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From the Editor

Bow Back Rivers : time for a new campaign?

When I first became Editor of *Excalibur*, back in 1991, the cover story of my first issue was about the Bow Back Rivers (in the East End), which I then described as "London's Cinderella Waterways". At that time I was able to report that "the local community has begun to show an interest in cleaning them up, and work of real value is going on", including a big dig by KESCRG and WRG BITM. Since then, a Government grant enabled the semi-tidal loop of the Bow Back Rivers to be dredged and in August 1994 over 50 boats navigated this loop in conjunction with that year's Limehouse Festival, held the weekend before the Waltham Abbey "National".

With the "National" back at Waltham Abbey this year, it is sad to report that although other improvements have continued (thanks in large part to the Lower Lea Partnership), no such cruise would be possible today. That loop of the Bow Back Rivers is at the same level as the semi-tidal section of the Lee Navigation (including the Limehouse Cut) and has suffered the same problems of siltation, to the extent that the dredging of the early '90s is as though it had never happened and the loop is again impassable (when the water is at the maintained level) by anything much bigger than a rubber duck.

But work is in progress to modify Bow Locks and Three Mills Weir to keep all but a few extremely high tides out of these waterways, which will cure the siltation problems. Once they have been dredged there is at last a prospect that they will stay that way. BW have told us that they are planning to dredge the relevant section of the Lee Navigation.

But the Bow Back Rivers are classed as a Remainder Waterway, so BW is not legally able to spend money from its main budget on dredging them. Once again it will be necessary to secure outside funding. It was in part IWA's campaigning that achieved this last time, and it would be an excellent thing if we used this year's "National" as the springboard for a new campaign to repeat the exercise. Our North & East London Branch will launch this campaign at the Three Mills Rally in August (see the

Diary pages for details of this event). It will be a project on which London IWA, London BW and the local community could join forces to good effect.

Meanwhile, back in the office

This edition of *Excalibur* brings a number of changes in the Region. We have a new Region Chairman (or rather, in Mike Stimpson, an old one returned), whose initial thoughts on taking up the post appear on page 6. I should like to add my thanks to Libby Bradshaw for her four years as Chairman, and to Ian Ferguson who has stood down as Deputy Chairman. Other changes to Branch and Region Committees are noted on the next page.

Closer to home, we welcome Andrew Mann as successor to Alison Smedley in the rôle of *Excalibur*'s Editorial Assistant. Andrew will take charge of the Diary of Events, so all information for that should be sent to him, as should short news items, gossip of humorous pieces for the *Routes & Branches* and *On the Metreau* pages. Andrew's contact details are on the opposite page.

I had hoped to bring you the first London WRG article from our new correspondent with London WRG, Marcus Jones, but unfortunately his article got eaten in an editorial computer crash, so his debut will have to wait until our next issue.

Mike Stevens

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ROUTES AND BRANCHES :

BRANCH & REGION COMMITTEE CHANGES

Since our last issue, the round of AGMs which elect Branch and Region Committees and the following Committee meetings which appoint Officers has been completed.

The election for Region Chairman was contested between Libby Bradshaw (who had been Chairman since 1996) and Mike Stimpson. Mike won the election by a majority of one, thus becoming Libby's successor as well as her predecessor.

Mike had been standing in as Region Secretary since Alison Smedley moved out of the area, and Toby Parrott, one of four new members of the Committee, was elected to that post.

Ian Ferguson (previously Region Deputy Chairman) did not stand for re-election to the Committee and no appointment has yet been made to the Deputy's post. Dan Evans and Marcus Jones, both co-opted during the year, also decided not to offer themselves for re-election. Our thanks are due to all three for their past service.

The other new members of the Committee are David Dent and Chris Spencer (both elected at the AGM) and Roger Wilkinson (co-opted at the first Committee meeting).

Roger Wilkinson has agreed to take over organising the Central London Socials.

Ron Bingham, as Chairman of the Plan/Nav Committee, used to sit on the Region Committee as an ex-officio member under an arrangement which is no longer consistent with IWA's Bye-laws. He is now there as a co-opted member. Some notes about some of the new members are on the *On the Metre* pages.

