



Chairman's Column

June Meeting

A warm welcome to our speaker this month, John Silman. Tony Yoward, who was due to accompany John, is unable to attend this evening so the programme has been changed slightly to include "Industrial Properties", the Wey & Arun and a selection of "saucy postcards".

Vacancies for Chairman and Treasurer & Membership Secretary

No one has yet come forward from the general membership to fill these two important vacancies. However, despite this, I am confident that this situation will be resolved in the near future.

2010 Society Boat Gathering

This year's Society informal boat gathering at Flecknoe and Braunston over the early May Bank Holiday weekend was very successful with five boats attending. Full details are published in this Newsletter.

Society Visit to Bursledon Brickworks

As members will be aware from last month's Newsletter, Maureen Greenham has organised a visit to Bursledon Brickworks on 10 June. Full details are given below. There is still time to book for this. If you wish to attend, please contact Maureen without delay.

Day-Star Theatre

Tickets for Day-Star Theatre's production of "*The Worst Summer Ever*" on Friday 8 October are now on

sale from Angela Rose and Anne Coleman. First come, first served, so buy your tickets now to avoid being disappointed.

Proposed Society Horse-Drawn Boat Trip

Maureen is hoping to organise a horse-drawn boat trip on the Kennet & Avon Canal on 2nd October. Confirmation of that booking will be dependent on sufficient members (and their guests, of course) coming forward to make this trip financially viable. Full details are included below.

2010 Annual General Meeting

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, this year's AGM has been brought forward to Thursday 22 July – one week earlier than originally programmed. All the necessary documentation, including the Officers' reports, will be published in the August Newsletter, which will be available in time for the meeting. Regarding the supporting programme, rather than the usual DVD your Committee has decided on a Cheese & Wine evening. Members will not need to bring anything as all will be provided by the Society.

Our Next Speaker

Our next meeting will be held on 1 July when Ali Morse of The Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust will be giving us an update on '*The Itchen Navigation Project*'.

Paul Herbert

Society Visit to Bursledon Brickworks



Maureen Greenham has organised a visit to Bursledon Brickworks on 10 June starting at 2pm.

The cost to cover the admission charge, a guided tour and a cream tea (comprising 2 scones, clotted cream and jam, tea or coffee) is £7.50.

To book a place on this visit, please contact Maureen as soon as possible either at the June meeting, telephone 02380 406951 or email maureen.greenham@talktalk.net

Proposed Boat Trip

On Saturday 2 October, we will be having a 3hr trip on the Kennet Valley, the horse-drawn barge from Kintbury. We will be having cake, scone with cream and jam, tea/coffee on board. The cost of the trip from 2-5pm plus tea is £14 for seniors and children and £15

for adults.

To reserve your seats, please give your names to Maureen Greenham at the June meeting, tel 02380 406951 or email maureen.greenham@talktalk.net

Day-Star Theatre



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will be visiting the

Southampton Canal Society

on

Friday 8 October at 7.45pm

Tickets £8: available from Angela Rose and Anne Coleman

An American Supper will follow the show.

May Meeting Paul Gosling - "Gosling's Gallivants 2009"

Although nominally the May meeting, we gathered on the last Thursday in April as the hall would be unavailable owing to the following week's election.

The width of Paul's interests in transport was amply demonstrated by the slides he showed - including views of trains, buses, other historic on-and-off-road vehicles, boats and even planes. This short report can give no more than a brief glimpse of this presentation.

Paul's Gallivants around the country are made using rail and bus. For example, he made a 6am departure on an ex Post Office train to Llandudno for the Transport Festival and Victorian Extravaganza. This features a carnival, a fair and displays of vintage cars and buses. These included a 1963 "Southern Vectis" coach, "Bubble Cars" and an 80-year old Southampton University charabanc with transverse seats and no brakes - stopping was achieved by using

the gears!

