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Bits and Pieces

July Newsletter

For the first time since January 2009 there will be no Newsletter next month (July 2018). Pressures of boating and family matters make it extremely unlikely that I will be able to find time to edit a July issue.

Peter Oates

Boating Facilities

IWA are asking boaters to help identify areas on the UK's waterways where basic facilities, such as water points, rubbish and sewage disposal, are missing. Having carried out some initial monitoring, IWA are now gathering more evidence to share with navigation authorities to encourage them to provide new or additional facilities in the right locations. Further information on [IWA website](#).

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Chairman's Column

June Meeting

This evening please give a warm welcome to Caroline Tilly from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Gordon is in charge tonight, enjoy the evening.

July Meeting

The Southampton Canal Society's 52nd Annual General Meeting is to held on Thursday 5th July at 7.30pm.

August Meeting

There is NO AUGUST MEETING as the hall will be closed for maintenance.

September Meeting

On September 6th, Tony Shadick will remind us of our 50th anniversary boat cruise on the Basingstoke Canal and other film/pictures of the

Society's trips over the years.

October Meeting

On the 4th of the month, Ron and Myra Glover will tell us about their Scottish cruise on the steamer VIC 32. This will include the Crinan Canal.

November Meeting

On the 8th November, Nick Grundy will give a talk entitled "Canalling in the late 50's and 60's". This will be based upon the diaries of his grandfather's holiday and campaign cruises.

December Meeting

On Thursday 6th, Salisbury IWA will be in charge of this year's Inter-Society Waterways Quiz evening.

Alan Rose

Lowland canals threatened with closure

KEEP Canals Alive!, a group of 11 voluntary organisations, has sent an open letter to the chief executives and council leaders of the local authorities through which the Lowland canals run, asking for their support in persuading the Board of Scottish Canals to meet its statutory obligations.

The group is asking that Scottish Canals realign its priorities to ensure that the canals do not return to the dreadful state that they were in before the Millennium. Pictures of Ratho and Glasgow taken less than 10 years after the Forth & Clyde was originally closed in the 1960s, vividly illustrate how canals can deteriorate once large boats stop moving along them

The seven local authorities played a pivotal part in the work to re-open the canals after years of dereliction. Of the £79 million raised on the initial Millennium Link project, £7.2 million was contributed directly from council funds. Each council has seen the benefit from the canal restoration, both social and economic. The councils will be the first to feel the effects of degeneration but without the ability to do anything directly to stop the decline.

The Millennium Link was a successful co-operation between Central and Local Government, aided significantly by the voluntary sector whose contribution was valued at £2.4 million. Much of that was through the provision of large passenger boats, mainly operated by charities, which take almost 30,000 people on day trips each year. Private companies have produced a fleet of 19 hire boats that enabled 494 family holidays to be taken cruising through central Scotland last year, with an estimated spend of

£250,000 by holidaymakers.

Many of the organisations involved with **Keep Canals Alive!** came into being before the Lowland canals were reopened, taking part in early canal clean-ups, and vigorous campaigning for the complete restoration of the canals.

Ronnie Rusack, well-known canal enthusiast and campaigner and chairman of the Lowland Canal Voluntary Group, says: "After 47 years of campaigning for the Lowland canals I'm not prepared to allow them to deteriorate any further and slip back to becoming remainder waterways.

"The Scottish Lowland Canals are not only part of our heritage but play a vital role in tourism, health and the well-being of the Scottish people and have something for everyone as proved by their usage. I am delighted to have received expressions of support from councillors of all shades of opinion in three areas already."

The local authorities are: East Dunbartonshire Council, Edinburgh City Council, Falkirk Council, Glasgow City Council, North Lanarkshire Council, West Dunbartonshire Council, and West Lothian Council.

Keep Canals Alive! comprises of eleven voluntary organisations who have joined forces to campaign against and prevent the dereliction of the Lowland canals. These include Bridge 19-40 Canal Society; Capercaillie Cruisers; Edinburgh Canal Society; Forth & Clyde Canal Society; Forth Yacht Clubs Association; Linlithgow Union Canal Society; Lowland Canals Association; Lowland Canals Volunteer Group; Re-Union Canal Boats; RYA Scotland and Seagull Trust Cruises.

