



Chairman's Column

November Meeting

We are pleased to welcome Neil Arlidge to this month's meeting when he will be describing the "Adventures of the Tuesday Night Club".

December Meeting – 2007 Inter-Society Waterways Quiz



A reminder that next month the Society will again be hosting the annual Inter-Society Waterways Quiz. Let's all try to attend that event to cheer on the competing teams. Speaking of which, **we are still seeking volunteers for our own team.**

December American Supper

Another reminder – following the Quiz at our next meeting we will be enjoying the usual American Supper so can all members please bring along goodies for all to enjoy. There will be wine and soft drinks provided, along with the usual tea and coffee.



January Meeting



Just an early reminder that at our January meeting we will be having our annual Members' Photographic Evening and Competition, so start looking out your photographs, slides, digital images etc to entertain your colleagues.

Godalming Boat Trip

What an enjoyable trip we had on the River Wey & Godalming Navigation on 6 October. See inside this Newsletter for the full story and photographs.

Day-Star Theatre

A good sized audience obviously enjoyed Day-Star Theatre's special compilation programme at our October meeting. Full story and photographs inside.

Anniversary Clothing

Many members are now sporting our new 40th Anniversary clothing, and very smart they look too. Please have a word with Alan and Angela Rose about what can be supplied, and place your orders.



Welcome to New Members

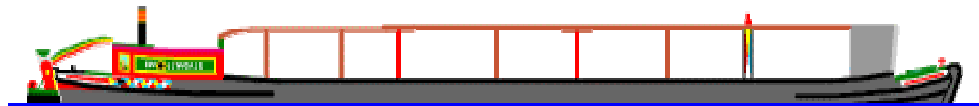
We are delighted to welcome Sue and Aelred Derbyshire into membership of the Society. They are already 'experienced' members having attended both the Day-Star performance and the Boat Trip last month.

Internet Connection



I am pleased to advise that I am back on the Internet after a long break and can be connected at my old email address viz: paul@herbertpaul.wanadoo.co.uk

Paul Herbert



School Dinners & Canals - What's the Connection?

10/10 for a canalside pub!

After two years of trying to implement cooked dinners, Stoke Bruerne Church of England Primary School in Towcester, Northamptonshire, has seen the local canalside pub come to the rescue.

The school has no canteen and parents have long been attempting to find a caterer who can feed their children for just £2 a day. Now, a third of the pupils have signed up for their 'pub grub' every weekday and have to only walk 100m for their two-course dinner at 'The Boat Inn'.

'The Boat Inn' has been in the Woodward family for several generations and current landlord, Nick Woodward, has implemented a three-week rotation of 15 meals. He said: "It's surprising what a healthy menu you can offer for £2. We're managing to get a good choice of food. The children are looking at the menu, seeing what they fancy and asking their parents if they can eat here on those days. As long as we break even, we're happy. This is more of a community service than anything else. I went to the school and so did my father"

(With acknowledgement to "The Daily Mail" 16 October 2007)

The Wine Cruise - Full Marks to Tesco

TESCO took a step back in time to the days of the Industrial Revolution last month when it began transporting wine by canal. The supermarket chain claims the move is part of a campaign to cut carbon emissions and ease road congestion. Their new strategy began with 132,000 gallons of wine transported on barges from Liverpool to Manchester on the Manchester Ship Canal.

According to Tesco, the journey will take 50 lorry journeys off the M62 motorway each week and transport the equivalent of 41.5million bottles of wine

per year. Carbon emissions will also be cut on the route by 80 per cent. Previously Tesco's wine shipments have arrived in the UK at various southern ports before being driven to a bottling depot in Manchester. The new service involves containers being shipped to Liverpool then transferred to barges and sent to the bottling site. Tesco says plans are under way to use similar waterborne freight routes in other parts of Britain.

(With acknowledgement to "The Daily Mail" 19 October 2007)

October Meeting

Day-Star Theatre

We are grateful to Pete and Jane Marshall for making the long journey to Chilworth from their base at Audlem on the Shropshire Union Canal, to bring us their special compilation programme as the main event of the Society's 40th Anniversary Year.

canal art whilst Pete and their two sons, George and Jack, play in a band. They also told us about their life in the converted stonemasons yard/stables at the bottom of the Audlem lock flight and their problems with road access to that site (they don't have



It is always surprising and most enjoyable to witness how just two actors can play so many varied characters. On this occasion, of course, Pete and Jane were not performing in one play but were giving us a number of brief excerpts of some of the productions we have enjoyed from them over the years – including the saga of 'Sandy Edge'.

