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## Chelsea canal garden is golden

The "Welcome to Yorkshire" garden at RHS Chelsea Flower Show has received a highly coveted Gold Medal - a fitting celebration as the tourism organisation celebrates its 10th anniversary and 10th garden at the world-famous flower show.

The garden is inspired by Yorkshire's proud industrial heritage and stunning natural environment with the aim of encouraging more people to visit and experience the county's beauty first hand.

The highlight of the design is an authentically built canal with flowing water and genuine lock gates. The garden also includes a towpath and a lock keeper's lodge with a colourful garden and vegetable patch.

CRT donated the lock gates, which were removed from right outside Huddersfield University on the Huddersfield Narrow Canal after reaching the end of their working life.

*Canal & River Trust - 23 May 2019*

## Chairman's Column

June 6th 2019

This evening we welcome back Paul Gosling with "Gosling's Gallivants Part Two". Paul will be showing us "Around Scotland – boats, trains & docks".

## Future Meetings

Our September speaker is to be confirmed.

On 3rd October, David Farthing will be telling us about William Walker, the diver who helped save Winchester Cathedral from sinking.

Enjoy the summer.

*Alan Rose*

*At Hebden Bridge on the Rochdale Canal*

## Annual General Meeting 2019

In accordance with the Constitution, notice is hereby formally given of the Southampton Canal Society's Annual General Meeting on the 4th July 2019 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, AlanRose (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) are published on pages 4 to 7 of this Newsletter.

## Annual national boat count

CRT's annual national boat count shows that licence compliance on their waterways remains high with 96.5% of boaters holding a valid licence.

The national boat count also shows how rates differ across the country, as well as changes in boat numbers. The boat count identified a 2.3% increase in boat numbers, with all regions except the North West seeing small increases in boat numbers. London & South East was the only region where licence compliance was under 95% (at 94.1%).

Jon Horsfall, head of customer service support at CRT, said: "I'd like to thank all those boaters who pay their licence on time. It's important that boats are licensed correctly. Not only does this mean they're insured and hold a boat safety certificate, but it means they're playing their part in

contributing to the huge task of keeping our canals and rivers open. Boat licences contribute around 10% of our total income so it's important that everyone who keeps a boat on our waterways pays their fair share.

"However on occasion we do have to take robust action to remove boats. In 2018/19 106 boats were removed from our canals and rivers as they were unlicensed or in breach of our terms and conditions despite the best efforts of our Boat Licence Customer Support team."

The survey, completed in March, records boats on waterways across England and Wales and provides a comprehensive snap-shot of licence evasion. The information is used to support the day-to-day work carried out by the Trust.

*Canal & River Trust - 3 May 2019*

## CRT's winter maintenance programme 2019-2020

Canal & River Trust (CRT) have published their draft winter maintenance programme for 2019-20 and are asking boaters to take a look and give their feedback on the plans.

Read the [maintenance plan](#) here.

Comments are welcome until Friday 14 June when we will review them and, if necessary, make changes to the programme. Boaters will then have a further chance to comment before the finalised plans are published at the end of the summer.

Matthew Symonds, national boating manager at CRT, said: "Each winter we concentrate our efforts

on essential repairs and maintenance while the waterways are quieter – last year spending £38 million on keeping them open and accessible for boaters. Work can temporarily close the canals and occasionally the towpath so before we finalise our plans we want to ask boaters for your views to make sure there's as little disruption as possible.

"Winter might be the last thing on your mind right now, however your views do make a difference when it comes to shaping our busy programme so please let us know your thoughts."

*Canal & River Trust - 17 May 2019*



## 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.

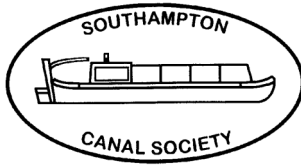
OS grid references and/or postcodes are shown (where known but not guaranteed) to aid location of the event.

