



# Newsletter

## Chairman's Column

### September Meeting

Tonight please give a warm welcome to Frank Green, the New Forest National Park Archaeologist. Learn about the past and future of the park, ice houses, fire blackened stones, churchyards with history; heritage on our doorstep.

### October Meeting

On the 6th October, SCS members Eric and Sue Lewis will be "Cruising around the Canals".

### November Meeting

Pete and Jane of the Day-Star Theatre with their yearly visit to Southampton, "What's Good for the Goose", a sequel to "A Bad Penny" but fifty two years later - in the present day. For a synopsis see [last month's Newsletter](#). Book your tickets now.

Alan Rose

## Summer Cruise by the Chairman and Secretary

Our Summer cruise this year on *Purton* was made to celebrate the Basingstoke 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Basingstoke Canal Society (BCS) and fifty years of the Historic Narrow Boat Club (HNBC) at the Woking Canal Festival.

Leaving Napton we headed south along the Oxford Canal to join the Thames at Oxford and then up to Lechlade, seeing families enjoying the river and the countryside in glorious weather. Overnight moorings and good pubs were found on our way. We then proceeded downstream, eventually leaving the Thames at Shepperton Lock to join the River Wey Navigation.

On the Saturday before the festival, Byfleet Boat Club welcomed us and another five historic boats, including Peter and Laura on *Stanton*, to join in their summer BBQ and skittles evening plus the use of their facilities i.e. much needed showers!

On the morning after, we locked up through the Woodham flight on the Basingstoke Canal. As a result of its usual limited water supplies, the number of boats that could access the canal was limited each day. In addition, to avoid a repeat of previous damage to lock cills with deep-draughted historic boats, each boat had to glide over a depth gauge. In *Purton's* case, a little bit of ballast moving was needed!

Woking Canal Festival was very well organised - the towpath was very busy with local people and visitors all pleased to see so many boats. The on-site entertainment included a Fairground organ, Morris men, Punch and Judy and the Mikron Theatre. There were many stalls among which were IWA Guildford & Reading, Eric and Sue Lewis supporting the Boaters Christian Fellowship, HNBC book stall, BCS, Wilts & Berks Canal Trust plus local stalls.

A reception for to celebrate 50 years since to formation of HNBC at which cake and bubbly was enjoyed. There was a similar reception for the 50th anniversary of BCS. Peter and Laura ran the Quiz for HNBC (if only we had remembered the answers from December) but we managed sixth place out of nine teams!

Friends and Members who visited: Nick and Liz Grundy on "Beatty" built in 1938 and owned by his family since 1968. Rosemary and Colin Davies and Rob Unsworth.

After the Festival, we continued up the canal to St John Locks and the Deepcut flight and moored at the Mytchett Canal Centre with *Stanton*. Due to height restrictions, *Purton* wined at Ash Lock, whilst Peter and Laura continued on to the end of the canal at Odiham Castle.

The on duty lengths man Matt looked after us well and the volunteers had a wealth of history to tell, it was tough at times as our boats struggled right to the last turn onto the River Wey. As we write this we are at Brentford listening to Brentford playing Nottingham Forest in their first home match of the season. It's just 93 miles back to Braunston.



Alan & Angela Rose *Stanton* at the winding hole near Odiham Castle

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## Bits and Pieces

### Winter Stoppage List

CRT have published the list of vital maintenance work they will be carrying out over the winter and are urging boaters to take a look to see how it may affect their cruising plans over the season. This may be found at <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/notices/winter>

### Funding for historic boats

An Arts Council England (ACE) award of over £300k, will ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy the historic boats in the care of the Trust at the National Waterways Museums Ellesmere Port and Gloucester.

The Trust collection comprises sixty eight nationally important boats – the majority of which are on the historic ships register. Maintaining such an important collection is a mammoth task.

However the ACE grant now allows the museums to focus attention on sixteen vessels in Ellesmere Port which will be removed from the water for preservation. This will include drying out and storing the boats in conditions that preserve them for the enjoyment and understanding of museum visitors.

