



Chairman's Column

June meeting 2013

This evening we extend a very warm welcome to Nick Grundy. Nick, and his family on their narrowboat *Beatty*, took part in the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations on the River Thames last year. The illustrated talk is about the preparations, the trip down to London and the pageant.

Society Boat Gathering

The May Bank holiday boat gathering at Flecknoe was very enjoyable. Angela and myself on *Liberty* were joined by Peter Oates and Laura Sturrock on *Stanton*.

We did manage a BBQ but as it was chilly we moved on board *Liberty* for the rest of the evening.

Sunday morning brought slightly warmer weather as we cruised down to Braunston.

Laura's son Philip and his girlfriend were in the area on Sunday morning, so Laura and Peter met them for lunch.

We had arranged an early evening meal at the Old Plough with Ken and Margaret Froud (long time SCS members). It was lovely to see them and to catch up on all their news.

Ken and Margaret celebrated 60 years of marriage, their Diamond anniversary, on May 23rd.

Best wishes to them from Southampton Canal Society.

Next meeting

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 4th July with our AGM, followed by cheese, wine and chat.

Alan Rose

Former rail executive is new head of CRT

Richard Parry is to swap trains for boats as he takes up the role of chief executive of the Canal & River Trust starting this summer.

Joining the Trust after more than a decade in senior roles managing large complex transport and infrastructure organisations,

Richard comments: "I am really excited to be joining the Canal & River Trust at such an important phase in the future of the nation's magnificent waterways. The scale of the opportunity is huge as what we and our supporters do in the next five years will help shape the waterways for the next century.

Bags of enthusiasm

"I bring a track-record of managing similarly complex and challenging networks, together with experience of working closely with a wide range of interested and passionate people. I've got bags of enthusiasm for the waterways and have seen first-hand the shot in the arm that canals provide to the communities they flow through. Out on the towpath I have witnessed the hugely committed staff, volunteers, boaters and other supporters, and I look forward to the challenge ahead."

Currently at FirstGroup, Richard headed up First's bid in 2012 for the InterCity West Coast line and more recently has been leading First's highly-regarded Hull Trains company as well as other wider development programmes across First's rail businesses. Before that he spent 19 years at London Underground (LU) and Transport for London (TfL) where he had a range of senior roles, spending eight years as a director of LU, including a year as interim LU managing director



Richard Parry

(2009-10), and then a further 18 months as deputy managing director, TfL Rail and Underground.

Richard is also a trustee of People 1st - the sector skills council for hospitality, passenger transport, travel and tourism - which works to transform skills in the sector, particular-

ly in the areas of management and leadership, customer service and craft/technical skills.

Fantastic experience

Tony Hales, chairman of the Canal & River Trust, said: "I am delighted to welcome Richard to the Canal & River Trust. He joins one of the newest, biggest and brightest entrants in the charity sector - an organisation that shares his passion for the waterways.

"He has fantastic experience of managing complex infrastructure - something which is crucial for our network of lock flights, embankments, soaring aqueducts and other engineering feats of the industrial age. He has a strong record of leading organisations through change and recognises the importance of growing the engagement with the boaters, anglers and millions of others in the community who use and enjoy our wonderful waterways.

"I'm very pleased that Richard is moving from rail to water recognising the renaissance that has seen our canals and rivers come to life and the opportunity we have to give them a bright future."

Richard, 46, married with two teenage daughters, lives in the West Midlands.