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  |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| Thu 6 Jun 2019 7.45pm                 | Southampton CS                               | <b>"Goslings' Gallivants Part Two"</b> . Paul Gosling will be showing us "Around Scotland – boats, trains & docks".   | Chilworth Village Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).                                  | Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: <a href="mailto:alanjrose@btinternet.com">alanjrose@btinternet.com</a>  |
| Sat 8 Jun 2019 10.00am-5.00pm         | The Claverton Group                          | <b>Claverton Pumping Station</b> . Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Accompanied Children under 16 free, no concessions.  | Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).                           | Tel: 01225 483001 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@claverton.org">enquiries@claverton.org</a> Web: <a href="http://www.claverton.org">www.claverton.org</a>  |
| Sun 9 Jun 2019 10.00am-3.00pm         | Chichester Priory Rotary Club                | <b>Dragon Boat Challenge 2019</b> . The Rotary Club of Chichester Priory has joined again with CancerWise for a dragon boat challenge on Chichester's canal to raise money for charity.                                   | Canal Basin, Canal Wharf, Chichester, PO19 8DT (SU858041)   | Email: <a href="mailto:chichesterdragons@btinternet.com">chichesterdragons@btinternet.com</a> Web: <a href="http://www.chichesterdragonboats.org.uk/">www.chichesterdragonboats.org.uk/</a>  |
| Tue 11 Jun 2019 7.30pm                | Somersetshire Coal CS                        | <b>Annual General Meeting 2019</b> .  | Radstock Museum, Waterloo Rd, Radstock, BA3 3EP (ST689549). For location <a href="#">see map here</a> | Patrick Moss: 07736 859882 Email: <a href="mailto:chairman@coalcanal.org.uk">chairman@coalcanal.org.uk</a>   |
| Sat 15 Jun 2019 11.00am-5.00pm        | Reading BC and Kennet & Avon CT (Reading Br) | <b>Reading Water Fest</b> . Festival of boats, entertainment and stalls. Great family day out. Admission is free.   | River Kennet, Forbury Gardens and Chestnut Walk, RG13AH. (SU719734)                                   | John Swift: 0118 941 5540 Mobile: 07533 886917 Email: <a href="mailto:swift.john21@gmail.com">swift.john21@gmail.com</a>   |
| Sat 15 Jun 2019 10.00am-5.00pm        | The Claverton Group                          | <b>Claverton Pumping Station</b> . Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Accompanied Children under 16 free, no concessions.  | Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).                           | Tel: 01225 483001 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@claverton.org">enquiries@claverton.org</a> Web: <a href="http://www.claverton.org">www.claverton.org</a>  |
| Wed 19 Jun 2019 7.30pm                | Mikron Theatre                               | <b>Redcoats</b> . 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: <a href="http://www.thetroutinn.com">www.thetroutinn.com</a> or <a href="http://mikron.org.uk">mikron.org.uk</a>  |
| Thu 20 Jun 2019 7.00pm                | IWA Salisbury Group                          | <b>Boules &amp; BBQ</b> .   | The Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 3AR (SU182275).                          | Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 Email: <a href="mailto:glover.3@btinternet.com">glover.3@btinternet.com</a> Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841  |
| Sat 22 Jun 2019 7.30pm                | Mikron Theatre                               | <b>All Hands on Deck</b> . 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: <a href="http://mikron.org.uk">mikron.org.uk</a>  |
| Sat 22 Jun 2019 10.00am-5.00pm        | The Claverton Group                          | <b>Claverton Pumping Station</b> . Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Accompanied Children under 16 free, no concessions.  | Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).                           | Tel: 01225 483001 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@claverton.org">enquiries@claverton.org</a> Web: <a href="http://www.claverton.org">www.claverton.org</a>  |
| Sat 29 Jun 2019                       | National Trust                               | <b>"Puffing-a-Wey"</b> . Come and soak up the atmosphere as members the Steam Boat Association of Great Britain come and show off their magnificent steam powered craft.  | Dapdune Wharf, Wharf Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 4RR (SU992502).                                     | National Trust Navigations Office: 01483 561389 Email: <a href="mailto:riverwey@nationaltrust.org.uk">riverwey@nationaltrust.org.uk</a> Web: <a href="https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/">https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/</a>   |
| Sat-Sun 29-30 Jun 2019 10.30am-4.30pm | Kennet & Avon CT, Crofton Branch             | <b>June weekend steaming and Motorcycle Festival</b> in association with the Atwell-Wilson Motor Museum in Calne. Details on website. Adults: £8.00 Concessions: £7.00 Children under 16: Free.                           | Crofton Beam Engines, Crofton, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3DW (SU261623).                            | Web: <a href="http://www.croftonbeamengines.org">www.croftonbeamengines.org</a>  |
| Sat 29 Jun 2019 10.00am-5.00pm        | The Claverton Group                          | <b>Claverton Pumping Station</b> . Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Accompanied Children under 16 free, no concessions.  | Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).                           | Tel: 01225 483001 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@claverton.org">enquiries@claverton.org</a> Web: <a href="http://www.claverton.org">www.claverton.org</a>  |
| Sun 30 Jun 2019 2.00pm                | Mikron Theatre                               | <b>All Hands on Deck</b> . No tickets required, cash collection after the show. BBQ, soft drinks and a tea and cake stall. Bring chairs and blankets. Outdoor show with shelter in case of bad weather.                   | Minal Cricket Pavillion, Mildenhall, Nr Marlborough SN8 2LY (SU213698).                               | Tel: 01672 516408 Web: <a href="http://mikron.org.uk">mikron.org.uk</a>  |
| Thu 4 Jul 2019 7.45pm                 | Southampton CS                               | <b>Annual General Meeting. Nominations for Officers or Committee Members (together with a seconder) should be sent to the Secretary by the meeting on 6th June 2019.</b>  | Chilworth Village Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).                                  | Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: <a href="mailto:alanjrose@btinternet.com">alanjrose@btinternet.com</a>  |
| Sat 6 Jul 2019 10.00am-5.00pm         | The Claverton Group                          | <b>Claverton Pumping Station</b> . Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Accompanied Children under 16 free, no concessions.  | Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).                           | Tel: 01225 483001 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@claverton.org">enquiries@claverton.org</a> Web: <a href="http://www.claverton.org">www.claverton.org</a>  |
| Tue 9 Jul 2019 7.30pm                 | Mikron Theatre                               | <b>Redcoats</b> . Tickets £12. Tickets via contact. Bar available. Outdoor Show with shelter.   | Bourne End WI, Spade Oak Farm, Coldmoorholme Lane, Bourne End, SL8 5PS (SU884876).                    | Tel: 01628 531521 or 07860 405000 Email: <a href="mailto:bourneendwi@yahoo.com">bourneendwi@yahoo.com</a> Web: <a href="http://mikron.org.uk">mikron.org.uk</a>  |
| Wed 10 Jul 2019 7.30pm                | Mikron Theatre                               | <b>All Hands on Deck</b> . No tickets required, cash collection after the show. Food and bar available. Outdoor show with shelter in case of bad weather.   | The Bounty, Bourne End, Bucks, SL8 5RG (SU888869). By the River Thames - see pub's website re access. | Tel: 01628 520056 Web: <a href="http://www.thebountypub.com">www.thebountypub.com</a> or <a href="http://mikron.org.uk">mikron.org.uk</a>  |
| Thu 11 Jul 2019 7.30pm                | Mikron Theatre                               | <b>Redcoats</b> . No tickets required, cash collection taken after show. Food and refreshments available. Bring chairs and blankets. Outdoor show. Bar and food from 5.30pm. Please do not bring your own food and drink. | The Teapot Tearooms, Britchcombe Farm, Uffington, Faringdon, SN7 7QJ (SU308871).                      | Tel: 07800 637917 or 01367 820260 Email: <a href="mailto:rdewilton@yahoo.com">rdewilton@yahoo.com</a> Web: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/TheTeapotTearoomandgarden">www.facebook.com/TheTeapotTearoomandgarden</a> or <a href="http://mikron.org.uk">mikron.org.uk</a> |