Tim Lewis was elected to the vacancy for Chairman of North and East London Branch caused by the death of Alan Russell (reported in our last issue). Roger Wilkinson, who joined their Branch Committee some months ago, has been elected Secretary and Debbie Lewis as Treasurer. The Committee has been brought up to strength by the co-option of Alex Nunes and Colin Edwards.

In the other two Branches, changes have been fewer - in Middlesex Stu Carrie has taken over from Mike Stimpson as Branch Secretary, and in South London simply the co-option of Dorothy Robbie to the Committee to act as Minutes Secretary.

All the relevant contact details may be found on page 2.

PLANNING OFFICERS

In our last issue we reported that appointment by the Planning and Navigation Committee of three of its members to share the work of what had previously been the single job of Planning Officer. Because Planning is essentially a Local Authority matter, each of the three has agreed to act as the main contact for each of a number of Boroughs as follows :

Colin Edwards : Barking & Dagenham, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington, Newham, Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest, Westminster

Sarah Escott : Brent, Ealing, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Kensington & Chelsea,

Mike Stevens: Bexley, City of London, Greenwich, Hammersmith & Fulham, Havering, Lambeth, Lewisham, Richmond, Southwark, Wandsworth.

Boroughs with no navigable waterways are omitted from the list, as is Kingston, pending discussions with IWA Guildford & Reading Branch who look after that section of the Thames.

"TAKE PART" AT CROYDON

Saturday 10th June brought South London Branch's annual participation in Croydon's *Take Part* event at Norwood Lake, originally the reservoir of the Croydon Canal. This is a day of sporting and recreational activities for young people, and our contribution is to run a *Waterways for Youth* Passport scheme.

Our activities this year were enlivened by our having bought from Chiltern Branch their "tunnel" through which the youngsters can leg a trolley. We also offered rope-throwing, restoration

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bricklaying, roses-and-castles painting and a quiz based on our Branch Publicity Stand. Canoeing and sailing (organised by the local Youth Service) and resuscitation (done by the Red Cross) were offered by other groups but included in our passport scheme. In all about 150 youngsters were issued passports and 96 completed the activities to win a prize, missing our previous record number of winners by 1.

Thanks go to those Branch members who turned out to help with what proved a very successful day.

DOCKLANDS VISIT

Colin Edwards writes :

On 20th June twenty N & E London Branch members met at the BW office in Docklands to meet the Docklands Manager, Dennis Fink, and to have a water-borne guided tour of the docks complex.

Dennis started by giving us an introduction in the BW offices to the history of the docks, their closure and subsequent transfer to the London Docklands Development Corporation, and the eventual transfer of the waterspace to BW. Dennis had previously worked for the PLA and LDDC, so was immensely knowledgeable about all aspects of the developments since the 1970s.

We then embarked on two launches for a tour of the docks. Because BW discourages boats from cruising around the docks, this was a rare opportunity to see the developments from a boat.

From an IWA point of view, not all developments are exactly what we might have proposed. For example, on the northern side of South Dock (the area South of the Canary Wharf Tower) a massive amount of waterspace has been lost due to coffer dams being built to allow further building. This was agreed by the LDDC prior to the transfer to BW. This phase of building will also restrict the size of vessel that can pass from South Dock into West India Dock under Churchill Place.

There are proposals to install a cruise ship as a floating hotel in South Dock, and to

have a market on pontoons in Millwall Inner Dock. In Millwall Outer Dock there are plans to deliver paper to the printing works by barge, but organised to as not to interfere with the activities of the Docklands Sailing Centre at the western end of this dock.

We also visited the new Poplar Dock Marina, now full of boats of all descriptions. It is proposed to moor the barges on the northern side of the adjacent Blackwall Basin once the present building work on the dockside is complete.

This was a very enjoyable (well, perhaps not the rain!) and informative outing, and thanks go to Libby Bradshaw for liaising with Dennis Fink. Thanks go especially to Dennis and his Docklands BW team for being so hospitable, informative and honest. They are a credit (and an example?) to BW. It really is a pleasure to be able to thank BW for something, instead of only criticising.

Congratulations, too, to Dennis for his recently-awarded MBE.

