to our success. Thanks also to the other committee members, Martin Cripps and David Townley-Jones who have been very supportive in committee and in addition, have, respectively, been responsible for the sales of the Society branded clothing and the organisation of the monthly raffle. Many thanks also to a number of other Society members who have worked hard in support of the Society – Angela

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## Chairman's Report

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Faull, for the management of our monthly refreshments and also for organising the two very successful Skittles Evenings held during the past year; her band of helpers in the kitchen; our 'Technical Co-ordinator' Michael Faull for providing our audio-visual equipment and other technical support; and our Librarian, Alan Howarth. It is not easy to hump around those heavy boxes each month and then display so many library items and, of course, to store them in their home (thanks also to Adrienne for her support in that regard).

Thanks are also due to many of our members who have donated prizes for the raffle and books etc for the library, and the other un-named members who have helped in a number of other ways.

As always, a major thank you to Laura Sturrock's company, the Hunt Johnston Stokes Group. We are indebted to them for continuing to sponsor the production and distribution of the monthly Newsletter etc.

## Secretary's Report

As Secretary my thanks must go first to Paul Herbert, our Chairman, for successfully leading the Society through its 37th year.

Thanks must also go to the many speakers who have made our meetings possible. Speakers have included Tim Boddington, talking about the Macclesfield Canal and adjacent waterways; John Fletcher, the IWA Chairman, describing his activities in support of the waterways; Andrew Stumpf, explaining methods of funding for waterway projects, including the Bedford to Milton Keynes Link and the Cotswolds Canals; John Finch describing the Ipswich and Stowmarket Navigation; Dennis Bright with his excellent photography of the "Titchfield Haven Nature Reserve", And Peter Crawford with an update on the restoration work of the Kennet and Avon Canal Trust.

Diversity in our programme was achieved with Peter Kent Mason's Talylyn Railway.

My grateful thanks also to Gill who provides much 'behind the scenes' support both for me as Chairman and for the Society as a whole.

Looking to the year ahead, I am confident that we can look forward to another successful year. Our monthly programme has already been arranged until next spring and several other speakers are in the 'pipeline'. We have been discussing one or two outings within the next few months and a further skittles evening, and I hope those can come to fruition. This autumn is likely to be the final visit to the Society by 'Day-Star Theatre' as Pete and Jane Marshall have announced their decision to give up touring, after so many years both on the water, and on the road. This will create a significant gap in our programmes for future years which it will be difficult to fill.

Once again, thank you for supporting the Society this past year and I look forward to your continued support as we enter our 38<sup>th</sup> year.

*Paul Herbert*

Theatre was, once again, brought to us by Pete and Jane Marshall of Daystar Theatre Company, this time with "Another Fine Day".

Once again our own members must not be overlooked. They provided an excellent evening of prints and slides in January as well as retaining for the Society the coveted Waterways Quiz trophy (albeit by a very narrow margin) in December. Peter Oates and Laura Sturrock, of our committee, gave us an excellent evening of waterways slides.

Monthly attendances are good, which is encouraging. Our meetings continue to be publicised on local radio and in local newspapers as well as in the national waterways magazines.

Another very successful year.

*Fric Lewis*

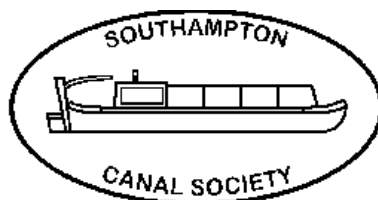
## Water Resources in England and Wales

Rainfall in May was below the long-term average for the month (73% across England and Wales as a whole), and with the first part of June dry too, there are some concerns about potential water shortages on the waterways later in the year. Most reservoirs filled during the early spring months and river flows during May were near long-term average levels, so no immediate problems are likely other than on waterways with very limited water resources, such as the Basingstoke and Rochdale canals.

The Environment Agency provides monthly reports on its web site at [www.environment-agency.gov.uk/subjects/waterres/457898/?version=1&lang=\\_e](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/subjects/waterres/457898/?version=1&lang=_e), which are collated from both the Agency's own data as well as that from the Meteorological Office and water service companies, and which give information on a range of

factors concerning water resources, such as rainfall, soil moisture deficits, river flows, groundwater levels and reservoir levels.