## Waterway Events (continued from page 2)

| Date/Time                                | Organiser                        | Details   | Venue  | Contact  |
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| Fri 12 Jul 2019<br>7.30pm                | Mikron Theatre                   | <b>All Hands on Deck.</b> No tickets required, cash collection after show. Bring a picnic, chairs and blankets. Outdoor show. New venue.  | Hurley Riverside Park Picnic Grounds, Hurley Riverside Park, Hurley, Berks, SL6 5NE. (SU824839). | Tel: 01628 823501 Web: <a href="http://www.hurleyriversidepark.co.uk">www.hurleyriversidepark.co.uk</a> or <a href="http://mikron.org.uk">mikron.org.uk</a>              |
| Sat 13 Jul 2019<br>7.30pm                | Mikron Theatre                   | <b>Redcoats.</b> Tickets £10.00 - available from The Council Office, Ockwells, 113 High Street, Cricklade, SN6 6AE. Bring chairs and blankets. Bring your own refreshments. Outdoor event with indoor alternative in the case of bad weather.             | Cricklade Bloomers, Riverside, High Street, Cricklade, SN6 6DD (SU101938). To be confirmed.      | Cricklade Town Council: 01793 751394 Web: <a href="http://www.crickladeinbloom.co.uk">www.crickladeinbloom.co.uk</a> or <a href="http://mikron.org.uk">mikron.org.uk</a> |
| Sat 13 Jul 2019<br>10.00am-5.00pm        | The Claverton Group              | <b>Claverton Pumping Station.</b> Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Accompanied Children under 16 free, no concessions.   | Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).                      | Tel: 01225 483001 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@claverton.org">enquiries@claverton.org</a> Web: <a href="http://www.claverton.org">www.claverton.org</a>              |
| Sun 14 Jul 2019<br>2.00pm                | Mikron Theatre                   | <b>All Hands on Deck.</b> No tickets required, cash collection after show. Bring a picnic, chairs and blankets. Outdoor show.   | Caversham Court Gardens, Church Road, Caversham, Reading, RG4 7AD (SU709748).                    | Tel: 01189 372771 or <a href="http://mikron.org.uk">mikron.org.uk</a>  |
| Wed 17 Jul 2019<br>7.30pm                | Mikron Theatre                   | <b>All Hands on Deck.</b> 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: <a href="http://www.brunningandprice.co.uk/rowbarge">www.brunningandprice.co.uk/rowbarge</a> or <a href="http://mikron.org.uk">mikron.org.uk</a> |
| Thu 18 Jul 2019<br>7.30pm                | Mikron Theatre                   | <b>Redcoats.</b> 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: <a href="mailto:davemcwen@btinternet.com">davemcwen@btinternet.com</a> Web: <a href="http://mikron.org.uk">mikron.org.uk</a>                    |
| Fri-Sun 19-21 Jul 2019<br>0.00am         | TTBR (Ltd)                       | <b>Thames Traditional Boat Festival.</b> A celebration of all that's best in British boatbuilding and craftsmanship evoking the nostalgia of boating from a bygone era.   | Fawley Meadows, Henley-on-Thames, RG9 2HY. (SU761835).   | Web: <a href="http://www.tradboatfestival.com">www.tradboatfestival.com</a> Email: <a href="mailto:admin@tradboatfestival.com">admin@tradboatfestival.com</a>            |
| Sat 20 Jul 2019<br>10.00am-5.00pm        | The Claverton Group              | <b>Claverton Pumping Station.</b> Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Accompanied Children under 16 free, no concessions.   | Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).                      | Tel: 01225 483001 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@claverton.org">enquiries@claverton.org</a> Web: <a href="http://www.claverton.org">www.claverton.org</a>              |
| Sun 21 Jul 2019<br>3.00pm                | Mikron Theatre                   | <b>All Hands on Deck.</b> 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: <a href="http://mikron.org.uk">mikron.org.uk</a>  |
| Tue 23 Jul 2019<br>7.30pm                | Mikron Theatre                   | <b>Redcoats.</b> 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: <a href="http://www.brunningandprice.co.uk/rowbarge">www.brunningandprice.co.uk/rowbarge</a> or <a href="http://mikron.org.uk">mikron.org.uk</a> |