Editor

NEW REGION WEB SITE

While the last edition of *Excalibur* was at the printers, your Editor was working on the launch of IWA London Region's new web site, which went live on 27th March. It can be found at

<http://www.london.waterways.org.uk>

or from the "Regions & Branches" page on the national IWA website,

<http://www.waterways.org.uk/iwa>

There's just one snag at the moment - the Diary on the Region site is supposed to produce the relevant information from the national Diary, but the latter is suffering problems at the moment, which I'm assured will be sorted out by the national webmaster in due time.

BOW LOCKS

The latest news about the work to rebuild Bow Locks is that, despite some difficulties on site, BW tell us that the job is still on schedule for a September re-opening.

From the Region Chairman

The Region AGM bought a few changes to the London Region Committee and I would like to start by thanking those who have worked for the Association both over the past year and further back.

I must especially record thanks to Libby Bradshaw who has been your Chairman for the past four years for her sterling work both with the Region and with Cavalcade. Libby is still a member of the Region Committee and I know we can rely on her continued support. Ian Ferguson retired from the Committee at the last AGM. He supported both me as your Region Chairman and Libby in the post of deputy Chairman for five years.

A welcome to the new Region Committee members, Dave Dent, Chris Spencer and Toby Parrott who were elected at the AGM and to Roger Wilkinson who was co-opted at the last Committee meeting.

When I first joined the (then) London Branch Committee twenty-five years ago, the enemy was BWB. Today their attitude has changed and they are now working hard to keep the canals going rather than to try and destroy our heritage. They do not always make the right decisions but most of the time they are heading in the right

direction and are usually prepared to listen if we think they are wrong.

I look forward to building on our relationship with the London Region of BW and working with them to the common goal of improving and protecting our waterways under their control.

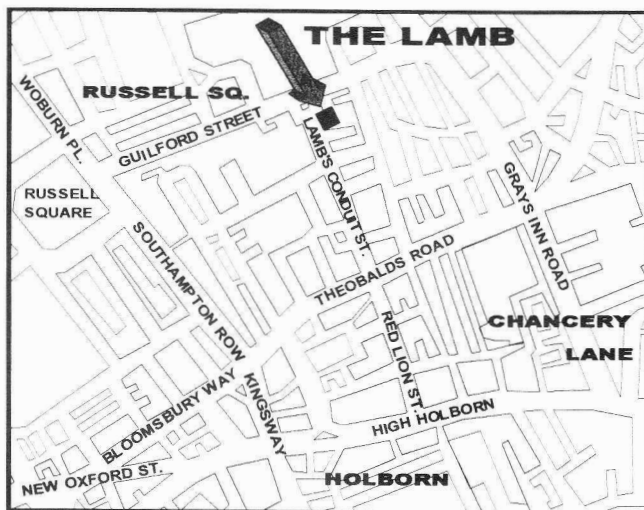
We will not hesitate to disagree with BWB if the need arises but I hope that need will not arise - for a very simple reason, we are all working toward the same end, the conservation and continued use of our waterways in the London area. If we have a point to make, I am sure the point will be taken on board by BW staff who now accept that perhaps we have got it right for the past 50 years. It is a major change in attitude on their part and we must welcome this change of attitude. We too must change our attitude and not assume that they get it wrong all the time.

Let's all work together for the future.

I hope to see some of you at Branch social meetings in the coming months but am always happy to hear from you if you wish to discuss any point.

Michael Stimpson

HOW TO GET TO THE REGION'S CENTRAL LONDON SOCIALS



"WATERWAYS FOR TOMORROW"

The long-expected "daughter white paper" to last year's Transport White Paper, dealing with the inland waterways, was launched by the Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott in London on 27th June. It is the Government's first policy paper covering all aspects of the inland waterways for over 30 years and contains much that will be very welcome to IWA and other waterways enthusiasts.

Among the Government intentions announced in the document are :

- ☆ greater recreational use of & enhanced access to the waterways for all,
- ☆ respect and conservation for the built and natural heritage of the waterways on the part of new developments,
- ☆ planning guidance so that new road and bridge building does not hinder future waterway restoration,
- ☆ encouragement of passenger boat services and the transfer of freight from road to waterway, with extended facilities for grants to enable the latter,
- ☆ formal plans (already announced) for co-operation between BW and the EA, with

encouragement for better co-operation with other navigation authorities and Regional Development Agencies,

- ☆ public/private partnerships to bring new investment to the waterways, and
- ☆ involving the general public in the waterways, including a welcome for the Waterways Trust as a charitable trust to promote the waterways and raise funds for restoration, and a subscription information service about the waterways.

