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MEETINGS - 1st Thursday each month at 7.45 pm.
St. John Ambulance Hall, King's Park Road, Southampton.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 2nd May - Film and Video night. 15 min video 'On the Cut' + 2 16mm films -
'Thames Barrier' - reasons for building and its construction and
'Made in Hong Kong' - underwater tunnel from Hong Kong to Kowloon
- 16th-19th May - Exhibition Stand at Community Festival '91, Chandlers Ford.
- 6th June - AGM - followed by video on the changing face of British Waterways
- 4th July - 'HMS Warrior 1860'. History, Restoration and Preservation.
- 1st August - Members Slides.
- 5th September - 'Engineering on Gloucester & Sharpness Canal and Associated
Waterways' by BWS speaker.
- 3rd October - 'Boat Museum - Ellesmere Port' - Tony Hirst, Director.
- 7th November - Hugh McKnight - 'European Waterways'.

APRIL MEETING. Jon Sims visited us once again - 4th time? - 5th time? - I've lost count. But every time a different subject illustrated with beautiful slides.

The April talk, entitled 'Bristol or Bust', featured a round trip aboard a hire boat from Trowbridge to Bristol and back.

Jon was certainly very enthusiastic about the western end of the Kennet & Avon Canal and the River Avon and his slides showed the variety of scenery along the way.

He was also enthusiastic about the relics he and his companions found during a walk along a length of the Somerset Coal Canal. Jon intends to return to walk more of this old canal, maybe taking along a minibus full of folks, so if you are interested in joining in then get in touch with him.

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL 91. This Community Festival will take place in the St. Boniface Centre, Hursley Road, Chandlers Ford. There are over 40 groups attending this year and admission is "FREE."

The opening times are as follows:-

- Thursday 16th - 19.30 to 21.00 - Official opening by Norman Goodland.
Friday 17th - 12.00 to 20.00
Saturday 18th - 10.00 to 21.30
Sunday 19th - 11.00 to 20.00

Don't forget that your Chairman is giving a slide show on Saturday 18th at 15.15 in the Cloister Lounge.

Tony Coles has volunteered to erect the stand. We would like to have someone manning the stand whenever possible and we still need some more volunteers. We also need someone to take the stand down on the Sunday evening. If you can help out please see one of the Committee members.

GRAND WESTERN CANAL. If any of our members are heading to the West Country on holiday this year don't forget the horse drawn boat trips on the Grand Western Canal at Tiverton and also the trips on the Bridgewater and Taunton Canal at North Newton near Bridgewater.

Timetables and details of costs for both trips are available from Tony Coles.

Available from the Library is the April 1991 newsletter (Issue No. 5) of the Grand Western Canal Trust.

STORT WATERBUS. The Lee and Stort Waterbus Navigation Company Ltd are introducing a narrowboat to the River Stort. The vessel is to operate a service between Harlow, Sawbridgeworth, Royden and Rye House. A variety of trips will be available including round trips with a combined ticket allowing travel in one direction by rail. The vessel has facilities for refreshments and a fully licensed bar on board.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st APRIL 1991

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>
Subscriptions	281.00	280.50
Sales	15.00	17.30
Refreshments	48.30	28.55
Draws	168.40	134.06
Sundry	2.83	3.50
Dutings	487.75	375.00
Sponsors - Canal Walk	-	8.00
Donations	1.00	12.00
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 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Hire of Meeting Room	150.00	132.00
Lecture Fees and Costs	25.00	-
Donations/Subscriptions	293.00	133.00
Newsletter Printing	25.60	70.68
Newsletter Postage	48.04	31.59
Stationery	5.00	5.65
Dutings	447.50	331.90
Cash for Sponsor	-	9.00
Cost of Raffle Prizes	-	6.39
Cost of Key Cutting	-	4.43
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	994.14	724.54
 <u>SURPLUS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</u>	 10.14	 140.37
Balance b/fwd 89/90	553.37	395.22
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<u>BALANCE 1st April 1990</u>	563.51	535.59
Interest from Deposit Account	9.22	17.75
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	572.73	553.37
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BALANCE SHEET as at 1st April 1991

Balance at Bank - Current A/c	231.49	238.79
Deposit A/c	319.46	310.24
Cash in Hand	21.78	4.34
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RIVER ARUN SMALL BOAT CRUISE. This years cruise will take place on Sunday 23rd June. Launching to commence from 9.30am with the start at 10.30am.

The cruise will start at the Waters Edge pub, Station Road, Pulborough and proceed on rising water upstream to Pallingham and return with the falling tide by mid afternoon. Light craft and cruisers up to about 15' can be launched at the slipway at the Waters Edge. All vehicles and trailers must be moved from the pub car park before the cruise starts.

Is there anyone in the Society with a suitable boat who would be prepared to represent us? Please contact the Chairman.