| Thu 25 Jul 2019<br>3.30pm                | Mikron Theatre                   | <b>All Hands on Deck.</b> Afternoon show. 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: <a href="http://www.waterfrontcafe.co.uk">www.waterfrontcafe.co.uk</a> or <a href="http://mikron.org.uk">mikron.org.uk</a>                        |
| Thu 25 Jul 2019<br>8.00pm                | Mikron Theatre                   | <b>Redcoats.</b> Evening show. 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: <a href="http://www.waterfrontcafe.co.uk">www.waterfrontcafe.co.uk</a> or <a href="http://mikron.org.uk">mikron.org.uk</a>                        |
| Fri 26 Jul 2019<br>7.30pm                | Mikron Theatre                   | <b>All Hands on Deck.</b> No tickets required, cash collection after show. Outdoor show. Bring chairs and picnics. "We'll perform under the bridge if its wet!"   | Goring Lock, Goring, RG8 9AE (SU596809).   | Tel: 01484 843701 Web: <a href="http://mikron.org.uk">mikron.org.uk</a>  |
| Sat-Sun 27-28 Jul 2019<br>10.30am-4.30pm | Kennet & Avon CT, Crofton Branch | <b>Summer Steampunk steaming.</b> Details and tickets from website.   | Crofton Beam Engines, Crofton, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3DW (SU261623).                       | Web: <a href="http://www.croftonbeamengines.org">www.croftonbeamengines.org</a>  |
| Sat 27 Jul 2019<br>10.00am-5.00pm        | The Claverton Group              | <b>Claverton Pumping Station.</b> Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Accompanied Children under 16 free, no concessions.   | Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).                      | Tel: 01225 483001 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@claverton.org">enquiries@claverton.org</a> Web: <a href="http://www.claverton.org">www.claverton.org</a>              |
| Sun 28 Jul 2019<br>3.30pm                | Mikron Theatre                   | <b>Redcoats.</b> 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: <a href="http://mikron.org.uk">mikron.org.uk</a>  |
| <b>Thu 1 Aug 2019</b>                    | <b>Southampton CS</b>            | <b>NO MEETING. As always, there is NO August meeting as the hall is closed.</b>   |  | <b>Angela Rose: 02380 675312</b><br>Email: <a href="mailto:alanjrose@btinternet.com">alanjrose@btinternet.com</a>  |
| Sat 3 Aug 2019<br>1.00pm                 | Mikron Theatre                   | <b>All Hands on Deck.</b> No tickets required, cash collection after show. Refreshments and food available. Gates open from 12pm for picnics. Outdoor show. Bring picnic, chairs and blankets.  | Bloomfield Road Allotments, Bloomfield Road, Bear Flat, Bath, BA2 2AB (ST745637).                | Tel: 07867 532512 Web: <a href="http://www.banesallotments.org.uk">www.banesallotments.org.uk</a> or <a href="http://mikron.org.uk">mikron.org.uk</a>                    |
| Sat 3 Aug 2019<br>10.00am-5.00pm         | The Claverton Group              | <b>Claverton Pumping Station.</b> Pumping day. Adults: £6.00, Accompanied Children under 16 free, no concessions.   | Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).                      | Tel: 01225 483001 Email: <a href="mailto:enquiries@claverton.org">enquiries@claverton.org</a> Web: <a href="http://www.claverton.org">www.claverton.org</a>              |
| Sun 4 Aug 2019<br>2.00pm                 | Mikron Theatre                   | <b>All Hands on Deck.</b> Tickets Full: £13.00 Concs: £11.00. Bar available. Indoor show.   | St Mary's Church Hall, Church Street, Fordingbridge, SP6 1BB (SU145138).                         | Tel: 07980 374971 Web: <a href="http://www.forestlive.co.uk">www.forestlive.co.uk</a> or <a href="http://mikron.org.uk">mikron.org.uk</a>                                |
| Tue 6 Aug 2019<br>7.30pm                 | Mikron Theatre                   | <b>Redcoats.</b> No tickets required, cash collection after show. Beer and food available. Outdoor show. Bring chairs and blankets.   | Plough Inn, Wolvercote Green, Wolvercote, Oxford, OX2 8BD (SP495096).                            | Tel: 01865 556969 Web: <a href="http://www.theploughoxford.co.uk">www.theploughoxford.co.uk</a> or <a href="http://mikron.org.uk">mikron.org.uk</a>                      |