Nearer to home, Paul showed views of Southampton Docks taken from the railway bridge overlooking the old dry dock at Millbrook. This is an excellent spot for viewing goods trains, fire tenders and electro-diesels.

The local interest was maintained with slides of the old British Rail ferries that plied to the Isle of Wight. These were followed by the Red Jet Hi-Speed catamarans that run between Southampton and West Cowes and the new Lymington to Yarmouth Wightlink ferry.

Pictures of the impressive B17 Bomber, the Vulcan and Euro fighter finished off the interesting evening. Thus we were presented not only with Yesterday's History but also Today's and Tomorrow's History.

Angela Rose

Society Boat Gathering 2010

An informal boat gathering was held at Flecknoe, near Napton, and Braunston over the first weekend in May.

The following five boats (together with their crews) turned up on the Saturday afternoon:

- Peter Oates and Laura Sturrock with *Stanton* newly painted in her original 1936 livery.
- Tim and Jenny Symington on their brand new boat *Avarest*.
- Eric and Sue Lewis on *Remus*.
- Paul and Gill Herbert on the *Evelyn Broadbent*.
- Alan and Angela Rose on *Liberty*.

Laura's son Philip joined us having driven up after work in Southampton. Luckily for us the black clouds stayed away for the BBQ on Saturday evening although rain swept in soon after we cleared up. The rain soon became very heavy and there were several claps of thunder. However, we were all snug and dry on board *Liberty*.



Above: Sunday evening at the Old Plough with (left to right) Alan, Eric, Sue, Gill, Paul, Jenny, Laura, Angela, Peter and Tim. Behind Sue's camera was Laura's son Philip.

Left: The newly painted *Stanton*



In the morning, the rain had passed and before lunch we had a pleasant cruise to find moorings at Braunston. Ken and Margaret Froud, of our Warwickshire branch, joined us all for afternoon tea on *Liberty*. It was good to catch up on the gossip and news.

That evening the eleven of us walked up to the Old Plough in the High Street where we all enjoyed a meal with the odd drink or two.

Some of us had breakfast on Monday morning at the floating café *Gongozlers Rest* just outside the entrance to Braunston Marina. Later in the day, we went our separate ways having enjoyed an excellent weekend.

Alan & Angela Rose

Historic lock preserved

The remains of Mansbridge Lock in Southampton have been preserved by the Itchen Navigation Heritage Trail Project, coinciding with the 300th anniversary of the opening of the Itchen Navigation as a trading route.

Mansbridge Lock has national significance as it is one of only a handful of examples of 'turf-sided' locks left in the country. Turf-sided describes the fact that the lock only had brickwork at each end where the lock gates hung and in between the walls of the lock chamber were built up with material such as chalk.

Last year, volunteers worked to clear back vegetation which had grown over and through the lock brickwork obscuring it from view. When the lock was revealed it was clear that parts of the lock were in danger of crumbling away altogether due to tree root damage. Professional bricklayers were called in to anchor the lock remains to the bank and repair the brickwork.

Learn more about the Itchen Navigation Heritage Trail Project at the Society meeting on 1st July.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust Press Release - 6 May 2010

