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The Society

The first meeting of the Society was held on 1st June 1967 at the Scout Hut, Millbrook.

Regular meetings were held every month without fail until 2010 when 2 meetings were cancelled through bad weather. Since 2012 there were only 10 meetings each year until the pandemic led to no meetings since March.

In October, we are going to have our first meeting for 19 months. I think that it would be a great shame if a poor turn out might cause the Society to close down.

So I exhort all members and those interested to make the effort to attend the forthcoming meeting.

The Editor

A few days ago, I was asked how long have I edited this august(?) publication.

I discovered that my first issue of the Newsletter was Issue 291 in September 1995.

Last month's saw Issue 582 (291 x 2)! So that means that in 26 years I have produced more than all the other editors put together! (Another useless bit of information.)

Peter Oates

Chairman's Column

Dear Members,

Well that time is getting nearer, October 7th is the day. Our first meeting for a long time. Let's hope there's no lockdowns again.

The intention is to have a social evening with as many members as possible gathering.

Subject to this meeting we will be having Ron and Myra Glover giving us a talk on Ireland and its waterways in November.

We have spent the last week taking Purton to Crick Boatshow as an exhibit with other Historic Boats: Renfrew, Aldgate, and Sculptor. We had a busy weekend with lots of interested crowds.

Angie spent a good bit of the time, in between talking to the public, feeding tea to the other three boats.

We left there on Monday Morning with Renfrew

and Aldgate, through Watford locks by 1030 and back at Braunston early afternoon. Tuesday back to our mooring and home Wednesday for a week before heading of again to Wales by car and then back to boat for trip to Brownhills for a boat gathering.

We are then coming home especially to attend our first SCS meeting on OCTOBER 7TH.

I had asked in a previous Newsletter about a New Year's Dinner, but as I only had one reply I don't think it will happen.

We need to have an AGM if possible so we will look at the December meeting for this. You will be looking for a new Chairman and Secretary at this meeting.

So watch this space.

Alan Rose, Present chairman

The 13th best place to paddleboard in the world!

Move over Kerala, South Island New Zealand, Gold Coast Australia, French Caribbean and the river Nile.

In a recent survey - #Paddle100 - the OFFICIAL top 100 places to paddle in the WORLD - the Basingstoke Canal has been ranked as the 13th best place to paddleboard. To create this first ever

top 100 list of the world's greatest paddling locations, a panel of judges as well as a public vote rated each nomination on beauty, tranquillity, excitement, uniqueness, and accessibility.

Read the full article [here](#).
[Watch the video](#) on YouTube - the canal is at 5 mins 26 secs.

From Fleet to the Olympics

The Basingstoke Canal Canoe Club has been thriving since its formation in Fleet in November 1979. With the Tokyo 2020 Olympics coming to an end, it's a good time to highlight some of our Olympians and links to the Olympics.

Helen Reeves, who started paddling on the canal at Fleet, won Women's Slalom K1 Bronze medal at the Athens Olympic Games in 2004. Helen inspired Mallory Franklin, a Windsor Club member, who has just won silver at Tokyo 2020. Helen has gone on to commentate for the BBC at the London, Rio and Tokyo Games.

Visit our website to [Find out more](#) about the origins, history and achievements of Basingstoke Canal Canoe Club.

And lets not forget Paralympian **Denise Smith MBE** who had strong ties with the Basingstoke Canal. Denise suffered from childhood polio and a subsequent car crash but she refused to be beaten, competed in the ice sledge at the 1984 Winter Paralympics at Innsbruck and won three silver medals in the 100, 300, and 500-metre grade I events.

2021 Raft Race

After an absence of a year, the Basingstoke Canal Society is supporting another Raft Race to be held at Colt Hill, Odiham on 5th September. The Race is being sponsored by Galleon Marine, Odiham Parish Council and 6 local businesses. Eight teams have already entered for the Race. The event will also include canoe demonstrations to be given by the Basingstoke & Deane Canoe Club and there will be sales stands and refreshments including a bar. As the BCS are involved in this event, a good turnout by members would be very much appreciated. A great time will be had by all.

The agenda is as follows:

- 13:00 Event opens
- 13:15 Basingstoke & Deane Canoe Club on water demonstration starts
- 14:00 Raft race starts
- 15:30 Tug-o-war starts
- 16:30 Prize giving by Angela McFarlane
- 17:00 event closes [Car park closes 17.30]

Waterways Events

The following is a list of waterway events due to take place within approximately 50 miles of Southampton plus other major events.