British Waterways advised that owing to the dry spell during the first part of June, water levels between the Summit and Lock 1 on the Rochdale Canal fell below minimum operational levels, and BW closed the canal over weekend 18th to 20th June to conserve the remaining water supplies. Water levels have been reviewed daily since then and the canal reopened for the present. Boaters intending to navigate down from the summit to Sowerby Bridge are first asked to contact the lock keeper at Tuel Lane Lock or BW's North West customer operations team 01925 847700 for advice.



## SOUTHAMPTON CANAL SOCIETY 2004 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton

**Thursday 29 July 2004 at 7.45 pm**

### AGENDA

1. Announcements.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. Minutes of 2003 Annual General Meeting held on 5 June 2003 (herewith) and matters arising.
4. Chairman's Report (herewith).
5. Secretary's Report (herewith).
6. Treasurer and Membership Secretary's Report (herewith). (Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2004 and the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2004).
7. Review of Annual Subscription Rates.
8. Election of the following Officers:-
  - Chairman
  - Vice-Chairman
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer & Membership Secretary
9. Election of Committee (the Officers plus up to three other Society Members. Additional members may be co-opted as required).
10. Any other business relevant to an Annual General Meeting, where prior notice of the item has been given.

**Note:** In accordance with the Society's Constitution, only fully paid up members are eligible to vote at a meeting of the Society. Individual members and affiliated member organisations are entitled to one vote. Joint or family membership entitles that category to a maximum of two votes. Only members aged 18 or over are eligible to vote. All votes have to be cast in person, no proxy votes being permitted.

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### Waterways events

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Time	Organiser	Details	Contact
Fri 9 Apr to Sun 26 Sep 2004 10.30am - 5.00pm	Kennet & Avon CT	Crofton Pumping Station Open Days (see below for Steaming Days). Adults £3.00, Seniors £2.50, Children £1.00 (under 5 free), Families (2 adults, 2 children) £7.00	Tel: 01672 870300. Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@CroftonBeamEngines.org">enquiries@CroftonBeamEngines.org</a> Web: <a href="http://www.croftonbeamengines.org/">www.croftonbeamengines.org/</a>
Apr - Sep 2004	Kennet & Avon CT	Crofton Pumping Station Steaming Days on 10-12 Apr, 1-3 May, 29-31 May, 26-27 Jun, 24-25 Jul, 28-30 Aug, 25-26 Sep 2004 (10.30am - 5.00pm). Adults £4.50, Seniors £3.50, Children £1.00 (under 5 free), Families (2 adults, 2 children) £10.00	Tel: 01672 870300. Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@CroftonBeamEngines.org">enquiries@CroftonBeamEngines.org</a> Web: <a href="http://www.croftonbeamengines.org/">www.croftonbeamengines.org/</a>
Every Sun, Wed & Bank Holiday 9 Apr to 31 Oct 2004	Kennet & Avon CT	Claverton Pumping Station. Open 10.00am - 5.00pm. Telephone for pumping days.	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>
All year	Wey & Arun CT	Cruises on n/b Zachariah Keppel on the restored section of canal at Loxwood.	WACT Office: 01403 752403 <a href="mailto:wact@weyandarun.freeserve.co.uk">wact@weyandarun.freeserve.co.uk</a>
All year	Chichester Ship CT	Cruises on n/b Egremont on the canal from Chichester Basin.	Bookings and enquiries: 01243 771363 (Canal Basin)

## WATERWAYS DIARY

The following is a list of waterway events taking place within approximately 50 miles of Southampton. Hopefully you can find something to interest you.

Whilst every effort is made to ensure the correctness of this information, please check with the listed contact who will be glad to supply further details of that event. If YOU know of an event taking place that should be in this list then contact the editor.