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 3 Jun 2010 7.45pm	Southampton CS	SCS member John Silman presents an amended programme: "Industrial Properties, the Wey & Arun and a selection of "saucy" postcards". Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 403982 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
Sat 5 Jun 2010	Great Bedwyn Parish Council	Kennet & Avon Canal 200th Anniversary Celebrations. Bedwyn Wharf Exhibition and demonstrations 2.30 - 5.30pm. 4 hr boat trip Hungerford to Great Bedwyn £10 inc refreshments. Party at Bedwyn Wharf 6.00 - 10.00pm £5 inc food voucher. (SU280644) Crofton Beam Engines in steam 10.30am - 6.30pm.	David Harris: 01672 870133 Email: davidgongoolzer@btinternet.com Roger Durie: 01672 870955 Email: DurieUK@aol.com
Tue 8 Jun 2010 7.30pm	Somersetshire Coal CS	AGM followed by show of previously unknown views of the SCC presented by Daniel Brown & Roger Halse. Radstock Museum, Waterloo Road, Radstock, BA3 3EP (ST689550)	Patrick Moss: 07736 859882 Email: lazydaysafloat@yahoo.co.uk
Thu 10 Jun 2010 2.00pm	Southampton CS	Visit to Bursledon Brickworks, SO31 7GW. (SU500098) Entrance in Swanwick Lane by the M27. Cost £7.50 to include admission, guided tour and cream tea. See Page 1.	Maureen Greenham: 02380 406 951 Email: maureen.greenham@talktalk.net
Sun 13 Jun 2010	Wey & Arun CT	38th Annual Puddle - 12 mile sponsored walk in the area around Bramley, Surrey. Sponsorship form from Trust office or www.weyandarun.co.uk/puddle-forms2010.pdf	Trust office: 01403 752403 Email: office@weyandarun.co.uk Web: www.weyandarun.co.uk
Sun 13 Jun 2010	IWA Solent & Arun Branch	Small Boat Cruise: Port Creek, between Portsmouth and Langstone Harbours. Port Creek, next to the A27 dual-carriageway, is what makes Portsmouth into an island. Further details from Andy or Brendan.	Andy Berncastle Tel: 023 8027 3599 Email: hilary.berncastle@btinternet.com or Brendan Whelan Tel: 01903 816012 Email: solentandarun@waterways.org.uk
Sat 19 Jun 2010	Reading Council K & A C T	The 21st annual Reading Water Fest. At Chestnut Walk (canalside) and Forbury Gardens, Reading. (SU719735).	Reading BC: 0118 937 2771 Web: www.reading.gov.uk/news/whatson
Sun 20 Jun 2010 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk - Paulton Foundry. Meet:Paulton Sewage Works, Paulton (ST654576)	Mike Chapman: 01225 426948 Email: mike@chapman76.fsnet.co.uk
Thu 24 Jun 2010 7.00pm	Somersetshire Coal CS	Evening Walk - Combe Hay and the Locks by Patrick Moss. Meet: The Avenue, Combe Hay (ST731599 approx)	Patrick Moss: 07736 859882 Email: lazydaysafloat@yahoo.co.uk
Sat 26 Jun 2010 7.30pm		Mikron Theatre with "Pedal Power"... freewheeling through cycling history with the wind at its back. The Angel on the Bridge, Thameside, Henley, Oxon RG9 1BH (SU763825). Suggested donation £10.	Mikron Theatre: 01484 843701; Email: admin@mikron.org.uk ; Web: www.mikron.org.uk
Sun 27 Jun 2010 7.30pm		Mikron Theatre with "Striking the Balance" about the fight for equal pay in the 1960s, 70s and 80s. Donnington Parish Hall, Stockbridge Road, Donnington, Chichester PO19 2QJ (SU855036). Tickets £7.50	Tickets from: Linda Wilkinson, 1 Chidham Lane, Chidham, Chichester, PO18 8TL. Tel: 01243 576701