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. If YOU know of an event taking place that you feel should be in this list, but isn't, then please contact the editor (details back page).

OS grid references and/or postcodes are shown (where known but not

guaranteed) to aid location of the event.

As a result of the pandemic and the related restrictions put in place by the Government, virtually all events since April 2020 have been cancelled.

However, most Covid restrictions were lifted on 19 July and it is expected that more events will be announced soon. Some or all of these events may be cancelled or amended if Covid-19 regulations require such action.

Currently, details of further events are not known.

Date/Time	Organiser	Details	Venue	Contact
Every Sat, Sun & Bank Holiday Mon 10.15am - 4.00pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Crofton Br)	Crofton Beam Engines - Non-Steamng Days. (See below for steaming days). Admission: Adult (16+): £5.00, Concession (60+ & Students): £4.50, Child (under 16) & K&A Trust members: Free. See website for further details. Usually, the beam engines will not be in steam. Occasionally the pumps are run in steam but these are only announced shortly before the event.	Crofton Beam Engines, Crofton, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3DW (SU261623).	Tel: 01672 870300 Email: crofton@katrust.org.uk Web: www.croftonbeamengines.org
Most days	The Claverton Group	Claverton Pumping Station. Open for pre-booked visits only - day or evening. Pump in action. 90 minute conducted tour. Adults: £10.00, Accompanied Children under 16 free. Minimum spend £40. See website for further details.	Claverton Pumping Station, Ferry Lane, Claverton, Bath, BA2 7BH (ST790643).	Tel: 01225 483001 Email: bookings@claverton.org Web: www.claverton.org
Sun 5 Sep 2021 1.00pm-5.00pm	Basingstoke CS	2021 Raft Race. For details see the item on page 1.	Colt Hill, Odiham, Hants, RG29 1DH (SU 747516).	Tel: 07305 340547.
Fri 10 Sep 2021 10.00am-3.30pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Crofton Br)	Heritage Open Days: Virtual Open Day 2021. A day of virtual tours around the Crofton Engines and a talk on Our Cornish Connection over Zoom. Further details and on-line booking here .	On-line via Zoom	Tel: 01672 870300 Email: crofton@katrust.org.uk Web: www.croftonbeamengines.org Advance on-line booking: Art Tickets
Sat 11 Sep 2021 10.00am - noon & 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Chichester Ship CT	Heritage Open Day. Volunteers will be helping families to learn more about the Canal. Award-winning Heritage Centre open, offering two different trails (age appropriate). There will be crafts on offer and a display about the Canal. No need to book and no charge, simply drop in. Waterside Cafe will be open.	Chichester Canal Basin, Canal Wharf, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 8DT (SU858041).	Chichester Canal Centre: 01243 771363 Web: https://chichestercanal.org.uk
Sun 19 Sep 2021 2.30pm - 5.00pm	Wey & Arun CT	Heritage Open Day. A figure-of-eight guided walk along canal towpath and Downs Link Path (former Guildford-Horsham railway) approx 1.5 miles (2.4 Km). Pre-booking essential by noon Saturday 18th September (see website).	Birtley Courtyard, A281, Bramley, Guildford, GU5 0LF (TQ017434).	WACT Surrey Office: 01483 505566 Email: support@weyandarun.co.uk Web: https://weyarun.org.uk
Sat & Sun 25-26 Sep 2021 10.00am - 4.30pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Crofton Br)	Crofton Beam Engines - In Steam. Booking in advance recommended for steaming days. Adult £10.75 (£12 with Gift Aid). Accompanied children under 16 free. Discounts for K&A CT members and National Art Pass holders. Advance on-line booking system with Art Tickets	Crofton Beam Engines, Crofton, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3DW (SU261623).	Tel: 01672 870300 Email: crofton@katrust.org.uk Web: www.croftonbeamengines.org Advance on-line booking: Art Tickets
Thu 7 Oct 2021 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Members' Get Together. For our first meeting since March 2020 we thought that we would have a get together and meet up again. Amongst other matters, we shall consider the future of the Society.	Chilworth Village Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanjrose@btinternet.com
Tue 19 Oct 2021 7.45pm	Kennet & Avon CT (Reading Br)	Details of meeting to be advised. Entry donation £2.50 (incl K&A members) – to help pay for the meeting.	Grange Free Church Hall, Circuit Lane, Southcote, Reading, RG30 3HD (SU692718).	Graham Puddephatt: 07802 154504
Wed 20 Oct 2021 8.00pm	Basingstoke CS	Meetings are NOT recommencing at the moment.	Parish Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Station Road, Chobham, GU24 8AZ (SU974615)	Email: chobham.talks@basinstoke-canal.org.uk Web: www.basingstoke-canal.org.uk
Thu 21 Oct 2021 7.30pm	IWA Salisbury Group	Details of meeting to be advised.	The Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, Wilts, SP5 3AR (SU182275).	Ron & Myra Glover: 01722 710322 Email: glover.3@btinternet.com Jon Van de Geer: 01722 412841
Thu 4 Nov 2021 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Irish Waterways. Ron and Myra Glover are booked to talk about their boating experiences over in Ireland.	Chilworth Village Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ (SU410184).	Angela Rose: 02380 675312 Email: alanjrose@btinternet.com
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A Note from the Treasurer