Time	Organiser	Details	Contact
Fri 2 to Sun 4 Jul 2004	National Trust	Guildford Boat Gathering. River Wey	National Trust: 01483 561389
Fri 2 to Sun 4 Jul 2004	Cotswold Canals Trust	Saul Canal Festival & Folk on the Water Weekend at junction of Stroudwater Navigation and Gloucester & Sharpness Canal	Festival Adm: 01285 643 440 email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@junctionevents.org.uk">enquiries@junctionevents.org.uk</a> Web: <a href="http://www.junctionevents.org.uk">www.junctionevents.org.uk</a>
Sat 3 Jul 2004 7.30pm	Chichester Ship CT	Mikron Theatre Co with "On The Line" about Richard Trevithick. Osborne's Training Centre, Stockbridge Road, Chichester. £6.50 adult, £5.00 child.	Jim Payne: 01243 372900
Sun 4 Jul 2004 2.30pm	Chichester Ship CT	Guided Ship Canal Walk and Strawberry Tea. Meet at Salterns Lock, Chichester Marina, walk to Canal Basin. Transport from Basin to Marina available. £3.50 adult, £2.50 child.	Jim Payne: 01243 372900
Thu 8 Jul 2004 7.30pm	Chichester Ship CT	Illustrated Talk about history and future of Chichester Ship Canal by John Herniman at The Assembly Rooms, North Street, Chichester. £3.00	Jim Payne: 01243 372900
Sun 11 Jul 2004 10.30am	Chichester Ship CT	Guided Walk along Portsmouth & Arundel Canal. 4 miles allow 3 hours. Meet at Barnham Church (grid ref: SU956033). Will show recent discoveries of Sussex Industrial Archaeological Society.	Jim Payne: 01243 372900
Sun 11 Jul 2004	Westel Canoe Club	Westel Canoe Tourist Trial at Basingstoke Canal Centre, Mytchett	Jeff Simmons: 01784 255085
Thu 15 Jul 2004 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	"History and restoration of the K&A" with Graham Horn (K&A Trust). At Three Crowns, Whaddon	Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841 or Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 email: <a href="mailto:ronmyra.glover@virgin.net">ronmyra.glover@virgin.net</a>
Sat 24 - Sun 25 Jul 2004	Kennet & Avon CT	Newbury Waterways Festival. Open to public on Sunday only 10.00am to 5.00pm. Newbury Wharf & Victoria Park	Jane Elwell: 01635 569647
Thu 29 Jul 2004 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Society AGM and Video (Caldon Canal in February 2004 with members Tony & Pauline Fry). Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton (this is the August meeting one week early).	Eric Lewis: 023 8086 0384
Sat 28 Aug - Mon 30 Aug 2004	Inland Waterways Association	IWA National Waterway Festival 2004 - Burton on Trent on the Trent & Mersey Canal	0870 2402438
Sun 29 Aug 2004 (NB corrected date)	IWA Solent & Arun Branch	River Rother, Midhurst - The Rother Raft Race. Charity sponsored makeshift rafts battle to navigate a length downstream of Midhurst.	Robin Shapland (race organiser): 01798 343293 or 07850 309955. Web: <a href="http://www.rotherrafttrace.co.uk">www.rotherrafttrace.co.uk</a>
Thu 2 Sep 2004 7.45pm	Southampton CS	The Wisbech and Upwell Tramway and Wisbech Canal by Andrew Ingram. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton.	Eric Lewis: 023 8086 0384
Fri 10 to Sun 19 Sep 2004		Southampton Boat Show.	01784 223600
Sun 12 Sep 2004	Chichester Ship CT	Civic Trust Heritage Open Day - Poyntz Swing Bridge. Accessible to the public from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Bridge is 300 yards south of Canal Basin.	01243 771363 (Canal Basin)
Thu 16 Sep 2004 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	Waterways videos on the big screen. At the Three Crowns, Whaddon.	Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841 or Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 email: <a href="mailto:ronmyra.glover@virgin.net">ronmyra.glover@virgin.net</a>
Sat 18 - Sun 19 Sep 2004	Basingstoke Canal Boat Club	Boat gathering at Fox & Hounds, Fleet, Basingstoke Canal	Basingstoke Canal Authority: 01252 370073; Mr D Venn: 01252 668697
Sun 19 Sep 2004	IWA Solent & Arun Branch	Beaulieu River - Indian Summer Cruise. Launch Bucklers Hard at 12:30. Bring picnic lunches and parasols. Recovery around 16:00.	Pete Boyce: 02392 269642 e-mail <a href="mailto:pete@greensleeves.freeseve.co.uk">pete@greensleeves.freeseve.co.uk</a>
Thu 7 Oct 2004 7.45pm	Southampton CS	'Day-Star Theatre' with their 2004 production 'Taking a Chance'. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton.	Eric Lewis: 023 8086 0384
Thu 4 Nov 2004 7.45pm	Southampton CS	'The Thames Creeks' by Roger Squires. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton.	Eric Lewis: 023 8086 0384
Thu 18 Nov 2004 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	Eric Lewis on "Little & Large in the North West." Huddersfield Narrow, Manchester Ship Canal, River Weaver. At Three Crowns, Whaddon.	Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841 or Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 email: <a href="mailto:ronmyra.glover@virgin.net">ronmyra.glover@virgin.net</a>
Thu 2 Dec 2004 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Inter-Society Waterways Quiz and American Supper. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton	Eric Lewis: 023 8086 0384
Thu 9 Dec 2004 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	Christmas meal at the Fox & Goose, Coombe Bissett.	Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841 or Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 email: <a href="mailto:ronmyra.glover@virgin.net">ronmyra.glover@virgin.net</a>
Thu 6 Jan 2005 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Members' Photographic Evening and Competition. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton	Eric Lewis: 023 8086 0384
Thu 3 Feb 2005 7.45pm	Southampton CS	'Venturing into Germany' with Ron & Myra Glover. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton	Eric Lewis: 023 8086 0384
Thu 3 Mar 2005 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Eric and Sue Lewis on "Little & Large in the North West." Huddersfield Narrow, Manchester Ship Canal, River Weaver. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton	Eric Lewis: 023 8086 0384