## SOUTHAMPTON CANAL SOCIETY 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton

Thursday 4 July 2019 at 7.45 pm

### AGENDA

- 1 Announcements.
- 2 Apologies for Absence.
- 3 Minutes of 2018 Annual General Meeting held on 5 July 2018 (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 2019).
- 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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### Waverley tied up until 2020

WAVERLEY Excursions have announced that LNER-built PS Waverley, the world's last sea-going paddle steamer, will not sail at all in 2019 and will remain tied up until at least 2020.

Work on retubing and repairing the ship's boilers was suspended on Friday 10 May after it became clear that new boilers were needed. Management reluctantly took the decision to cancel all sailings for 2019 and to launch an appeal to meet the cost of new boilers to allow the ship to take to the waters again in 2020.

Recently appointed general manager, Paul Semple said: "We have taken this decision after extensive consultation and seeking advice on the best way forward and we apologise to all who looked forward to sailing with us this season. Full refunds will be given on all booked tickets. The ship needs new boilers but, in every other respect, is in excellent order. As soon as we have firm prices and explored potential

funding sources, we will launch a public appeal to help meet the costs so we can sail again in 2020."

Mooring the boat at its Glasgow base for the entire season, will have revenue implications for the charity, while early estimates for new boilers point to a figure in excess of £2m. Not only will part of the ship's superstructure have to be removed to allow the old boilers to be removed and replacements fitted, but there are issues to be addressed when specifying the new boilers. These include being able to burn acceptable fuel types in future and meeting tightening emission regulations to future-proof Waverley in a fast-changing environmental culture. These issues are increasingly affecting all steam-powered vessels, locomotives and vehicles in the heritage sector as action on climate change ramps up.

