



Chairman's Column

September Meeting

We are delighted to welcome Colin Scrivener to our September meeting with his "Reflections on the 50's". A very apt choice of programme considering the DVD "By Canal in the 50s" shown at our AGM at the end of July.

Sorry that Gill and I cannot be with you at this meeting but we are having a long-awaited break.

Annual General Meeting

A report on our 40th AGM has been included in this Newsletter. The Treasurer & Membership Secretary's Report and the 2006/07 Accounts were tabled at the meeting and have been reproduced in this Newsletter.

October Meeting - 'Day-Star Theatre'

As members are aware, we will be welcoming 'Day-Star Theatre' back to Southampton Canal Society next month, with their special compilation production of "What's all the fuss about?" Ticket sales are going extremely well but we have some way to go yet if we are to put out the 'House Full' board. Don't forget, this event is not just restricted to Society members so bring your friends, family and colleagues along. Tickets are on sale at our monthly meetings and from our new secretary Angela Rose (see details below).

As reported in our last Newsletter there will be an **American Supper** after the performance (along the same successful lines as always enjoyed after the annual Inter-Society Waterways Quiz). Wine, soft drinks and tea & coffee will be provided **but each**

member or guest should bring along food for all to share.

Society Autumn Boat Trip

Time is fast approaching for our Society horse-drawn boat trip on the River Wey & Godalming Navigation on Saturday 6 October. As 'Iona' can accommodate up to 48 passengers there will be plenty of room for members, their families and friends. Full details of this outing are included in this Newsletter. As usual, Maureen Greenham is handling all bookings and she can be contacted by telephone on 023 8040 6951 or by email on: maureen.greenham@dsl.pipex.com

It's Tea Time Again!

A reminder that we have just started a new volunteer rota for our monthly refreshments. Can you please see Gill at any meeting and add your name to the list. Many thanks.

The 'Virtual' Newsletter

Another appeal for members with Internet access to consider receiving their copy of the monthly Newsletter by that means. Please contact Peter Oates for details or if you are having problems accessing the Newsletter site.

Also, if you pick up your copy of the Newsletter at one of our meetings, can you please make sure you tick your name on the sheet. Some members are failing to do so which can lead to unnecessary additional postage costs. Thank you.

Paul Herbert

Society Boat Trip

River Wey
& Godalming Navigation



Saturday 6 October 2007

aboard the horse-drawn narrow boat 'Iona' hauled by one of the heavy horses: *Ben* or *Rosie*
2 hour trip from Godalming Wharf at 2.00pm

Tickets: £12.00 per person
(includes a Cream Tea on board)

Bookings from Maureen Greenham
Telephone: 02380 406951

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Day-Star Theatre

What's all the
fuss about?

Day-Star Theatre with
a special compilation show of
extracts from some of their past plays

This will be followed by an American Supper
(drinks provided but bring food for all to share)

Thursday 4 October 2007

7.45pm at Chilworth Parish Hall

Tickets: £5.00 per person

Bookings from Angela Rose

Tel: 02380 632558 (day)

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August Meeting – The Society's 2007 Annual General Meeting

Thirty members attended the Society's 40th Annual General Meeting held on 26 July 2007, which was chaired by our Chairman, Paul Herbert. The meeting followed the usual procedure with all documentation published prior to or tabled at the meeting.

The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer & Membership Secretary presented their reports, highlighting issues of particular note. Whilst the Society continues to be successful with a full and varied programme of speakers and a number of enjoyable special events and outings, there has been a small fall in membership numbers and attendance at some of our monthly meetings has been disappointing, despite quality speakers. The Chairman again expressed the need for a drive to increase membership. It is known that there are a significant number of canal boat owners and others interested in the inland waterways living in our region and all members are asked to make efforts to bring the existence of the Society, and details of its programme, to their attention. Our financial position remains healthy, despite increasing costs, particularly the production and mailing of the Newsletter, and a year-end balance of approximately £1,500 (a similar sum as the previous year) has been carried forward into 2007/08.

A number of special events has been organised and special clothing ordered to mark the Society's 40th anniversary.

Both in his report and at the AGM Paul thanked all those Society members who contribute to its success. Without the continued support of those who regularly attend our monthly meetings, the officers and committee, and the small group of members who provide active 'hands-on' assistance at each meeting, the Society would not continue to flourish and provide so much entertainment.

At its last meeting, the Committee had reviewed membership subscription rates and the AGM endorsed its recommendation to increase individual membership to £15 and £22 for families. The AGM also approved an increase in the refreshments charge to 40p.

There then followed the election of Officers and Committee. Paul reminded members that Laura Sturrock, our Vice-Chairman and Treasurer & Membership Secretary, and Eric Lewis, our Secretary, had previously notified their intention to retire at this year's AGM. Paul thanked Laura and Eric for all their many years hard work on behalf of the Society, its Committee, and members, and this was endorsed by the AGM who recorded them both a Vote of Thanks. Paul then had the pleasurable task of making a modest presentation of gift tokens to them both.