Tue 29 Jun 2010 8.00pm		Mikron Theatre with "Pedal Power" ... freewheeling through cycling history with the wind at its back. Blubeckers at The Rowbarge, Station Road, Woolhampton, Reading, Berkshire RG7 5SH (SU572664). Suggested donation £10.	Mikron Theatre: 01484 843701; Email: admin@mikron.org.uk ; Web: www.mikron.org.uk
Wed 30 Jun 2010 8.00pm		Mikron Theatre with "Pedal Power" ... freewheeling through cycling history with the wind at its back. The Trout Inn, St Johns Bridge, Lechlade on Thames GL7 3HA (SU222990). Suggested donation £10.	Mikron Theatre: 01484 843701; Email: admin@mikron.org.uk ; Web: www.mikron.org.uk
Thu 1 Jul 2010 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Power point presentation on the Itchen Navigation by Ali Morse, project manager for the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 403982 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
Thu 1 Jul 2010 8.00pm		Mikron Theatre with "Striking the Balance" about the fight for equal pay in the 1960s, 70s and 80s. Blubeckers at The Rowbarge, Station Road, Woolhampton, Reading, Berkshire RG7 5SH (SU572664). Suggested donation £10.	Mikron Theatre: 01484 843701; Email: admin@mikron.org.uk ; Web: www.mikron.org.uk
Sun 4 Jul 2010 10.30am	Sussex Industrial Archaeology Soc	Guided walk from Birdham sea lock along the Chichester Canal to the Canal Basin in Chichester. Approx. 4 miles. See some of the excavated engineering remains of the canal. Parking at the Marina (SU835010)	Adge Roberts: 01903 721762 Email: adgeroberts@yahoo.co.uk
Sun 4 Jul 2010 7.30pm	Reading Borough Council	Mikron Theatre with "Striking the Balance" about the fight for equal pay in the 1960s, 70s and 80s. Caversham Court, Reading, by the Thames. RG4 7 (SU709748). Free show. For further details tel: 0118 9390771	Mikron Theatre: 01484 843701; Email: admin@mikron.org.uk ; Web: www.mikron.org.uk
Mon 5 Jul 2010 7.30pm		Mikron Theatre with "Striking the Balance" about the fight for equal pay in the 1960s, 70s and 80s. Goring Lock, Goring RG8 9AE (SU596808). Suggested donation £10.	Mikron Theatre: 01484 843701; Email: admin@mikron.org.uk ; Web: www.mikron.org.uk
Mon 5 - Thu 15 Jul 2010	Somersetshire Coal CS	Somersetshire Coal Canal Exhibition. Bradford-on-Avon Public Library, Bridge St, Bradford, Wilts, BA15 1BY (ST826608)	Derrick Hunt: 01225 863066 Email: derrickjohnhunt@btinternet.com
Tue 6 Jul 2010 8.00pm		Mikron Theatre with "Pedal Power" freewheeling through cycling history with the wind at its back. Waterfront Cafe at Benson Marina, Benson, Oxon, OX10 6SJ. (SU613916) Tickets £10 must be booked in advance.	Tel: 01491 838435 to book tickets.
Wed 7 Jul 2010 7.30pm		Mikron Theatre with "Striking the Balance" about the fight for equal pay in the 1960s, 70s and 80s. The Plough Inn, High Street, Long Wittenham, Abingdon OX14 4QH. (SU546938) Suggested donation £10.	Tel: 01865 407738
Thu 8 Jul 2010 7.30pm	Somersetshire Coal CS	Talk on Somersetshire Coal Canal by Roger Halse. Bradford-on-Avon Public Library, Bridge St, Bradford, Wilts, BA15 1BY (ST826608)	Roger Halse: 01249 652846. Hours: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/wiltslib/getlib.php?id=5