Towpath Talk: 9 May 2018

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
Fri-Sun 1-3 Jun 2018 10.00am-5.00pm	See it for Real Productions	Beale Park Boat & Outdoor Show 2018. Open until 6.00pm Fri and Sat. See website for admission charges and attractions.	Beale Park, Lower Basildon, Reading, Berkshire RG8 9NW (SU618778).	Phone: 01296 631 273 Email: info@bealeparkboatandoutdoorshow.co.uk Web: www.bealeparkboatandoutdoorshow.co.uk/
Sun 3 Jun 2018	Wey & Arun CT	"The Poddle" - WACT's annual sponsored walk and major fundraiser. 11 mile circular walk partly along the River Arun and the old Portsmouth and Arundel Canal. Start between 9am - 10.30am from Walberton Village Hall near Arundel via Yapton, where lunch will be provided, then back to the start. Possible to do morning only. Further details and registration on website.	Walberton Village Hall, The Street, Walberton, Arundel BN18 0PJ (SU972058).	Trust Office: 01483 505566 Email: support@weyandarun.co.uk Poddle co-ordinator email: margaret_darvill@weyandarun.co.uk Web: weyandarun.org.uk/events29
Thu 7 Jun 2018 7.45pm	Southampton CS	The Royal National Lifeboat Institution. The postponed March meeting has been rearranged for the June meeting. Caroline Tilley will talk about RNLI, the charity which rescues 24 people a day.	Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanjrose@btinternet.com
Sat 9 Jun 2018 10.00am-5.00pm	The Claverton Group	Claverton Pumping Station. Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Children under 16 free, no concessions.	Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).	Tel: 01225 483001 Email: enquiries@claverton.org Web: www.claverton.org
Tue 12 Jun 2018 7.30pm	Somersetshire Coal CS	Annual General Meeting 2018	Radstock Museum, Waterloo Rd, Radstock, BA3 3EP (ST689549). For location see map here	Patrick Moss: 07736 859882 Email: chairman@coalcanal.org.uk
Sat 16 Jun 2018 11.00am-5.00pm	Reading BC and Kennet & Avon CT (Reading Br)	Reading Waterfest. Festival of boats, entertainment and stalls. Great family day out. Admission is free.	River Kennet, Forbury Gardens and Chestnut Walk, RG1 3AH. (SU719734)	John Swift: 0118 941 5540 Email: swift.john21@gmail.com Mobile: 07533 886917.
Sat 16 Jun 2018 10.00am-5.00pm	The Claverton Group	Claverton Pumping Station. Static (not pumping) day. Adults: £4.00, Children under 16 free, no concessions.	Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).	Tel: 01225 483001 Email: enquiries@claverton.org Web: www.claverton.org
Sat 23 Jun 2018 10.00am-5.00pm	The Claverton Group	Claverton Pumping Station. Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Children under 16 free, no concessions.	Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).	Tel: 01225 483001 Email: enquiries@claverton.org Web: www.claverton.org
Sat-Sun 23-24 Jun 2018 10.30am-4.30pm	Kennet & Avon CT, Crofton Branch	Crofton steaming weekend. Adults: £8.00 Concessions: £7.00 Children under 16: Free.	Crofton Beam Engines, Crofton, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3DW (SU261623).	Web: www.croftonbeamengines.org
Wed 27 Jun 2018 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	Revolting Women. No tickets required, cash collection after show. Bar, food and refreshments available. Bring chairs and blankets. Outdoor show - shelter if bad weather.	The Trout Inn, St John's Bridge, Faringdon Road, Lechlade On Thames, GL7 3HA (SU223990).	The Trout Inn: 01367 252313 Web: www.thetroutinn.com or mikron.org.uk
Sun 1 Jul 2018 4.00pm	Mikron Theatre	Get Well Soon. No tickets required, cash collection after show. Bring a picnic, chairs and blankets. Outdoor show. New venue supported by Reading Borough Council.	Abbey Ruins, Abbey Street, Reading, RG1 3HW (SU719735).	Tel: 0118 9372771 or mikron.org.uk
Thu 5 Jul 2018 8.00pm	Southampton CS	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Followed by cheese and biscuits together with a natter.	Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanjrose@btinternet.com
Fri 6 Jul 2018 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	Revolting Women. No tickets required, cash collection after the show. Food & bar available. Bring chairs and blankets. Outdoor show.	The Waterwitch, Colt Hill London Road, Odiham, RG29 1AL (SU745515).	Tel: 01256 702778 Web: mikron.org.uk
Sat 7 Jul 2018 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	Get Well Soon. No tickets required, cash collection taken after show. Food and refreshments available. Bring chairs and blankets. Outdoor show with shelter in case of bad weather. Bar and food from 5.30pm.	The Teapot Tearooms, Britchcombe Farm, Uffington, Faringdon, SN7 7QJ (SU308871).	Tel: 07800637917 or 01367 820260 Email: rdewilton@yahoo.com Web: www.facebook.com/TheTeapotTearoomandgarden or mikron.org.uk
Sun 8 Jul 2018 10.30am-4.30pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Newbury Br)	Newbury Waterways Festival. Display of boats; in the Park will be stalls, activities, and entertainment for all the family with the theme of "Reach for the Skies" this year to celebrate the centenary of the formation of the Royal Air Force and the 80th anniversary of the Spitfire. Festival entry: free. See website for further info.	Victoria Park, Newbury, RG14 5AS (SU473672).	Email: newbury.chairman@katrust.org.uk Web: katrust.org.uk/events/