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## 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.

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## Calling the Middlewich Samaritan

On Monday 5th April I collapsed on the towpath whilst lockwheeling at Middlewich. My wife, who was steering our boat at the time, tried to tie the boat up to come to my aid. Luckily the steerer of a passing boat saw what was happening and also came to help. He secured our boat whilst ringing for an ambulance.

This man's prompt action undoubtedly saved my life as we apparently only just reached Leighton hospital at Crewe in time. I had ruptured an aortic aneurysm, and it was touch and go!

We would dearly love to hear from that boater so that we can thank him personally, now that I am back home and making good progress towards recovery.

DAVID & MARGARET JAMES

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## FORTHCOMING SOCIETY EVENTS

**1st July 2004** - Wilts and Berks Canal Trust - update by Peter Smith.

**29th July 2004** (August meeting) - Society AGM and Video (Caldon Canal in February 2004 with members Tony & Pauline Fry).

**2nd September 2004** - The Wisbech and Upwell Tramway and Wisbech Canal by Andrew Ingram.

**7th October 2004** - 'Day-Star Theatre' with their 2004 production 'Taking a Chance'.

**4th November 2004** - 'The Thames Creeks' by Roger Squires.

**2nd December 2004** - Inter-Society Waterways Quiz and American Supper.

**6th January 2005** - Members' Photographic Evening and Competition

**3rd February 2005** - 'Venturing into Germany' with Ron & Myra Glover.

**3rd March 2004** - Little and Large - the waterways of the north-west by Eric and Sue Lewis

## Countryside Code

The government is due to launch a new Countryside Code on 12th July, to replace that first issued in 1951 and extensively revised in 1981. The launch of the new code follows concerns expressed in Parliament that today's countryside visitors are less aware of the Countryside Code and of appropriate behaviour when visiting rural areas. The new Code will also take on board the new duties of the Countryside Agency to produce guidance to visitors and owners over access land under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

The launch of the Code is due to be accompanied by extensive publicity and a new web site is due to be launched, which will include full details of the new Code. [www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk](http://www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk)

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## Annual General Meeting 2004

In accordance with the Constitution, notice is hereby formally given of the Southampton Canal Society's Annual General Meeting on the 29th July 2004 at Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth Road, Chilworth, Southampton at 7.45pm.

Any member may request an item to be included on the agenda of the AGM by giving at least fourteen days written notice of the item and its nature to the Chairman.

Whilst various papers relating to the forthcoming AGM have been included in this newsletter, it has not proved possible to include the Treasurer and Membership Secretary's Report nor the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2004. These will be available at the AGM.