Paul reminded members that, when first elected, he had indicated

that he would only be prepared to take the Chair for about five years, due to his other commitments. However, six years had now passed and, under normal circumstances, he would be looking to pass over to a successor. With the current changes on the Committee there was a need for continuing stability and, therefore, was prepared to serve for up to a further five years, if the membership thought appropriate. Paul also reminded the AGM that, at last year's meeting, with the knowledge that Laura would be standing down this year, members had elected Anne Coleman as (temporary) Assistant Treasurer & Membership Secretary. Anne had, in fact, been carrying out much of the Treasurer's role during the year. She was willing to be confirmed in that position. Both Paul Herbert and Anne Coleman were confirmed in their respective roles.

Angela Rose had indicated her willingness to be considered for the vacant position of Secretary, for which she was thanked, and was duly elected. All other Committee members - Maureen Greenham, Peter Oates, Alan Rose and David Townley-Jones, were willing to continue and, with no other nominations being put forward, were elected.

Sue Lewis, who had been the Society's Auditor for some years, had previously indicated her intention to retire at the AGM (but would be auditing the 2006/07 accounts, for which we thank her). Laura Sturrock volunteered to take on this role which was gratefully accepted by the AGM.

Paul reminded the AGM that, with Laura's retirement, there was a vacancy for Vice-Chairman. That role was not onerous and was normally elected from within the Committee. As none of the existing Committee members indicated their wish to take on that role it was agreed to leave the position vacant. The AGM agreed that the Committee be delegated to appoint a Vice-Chairman, in due course.

John Silman expressed thanks on behalf of the Society to all the Officers and Committee, especially to all the long standing members.

Following the AGM members enjoyed excerpts from an extremely interesting DVD – "By Canal in the 50s" which, on silent film, showed a number of journeys around the waterways system on board nb 'Stentor'. This DVD was produced to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the IWA. Copies are available from IWA or Video Active. (Many thanks to Peter and Laura for providing their IT equipment to enable the DVD to be shown.)

SOUTHAMPTON CANAL SOCIETY

Established 1967

The objectives of the Society are to foster interest in canals and inland waterways, to assist in their preservation, restoration and development, and to give practical help on waterway projects.

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Meetings:

Normally 1st Thursday each month at 7.45pm. (See Waterways Diary.) Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton.

**SOUTHAMPTON CANAL SOCIETY
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2007**

	2007			2006		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME						
Polo shirts & sweat shirts						
Net sales	30.50			24.00		
Less: value of stock sold	<u> </u>	30.50		<u>5.29</u>	18.71	
Sales Stand						
Sales	0.00					
Less: value of stock sold	<u> </u>	0.00				
Boat trips & skittles						
Income	327.50					
Expenditure	320.00	7.50			0.00	
Mill trip						
Income	6.00			142.50		
Expenditure	<u>0.00</u>	6.00		<u>136.60</u>	5.90	
Subscriptions		673.00			728.00	
Raffle		385.00			404.72	
Auction		0.00			150.00	
Refreshments		92.25			84.24	
Donations		34.00			66.50	
Library		0.00			18.00	
Interest		7.49			7.54	
		<u>1,235.74</u>			<u>1,483.61</u>	
EXPENDITURE						
Hire of meeting room			290.00			382.50
Lecture fees & costs			257.85			150.50
Equipment hire			0.00			0.00
Write down of surplus sales stock			0.00			50.00
Donations			100.00			275.00
Subscriptions			38.50			38.50
Newsletters			186.00			0.00
Postage & stationery			42.14			87.59
Insurance			207.10			213.50
Gifts + prizes			56.00			59.50
Depreciation			58.00			8.00
			<u>1,235.59</u>			<u>1,265.09</u>
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		0.15			218.52	
		<u>1,518.49</u>			<u>1,299.97</u>	
Balance carried forward		<u>1,518.64</u>			<u>1,518.49</u>	

Treasurer's Report for year ended 31 March 2007

Balance Sheet

The Society's bank balances are healthy as shown in the attached accounts at:

Current Account	£904.98
Savings Account	£327.12
Cash in hand	£28.88
	<u>£1,260.98</u>

This compares favourably with last year's total of £1,231.98.

Income and expenditure

The Society's income and expenditure account shows that we made a small profit of £0.15p for the year, compared with last year's £218.52. This is almost entirely due to the fact that we had to pay for the production of the newsletters this year, while last year they were free, the total cost being £186.00. Also, last year's figures were boosted by the profits from the Auction, which netted

£150, and enabled us to give large donations to charities at the year end. We have not as yet made any donations for 2007. Members may wish to consider further fund-raising in the future for this purpose. The remaining difference is accounted for by a small decline in subscription income.

The cost of speakers remained constant, but more were paid fees rather than donations. We also profited from a refund of hall hire fees for the very cold December meeting!

Membership

During the year, several people left the society as they were moving away from the area, and only two new members joined. This trend continues, and could result in less subscription income in 2007/08 unless we can recruit new members to replace those leaving.

Anne Coleman

Waterways Diary

The following is a list of waterway events taking place within approximately 50 miles of Southampton. Hopefully you can find something to interest you. 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 of that event.

If YOU know of an event taking place that should be in this list then please contact the editor.