Waterway Events (continued from page 2)

Date/Time	Organiser	Details	Venue	Contact
Sat 14 Jul 2018 10.00am-5.00pm	The Claverton Group	Claverton Pumping Station. Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Children under 16 free, no concessions.	Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).	Tel: 01225 483001 Email: enquiries@claverton.org Web: www.claverton.org
Tue 17 Jul 2018 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	Get Well Soon. Tickets £12. Tickets via contact. Bar available. Outdoor Show with shelter.	Bourne End WI, Spade Oak Farm, Bourne End, SL8 5PS (SU884876).	Tel: 01628 531521 or 07860 405000 Email: bourneendwi@yahoo.com Web: mikron.org.uk
Wed 18 Jul 2018 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	Revolting Women. No tickets required, cash collection after show. Bar and food available. Outdoor show - shelter if bad weather.	The Bounty, Bourne End, Bucks, SL8 5RG (SU888869). By the River Thames - see pub's website re access.	Tel: 01628 520056 Web: www.thebountypub.com or mikron.org.uk
Thu 19 Jul 2018 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	Get Well Soon. No tickets required, cash collection after show. Bring picnic, chairs and blankets. Outdoor show with indoor backup. Gates open from 6pm for picnics.	Eyot Centre, Wargrave Road, Henley-on-Thames, RG9 3JD (SU766823).	Tel: 01491 578658 Email: davemcwen@btinternet.com Web: mikron.org.uk
Fri 20 Jul 2018 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	Revolting Women. No tickets required, cash collection after show. Bring chairs, blankets and picnic. Outdoor show with shelter and indoor backup. Raffle in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care.	The Riverside Tea Garden @ Sonning Lock, Reading, RG4 6UR (SU755757). Please park in village and walk to lock. Gates open from 6pm.	Tel: 07710 224008 Web: mikron.org.uk
Sat 21 Jul 2018 7.00pm	Mikron Theatre	Get Well Soon. Tickets: £13 (concs £11). Refreshments available or on the door. This is an indoor show. Tickets from Mikron - see their website.	Donnington Parish Hall, Stockbridge Road, Donnington, Chichester, PO19 8QT. (SU854035)	Tel: 01243 839994 Web: mikron.org.uk
Sat 21 Jul 2018 10.00am-5.00pm	The Claverton Group	Claverton Pumping Station. Static (not pumping) day. Adults: £4.00, Children under 16 free, no concessions.	Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).	Tel: 01225 483001 Email: enquiries@claverton.org Web: www.claverton.org
Sun 22 Jul 2018 2.00pm	Mikron Theatre	Get Well Soon. No tickets required, cash collection after show. Food and bar available. Bring chairs and blankets. Outdoor show.	The Rowbarge, Station Road, Woolhampton, Reading, RG7 5SH (SU572664).	Tel: 0118 971 2213 Web: www.brunningandprice.co.uk/rowbarge or mikron.org.uk
Tue 24 Jul 2018 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	Get Well Soon. No tickets required, cash collection after show. BBQ, soft drinks and tea and cake stall. Bring chairs and blankets. Outdoor show - shelter if bad weather.	Minal Cricket Pavillion, Mildenhall, Nr Marlborough, SN8 2LY (SU213697).	Tel: 01672 516408 Web: mikron.org.uk
Wed 25 Jul 2018 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	Revolting Women. No tickets required, cash collection after show. Food and bar available. Bring chairs and blankets. Outdoor show.	The Rowbarge, Station Road, Woolhampton, Reading, RG7 5SH (SU572664).	Tel: 0118 971 2213 Web: www.brunningandprice.co.uk/rowbarge or mikron.org.uk
Sat-Sun 28-29 Jul 2018 10.30am-4.30pm	Kennet & Avon CT, Crofton Branch	Crofton steaming weekend. Adults: £8.00 Concessions: £7.00 Children under 16: Free.	Crofton Beam Engines, Crofton, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3DW (SU261623).	Web: www.croftonbeamengines.org
Sat 28 Jul 2018 1.00pm	Mikron Theatre	Get Well Soon. No tickets required, cash collection after show. Refreshments available. Gates open from 12pm for picnics. Outdoor show with shelter. Bring picnic, chairs and blankets.	Bloomfield Road Allotments, Bloomfield Road, Bear Flat, Bath, BA2 2AB (ST745637).	Tel: 07867 532512 Web: www.banesallotments.org.uk or mikron.org.uk
Sat 28 Jul 2018 10.00am-5.00pm	The Claverton Group	Claverton Pumping Station. Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Children under 16 free, no concessions.	Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).	Tel: 01225 483001 Email: enquiries@claverton.org Web: www.claverton.org
Tue 31 Jul 2018 3.30pm	Mikron Theatre	Get Well Soon. Tickets £12.50 (£8 Child Ticket Concs.) must be booked in advance from Sue 01491 835631. Bistro menu available at extra cost on the day (no need to book). Refreshments, beer and food available. Outdoor show.	Waterfront Café, Benson Marina, Benson, OX10 6SJ (SU613916).	Tel: 01491 835631 Web: www.waterfrontcafe.co.uk or mikron.org.uk
Tue 31 Jul 2018 8.00pm	Mikron Theatre	Revolting Women. Tickets £12.50 (£8 Child Ticket Concs.) must be booked in advance from Sue 01491 835631. Bistro menu available at extra cost on the night (no need to book). Refreshments, beer and food available. Outdoor show.	Waterfront Café, Benson Marina, Benson, OX10 6SJ (SU613916).	Tel: 01491 835631 Web: www.waterfrontcafe.co.uk or mikron.org.uk
Thu 2 Aug 2018	Southampton CS	NO AUGUST MEETING. As always, there will be NO August Meeting as the hall is closed for maintenance.		Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanjrose@btinternet.com
Thu 2 Aug 2018 7.30pm	Mikron Theatre	Revolting Women. No tickets required, cash collection after show. Beer and food available. Outdoor show with shelter. Bring chairs and blankets.	The Plough, High Street, Long Wittenham, OX14 4QH (SU545937).	Tel: 01865 407738 Web: mikron.org.uk
Sat 11 Aug 2018 10.00am-5.00pm	The Claverton Group	Claverton Pumping Station. Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Children under 16 free, no concessions.	Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).	Tel: 01225 483001 Email: enquiries@claverton.org Web: www.claverton.org
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Society Boat Gathering