*Towpath Talk - 20 May 2019*

# SOUTHAMPTON CANAL SOCIETY MINUTES OF 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Chilworth Parish Hall. Chilworth, Southampton

Thursday 5 July 2018 at 7.45pm

## 1 Announcements

The Annual General Meeting was chaired by Alan Rose, Chairman of Southampton Canal Society.

The Chairman reported on the future programme.

The Chairman referred to 94 slides which had been taken by former member, the late John Silman, which had been converted to DVD.

## 2 Apologies for Absence and Attendance

Apologies for absence had been received from Eric & Sue Lewis and Ann Phippard.

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

## 3 Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting held on 6 July 2017 and matters arising

The minutes of the 50th Annual General Meeting held on 6 July 2017 had been published in the Society Newsletter circulated 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's report had been published in the Society Newsletter circulated to all members.

The Chairman read out his report highlighting the main issues. He wished to thank all those whose efforts ensure that the Society functions and, in particular, his fellow officers and committee members, our President Brian Evans, Peter Oates and Laura Sturrock.

There were no questions.

## 5 Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report had been published in the Society Newsletter circulated to all members. The report was taken as read.

There were no questions.

## 6 Treasurer and Membership Secretary's Report

The Treasurer and Membership Secretary's Report together with the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 March 2018 had been published in the Society Newsletter circulated to all members.

The Treasurer gave a verbal summary of his report and advised that the accounts had been 'audited' and signed off.

There were no questions and acceptance of the Treasurer's report and the accounts was proposed by David Dalton and seconded by Gill Herbert. This was endorsed by those present.

## 7 Review of Annual Subscription Rates

The Committee was recommending that the subscription rates for the ensuing year should remain unchanged.

Acceptance of that recommendation was proposed by David Dalton and seconded by Terry Phippard. This was endorsed by those present.

## 8/9 Election of Officers and Committee

That part of the Annual General Meeting was chaired by the Society 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 suggested that the election of officers and the committee be taken en-bloc.

Acceptance of that suggestion was proposed by Gill Herbert and seconded by Linda Pritchard and this was endorsed by those present.

## 10 Any Other Business

There had been no prior notice of any items of business to be discussed.

Gill Herbert thanked the Officers and Committee for all their hard work. She also thanked all those involved in the organisation of the previous year's 'John Pinkerton' cruise celebrating the Society's 50th Anniversary and particularly the anonymous donor who financed that trip and Pam and Keith McKeown for providing the delicious cup cakes.

Gordon Osborn thanked Brenda Pomeroy for continuing to provide the refreshments at the monthly meetings.

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm.

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Following the end of the formal agenda, Brian Evans provided an outline of Tony Shadick's presentation to the forthcoming September meeting.

Brian also referred to his receipt of a brass plaque received from the Inland Waterways Association in acknowledgement of his achieving fifty years in membership of the IWA.

## Chairman's Report 2018-2019

Our Society is working well and I have been pleased to welcome a number of visitors to our meetings over the past year.

On behalf of our members I wish to thank our editor Peter Oates for the work and time he spends on our newsletter.

Thanks to the ladies who run our refreshments and the members who help set up the hall.

## Secretary's Report 2018-2019

We enjoyed an interesting year of speakers and here is a resume of them:

- \* April with Roger Cansdale on the Basingstoke Canal.
- \* June was all about the RLNI.
- \* July and the AGM.
- \* September with Tony Shaddick about Sprat and Winkle line and Hockley Viaduct.
- \* October—Ron, Myra and Dave cruising on a Clyde Puffer VIC 42.
- \* November with Nick Grundy on the Grundy family early boating on the canals.
- \* December was the annual quiz (which we won) run by Salisbury IWA and Nick Grundy.

I also appreciate the time and effort the committee have put in over the year to keep our society running smoothly as we enter our 52nd year.

We look forward to seeing our members at our AGM on the 4th July.

Written in the back cabin at a sunny day in Hebden Bridge.

*Alan Rose*

- \* January saw our annual photographic evening.
  - \* Our New Year lunch was spent once again at the Keats restaurant. A good afternoon was enjoyed by all.
  - \* February brought The Batman.
  - \* March and the Reverend Mark Ruddall on the ups and downs of steam boating.
- In October, our long standing member Ken Froud passed away and, in April, Eva Drinkwater also passed away.

Finding different speakers is always a challenge and I thank all of you that give me ideas.

*Angela Rose*

## Treasurer and Membership Secretary's Report 2018-2019

### Notes to the Accounts

The most notable feature of the accounts this year is that the Society had a deficit for the first time for some years. There are a number of reasons for this.