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SOUTHAMPTON CANAL SOCIETY

Established 1967

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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.

Bits and Pieces

Recently, our president, Brian Evans, sent in a couple of items that he thought members might find interesting. Thanks very much, Brian.

Greeting

A few weeks ago I gave a waterways slideshow to members of Thornhill Townswomen's Guild. I was approached by a lady there who I immediately recognised — Toni Russell, wife of the late Les Russell who for some years was Treasurer of Southampton Canal Society.

Toni wishes to send a greeting to all members who remember them.

Friends of Raymond

When we had a talk on the restoration of the butty Raymond at an SCS meeting, Annegret and I bought "Friends of Raymond" tee shirts. We gave one to Annemarie (our daughter). She lives on the island of Lamma, Hong Kong, in a flat above a restaurant. Sometimes, on Sunday mornings, Annemarie and friends (of several nationalities) meet at the restaurant for breakfast.

Recently, Annemarie turned up wearing her "Friends of Raymond" tee shirt. She was teased by her friends for trying to get an extra large helping of breakfast! Name of the restaurant owner — Raymond.

Waterways Diary

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Sun 11 Jul 2010	Wey & Arun CT	Boat Rally on the stretch of the River Wey from Guns Mouth in Shalford, near Guildford (SU997464).	Sally Schupke: 01483 503029 Email: rallies@weyandarun.co.uk
Sun 11 Jul 2010 10.00am - 4.00pm	Sussex Industrial Archaeology Soc	Poyntz Swing Bridge will be in operation for the day. Situated just 200 yards below the Chichester canal basin (SU859038). Display about the canal and its history on site. Guided walk around the canal basin led by Alan Green at 14.00 featuring the industrial history of the basin.	Adge Roberts: 01903 721762 Email: adgeroberts@yahoo.co.uk
Sun 18 Jul 2010 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk - The Somersetshire Coal Canal around Monkton Combe. Meet: Brassknocker Basin, Monkton Combe, Bath, BA2 7JD (ST781621).	Mike Chapman: 01225 426948 Email: mike@chapman76.fsnet.co.uk
Thu 22 Jul 2010 7.45pm	Southampton CS	AGM followed by "A Social Evening" with Cheese & Wine. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 403982 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
Sun 25 Jul 2010 10.00am - 5.00pm	Kennet & Avon CT	Newbury Waterways Festival. Entry free. Victoria Park Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 1EH. (SU473673).	Graham Smith: 01635 580356 Email: GrahamV.Smith@virgin.net
Thu 2 Sep 2010 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Dennis Bright with a presentation on the "Sparrow Hawk" & other birds of prey. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 403982 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
Fri 8 Oct 2010 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Day Star Theatre presents "The Worst Summer Ever". See page 2. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 403982 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
Thu 4 Nov 2010 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Richard Thomas presents "The Gunpowder Plot". Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 403982 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
26-27 Jun, 28-30 Aug, 25-26 Sep 2010	Kennet & Avon CT	Crofton Beam Engines - Steaming Days. 10.30am - 5.00pm Adults £8.00, Seniors £7.00, Children £3.00, Families (2 adults & 2 children) £18.00, K&ACT Members free. Crofton Pumping Station, SN8 3DW (SU261622).	Tel: 01672 870300 Email: er23fc45@CroftonBeamEngines.org Web: www.croftonbeamengines.org
Every day until 24 Sep 2010 except Weds	Kennet & Avon CT	Crofton Beam Engines - Not in steam. 10.30am - 5.00pm Adults £5.00, Seniors £4.50, Children £3.00, Families (2 adults & 2 children) £12.50, K&ACT Members free. Crofton Pumping Station, SN8 3DW (SU261622).	Tel: 01672 870300 Email: er23fc45@CroftonBeamEngines.org Web: www.croftonbeamengines.org
13, 27 Jun, 11, 25 Jul, 8, 29-30 Aug, 12, 26 Sep, 24 Oct	Kennet & Avon CT	Claverton Pumping Station - Pumping days. 10.00am - 5.00pm. Adults £4.50, Children under 16 free with adult. Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST791643)	Tel: 01225 483001 Email: enquiries@claverton.org Web: www.claverton.org
Every Wed, Sat, Sun & Bank Hol until 24 Oct	Kennet & Avon CT	Claverton Pumping Station - Days not pumping. 10.00am - 5.00pm (4.00pm Weds). Adults £4.50, Children under 16 free with adult. Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST791643).	Tel: 01225 483001 Email: enquiries@claverton.org Web: www.claverton.org
Sun 6 & 20 Jun, 4 & 18 Jul 2010 2.00pm	Friends of Purton	Guided tours through the remains of the Purton Hulks led by Paul Barnett. Tour fee £3.50 per person. Approx 2 hours weather permitting. Meet Purton Lower Bridge, Gloucester & Sharpness Canal (SO692044).	Paul Barnett: 07833 143231 Email: barnadillo@aol.com Web: www.friendsofpurton.org.uk