<http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/news-and-views/news/>

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 6 Jun 2013 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Nick Grundy will talk about preparing for the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant and about taking his narrow boat Beatty on the event itself. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanjrose@btinternet.com
Fri 7 - Sun 9 Jun 2013	The Child Beale Trust	Beale Park Boat Show, Beale Park, Lower Basildon, Reading, Berkshire, RG8 9NW (SU621780)	Boat Show team: 0118 9767498 Email: boatshowadmin@bealepark.co.uk Web: www.bealeparkboatshow.co.uk
Sun 9 Jun 2013	Wey & Arun CT	41st Annual Poddle (Sponsored Walk - up to 15 miles). Starting from Brinsbury Campus, beside the A29, 2 miles south of Billingshurst (RH20 1DL) (TQ067223) between 9am and 10.30am. Details and sponsorship form: www.weyandarun.co.uk/poddle/poddle2013/PoddleForm2013.pdf	Joanne and Kevin Holcombe: 01483 418195 Email: poddle@weyandarun.co.uk
Tue 11 Jun 2013 7.00pm	Wilts & Berks CT	Circular guided canal walk from Childrey Village Hall, Childrey, OX12 9UA (SU361875). About 2 hours. Donation of £2 appreciated. Wear suitable clothes /footwear.	Brian Stovold: 07946524928 Email: brian.stovold@wbct.org.uk
Sat 15 Jun 2013	Reading Boro Council	Reading Water Fest. On the River Kennet and in Forbury Gardens (RG1 3BD) (SU718736).	Tel: 0118 937 2771
Sat 15 Jun 2013 2.00pm	Wilts & Berks CT	Circular guided canal walk from Ardington Church, OX12 8QA (SU432883). Distance about 6 miles allow 3+ hours. Donation of £2 appreciated. Wear suitable clothes /footwear.	Brian Stovold: 07946524928 Email: brian.stovold@wbct.org.uk
Sun 16 Jun 2013 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk: Carrying Coals to Dundas - 7. Monkton Combe to Dundas . Seventh of a series of walks to cover the length of the Northern Branch of the S.C.C. from Paulton to Dundas. Meet: Brassknocker Canal Centre car park BA2 7JD (ST782621)	Mike Chapman: 01225 426948 Email: mike@chapman76.fsnet.co.uk
Sun 16 Jun 2013 10.00am - 4.00pm	Sussex Industrial Archaeology Society	Poyntz Bridge open Situated approx. 200 yards south of the canal basin, Chichester. Possibly the only working, single span 1820 cast iron swing bridge in the UK. At 2.00pm guided walk around the canal basin led by Alan Green. Chichester Canal Basin - PO19 8DT (SU859041)	Chichester Ship CT HQ & Shop: 01243 771363 Web: http://chichestercanal.org.uk
Tue 18 Jun 2013 7.00pm	Wilts & Berks CT	Industrial Archaeology in the centre of Wantage - guided tour starting at The Sack House, Wantage Wharf, Mill Street, Wantage, OX12 9GW (SU396881). Around 1.5 hours. Donation appreciated.	Brian Stovold: 07946524928 Email: brian.stovold@wbct.org.uk
Thu 20 Jun 2013 10.00am	Wey & Arun CT	3½ mile circular guided walk along canal towpath and through village of Loxwood to include visit to Brehurst Mill. Cost £4, limit of 20 walkers - please book. Canal Centre, Loxwood, West Sussex, RH14 0RD (TQ041311)	Canal Centre: 01403 753999 Email: canalcentre@weyandarun.co.uk Web: www.weyandarun.co.uk