The ACE grant will also allow development of a dry dock that will allow its experts to conserve the fleet of working boats. Meanwhile it will also enable the museum at Gloucester to enhance the quayside to provide a fitting backdrop to the vessels exhibited there, including the Sabrina which is currently being developed into an education facility.

## 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	Contact
<b>Thu 1 Sep 2016 7.45pm</b>	<b>Southampton CS</b>	<b>"Industrial Archaeology within the New Forest" by Frank Green from the New Forest National Parks Authority. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).</b>	<b>Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: <a href="mailto:alanjrose@btinternet.com">alanjrose@btinternet.com</a></b>
Fri 2 Sep 2016 6.30 - 10.00pm	Kennet & Avon CT	Carnival on the Canal, Devizes Wharf, SN10 1EB (SU004617). Devizes Branch's annual celebration in partnership with the town. Free entry.	K&ACT, Devizes Wharf: 01380 721279 Web: <a href="http://katrust.org.uk/events/">http://katrust.org.uk/events/</a>
Sat 3 Sep 2016 7.00-10.00pm	National Trust	Bat evening. Walk with lengthsmen, Chris, and a bat detector from Triggs Lock, Runtley Wood Lane, Sutton Green, GU4 7QQ (TQ012548) to Worsfold Gates and back. You can also make a bat box to take home. Please bring warm clothes. Booking essential. Price: £5.00, children free. Further info at <a href="http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/river-wey-godalming-navigations-and-dapdune-wharf/">http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/river-wey-godalming-navigations-and-dapdune-wharf/</a>	Navigation office: 01483 561389 Email: <a href="mailto:riverwey@nationaltrust.org.uk">riverwey@nationaltrust.org.uk</a>
Wed 7 Sep 2016 11.00am-3.00pm	National Trust	In the 19th-century, Send Workshop was the centrepiece of the Wey Navigations. As part of the Heritage Open Days, take a fascinating peek into a working 17th century barn, the home of the Wey Navigations Maintenance team. Send Workshop, Potters, Send, Surrey, GU23 7AL (TQ016556). Further info at <a href="http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/river-wey-godalming-navigations-and-dapdune-wharf/">http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/river-wey-godalming-navigations-and-dapdune-wharf/</a>	Navigation office: 01483 561389 Email: <a href="mailto:riverwey@nationaltrust.org.uk">riverwey@nationaltrust.org.uk</a>
Thu-Sun 8-11 Sep 2016 10.30am-4.30pm	Kennet & Avon CT	Heritage Open Days. Crofton Beam Engines in steam. Admission: Adults £8.00, Concs £7.00 Accompanied Children under 16 Free. Crofton Beam Engines, Crofton, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3DW (SU261622)	Web: <a href="http://www.croftonbeamengines.org">http://www.croftonbeamengines.org</a>
Sat 10 Sep 2016 2.15pm	Wey & Arun CT	Heritage Open Day. Alan Johnson, Technical Liaison Officer of WACT, will lead a 4-mile circular walk visiting four sites containing relics of the W&A canal and Horsham & Guildford railway. It will be essential to wear walking boots, stout shoes or trainers. Free of charge (donations to WACT welcome). Meet at Shamley Green church car park, GU5 0UD (TQ033434).	Please notify your attendance to: <a href="mailto:support@weyandarun.co.uk">support@weyandarun.co.uk</a> by 3 September. WACT Northern Office: 01483 505566 Web: <a href="http://www.weyandarun.co.uk/events2.php">http://www.weyandarun.co.uk/events2.php</a>
Sun 11 Sep 2016 2.30pm	Wey & Arun CT	Guided walk starting from the Gunpowder Store at Stonebridge Wharf, Shalford, along parts of the course of the canal to the former Bramley Wharf (approx 2.5km). Meet at Gunpowder Store, Stonebridge Wharfside, Shalford, GU4 8EH (SU997465). Gunpowder Store may also open.	Pre-booking required: Tel: 01483 505566 Email: <a href="mailto:northernoffice@weyandarun.co.uk">northernoffice@weyandarun.co.uk</a> by noon Thursday 8th September. Web: <a href="http://www.weyandarun.co.uk/events2.php">http://www.weyandarun.co.uk/events2.php</a>
Sat 17 Sep 2016 2.00-5.00pm	National Trust	Towpath to table. Join Triggs Lengthsman, Chris, on a short walk to forage some of the Wey's finest natural food and then return to Triggs Cottage garden to make something tasty to take home.... Price: £5.00. Triggs Lock Cottage, Runtley Wood Lane, Sutton Green, GU4 7QQ (TQ012548)	Navigation office: 01483 561389 Email: <a href="mailto:riverwey@nationaltrust.org.uk">riverwey@nationaltrust.org.uk</a>