The White Paper's ideas do not seem to require any new primary legislation, but the new policies, and particularly the planning guidelines will be very useful in our dealings with local planning authorities and others.

The White Paper also recognises the contribution of the voluntary sector of the waterways movement, and the potential for future restoration.

It is most encouraging to see the Government espousing so many causes that have been close to the heart of IWA for many years.

Review : New LONDON CRUISING GUIDE

St Pancras Cruising Club has published a completely revised edition of its "London Cruising Guide" as a 32-page A5 booklet. The club is well-known for its organised cruises in the London area, especially on the Thames Tideway, and the guide has been edited by Dr Roger Squires, who has organised many of these.

The guide begins with an eight-page section about cruising the tideway, with much safety advice and recommendations for timing your journey from Limehouse to Brentford or Teddington with the tide. The next eight pages are about the other half of the London Ring - from Brentford to Limehouse via the canals.

Then comes a three-page section on one of the cruises for which St Pancras is well-known, the circumnavigation of the Isle of Dogs using Bow Creek, the tideway and Limehouse Cut, with an alternative extension via the bottom end of the Regent's and the Hertford Union.

The Slough Canal, one of the last (until now) built in Britain is the subject of the next two pages, and is followed by a page about "man overboard" emergencies.

A four-pages section on cruises on the Bow Back Rivers is followed by an advertisement for the London IWA London Ring Plaque (albeit with an out-of-date illustration), then a two-page section on the East London Ring (lower Regent's, Hertford Union, lower Lee and Limehouse Cut).

Those of our readers who cruise these waters regularly (but how many of us do?) will find nothing new here except some useful updated information. To anyone considering exploring the London waterways for the first time, or for extending their knowledge of them, I recommend this cruising guide as preliminary reading. It is less suitable for reference by the steerer while actually cruising. On the tideway I would prefer for that use London IWA's own *Tideway Notes*, of which a new edition is currently in preparation. In my view the two publications complement each other very well.

The St Pancras booklet costs £3.00 (including postage) and copies are available from, SPCC, c/o 46 Elephant Lane, Rotherhithe, London SE16 4J. Cheques should be payable to S.P.C.C.

Mike Stevens

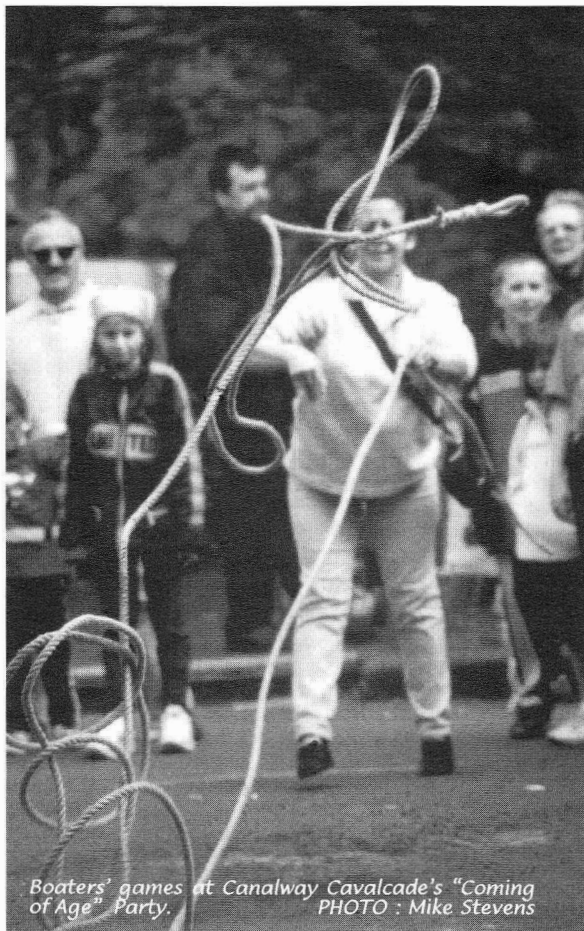
IWA Canalway Cavalcade 2000

Birthday cakes and candles were much in evidence at Little Venice over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend, when Canalway Cavalcade celebrated its eighteenth year with the theme *Coming of Age*. Cakes and candles were prominent in the decoration of several of the boats, including two of the prize-winners, Graham Whittles' *Promise No.4* (Best decoration by a privately-entered boat) and the Church Army's *Hartley Harlequin* (best decoration by a community group or society). London WRG (runners-up in the same class) were celebrating not only Canalway Cavalcade's eighteenth birthday, but WRG's thirtieth.