They interspersed those mini-plays with telling us about themselves, how they started boating in 1977 on board their 45' wooden narrow boat "Day-Star", then branching out into writing and performing their own plays, their current work with schools and their various other activities – Jane teaches

any!) and how they manage to get around that logistical issue.

A large audience thoroughly enjoyed our evening with Day-Star after which we all retired to adjoining room for an American Supper. Many thanks to all who provided and helped lay out such a

Top: Day-Star Theatre in action.

Below: The 40th anniversary cake.

Right: Flanked by Pete & Jane Marshall, Brian Evans cuts the cake as Pam McKeown looks on.

Photos: Laura Sturrock



feast. A special treat was the splendid 40th anniversary cake made by Pam McKeown – many thanks to Pam for her hard work and artistic endeavour. We were delighted that our long-standing members from Napton, Ken and Margaret Froud, had made the long trip to help us celebrate our anniversary. Ken had made a special 40th anniversary banner for the occasion.

We are hoping to entice Pete and Jane to return to Chilworth sometime next year with one of their other productions which, whilst not on a canal-related theme, will be of equal entertainment to our members and guests.

Paul Herbert

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 1 Nov 2007 7.45pm	Southampton CS	"Adventures of the Tuesday Night Club" with Neil Arlidge. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton.	Angela Rose: 02380 403982 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
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
Sun 18 Nov 2007 10.00am	IWA Solent & Arun Branch	Working party on Mansbridge Lock, Itchen Navigation clearing vegetation and investigating the remains.	Peter Boyce: 07729 139765 Email: Peter.Boyce@raymarine.com
Wed 21 Nov 2007 8.00pm	Surrey & Hampshire CS	Runnalls Davis with "Thomas Telford". featuring his life and many of his works. Parish Pavilion, Station Road, Chobham, Surrey.	David Millett: 01252 617364
Sun 25 Nov 2007 11.00am	Cotswold Canals CT	Around the Cotswold Canals Guided Walks - Over the Top and Old Father Thames, Part 1 - Meet at Tarleton Bridge, Coates (OS ref S0967002). £5.00 towards restoration.	Richard Attwood: 01453 792021. Web: www.cotswoldcanals.com
Thu 6 Dec 2007 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Inter-Society Waterways Quiz and American Supper. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton.	Angela Rose: 02380 403982 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
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
Wed 19 Dec 2007 8.00pm	Surrey & Hampshire CS	Eric Lewis with 'The Birmingham Canal Navigations -Then and Now' contrasting the BCN between the 1970s and the present time. Parish Pavilion, Station Road, Chobham, Surrey	David Millett: 01252 617364
Sun 30 Dec 2007 11.00am	Cotswold Canals CT	Around the Cotswold Canals Guided Walks - Ebley Mill and the Cycle Trail. Meet at Ebley Mill visitors car park (OS ref S0825045). £5.00 towards restoration.	Richard Attwood: 01453 792021. Web: www.cotswoldcanals.com
Thu 3 Jan 2008 7.45pm	Southampton CS	Members' Slides, Prints and Photo Competition. Chilworth Parish Hall, Chilworth, Southampton.	Angela Rose: 02380 403982 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
Wed 16th Jan 2008 8.00pm	Surrey & Hampshire CS	'The Lowland Canals of Scotland' by Richard Thomas. Parish Pavilion, Station Road, Chobham, Surrey.	David Millett: 01252 617364
Thu 7 Feb 2008 7.45pm	Southampton CS	TBA	Angela Rose: 02380 403982 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
Wed 20 Feb 2008 8.00pm	Surrey & Hampshire CS	'Basingstoke Canal Boating and Working Parties from the early 1960's' with Tim Dodwell. Parish Pavilion, Station Road, Chobham, Surrey.	David Millett: 01252 617364
Thu 6 Mar 2008 7.45pm	Southampton CS	TBA	Angela Rose: 02380 403982 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
Wed 19 Mar 2008 8.00pm	Surrey & Hampshire CS	George Fleming - 'Waterways at War'. Parish Pavilion, Station Road, Chobham, Surrey.	David Millett: 01252 617364
Thu 3 Apr 2008 7.45pm	Southampton CS	TBA	Angela Rose: 02380 403982 Email: info@apas-engineering.com
Wed 16 Apr 2008 8.00pm	Surrey & Hampshire CS	'The History of Tooley's Boatyard in Banbury' with Matthew Armitage. Pavilion, Station Road, Chobham, Surrey.	David Millett: 01252 617364
Sun 11,25 Nov, 2,16 Dec 2007 1.00pm		Guided tours through the remains of the Purton Hulks led by L P Barnett, Marine Historian . Meet Purton Lower Bridge, Gloucester & Sharpness Canal (OS ref S0692044).	Tel: 07833 143231 Email: barnadillo@aol.com
8,9,12-16,18-23 Dec 2007. Every ½ hour from 10.30	Basingstoke Canal Authority	Santa Cruises from Canal Centre at Mytchett, Surrey. £10 per person Weekends, Evenings & School holidays (20th, 21st Dec) £8 per person for all other trips. Booking essential.	Tel: 01252 370073 Email: info@basingstoke-canal.co.uk Web: www.basingstoke-canal.co.uk
15,16,19-23 Dec 2007. Hourly 11am-3pm	Wey & Arun CT	Santa Cruises from Loxwood on Wey & Arun Canal. £8.00 per person. Booking essential.	WACT: 01403 752403. Email: santa@weyandarun.co.uk Web: www.weyandarun.co.uk
1-24 Dec 2007	Chichester Ship CT	Father Christmas Cruises from Canal Basin, Chichester. Adults & children £8.00. Booking starts from 15th October. Booking essential.	Alison Slaney: 01243 536933 between 9.00am and 7.00pm. Web: www.chichestercanal.org.uk