A mass Society Annual Boat Gathering (well, there were two boats in attendance) was held at Flecknoe and Braunston over the early May bank holiday weekend. The crews consisted of our Chairman and Secretary, Alan and Angela Rose, on their boat 'Liberty' and former Chairman and Treasurer, Paul and Gill Herbert, on 'The Evelyn Broadbent'.

Alan and Angela had been working on their ex-working boat 'Purton' at its mooring at Ventnor Marina near Calcutt Locks on the Grand Union Canal where 'The Evelyn Broadbent' is also moored.

Saturday morning, after shopping at Napton Village, Gill and I got our boat ready to cruise (our first cruise of 2018) whilst Alan and Angie drove over to Holt Farm at the top of Napton Locks to bring down their second boat, 'Liberty', on which they were going to spend the weekend – both boats to meet up at the usual Gathering location at the Flecknoe Farm moorings on the Napton-Braunston Five Mile Pound.

The weather over the whole weekend was simply glorious - very warm/hot and sunny. The canal was incredibly busy and we felt this was due to people wishing to get out on the water after such a long and wet winter. During the afternoon/early evening the Flecknoe moorings quickly filled up, almost nose to tail (OK then – I should have said bow to stern). We have never seen so many boats moored there.

It had been the intention to have a BBQ on Saturday evening but it was pretty warm so we decided to put that in abeyance. Sunday dawned – another lovely warm day and that evening we did manage the BBQ – and very nice too. We chatted with the couple on the boat moored ahead of us who were about to move onto their boat as liveboards.



We gave them (hopefully helpful) advice about conditions they might face, particularly during the winter months. We also got into conversation with the owner of another boat on the moorings who was taking it to Crick to sell. It was obviously a reluctant decision by him and his wife so we suggested it might be better to change down to a smaller boat. They seemed happier with that alternative. To cap off that evening we witnessed the ghostly sight of a large barn owl skimming over the canal past our moorings – a beautiful image.

On the Monday morning we cast off and drifted down to moor in Braunston. With so many boats around we were a little concerned about finding space to moor but we must have timed it right and both managed to get in. Off we then walked to Midland Chandlers to purchase some bits and pieces for our boats before reversing to the twin bridges at Braunston Turn, winding and heading back to Ventnor Marina and the Napton Engine Arm respectively. Later that evening Alan and Angela drove back to Ventnor Marina and 'Purton'.