Thu 20 Jun 2013 7.00pm	Chichester Ship CT	Talk on the history of the old Portsmouth and Arundel canal and an update on the restoration of the Chichester Canal from Chichester to the harbour. Tickets: £3.00 at door. Chichester Ship CT HQ & Shop, Canal Basin, Chichester, PO19 8DT (SU859041).	Chichester Ship CT HQ & Shop: 01243 771363 Web: http://chichestercanal.org.uk
Sat 22 Jun 2013	Wey & Arun CT	Pulborough to Pallingham Boat Rally. Starts at Pulborough slipway (RH20 2BJ) (TQ046184) at 12pm. Free but donations towards costs welcome. Entry form: http://www.weyandarun.co.uk/ArunWeyRally.pdf	John Taylor-Cram: 02392 250463 Email: tractor1936@btinternet.com
Sun 23 Jun 2013 10.00am - 5.00pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Newbury Br)	Newbury Waterways Festival at Victoria Park, Newbury, RG14 2DW (SU473673).	Graham Smith: Tel: 01635 580356 Email: newbury.secretary@katrust.org.uk
Sun 23 Jun 2013 10.00am	Sussex Industrial Archaeology Society	A linear guided walk (approx 3 miles) along part of the old Portsmouth and Arundel Navigation, from Barnham Court Farm, Church Lane, Barnham, PO22 0BP (SU956034) to Ford. Parking at start.	Chichester Ship CT HQ & Shop: 01243 771363 Web: http://chichestercanal.org.uk
Tue 25 Jun 2013 7.00pm	Wilts & Berks CT	Canal walk and exploration of the Grove Lock flight. Starts at layby off A338 between Oxford Lane and Grove Bridge, OX12 7NA (SU407902). About 2.5 miles, allow 2.5 hours. Donation of £2 appreciated. Wear suitable clothes /footwear.	Brian Stovold: 07946524928 Email: brian.stovold@wbct.org.uk
Thu 4 Jul 2013 7.45pm	Southampton CS	AGM followed by Cheese and Wine. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanjrose@btinternet.com
Sat 6 Jul 2013 12.00 noon	National Trust	Guildford Festival Boat Gathering. Decorated boats parade in the pageant starting at 4pm and illuminated pageant at dusk. Millmead Island - River Wey - Guildford, GU1 3UX. (SU995491)	River Wey Navigations Office: 01483 561389 Email: riverwey@nationaltrust.org.uk
Sun 7 Jul 2013 10.00am	Sussex Industrial Archaeology Society	A linear guided walk from Salters Lock by Chichester Marina, along the towpath to the basin in Chichester, seeing the engineering remains and points of interest along the way. Approx. 4miles. Parking available in the public car park at the Marina, PO20 7EJ . (SU835010)	Adge Roberts: 01903 721762 Email: adgeroberts@yahoo.co.uk
Tue 16 Jul 2013 7.30pm	The Bounty	Mikron Theatre presents "Beyond the Veil". The Bounty, Bourne End, Bucks, SL8 5RG. (SU890871) Food and refreshments available. A collection will be taken after the show.	The Bounty: 01628 520056 Web: www.thebountypub.com
Wed 17 Jul 2013 7.30pm	Ye Olde Dog and Badger	Mikron Theatre presents "Don't Shoot the Messenger." Ye Olde Dog and Badger, Ferry Lane, Medmenham, SL7 2HE. (SU803845) Food and refreshments available. A collection will be taken after the show.	Ye Olde Dog and Badger: 01491 571362 Web: www.thedogandbadger.com
Thu 18 Jul 2013 10.00am	Wey & Arun CT	1 mile circular guided walk along canal towpath and through village of Loxwood to include visit to Brehurst Mill. Cost £4, limit of 20 walkers - please book. Canal Centre, Loxwood, West Sussex, RH14 0RD (TQ041311)	Canal Centre: 01403 753999 Email: canalcentre@weyandarun.co.uk Web: www.weyandarun.co.uk