Time	Organiser	Details	Contact
Thu 6 Sep 2007 7.45pm	Southampton CS	"Reflections on the 50's" with Colin Scrivener. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton.	Eric Lewis: 023 8086 0384
Fri-Sun 14-23 Sep 2007	National Boat Shows	Mayflower Park, Southampton	General enquiries: 01784 473377 Email: info@boatshows.co.uk
Sat 15 Sep 2007	IWA Solent & Arun Branch	All boats invited for the bi-annual Hamble cruise, from Swanwick to Curbridge and Botley Quay. High water around 14:30 will take us up for a pub/picnic lunch and a visit to Botley Quay on the second rise in the tide.	Peter Boyce: 07729 139765. Email: Peter.Boyce@raymarine.com
Thu 20 Sep 2007 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	Barry Eagles, from "The Solent Steam Packet Ltd", returns with "Ocean Liners in The Solent" showing slides taken in the 60s & 70s. The Green Dragon, Alderbury, Salisbury.	Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841. Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 Email: glover3@gotadsl.co.uk
Fri-Sun 21-23 Sep 2007	Chichester Jazz Club	Following on from last year's first Jazz in the City festival, Chichester Jazz Club will be holding various jazz events at venues around Chichester, including on the trip boats and around the Canal Basin.	Details on www.chichesterjazzfestival.co.uk
Thu 4 Oct 2007 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Performance by Day-Star Theatre. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton.	Eric Lewis: 023 8086 0384
Sun 7 Oct 2007	Wey & Arun CT	A chance for portable boats to visit the summit level of the Wey and Arun Canal with the Trust's second rally at Dunsfold. Soak up the WWII fighter ace atmosphere at the pub, and avoid the plummeting acorns on the water.	WACT: 01403 752403. Email: office@weyandarun.co.uk
Thu 1 Nov 2007 7.45pm	Southampton CS	"Adventures of the Tuesday Night Club" with Neil Arlidge. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton.	Eric Lewis: 023 8086 0384
Thu 15 Nov 2007 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	"The Man who Ate his Trousers" - Ann Harries talks about her Great Grand Uncle, Sir George Back, whose expedition mapped The Arctic including the North West Passage. The Green Dragon, Alderbury, Salisbury.	Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841. Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 Email: glover3@gotadsl.co.uk
Thu 6 Dec 2007 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Inter-Society Waterways Quiz and American Supper. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton.	Eric Lewis: 023 8086 0384
Thu 13 Dec 2007 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	Christmas Dinner at The Green Dragon, Alderbury, Salisbury.	Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841. Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 Email: glover3@gotadsl.co.uk
Thu 3 Jan 2008 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Members' Slides, Prints and Photo Competition. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton.	Eric Lewis: 023 8086 0384
Until 30 Sep 2007 10.30am - 5.00pm	Kennet & Avon CT	Crofton Beam Engines open every day. When not in steam admission: Adults £4.50, Seniors £4.00, Children £1.50, Families (2 adults & 2 children) £9.00. For steaming weekends see below.	Tel: 01672 870300 Email: egcr59103@CroftonBeamEngines.org Website: www.croftonbeamengines.org
28-29 Jul, 25-27 Aug, 29-30 Sep 2007 10.30 - 5.00	Kennet & Avon CT	Crofton Beam Engines Steaming weekends. Admission: Adults £6.50, Seniors £5.50, Children £1.50, Families (2 adults & 2 children) £13.00.	Tel: 01672 870300 Email: egcr59103@CroftonBeamEngines.org Website: www.croftonbeamengines.org
Until 21 Oct 2007 10.00am - 5.00pm (4.00pm Weds)	Kennet & Avon CT	Claverton Pumping Station open every Sat, Sun, Wed and Bank Holiday Mon. Non-pumping days admission: Adults £2.00, Children under 16 free but must be accompanied by adult. For pumping days see below.	Tel: 01225 483001 Email: enquiries@claverton.org Website: www.claverton.org
12 Aug, 26-27 Aug, 9 Sep, 23 Sep, 21 Oct 2007 10.00 - 5.00	Kennet & Avon CT	Claverton Pumping Station pumping days. Admission: Adults £2.00, Children under 16 free but must be accompanied by adult.	Tel: 01225 483001 Email: enquiries@claverton.org Website: www.claverton.org

Newsletter Matters

Lack of Material

For the last few issues of the Newsletter, the only contributions I have received have come from your hard-working Chairman. I would like to issue an appeal to all our members and other readers for further articles, news items, reminiscences, notes, letters, details of forthcoming events or indeed anything (preferably waterways related) that might be of interest to your fellow members.

I can't guarantee that I will use every item I might receive as space sometimes is at a premium, I will try to use as many of them (assuming it is plural) as I possibly can.

Saving costs

The costs of producing and distributing the Newsletter have grown enormously in the last couple of years.

Some 30 individuals now receive their copies of the Newsletter each month via the Internet thus saving the Society a considerable amount of money by reducing postage and printing costs.

The Newsletter is made available to these members several days before the meeting and they also get to see it in colour.

So in addition to Paul's plea on the front page, may I ask you to consider this method of delivery.

Peter Oates, Editor