The most significant reason was two one-off payments, the Hon. Secretary Expenses for the last two years and a late invoice for the celebratory cake for the Society Jubilee. There has been an increase in Speaker Fees, which reflects the fact that more speakers are charging expenses. Another reason was the fact that we did not have a visit from Daystar this year. While we do not plan to make a surplus, we usually end up with a slight one. A more serious reason was an increase in the cost of Insurance via the IWA.

Previously the IWA had organised this themselves. Late last year they notified all affiliated societies that they had arranged the insurance through a commercial broker. There was a delay while this occurred with the result that I had no time to review the details of the insurance cover or the price before I had to pay the premium. The policy provided was more suitable for a much bigger Society with assets, buildings and

employees. As a result, I have reviewed the insurance needs of the Society, and will look at alternatives for the future.

On the positive side the Raffle, and sales of Tea and Biscuits at meetings, continue to make a significant contribution to Society funds.

The Donation was an uncollected Speaker Fee dating from two years ago which, on the recommendation of the Hon. Auditor I normalised. This year the cheque for the Speaker Fee for the March meeting had not been presented by the end of the year. By coincidence the two payments are for the same amount.

*Aelred Derbyshire  
Hon. Treasurer*

### Membership Notes

Society membership has remained fairly static with around 45 members.

*Aelred Derbyshire  
Hon. Membership Secretary*

The accounts appear on the next page.

## Marple Lock Flight open again

MARPLE Lock Flight, on the Peak Forest Canal, is now open again after 20 months of emergency repairs.

The first boats were expected over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Problems with the lock chamber walls first at Lock 15 and then Lock 11 have resulted in the lock flight being closed to through-traffic since September 2017.

Canal & River Trust supervisor Tracey Jackson said: "Big thanks to the wonderful army of volunteers in this area. Throughout the work, they have continued to keep this area looking lovely for visitors and staffed the welcome station at the junction with the Macclesfield Canal. As the canal reopens for boats, we are expecting another busy summer."

*[Towpath Talk](#) - 30 May 2019*

## Montgomery Canal progress

Thanks to a four-year, £4 million project, boats should soon be returning to a section of the Montgomery Canal near Oswestry for the first time since the canal was closed due to a breach in 1936.

CRT has been working with volunteers from the Shropshire Union Canal Society and contractors to upgrade nearly five miles (8km) of towpath, restore 1¼ miles (2km) of the canal to navigation from Maesbury to Crickheath and create a winding hole. Construction has just been completed and it is currently being filled with water, which will take about three weeks.

Montgomery Canal Partnership chair John Dodwell said: "This is a great step forward and will mean 60% of this historic, lovely canal has been restored. We look forward to more support from the public – both by volunteers and by donations – to enable us to make further progress."

Further details at [www.restorethemontgomerycanal.uk](http://www.restorethemontgomerycanal.uk).