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Thu 18 Jul 2013 7.00pm	IWA Salisbury Group	Boules & BBQ. The Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 3AR. (SU182275)	Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 Email: glover.3@btinternet.com Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841
Thu 18 Jul 2013 7.30pm	Henley-on-Thames Allotments Assoc	Mikron Theatre presents "Beyond The Veil". Eyot Centre, Wargrave Road, Henley on Thames, RG9 3JD. (SU770820) Bring your own picnic, blanket and chairs. A collection will be taken after the show.	Eyot Centre: 01491 578658 Web: www.henleyallotments.org.uk
Sun 21 Jul 2013 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk: Carrying Coals from Radstock - 1. Radstock to Writhlington . First of a series of walks to cover the Southern Branch of the S.C.C. from Radstock to Midford. Meet: Radstock Museum car park BA3 3ED (ST689549)	Mike Chapman: 01225 426948 Email: mike@chapman76.fsnet.co.uk
Sun 21 Jul 2013 7.30pm	The Rowbarge	Mikron Theatre presents "Don't Shoot the Messenger." The Rowbarge, Station Road, Woolhampton, Reading, RG7 5SH. (SU572664) Food and refreshments available. A collection will be taken after the show.	The Rowbarge: 0118 9712213 Web: www.brunningandprice.co.uk/rowbarge
Wed 24 Jul 2013 7.30pm	The Trout Inn	Mikron Theatre presents "Don't Shoot the Messenger." The Trout Inn, St John's Bridge, Faringdon Road, Lechlade On Thames, GL7 3HA. (SU223990) Food and refreshments available. A collection will be taken after the show.	The Trout Inn: 01367 252313 Web: www.thetroutinn.com
Fri 26 Jul 2013 7.30pm	Cricklade Bloomers	Mikron Theatre presents "Beyond The Veil". Cricklade Bloomers, High Street, Cricklade, SN6 6AE. (SU100935) Refreshments available. Tickets (£10) available from The Council Office, Ockwells, 113 High Street, Cricklade, SN6 6AE	Cricklade Town Council: 01793 751394 Web: www.crickladeinbloom.co.uk
Sat 27 Jul 2013 3.00pm	B&NES Allotments Association	Mikron Theatre presents "Beyond The Veil". Bloomfield Road Allotments, Bear Flat, Bath, BA2 2AB. (ST745637) Bring your own picnics, chairs and blankets. A collection will be taken after the show.	B&NES Allotments Association: 07867 532512 Web: www.banes-allotments.org.uk
Sun 28 Jul 2013 1.00pm	Basingstoke CS	Mikron Theatre presents "Don't Shoot the Messenger." Fleet Football Club, Calthorpe Park, Crookham Road, Fleet GU51 5FA. (SU803535).	David Millett: 01252 617364 Email: d.millett7@ntlworld.com
Sun 28 Jul 2013 7.30pm	Chichester Ship CT	Mikron Theatre presents "Don't Shoot the Messenger." Tickets £7.50 from 01243 576701 or on the door. Donnington Parish Hall, Stockbridge Road, Chichester, PO19 8QT (SU854034)	Linda Wilkinson: 01243 576701
Tue 30 Jul 2013 8.00pm	Waterfront Café	Mikron Theatre presents "Don't Shoot the Messenger." Waterfront Café, Benson Marina, Benson, OX10 6SJ. (SU613916) Tickets (£12) must be booked in advance. Food and refreshments available.	Waterfront Café: 01491 835631 Web: www.waterfrontcafe.co.uk
Wed 31 Jul 2013 7.30pm	The Oxford Science Park	Mikron Theatre presents "Beyond The Veil". The Oxford Science Park, Heatley Road, Oxford, OX4 4GE. (SP539021) Tickets £11.00 (£9.00 concs) on weekday mornings from Sadler Building Reception Tel: 01865 781 300 or online at www.mikron.org.uk . BBQ available 5.30pm - 7.15pm.	The Oxford Science Park: 01865 781300 Web: www.oxfordsp.com/news-mikron.asp
Thu 1 Aug 2013	Southampton CS	There will be no meeting in August.	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanrose@btinternet.com
Thu 1 Aug 2013 7.30pm	The Rowbarge	Mikron Theatre presents "Beyond The Veil." The Rowbarge, Station Road, Woolhampton, Reading, RG7 5SH. (SU572664) Food and refreshments available. A collection will be taken after the show.	The Rowbarge: 0118 9712213 Web: www.brunningandprice.co.uk/rowbarge
Fri 2 Aug 2013 7.30pm	Reading Boro' Council	Mikron Theatre presents "Beyond The Veil." Caversham Court Gardens, Church Street, Reading, RG4 7AD (SU709748). Bring your own picnic and chairs. A collection will be taken after the show. Please check venue: Borough Council website gives different venue.	Reading Borough Council: 0118 937 2771
Sat 3 Aug 2013 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	Mikron Theatre presents "Don't Shoot the Messenger." Goring Lock, Goring, RG8 9AE. (SU596808) Bring your own chairs and picnics. We'll perform under the bridge if it's wet! A collection will be taken after the show.	Mikron Theatre Office: 01484 843701 Web: http://www.mikron.org.uk
Tue 6 Aug 2013 7.30pm	The Plough Inn	Mikron Theatre presents "Don't Shoot the Messenger." The Plough Inn, High Street, Long Wittenham, Abingdon, OX14 4QH. (SU545937) Food and drink available. A collection will be taken after the show.	The Plough Inn: 01865 407738 Web: http://www.theploughinnlw.co.uk