Sun 18 Sep 2016 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk-- Kilmersdon Colliery. Meet: <a href="http://www.radstockmuseum.org.uk/">Radstock Museum</a> , Waterloo Road, Radstock, BA3 3EP (ST689549).	Mike Chapman: 01225 426948 Email: <a href="mailto:history@coalcanal.org.uk">history@coalcanal.org.uk</a>
Sun 18 Sep 2016 11.00am	Stroud Raft Race	Competitors in the Stroud Raft Race will use the recently reopened stretch of the Thames & Severn Canal between Wallbridge and Capels Mill. Register team(s) by 1st September.	Luciano Magalotti: 07813 441312 Email: <a href="mailto:info@stroudraftace.org">info@stroudraftace.org</a> Web: <a href="http://www.stroudraftace.org/">http://www.stroudraftace.org/</a>
Sat 24 Sep 2016 from 11.00am	National Trust	Wey River Festival. Boats will be moored around the Wharf for the weekend. There will be lots of entertainment with stalls and activities. Dapdune Wharf, Wharf Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 4RR (SU993502). Further info at <a href="http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/river-wey-godalming-navigations-and-dapdune-wharf/">http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/river-wey-godalming-navigations-and-dapdune-wharf/</a>	Navigation office: 01483 561389 Email: <a href="mailto:riverwey@nationaltrust.org.uk">riverwey@nationaltrust.org.uk</a>
Sat-Sun 24-25 Sep 2016 10.30am-4.30pm	Kennet & Avon CT	Annual steam gala. Crofton Beam Engines in steam. Admission: Adults £8.00, Concs £7.00 Accompanied Children under 16 Free. Crofton Beam Engines, Crofton, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3DW (SU261622)	Web: <a href="http://www.croftonbeamengines.org">http://www.croftonbeamengines.org</a>
Sun 25 Sep 2016 10.00am-3.00pm	National Trust	Walk along the Wey Navigation from Broadford Bridge, Shalford, Surrey GU4 8DT (SU997467) upstream to Trowers Bridge and join the footpath to Bramley, then along the old Cranleigh Line and route of the Wey and Arun Canal. Bring a packed lunch. Approx. 7 miles. Further info at <a href="http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/river-wey-godalming-navigations-and-dapdune-wharf/">http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/river-wey-godalming-navigations-and-dapdune-wharf/</a>	Navigation office: 01483 561389 Email: <a href="mailto:riverwey@nationaltrust.org.uk">riverwey@nationaltrust.org.uk</a>
Sat 1 & Sun 2 Oct 2016	Wey & Arun CT	Various events celebrating the bicentenary of the opening of the Wey & Arun Canal. For further details see trust's website.	Web: <a href="http://www.weyandarun.co.uk/index.php">http://www.weyandarun.co.uk/index.php</a>
<b>Thu 6 Oct 2016 7.45pm</b>	<b>Southampton CS</b>	<b>"Cruising around the Canals" with Eric and Sue Lewis. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).</b>	<b>Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: <a href="mailto:alanjrose@btinternet.com">alanjrose@btinternet.com</a></b>
Sun 16 Oct 2016 10.00am	Somersetshire Coal CS	Walk - Welton Tramway. Meet: <a href="http://www.radstockmuseum.org.uk/">Radstock Museum</a> , Waterloo Road, Radstock, BA3 3EP (ST689549).	Mike Chapman: 01225 426948 Email: <a href="mailto:history@coalcanal.org.uk">history@coalcanal.org.uk</a>
Wed 19 Oct 2016 8.00pm	Basingstoke CS	"The Regents Canal - History and an Overview of the Canal Today by Dr Roger Squires. Parish Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Station Road, Chobham, GU24 8AZ (SU974615)	Malcolm Brickwood: 07437 200021 Email: <a href="mailto:chobham.talks@basinstoke-canal.org.uk">chobham.talks@basinstoke-canal.org.uk</a>
Thu 20 Oct 2016 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	"The Thames Sailing Barge." Gareth Jones, who is a member of the Thames Sailing Barge Trust, will be talking about their history & their use today. 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
Thu 20 Oct 2016 7.30pm	Somersetshire Coal CS	Social Evening -- "Quarrying in the Mendips" by Robin Thornes. Meet: <a href="http://www.radstockworkingmensclub.org.uk/">Radstock Working Men's Club</a> , Radstock House The Street, Radstock, BA3 3PR (ST688547).	Steve Page 01761 433418 Email: <a href="mailto:membership@coalcanal.org.uk">membership@coalcanal.org.uk</a>
<b>Thu 3 Nov 2016 7.45pm</b>	<b>Southampton CS</b>	<b>Day-Star Theatre will be performing a new production "What's Good for the Goose?" See page 3 of <a href="#">August Newsletter</a> for a synopsis. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).</b>	<b>Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: <a href="mailto:alanjrose@btinternet.com">alanjrose@btinternet.com</a></b>

