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

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**3rd November 1994**  
Our Waterways Heritage  
by Mrs. Frances Hart,  
Chief Executive, IWA.

**1st December 1994**  
American Supper &  
'A Christmas Toast'  
the production of Champagne.

**5th January 1995**  
The Kennet & Avon Canal  
and its Appeal  
by Terry Kemp.

**2nd February 1995**  
The Grand Union Canal  
1793-1993  
& Today's Engineering  
by Chris Mitchell.

**2nd March 1995**  
Early Inland Navigation  
in Hampshire  
by Peter Boyce.

**6th April 1995**  
History of Postcards featuring  
Hampshire & Canals  
by John Silman.

**4th May 1995**  
The History of Waterways and  
Gloucester Docks  
by Tony Conder,  
Curator, National Waterways  
Museum, Gloucester.

**OCTOBER MEETING.** It was interesting to hear about the aims of the editor of a waterways magazine when he puts together a monthly collection of items, which, when published is intended to interest as wide a readership as possible. Norman Alborough, editor of Canal & Riverboat Magazine gave us some idea of how he selected items, photographs etc. and the timescale for preparing each months edition. Getting a good mix of all waterways aspects is essential to retain the interest of readers who, hopefully, will also patronise the advertisers, who themselves in turn help to finance the production of the magazine. Although most articles are complete in content, it was surprising to hear that some are prepared in a way that will rouse comment from the readers. This not only lets the editor know that he actually does have readers out there but also gives him some idea as to what kind of magazine they want and what interests them most.

So dear members, there are two national waterways magazines, many waterways bulletins, national and local newspapers, all just waiting to hear about Southampton Canal Society and its members likes and dislikes. Get cracking! PS. Don't forget about your newsletter. Let the editor know your views on the new layout, the contents and any other ideas to make the SCS Newsletter more

**IWA INTER SOCIETY QUIZ.** This year the quiz was between teams from SCS, Wey & Arun Canal Trust, the Solent and Arun Branch of IWA and Waterway Recovery Group. The venue was the Crown public House in Chichester.

The team representing SCS comprised Laura Sturrock, Paul Herbert, Eric Lewis and Tony Coles. The question setter and question master was the SCS Vice President who helped the Solent and Arun Branch of IWA to their victory last year, so the SCS team hoped to go one better than last years second place.

At half time, after 5 rounds of question, we were lying in third place with 26 points, 7 points behind the leaders, Waterway Recovery Group. After the half time break for liquid refreshment and a team talk (we nearly brought on our substitutes to create an all female team) we fared better in the second half of slides and associated questions and when the landlord called time, the question master still had several slides to show, a count up of the scores showed SCS had won with a score of 71 points, followed by Wey & Arun Canal Trust with 68 points, Waterway Recovery Group with 65 points and Solent and Arun Branch of IWA with 55.

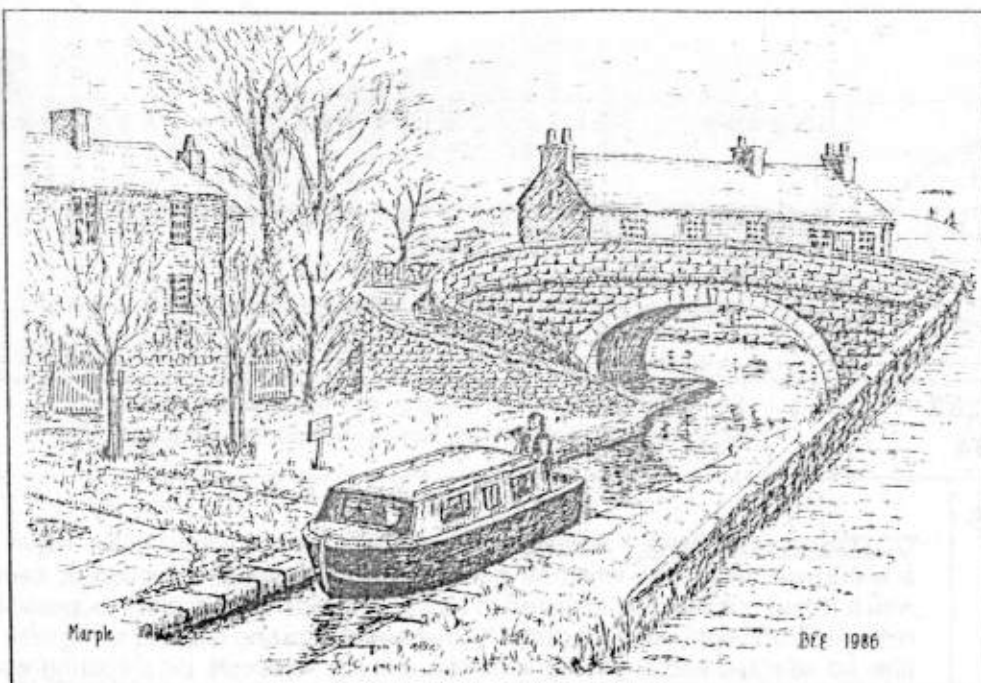
Our thanks to the question master, the landlord of the Crown Public House and all involved in arranging the quiz.

**EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.** Notice is hereby given of an E.G.M. to be held at the beginning of the December meeting on Thursday 1st December. The purpose of the E.G.M. will be to approve the revised Constitution of Southampton canal Society. With this NEWSLETTER is enclosed a copy of the new Constitution. Please read it carefully and bring your copy with you to the December meeting.

It is hoped that this E.G.M. will take only a few minutes of the evening and that the advertised programme can then continue.

**Southampton Canal Society Library**  
Please return any books to Sue Lewis at meetings for the benefit of all members.

**VISIT SOUTHAMPTON CANAL SOCIETY STAND**  
at the Christmas Fair of Calmore School.  
Saturday 26th November. 2.00pm to 4.00pm.



#### DONATIONS.

Recent donations made by Southampton Canal Society:-

£25.00 to the Festiniog Railway Society at the request of David Meek who entertained at our July meeting with 'Last days of Steam on BR'.

£25.00 to the Steamboat Association following Dr. Roger Calverts talk on Small Steam Launches on Canals and Rivers on 1st September.

£25.00 to Boats for the Handicapped (Basingstoke Canal).

£25.00 to the Ken Goodwin Memorial Fund.

**BOLLINDERS.** In last months Newsletter we printed a photo of a large electric motor. The real use of the motor is to keep sludge circulating within a sewage works. In other words it is a sh.. stirrer.

#### IWA PRESS RELEASE - 1th OCTOBER 1994. NEW FACES ON IWA RULING COUNCIL.

The results of the elections for the governing Council of the IWA were announced at its Annual General Meeting held at Lichfield on 1st October. Five vacancies were created - three by members retiring by rotation and who were eligible for re-election, and a further two were caused by recent resignations from Council. Healthy competition resulted from the nomination of eight candidates.

The successful candidates were:-

Jonathan Smith and Michael West, both re-elected to Council having retired by rotation in accordance with the Associations regulations.

Mike West has served the Association for over 20 years and has held senior posts for the last six years and has just retired as National Deputy Chairman.

Tony Harrison and Mike Palmer are new as Council members but both have seen many years active service for the Association.

The five new Council members will serve for three years. One of their tasks was to take part in the election for the new National Chairman of the IWA. (See item below)

#### Southampton Canal Society Sales

Embossed Ball Point Pens 50p

Fibre Tip Pens 75p

GEO projects Maps.  
Basingstoke Canal £2.50  
Oxford Canal £3.75

Kennet & Avon Canal £3.25

Notelets, with line drawings of canal scenes, by your Chairman.

Screen Printed Tee Shirts £6.50  
in Navy - large & extra large  
in Red - medium

Embroidered Sweat Shirts £15.00  
in Navy - medium  
in Bright Royal - medium

#### IWA PRESS RELEASE - 19th OCTOBER 1994.

##### NEW CHAIRMAN FOR ASSOCIATION.

The newly elected National Chairman of the IWA is Mrs. Audrey Smith. Selected by her fellow Councillors, Audrey is the Association's first woman National Chairman.

Born in Lancaster, she has been a member of the IWA since 1971 and has served as Chairman of the North Lancashire & Cumbria Branch, and Secretary to, and for the last three and a half years, as Chairman of the association's North West Region Committee.

Audrey accepts that the role of National Chairman is diverse and demanding. She foresees an ongoing need for the Association to monitor, and where necessary campaign to modify, proposed legislation which could have an adverse affect on the Quality of our waterway network, its management and funding.

She has strong views regarding the Association's forthcoming Golden Jubilee celebrations in 1996, and sees it as an opportunity for the IWA to look back with pride on its achievements whilst simultaneously looking critically at internal structures so that the Association can be adapted and streamlined to face the challenges of future years.

Audrey represents the IWA on several restoration groups, holds talks with BW aimed at safeguarding and promoting the interests of waterways users, and liaises with other societies, trusts and clubs on the inland waterways in the North West.