I look forward to seeing a good number of members at the meeting on 7 October.

When we hold the next AGM there will be a number of financial decisions to be made, as well as finding a volunteer to take over the positions of Treasurer and Membership Secretary.

Aelred Derbyshire, Hon Treasurer and Membership Secretary

CRT have launched their first refuse collection boats

Boaters on the Kennet & Avon Canal having problems disposing of their rubbish got a helping hand from CRT's first refuse collection boats.

The 40' long work boats, Sulis and Vale of Pewsey, set off from Bath and Bradford on Avon on a two-hour journey to meet at Dundas, stopping to collect the rubbish along the way.

Bringing the tip to boaters

Each year, CRT spend more than £10k collecting rubbish from three sites along the waterway. The majority of this is general waste but there are many larger items from boats, such as old fridges, sofas and stoves, that should be taken to the tip.

It's often hard for boaters to get these taken away, or for them to get to local refuse sites. So, every three months, CRT's team will be bringing the tip to the them.

Helping keep the waterways clean

Lee Brain, CRT area operations manager, explains: "With more people living along the canal it is inevitable that more refuse will be generated.



Over the last four years the amount we're collecting has doubled.

"Sadly, we have also seen an increase in fly tipping. We've been clearing around 25-30m³ of fly tipping a week – the equivalent of two large construction skips – from sites along the Kennet & Avon Canal.

"Our 'floating tip' is intended to help our boating communities to keep the Kennet

& Avon looking its very best and at the same time taking waste away so it does not go to landfill. We look forward to seeing how much we've collected on our first trip."

Current projects

CRT's 'floating tip' is part of a project focusing on the western end of the Kennet & Avon Canal. They recently appointed a new ranger to give information and advice to people on the water and towpath, check signs, carry out smaller repairs and generally keep the area a welcoming and attractive place for everyone.

Canal River Trust News - 18 August 2021

Bold solar boat voyages to Alaska

An electric boat that runs virtually endlessly on solar power - that's the dream that's been driving David and Alex Borton for the last 17 years.

Since 2004, the father-and-son team has been working to fulfil their vision, building several custom, patented, solar-electric boats under the brand name of Solar Sal.

This summer, the two of them completed what they believe to be the first-ever solar-electric boat voyage from Bellingham, Washington, to Juneau, Alaska.

They departed on Tuesday, 25 May, in their 27-ft wooden hull solar boat Wayward Sun and made landfall at Ketchikan, Alaska, 13 June, then continued up the coast at a more leisurely pace to Glacier Bay and Juneau, concluding the voyage of about 1400 miles on 8 July.

The electric boat is powered 100 per cent by solar energy with no fossil-fuel combustion engine at all on board. "People always ask us if we have any gas or diesel back up," said Alex Borton, "but the sun rises every day. If our batteries get too low, we just wait."

Wayward Sun, built by Devlin Boat in Olympia, WA, is propelled by a Torqeedo Cruise 4.0 electric pod drive with six Torqeedo Power 24-3500 lithium batteries. There is a separate 12-volt system for lights, electronics and other DC-powered systems and an inverter for occasional AC loads, like making waffles. The batteries are charged from a 1700-Watt array of solar cells on the boat's rooftop.