## Book List

As agreed at the AGM, this is the list of books from the Society library that I estimate to have some commercial value, i.e. £10 or more. They are listed in no particular order. I will not be at the September meeting, but if any member would like to view a book please contact me and I will bring it to the next meeting. If you would like to buy a book please make me an offer I can't refuse.

*Aelred Derbyshire, Hon Treasurer*

Title	Author	Publisher	Edition
Small Boat through Holland	Roger Pilkington	Macmillan	Reprint 1962
The Ohio River Handbook	B & E Klein (Eds.)	Young and Klein	1950
Lister's - the first hundred years	David E Evans	Alan Sutton	First 1979
A Guide to the Lee and Stort Navigation	Richard Thomas (Ed.)		First 1994
Hastings Waterworks 1830 – 1970	George D Coleman	Borough of Hastings	1971
The Fens Book 1967	Geoffrey Dibb (Ed.)	Geoffrey Dibb Ltd.	1967
The DIY Book of Fenders	Colin R Jones	Colin R Jones	Reprint 1997
Le Canal de Suez (French)	Anon		1950
Cotswold Canals (10 walking routes)	Paul Balmer	Waterway Walks	2007
Cheshire Ring (11 walking routes)	Anon	Cheshire County Council	1987
Kennet and Avon Canal (12 towpath guides)		K & A Canal Trust	1987
Port of Poole Official Handbook		Harbour Commissioners	1967
Shropshire Union Canal Map		GEOProjects (UK) Ltd	1996
Worcester & Birmingham Canal Map		GEOProjects (UK) Ltd	2000
Birmingham Canal Navigations Map		GEOProjects (UK) Ltd	1996
Oxford Canal Map (two copies)		GEOProjects (UK) Ltd	1993
Kennet and Avon Canal Map		GEOProjects (UK) Ltd	1994
Narrow Boat	L. T. C. Rolt	Readers Union	1946
Narrow Boat	L. T. C. Rolt	Eyre Methuen	Reprint 1972
The Canals of Scotland	Jean Lindsay	David & Charles	First 1968
The Grand Canal of Ireland	Ruth Delany	David & Charles	First 1973
Precious Cargo	Robin Smithett	Waterways World	First 2000
Canal and Rivercraft in Pictures	Hugh McKnight (Signed)	David & Charles	First 1969
Knots, Splices and Fancy Work	Chas. L. Spencer	Brown, Son & Ferguson	Reprint 1974
The Canallers' Bedside Book	John Gagg (Signed)	David & Charles	First 1973
Look at Canals	L. T. C. Rolt	Hamish Hamilton	First 1962
Military Engineering (Volume VI) – Water Supply		H. M. S. O.	First 1937
Lancaster Canal – Complete Guide	Richard Trevitt (Ed.)	Lancaster Canal Trust	Fourth 2008
West Yorkshire Waterway Guide	Keith Noble (Ed.)	Calder Navigation Soc.	Fourth 1989
Willow Wren	Alan Faulkner	Waterways World	First 1986