Annual General Meeting 2013

In accordance with the Constitution, notice is hereby formally given of the Southampton Canal Society's Annual General Meeting on the 5th July 2012 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, Alan Rose (contact details can be found on the back page).

Please note that the papers associated with the AGM (Agenda, Minutes of last year's AGM, Officers' Reports and the Society's Accounts) will be published in the July Newsletter.

Annual Subscriptions

Many thanks to those members who have paid their 2013/14 membership subscriptions which became due on 1st April. I would be grateful if other members could please send me their cheques (to my address on the back page of this Newsletter) as soon as possible to avoid the necessity of sending out reminders. The Society has ongoing monthly expenses and the prompt payment of subscriptions, our main income stream, helps our cash flow. Many thanks.

Gill Herbert, Treasurer & Membership Secretary

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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<http://www.sotoncs.org.uk>

Mikron Theatre Waterways Tour 2013

Mikron Theatre will be touring the waterways again this summer and their venues within striking distance of Southampton have been included in the Waterways Diary this month. The following gives brief details of the two productions they will be presenting:

Beyond the Veil

Dark deeds in Thistledale...

DCI Mark Starkey thinks he's got a quiet patch in sleepy Thistledale, but all that is about to change dramatically when there's a sudden, unnatural death on the local allotment...

The grisly discovery down by the beehives is only the beginning for Detective Starkey. To unmask the murderer he must first uncover an altogether less savoury side of life in Thistledale; the bitter grudges, thwarted passions and murky pasts.

And then there are the bees.

The life of the honeybee might be described as one of great sweetness and harmony, punctuated by sudden, desperate, acts of violence. The same could be said for Thistledale.

Detective Starkey soon realises that the more he knows about bees, the closer he gets to the killer!

Mighty Little Mikron - The Guardian

One of the country's most prestigious touring theatre companies - Burton Mail

Diamond Jubilee Woodland completed

The Diamond Jubilee Woodland project at Caen Hill on the Kennet & Avon Canal was completed on 29th May as Claire Perry, MP for Devizes, planted the final tree.

Claire joined staff from the Canal & River Trust who have led the project to plant 30,000 trees at Caen Hill over the last year, with much help from the local community and volunteers.

A number of ancient oak saplings were also planted, grown specially from seeds sourced from one of the Royal Parks.

The site on the Kennet & Avon Canal is one of 60 Diamond Jubilee Woods planted around the country to mark the Queen's six decades as Monarch, as part of the Woodland Trust's national programme of celebrations, with funding provided by the Forestry Commission.

Claire Perry, MP, said: "The Diamond Jubilee was such a wonderful event that brought the whole country together in paying tribute to a remarkable Queen and I am honoured to take part in this great project to commemorate her sixty year reign. I am a great lover of our countryside in Wiltshire and this new woodland will be a wonderful addition to Caen Hillside to be enjoyed by the public for many years to come."

Sarah Brice, project manager at the Canal & River Trust, added:

Don't Shoot the Messenger

Adventures in the post

When a gun-toting hoodlum holds up a sleepy village Post office he gets more than he bargains for as postmasters Mr and Mrs Pertwee embark on some restorative justice - enlightening the reprobate about the institution he's been messing with.

But can a comical journey through five centuries of postal history really rehabilitate the rascally rogue?

And what of the Pertwees' retribution – grossly disproportionate or an act of ultimate public service?

Part skit, part elegy, discover the answer to these and more by travelling with us on a thrilling, head-spinning, mail-coach, night-train ride of your life only -

Don't Shoot The Messenger!

Exquisitely balanced in the elements of dramatic tension, pathos and humour - *Stratford upon Avon Herald* on 'Can you Keep A Secret?' 2012

"This has been such an exciting project to work on, making a completely new woodland and public open space in Devizes, and I'm delighted our Member of Parliament is able to plant one of the Royal Oaks.

"It's 15 months since we planted our first tree, so to see the last one in place is like putting in the final piece of the jigsaw. We've had a huge amount of help from local people to make this project work. As the trees mature, we hope the woodland will become a real haven for wildlife and a great place for people to visit, relax and enjoy the Wiltshire countryside in all its glory."

The 60 acre site will improve the biodiversity of the area and provide a legacy for future generations, who are able to enjoy free access. Trees planted include hazel, cherries, rowan, oak and field maple, amongst others. There are also wide grassy footpaths and verges planted with wild flower seed mixes to attract bees, butterflies and birds. The wood will be productive with some hazel trees being cut in rotation every seven years and used for stabilising the canal banks. One of the fields has sweet chestnut, cherry and hornbeam which will be used to supply logs for firewood.

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