The next morning Alan and Angela continued working on 'Purton', getting it ready for its next cruise whilst Gill and I packed up 'The Evelyn Broadbent' ready for our drive home. Before leaving we made a special 'presentation' to Alan of a pencil (see photo) – he had lost his only one on board!

Looking back, it was a really enjoyable weekend and it was a shame that other Society boat owners were unable to share in our experience.

Roll on next year!

Paul Herbert

BM pulls plug on 2019 London Boat Show

BRITISH Marine, which organises and owns the London Boat Show, has announced that the 2019 Show, due to run at ExCeL London from January 9-13, 2019, will not take place.

This decision was made after independent research by exhibition experts, Zing Insights, showed there was insufficient support from a large proportion of the marine industry to the show with its current format, duration and location.

"The decision to put the London Boat Show on hold is naturally very disappointing for the British marine industry," said David Pougher, president of British Marine, "but British Marine and its Board of Directors has a responsibility to its members and we cannot commit to running a show which is clearly forecasted in its current format to be commercially unviable and will not meet customer satisfaction levels."

Personal interviews with over 67% of exhibitors have revealed that whilst a number of marine companies supported the change to a five-day show, a large number of key exhibitors were not prepared to commit to next year's show at ExCeL.

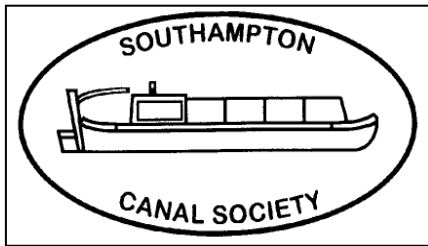
Visitor research also showed that consumer satisfaction of the 2018 Show was below acceptable industry standards.

Zing's research findings were endorsed by British Marine's exhibition sales staff who, despite intensive sales efforts, reported that an insufficient number of signed contracts of commitment to the 2019 Show had been returned.

Sales activity and support for the London Boat Show is in contrast with British Marine's TheYachtMarket.com Southampton Boat Show, which attracts close to 500 exhibitors and more than 106,000 visitors. The 2018 event, running over 10 days from September 14-23, is significantly ahead in terms of ticket sales and exhibitor sign ups compared to this time last year.

British Marine says making the decision to put the London Boat Show on hold now for 2019 enables the organisation to look at alternative options.

Towpath Talk: 16 May 2018



**SOUTHAMPTON CANAL SOCIETY
2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton
Thursday 5 July 2018 at 7.45 pm

AGENDA

1. Announcements.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting held on 6 July 2017 and matters arising.
4. Chairman's Report.
5. Secretary's Report.
6. Treasurer and Membership Secretary's Report. (Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2018).
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).
11. 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.

SOUTHAMPTON CANAL SOCIETY 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton
Thursday 6 July 2017 at 7.45 pm

1. Announcements

The Annual General Meeting was chaired by Alan Rose, Chairman of Southampton Canal Society.
There were some general announcements prior to the start of the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence and Attendance

There were apologies for absence from:

Ron & Myra Glover, Paul & Gill Herbert, Jan & Malcolm Gunningham, David Dalton, Anne Phippard, Sue Derbyshire

A register was circulated and 16 members recorded their attendance. The attendance register forms part of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting.

3. Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting held on 7 July 2016 and matters arising.

The minutes of the 49th Annual General Meeting held on 7 July 2016 had been provided to all members. On being put to the vote, the minutes were accepted by the members present.

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman provided his report prior to the meeting in the society Newsletter. Alan also provided a brief synopsis of his report to the meeting. He noted that the member's photographic evening was well supported. It was also notable that some new visitors to the society attended some of the talks held during the year.

The Chairman welcomed suggestions for potential ideas for future talks.

He also wished to mention again his condolences for the passing of Laurie.

He thanked the committee members for their efforts and Peter Oates for all his work in producing the newsletter. He also expressed his thanks for the wider membership and their attendance throughout the year.

5. Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report had been published prior to the meeting in the Newsletter. Angela thanked the committee for their efforts. She reported that there had been an average of 25 persons at the previous year's meetings.

The society had continued to advertise in the local media and all new attendees had been followed up to encourage further involvement. Some general discussion of attendance followed.

Angela noted the value to the society of the raffle.

6. Treasurer and Membership Secretary's Report

The Treasurer's report and accounts for the previous year were presented prior to the meeting, which had been audited and signed off. Aelred provided a verbal summary of his report:

Subscriptions were down slightly but overall the accounts show a small surplus. Other items were explained including:

Hall hire; Daystar production; Book sales; Jubilee boat trip; Membership; and Raffle income.

Aelred concluded that there was no requirement to raise subscriptions at present, although the hall rental may be expected to increase in the future.