Among this year's trophies was a new one, the Roger Squires Award for the best performance in the boat handling competition by a novice steerer. This award was donated by St Pancras Cruising Club to commemorate Roger's ten years as the Commodore. It was won on its first appearance by Chris Reay, steering the Laburnum Boat Club's narrowboat *Opportunity*, which they kindly lend to us each year to use as a work-boat at Canalway Cavalcade.

The event started on the Saturday, even before the official opening, with a visit by London Mayoral Candidate Ken Livingstone, who addressed the assembled public from his campaign bus on the Westbourne Terrace Road bridge before making an extended visit to the site. When one of our collectors rattled a collecting-bucket at him, Ken's response was "I'll give you ten Grand if I win on Thursday." As far as I know we're still waiting for it!

The conjunction of rain on the Sunday with the fact that it was the second Bank Holiday weekend in ten days meant that the public turnout for the event was not as good as in some years, but some 140 boats took part in the event. They were slotted into the Pool and the visitor moorings by



Boaters' games at Canalway Cavalcade's "Coming of Age" Party. PHOTO : Mike Stevens

Waterspace Manager Allan Scott and his team with amazing efficiency, given the much-less-than-encouraging weather on Friday afternoon and evening.

While many of these boats were relatively local, some had come considerable distances to take part. Among these were Pat Barton's *Quercus* (from Gnosall on the Shroppie), Gerry & Maureen Barks' *Maelstrom* (from Langley Mill), Mavis & Rick Vessey's *Mave'n Rick* (from Derby) and Peter Tyler's *Taunton* (from Birmingham via Liverpool!).

The pageant of decorated boats on Saturday afternoon, and the second one

of illuminated boats on Sunday evening were both well supported, the latter being one of the better turn-outs for the event in recent years.

On Monday afternoon we celebrated the event's eighteenth birthday with a birthday party on the grass site. This began with some not-too-serious Boaters' Games organised for us by London WRG. They were open for all to enter, and we were happy to see that of the six teams taking part two were made up of boaters, two were from community groups taking part in Canalway Cavalcade and two were from the general public. After we had enjoyed ourselves pinning the tiller-pin on the narrowboat, throwing ropes, sorting out canal names and improvising a traditional boater's costume from paper and sticky tape, a flight of balloons was released. The birthday cake was cut by Libby Bradshaw, the current Canalway Cavalcade Chairman, with Mike Evans, who had been one of the first Cavalcade Chairmen and who had come back to help with this year's event as Pageant Master.

The boat-handling competition and the Teddy Bears' Picnic each in their own way provided other highlights to the event, and boaters and visitors were entertained by a range of musicians, dancers and theatre groups some of whom, like the Daystar Theatre Group, have been with us since the early years of the event.

The Trade Show was, as always, fully booked and most traders seemed to do reasonable business even though the crowds were thinner than last year's near-record attendance.

There are many people to thank for making the event a success. British Waterways and the City of Westminster each provide facilities and the latter also helps in other ways. KESCRG provide our site crew each year and the Tideway Adventurers provide stewards, programme sellers and canoe displays. Playlight Hire give a lot of help with electrics, and Wood Hall & Heward, together with Powerday Plc again provided a water-borne rubbish collection service. Then there are all the volunteers who work for Canalway Cavalcade, not only during the event itself, but also throughout the 14-month planning period.