Oops! One of our members has pointed out to me that the phone number of the Treasurer given in the Newsletter for the last couple of months was in error. The Editor offers his apologies to all concerned and the correct number is now listed on the back page. No-one else seems to have spotted the error. Also, pressure on space in this issue with its many pictures has meant that several items have had to be omitted. Hopefully there may be more room next month!

Moorings Auction Trial Although there's no room in this issue for more information, the IWA invites both members and non-members that have concerns about the moorings auction trial being run by BW and the implications for increasing the costs of boating to go on line and express their concerns through our petition. The more people that can be mobilised, the better can be make the case against it. More information can be found at:

<http://www.waterways.org.uk/Library/IWAPositionStatements/MooringTenderingTrial>

SOUTHAMPTON CANAL SOCIETY

Established 1967

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

River Wey & Godalming Navigation Boat Trip

A near-capacity group of over 40 Society members and guests appeared to thoroughly enjoy their visit to the River Wey and Godalming Navigation on Saturday 6 October. People made their way to Godalming via various routes, many parking in the very convenient Sainsbury's car park, near to The Wharf. They then made their way to the town centre, with a number following the Town Trail and they and others finding various establishments for lunch.

We all then congregated at The Wharf and embarked on the "Iona", operated by The Godalming Packetboat Company. "Iona" started life as the "Bellerophon", a 72' Small Woolwich Star Class Butty built by Harland and Wollfe in 1935 for the Grand Union Carrying Company. From 1969 to 1985 "Iona" worked as a horse-drawn trip boat at Norbury Junction on the Shropshire Union Canal, before being brought to Godalming in 1985.



We had an excellent crew looking after us – doing most of the work was Ben, a 14 year old blue roan gelding, which has been working with "Iona" since 1998. He was accompanied by Godalming Packetboat's owner, Jenny, with her daughter Lynn and her dog Echo. On the boat, Kevin was on the helm whilst Jeanette ran the shop and served up our teas, coffees and the cream teas. Maureen Greenham had organised an on-board raffle, including the provision of prizes.

Whilst it wasn't a sunny day, it was nevertheless dry and very pleasant as we glided, in silence (apart from the chatter of those onboard) along the navigation, passing through Catteshall Lock before, sadly, reaching the winding hole where "Iona" was turned for the journey back to Godalming Wharf.

Then it was time to disembark, take the usual group photograph, and say our goodbyes to Jenny and Ben and the rest of the crew.



We are very grateful to the Godalming Packetboat Company for extending their usual season especially to accommodate us. We must also express our thanks to Maureen Greenham for her excellent organisation once again.

Paul Herbert

Top: Iona, Ben and Jenny
Above left: Paintwork on Iona
Lower left: The SCS party

Photos: Paul Herbert