It was noted that the Jubilee trip had been a great success and widely enjoyed.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Terry Phippard and seconded by Brenda Pomeroy.

7. Future of the Society

The note in the Newsletter was read to the meeting by the Chairman, as an introduction to this agenda item. Discussion of the topic followed with strong feelings expressed both in support of the society and the problems of continuing.

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Eric Lewis advocated option 5 (The closure of the society after a period of time). He considered the society was fading away, but did not want it to just fizzle out. He doubted that other members would be prepared to take on the committee positions.

Tony Fry explained why the Salisbury Canal Society had moved to a less formal status, which had been due the IWA requirements for certain financial accounts and arrangements. Eric also provided additional detail on this point. The society did have similar problems with falling attendance.

Eric expressed the opinion that only those members who were prepared to contribute in some way should vote to continue the society.

Brian Evans wished to continue the society. He identified that Peter Oates's contribution to the Newsletter was critical in this regard. He thought that Peter had enjoyed the recent increased involvement in news material with regard the anniversary material and thought Peter would be prepared to continue so long as he was provided with material. Brian and Annegret explained the effort that had gone into the society and the difficulties of continuing. It was suggested that the appointment of a publicity officer could assist the committee. Brian favours continuing with the Status Quo so long as the society is financially viable.

Aelred questioned if the social aspect of the meeting was sufficient justification for the continuation of the meeting schedule.

Gordon suggested moving to a six monthly society meetings, with renewal decided each year, in February.

Brenda Pomeroy expressed the opinion that the society can't keep going if members are not willing to stand and contribute.

Terry Phippard agreed with Eric's opinion, to continue the society for at least one more year.

Brian still advocates the social aspect of the society. Additionally it is now the only society of this standing in the area.

Brian continued saying that campaigning is less active now, but the need for campaigning is still there. Eric agreed with this point. Alan identified that active campaigning was still taking place by him and other members, albeit not as part of the society.

Monica Lanigan thought that a deadline was required. Eric thought the deadline should be one year. He regretted the situation and felt particularly sorry for Brian.

Rob Unsworth wished to continue with the Status Quo and proposed this. This was then clarified to include the need for an Extraordinary General Meeting, probably to be held in January. This proposal was seconded by Eva Drinkwater. This was then agreed by majority vote.

Gordon requested a vote on the desire to reduce the society meetings to the winter period. Alan seconded this request. This was not favoured by the majority of the members present.

8. Review of Annual Subscription Rates

Following the earlier recommendation it was agreed that there would be no change in the subscription rates.

9. Election of Officers

That part of the Annual General Meeting was chaired by the President, Brian Evans. All the present officers and committee members were willing to stand again and there had been no other nominations either prior to or at the meeting.

The Chairman had not enquired further into the current medical condition of David Townley-Jones although David was currently unable to contribute to the committee.

It was suggested by the chairman to deal with the election of the committee on-bloc. Brenda Pomeroy proposed this, it was seconded by Terry Phippard and agreed by the members.

Rob Unsworth wished to join committee. This was proposed by Monica Lanigan, seconded by Julie Callow and agreed unanimously. The committee was therefore elected to be:

Position	Name
Chairman	Alan Rose
Secretary	Angela Rose
Treasurer & Membership Secretary	Aelred Derbyshire
Other Committee Members	Sue Derbyshire, Gordon Osborn Robb Unsworth David Townley Jones

10. Any other business

Brian wished to thank Peter Oates for his work on the Newsletter and the efforts of the committee.

It was hoped that Mike Smetham would be interviewed by Annemarie Evans for the Newsletter.

This concluded the meeting at approximately 9:30.

Chairman's Report 2017-2018

I am pleased to present to the Members of Southampton Canal Society my eighth Chairman's Report.

The Society has enjoyed an interesting programme throughout the year and I wish to thank our President Brian Evans, our members and the Committee for their support. Angela, our Secretary, has arranged a varied selection of speakers for us.

Starting in April 2017 we had Ruth Keer talking about the Eling Tide Mill.

Thursday 1st June saw our Society's 50th celebration on the Basingstoke Canal. It included "mouth-watering cup-cakes" made by Pam & Keith Mckeown.

Our AGM was held in July and 18 members attended. It was quite a heated evening!

In September Gordon Osborn was "Exploring the Waterways in Ireland."

Cheryl Butler told us about "Itchen ferry and the Diaper Family" to which 36 members and friends came.

At the November meeting we welcomed back Pete & Jane of the Day Star Theatre, with "The Last Run".