## 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) at Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. OS Grid Ref: SU410184. Contact the Secretary for further information.

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## Woking Canal Festival - HNBC Press Release

The Historic Narrow Boat Club is dedicated to preserving the working heritage of UK canals, and on the 6th & 7th August the Club celebrated its 50th anniversary with a gathering of boats and a programme of events, joining in with the fantastic Woking Canal Festival at Brookhouse Common. This was also a campaigning rally to encourage more boats onto the Basingstoke Canal.



Some of the boats at the Woking Festival

In total, 32 historic narrow boats made the journey to Woking to celebrate the occasion, with the furthest distance travelled being the 340 mile trip of NB Beatty, who set off in June from Liverpool! Everyone was full of praise for the help they received from the Basingstoke Canal Society and the Basingstoke Canal Authority, who were on hand to help the boats through the lock flights and even donned drysuits at a moment's notice to clear debris from behind a gate.

We were delighted by the reaction of the public, who showed a great interest in the boats both as they travelled and during the weekend's festivities – the traditional cabin of NB Beatty received over 500 visitors throughout the weekend. We hope that we helped people come away enthused about their beautiful local canal.

*Amy-Alys Tillson, Historic Narrow Boat Club (Press Officer)*

## Crofton Beam Engines Boiler Appeal

One of the jewels of the Kennet & Avon Canal is Crofton Beam Engines, the Grade 1 listed steam pumping station which is still able to supply the summit level of the canal with water. Crofton is home to two beam engines dating from 1812 and 1846; the 1812 engine is the oldest fully working steam engine in the world, and a truly unique onsite survivor of Georgian steam technology. With every stroke of the beam each engine raises one ton of water for the canal yet it seems so quiet and effortless.



These wonderful engines can be seen in action over Bank Holidays or end of the month steaming weekends between Easter and the end of September. The site is also open to visitors daily except for Wednesdays and visitors can make a tour of the engine house as well as enjoying a coffee or meal in the Engineman's Rest cafe.

However this great experience is under threat; The Kennet & Avon Canal Trust are working to raise over £27,500 of funding to keep the monthly steaming events going during 2017 and after. The funding is needed to repair Crofton's coal fired Lancashire boiler which at more than 100 years old needs a significant amount of work over this coming winter's service period.

Peter Turvey, Chairman of the Crofton branch of the Kennet and Avon Canal Trust, said "We would encourage everyone to visit us and enjoy this steam experience. Crofton is a unique in the world site of industrial history and has provided pleasure to many thousands of people over the years seeing these marvellous engines in action during our steaming events. Crofton gives a look of wonder to children and parents alike as it demonstrates the size and power of these

engines. With history back to the industrial revolution this is a very special site set in a beautiful location. We are urgently raising the funds to allow us to complete these works over this coming winter so that we can continue steaming not just next year but for many years to come."

Opening times, details of how to contribute to the boiler appeal, and much more detail for Crofton is available from [www.croftonbeamengines.org](http://www.croftonbeamengines.org).

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