## SOUTHAMPTON CANAL SOCIETY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ended 31 March 2019

|  |        |        |          |        | <u>Y/E 2018</u> |          |
|--|--------|--------|----------|--------|-----------------|----------|
| <u>Income</u>                            | £      | £      | £        | £      | £               | £        |
| <b>Subscriptions</b>                     |        |        |          |        |                 |          |
| 2017/18                                  | 16.00  |        |          |        | 511.00          |          |
| 2018/19                                  | 490.00 | 506.00 |          |        |                 |          |
| Raffle                                   |        | 359.00 |          |        | 315.00          |          |
| Teas                                     |        | 95.90  |          |        | 103.44          |          |
| Wine                                     |        | 8.50   |          |        | 6.00            |          |
| Sales                                    |        |        |          |        | 21.50           |          |
| Donation (uncollected Speaker Fee)       |        | 30.00  |          |        | 303.00          |          |
| Daystar                                  |        |        |          |        | 320.00          | 1,579.94 |
| Sweaters                                 |        | 222.60 | 1,222.00 |        |                 |          |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                       |        |        |          |        |                 |          |
| Hall hire                                |        | 471.00 |          |        | 496.50          |          |
| IWA Membership                           | 54.00  |        |          | 54.00  |                 |          |
| IWA Insurance                            | 224.00 | 278.00 |          | 190.40 | 244.40          |          |
| Speaker Fees                             |        | 174.00 |          |        | 115.00          |          |
| Daystar                                  |        |        |          |        | 280.00          |          |
| Secretary's Expenses (for two years)     |        | 116.98 |          |        |                 |          |
| Jubilee Trip / Cake                      |        | 95.00  |          |        | 234.00          |          |
| Sweaters                                 |        | 222.60 | 1,357.58 |        |                 | 1,369.90 |
| <b>Excess of Expenditure over Income</b> |        |        | - 135.58 |        |                 | 210.04   |
| <b>Deposit Interest</b>                  |        |        | 0.46     |        |                 | 0.15     |
| <b>Deficit for the Year</b>              |        |        | - 135.12 |        |                 | 210.19   |
|  |        |        |          |        |                 |          |
|  |        |        |          |        |                 |          |
| <b>Balance Sheet at 31 March 2019</b>    |        |        |          |        |                 |          |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                    |        |        |          |        |                 |          |
| Bank Deposit account                     |        |        | 346.16   |        |                 | 345.70   |
| Bank Current account                     |        |        | 1,458.31 |        |                 | 1,593.89 |
| Cash in hand                             |        |        | 4.11     |        |                 | 4.11     |
|  |        |        | 1,808.58 |        |                 | 1,943.70 |
| Less Uncleared cheque (Speaker Fee)      |        |        | 30.00    |        |                 | 30.00    |
|  |        |        | 1,778.58 |        |                 | 1,913.70 |
|  |        |        |          |        |                 |          |
| <b>Reserves</b>                          |        |        |          |        |                 |          |
| Brought forward                          |        |        | 1,913.70 |        |                 | 1,703.51 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for year               |        |        | - 135.12 |        |                 | 210.19   |
| Carried forward                          |        |        | 1,778.58 |        |                 | 1,913.70 |
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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.

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.

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## Peter Wheble

*Two of the early members of the SCS were Margaret and Peter Wheble. (Pete and Margaret were great friends of Laurie and Joan Pearce and went cruising together in their boats.) Whenever we had early working parties, Pete was our bonfire specialist and we all knew that he was in the working party by the size of the fires! Brian Evans reckons that Pete could set fire to wet wood!*

*Although he is no longer a member, I am sure older members would like to know that smoke from his pipe and all the bonfires which he lit on Society working parties can't have done him much harm! Here is a*



*picture of the former SCS member proudly displaying his birthday card from the Queen!*

BRIGHT and young at heart, Peter Wheble has a legacy on the parapet of Romsey Abbey. In the late 1960's, fellow stonemason Harry Burt surreptitiously sculpted a portrait of his boss Mr F.L.'Peter' Wheble

## SCS Website

As I mentioned in the April Newsletter, I have been working on updating and improving the Society's website. In particular I have been working on that part of the site that deals with the Itchen Navigation. I also mentioned that I hoped to put the pages concerned online by the end of June to commemorate the last cargo carrying barge to reaching Winchester in June 1869.

(Vokes & Beck Monumental Masons ) when replacing a corbel on the ancient building.

Vokes and Becks, a stonemason company based in Winchester which had proudly undertaken the Abbey's work for ten years, discovered whilst repairing the parapet stones on the South West level, that the corbels were structurally unsound and had to renew them. As the original Binstead limestone from the Isle of Wight quarry was no longer available, it was decided to use a Portland stone; it was sound, available and economically viable. (£40 per corbel).

Any badly damaged corbels were matched to the originals, but where the corbels had eroded too much, it was left to the stonemasons to create designs of their choosing - as was the tradition. A number ball flower carvings were used as well as portraits.

Peter who has celebrated his 100th birthday was recently given a surprise party, organised by Shelia Phillips and the members of South Wonston Senior Club. The party was attended by four generations of the family, the youngest of whom is Eva aged five months. Winchester mayor, Cllr. Frank Pearson came along for the afternoon and presented Peter with a bottle of Champagne donated by Waitrose Ltd to mark the occasion.

Peter was surrounded by his family, friends and many centenary cards, including one from The Queen; and a special birthday cake.

A talented poet, Peter also entertained his friends with an impromptu rendering of one of his poems to round off an enjoyable and memorable celebration.

*[Romsey Advertiser, 2 May 2019](#) and [Corbels at Romsey Abbey](#)*



However, your editor has been enjoying himself boating to Hebden Bridge on the Rochdale Canal to the Historic Narrow Boat Club gathering where I am writing this. Whilst I have done some work in the back cabin on the website plus last month's and this issue of the Newsletter, it is likely that the new web pages will not see the light of day until sometime in July.

*Peter Oates, Editor*