The Committee welcomed Robb Unsworth to their meeting on Monday 16th October. We looked back and discussed the response at the AGM and the subsequent letters and conversations held with some members. It helped us to make a decision. There is no great demand to debate or reorganise Southampton Canal Society at present. We will continue with our ten meetings each year whilst the society is able to be supported by its valued members and visitors to our meetings.

In December we held the Annual Inter-Society Waterways Quiz. The previous year's winners IWA Salisbury organised the quiz with a

completely different approach. Myra was MC and Quiz Master, assisted by Eric Lewis, Colin Davies, Ron Glover and technical producer Dave Thomas. Sue Lewis was the scorer. IWA Guildford & Reading, IWA Salisbury, Basingstoke Canal Society and Southampton Canal Society. Were the teams that took part. The Salisbury Team won the coveted Trophy again!

The New Year started off with the Photographic Evening which is always well supported, 21 this year.

Then February saw Tony Fry with his talk "4,000 locks and counting". (This has put a challenge out to check your Log Books.)

Unfortunately, the March was snowed off.

It has been encouraging to see, perhaps through advertising, a few new faces at our meetings, they are certainly made welcome by you all.

My fellow committee members and myself are always keen to hear your suggestions for speakers and other activities that you may think of.

Next, I would like to thank all those whose efforts ensure that the society functions:

Starting with the officers: our secretary Angela and the Treasurer and Membership Secretary Aelred Derbyshire and Gordon Osborne, who updates our active Facebook page, and Sue Derbyshire our raffle organiser together with our latest committee member Robb Unsworth.

Thanks must go once more to Peter Oates, our Newsletter editor and web master, and to Laura Sturrock, our auditor/examiner and to our President, Brian Evans.

*Alan Rose
Chairman*

Secretary's Report 2017-2018

As Secretary, my thanks and appreciation first go out to all our members for their continued support during the year.

Thank you also to our Chairman, Alan Rose, for leading the Society through another year and my fellow committee members: Aelred, Gordon and Sue. As a team I know we are working very well.

Monthly attendances remain generally good. The average over ten months is around 25 people, this includes our guests at the Quiz evening and the Day-Star Theatre held in November.

Our meetings continue to be published in local newspapers, Radio Solent and national waterways publications.

Our Society's aim is to encourage newcomers, boaters and walkers to enjoy the waterways, to look back at the history, and the ongoing regeneration needed to keep our Canals and Rivers open for all of us to enjoy.

Finally a big thank you to Peter Oates our Newsletter Editor.

In the mean time I trust we all feel that the Society has enjoyed another successful year.

*Angela Rose
Secretary*

Treasurer and Membership Secretary's Report 2017-2018

After a period of relative stasis, where the number of members remained relatively stable, or even declined, this year has seen some churn. We started the year with a total membership of 40. Over the year we lost three members through natural causes but gained three new joint members and a Life member, ending with a total membership of 44.

During the year I received a letter from a gentleman claiming he was a

life member and asking about the state of the Society. I consulted with the President, who confirmed the Life membership was genuine. I mail him a copy of the Newsletter every month, which I believe he archives, together with those of a number of other Waterways organisations.

*Aelred Derbyshire
Treasurer and Membership Secretary*

Lottery Funding for the Stroudwater

Stroud District Council and Cotswold Canals Trust have secured £842,000 of Heritage Lottery Funding for the Stroudwater Navigation Connected project. The monies secured as part of this phase will make sure everything is in place before the partnership submits the full application reports for a further £9 million of HLF money to allow the whole project to go ahead. The stretch of water between Stroud and

Stonehouse is almost restored and bringing the remaining four miles back in to use will link it to the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal and the rest of the country. The SDC-led restoration between Stonehouse and Thrupp has transformed the canal corridor over the last 5 years, attracting £115million of private investment.