"The solar-electric system has more than exceeded our expectations," said Alex Borton. "During the 45-day passage from Bellingham to Glacier Bay to Juneau, we were underway for 38 days. We averaged 32 nautical miles per day at an average speed of 3.7 knots. While some days we stopped early or left late because of weather, there were only two full days we didn't travel at all due to high winds or dense fog.

"Even on a completely overcast day this time of year, we can travel at 2-3 knots during daylight hours without drawing on our batteries at all," Borton said. "With direct sunlight, we can do 5 knots or more all day without any battery use. Most of the trip was overcast and it rained a lot. Some days we travelled slowly because we had to; other days we travelled slowly and charged the batteries while underway."

"Most electric boats on the market today are limited by their battery capacity, which means they have to return to shore power to charge," explained Borton.



'Wayward Sun' cruising in Alaska

"Until recently, solar panels and batteries were just not capable of severing the tie to shore power, so it was only functional for extending range or for partial charging. But now, thanks to advances in solar cells and Torqeedo's efficient electric drives and high-capacity batteries, it's possible to produce a solar boat with reasonable speeds and accommodation that can continuously cruise without ever charging from the shore. If I had more time I would keep going for another 1000 miles."

They navigated from Bellingham to Ketchikan using the inside passage [between islands avoiding the full effects of the Pacific Ocean], anchoring at night since they were not permitted to go ashore in British Columbia due to Canadian Covid-19 travel restrictions. "That was no problem for us," said Borton. "We had lots of food, a cosy cuddy for sleeping below deck. And, of course, our solar boat doesn't need refuelling."

"This is an important validation of state-of-the-art solar-electric boat propulsion technology, and we have enjoyed following their daily progress on their blog," said Mary Jo Reinhart, director of OEM and retail sales, Torqeedo, Inc.

Maritime Journal - 16 August 2021

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 Village Hall, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7JZ. OS Grid Ref: SU410184. Contact the Secretary for further information.

This Newsletter is normally published during the first week of each month in time for the Society's meeting.

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CRT's winter works programme

CRT have published their winter works programme 2021-22, providing details of the major repairs and improvement jobs the charity will be carrying out between 1 November and 31 March.

48 waterways will benefit from 168 large-scale works to repair masonry and brickwork, fix leaks, update and install hydraulics and electrics at mechanised structures, as well as replacing seals, stop plank grooves, lock ladders and lock gates. The Trust's specialist workshops are handcrafting 123 lock leaves for the works, to be installed at 67 locks across the network.

Minimising disruption

As usual, CRT are carrying out the works in winter to minimise disruption to boaters and will be aiming to avoid the Christmas period when more boats like to take to the water. 71 stoppages are due to take place before Christmas, with 94 scheduled for the new year. Just three are scheduled to span the festive season.

Larger boating-related schemes include carrying out essential winter maintenance at Anderton Boat Lift, new lock gates at Bingley Five Rise locks, replacing gates and grouting lock chambers on the Wigan Flight, and repairing locks and a bridge at Stoke Bruerne. This is on top of the Trust's ongoing investment to future-proof its reservoirs, which are vital to the network's boating demands, which will continue over the winter.

Keeping our waters navigable and safe

Richard Parry, the charity's chief executive, said: "The work we carry out over the winter is at the heart of our maintenance programme. While there are some familiar names on this year's list of work locations, the majority of the winter works are the basic ongoing repairs we need to undertake every year to keep the waterways navigable and safe: replacing time-expired lock gates, repairing structures, and rectifying defects.

"We're also starting the large-scale expansion of works needed to strengthen the resilience of our 200-year-old infrastructure, with climate change presenting significant new challenges to assets built when civil engineering was first being developed.

"We hope to offer our users, neighbours and supporters the chance to see some of our works to care for this historic network first-hand if circumstances permit."

The full list

The full winter stoppage programme can be viewed on CRT's [Notices & Stoppages page](#).

The organisation is hoping to run a series of physical and virtual open days as part of the winter works programme. A further announcement will follow in light of circumstances nearer the time.

Canal River Trust News - 24 August 2021

Southampton & Salisbury Canal



These pictures come from the SCS website pages on the Southampton & Salisbury Canal currently being revised.

Left: Remains of Lock 4, Lockerley, 28 Feb 1993 © Laura Sturrock;

Centre: West Dean, Hampshire/Wiltshire border, 12 Jan 2005 © Peter Oates;

Right: Original bridge at East Grimstead, 16 Apr 1976 © David Mant.