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Southampton Canal Society

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31 March 2018

Income	£	£	£	Y/E 2017		Notes on the Accounts – 2017-2018
				£	£	
Subscriptions						
2016/17				515.00		
2017/18		511.00				<i>Subscriptions:</i> There was some churn in the membership this year.
Raffle		315.00		378.00		
Teas		103.44		109.04		<i>Raffle / Teas:</i> Slightly down on last year but we had no meeting last June and we had to cancel the Meeting in March this year.
Wine		6.00		11.00		
Sales		21.50		69.00		
Donation		303.00				
Daystar		<u>320.00</u>	1,579.94	<u>410.00</u>	1,492.04	<i>Sales:</i> We had the books at several meetings where we had visitors. I think we have sold all we can.
Expenditure						
Hall hire		496.50		546.00		
IWA Membership	54.00			54.00		<i>Donation:</i> This was an anonymous donation by a Society member which enabled us to secure an advanced payment discount for the Jubilee Trip.
IWA Insurance	<u>190.40</u>	244.40		<u>176.00</u>	230.00	
Speaker Fees		115.00		214.00		
Daystar		280.00		280.00		
Secretary's Expenses				60.00		
Jubilee Trip		<u>234.00</u>	1,369.90			
Overpayment				<u>4.00</u>	1,334.00	<i>Hall Hire:</i> We did not pay for the Hall last June or in March this year; that will show up in next year's accounts.
Excess of Income over Expenditure			210.04		158.04	
Deposit Interest			0.15		0.19	
			<u>210.19</u>		<u>158.23</u>	
Balance Sheet at 31 March 2017						
Current Assets						
Bank Deposit account			345.70		345.55	
Bank Current account			1,593.89		1,149.85	
Cash in hand			4.11		4.11	
Prepayment for Jubilee Trip					<u>234.00</u>	
			<u>1,943.70</u>		1,733.51	
Less Uncleared cheques			<u>30.00</u>		<u>30.00</u>	
			<u>1,913.70</u>		<u>1,703.51</u>	
Reserves						
Brought forward			1,703.51		1,545.28	
Surplus/(Deficit) for half-year			<u>210.19</u>		<u>158.23</u>	
Carried forward			<u>1,913.70</u>		<u>1,703.51</u>	

Report to the Members of the Southampton Canal Society

I have examined the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018

I have no reason to believe that the accounting records have not been properly maintained.

The accounts agree with the underlying accounting records

Signed: Laura Sturrock

14 May 2018

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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Environment Agency calls for action on water efficiency

RIVERS and wildlife could be left without sufficient water unless action is taken to reduce water use and wastage, according to an Environment Agency report published today.

The first major report on water resources in England states that climate change and demand from a growing population are the biggest pressures on the availability of water. Without action to increase supply, reduce demand and cut down on wastage, many areas in England could see significant supply deficits by 2050 – particularly in the south east.

The State of the Environment: Water Resources report highlights unsustainable levels of water abstraction, leakage from water companies – currently estimated at 3 billion litres per day – and demand from industry and the public as three of the issues to tackle in order to protect the water environment.

EA chairman Emma Howard Boyd said: “We need to change our attitudes to water use. It is the most fundamental thing needed to ensure a healthy environment but we are taking too much of it and have to work together to manage this precious resource.

“Industry must innovate and change behaviours in order to reduce demand and cut down on wastage – and we all have a duty to use water more wisely at home.

“With demand on the rise, water companies must invest more in infrastructure to address leakage instead of relying on abstraction and the natural environment to make up this shortfall.”

The report shows that current levels of water abstraction are unsustainable in more than a quarter of groundwaters and one fifth of rivers, leading to reduced flows which could damage local ecology and

wildlife.

Previously, unsustainable abstraction has prevented up to 15% of rivers meeting good ecological status – including globally important chalk streams. Summer river flows and groundwater levels may decrease further in the future.

Last year the government announced a plan for abstraction reform which will review existing licences and introduce more controls to protect water resources. The Environment Agency has started work in four priority catchments to test out new licensing approaches to help meet local demand.

Of the water taken from freshwater sources over half (55%) is abstracted by water companies for public water supply and more than a third (36%) is used for electricity supply and other industries. The Environment Agency has urged water companies to pursue ambitious water resource management plans and called on industry to play its part to find ways to use water more efficiently.

The government's 25 year environment plan sets out an ambition to reduce individual water use – on average 140 litres per person each day – by working with industry to set a personal consumption target. The Environment Agency will work with the government to set this target and cost-effective measures to meet it.

The Environment Agency plays a key role in protecting water for people's lives and livelihoods – by responding to pollution incidents, prosecuting offenders, regulating abstraction and improving water quality along rivers and beaches.

Towpath Talk: 23 May 2018

Annual General Meeting 2018

In accordance with the Constitution, notice is hereby formally given of the Southampton Canal Society's Annual General Meeting on the 5th July 2018 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 above).

Please note that the papers associated with the AGM (Agenda, Minutes of last year's AGM, Officers' reports and the Society's accounts) are published on pages 5 to 9 of this Newsletter.

General Data Protection Regulation

It seems that a number of members and other readers of the Newsletter have not yet indicated their preferred way(s) by which the Society can communicate with them.

Details of the reasons why the Society has asked for your consent were given in last month's Newsletter which you can access on the Society's

website at www.sotoncs.org.uk/archive/pdf/MAY_18.pdf

If you are unable to print out or photo-copy the consent form, a hand-written copy will be acceptable provided it provides the requested information.

This will be the last Newsletter that will be emailed to readers who have not given written consent.