Mike Stevens

Winners of competitions at Canalway Cavalcade 2000

The Marcus Boudier Trophy for the best privately-entered decoration of a boat :

WINNER : nb *Promise No. 4* (Graham Whittle)

2nd : nb *Scyeffe* (Caroline Whatsham)

equal 3rd : nb *Mentor* (Brian & Marty Seymour) and nb *Chérie* (Eric & Sally Naylor)

The Cruise Electric Trophy for the best illuminated boat :

WINNER : nb *Lucy* (David Harris)

2nd : nb *Python* (British Waterways)

equal 3rd : nb *Gnashers II* (David Pearce), nb *Lotus No.10* (Frank & Sue May) and nb *Quercus* (Pat Barton)

The Buckby Can Trophy for the best decoration of a boat by a group or society :

WINNER : The Church Army on nb *Hartley Harlequin*

RUNNER-UP : London WRG on nb *Shirley*.

The Westminster Trophy for the boat-handling competition :

JOINT WINNERS : Craig Haslam on nb *Malta* and Paul Garner on nb *Kelly Ann*.

2nd : Jenny Hopkins on nb *Cipres*.

The Roger Squires Award for the best performance in the boat-handling competition by a novice steerer :

Chris Reay on nb *Opportunity*.

The Vic Trott Memorial Trophy for traditional "Boaters' Sunday Best" costumes :

WINNERS : Rodney & Marie Brooks (nb *Legacy*)

THE PROGRAMME PRIZE (a luxury weekend for two at the Colonnade Town House Hotel, donated by Eaton Town House Group Ltd)

WINNER : John Webster of Saffron Walden.

ON THE METREAU : news and

NEW REGION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The new members of the Committee were invited to tell Excalibur's readers something about themselves. Here is what some of them have written :

Chris Spencer

Chris' interests in inland waterways were brought about by his interest in industrial history, architecture and heritage. Chris walked all of the derelict canals around his home town of Barnsley (Barnsley Canal, Dearne & Dove Canal) as a 12-year-old, (and many more since).

The first fifteen years of his employment were spent in the technical business management of the automotive industry. Six years ago (and after restoring several Victorian properties and building two of his own as a hobby) Chris established his own business specialising in the repair and restoration of both period and waterside property.

He owns the 60 ft working boat *Rowan* which is moored in Little Venice and the subject of a long-term restoration. Chris lives a short walk away in Maida Vale with his partner Sharon.

A corporate member of IWA for several years, Chris attends WRG digs as work commitments allow, is a member of the Waltham Abbey National committee for this year and a member of the Cotswold Canals Trust.

Roger Wilkinson

Started canal cruising in 1973. Subsequent holiday cruises have traversed much of the inland waterway network. Has owned a canoe since 1980 (also briefly owned a cabin cruiser). Has canoed along various waterways in South East England and elsewhere in the country. Took part in the 1999 BCN Marathon in a canoe; traversed the Anson Branch and other interesting branches.

Life member of the Shropshire Union Canal Society : has taken part in a number of small boat rallies since 1982. Member of

the River Stour Trust and of the Sudbury trip boat crew roster. Member of the Wey & Arun Canal Trust.

Secretary and Membership Secretary of IWA N&E London Branch. Served for a short while on the Plan/Nav Committee.

Has taken part in quite a number of restoration working parties since 1979, mostly on the Montgomery Canal - also a few on the Monmouthshire Canal and the Wey & Arun.

Has been on canoe trips, raft rides and boat trips in various countries around the World.

Regent's Canal towpath guide. Has given a number of slide talks to branches of the IWA.

Also a member of the RSPB and the National Trust.

BOAT SAFETY SCHEME

Following the request of a number of user groups, including IWA, a review of the Boat Safety Scheme is to take place. The concern leading to the request was not that the principle of such a scheme was wrong, but that the increasingly detailed and stringent requirements are excessive. The review team will consist of Bill Schlegel (Technical Director of BW), Andy Crilly (Nation Health & Safety Advisor for the EA) and two members, Tony Hurst & David Morgan, nominated by IWAAC. The review will seek to address the perceived impact of the scheme on customers and the boating industry, harmonisation of the scheme with the Recreation Craft Directive of the European Union, the overall effectiveness of the scheme and other issues raised during the consultation process.

GROSVENOR DOCK

A long-awaited decision has been announced about the future of Grosvenor Dock, the remaining part of the former Grosvenor Canal.

Until a few years ago the dock was used as a waste transfer station by the City of Westminster, but this use was abandoned when they claimed that it was not

gossip of London's waterways.

economically feasible to bring the equipment there up to current Public Health standards. Despite this loss, much of Westminster's rubbish still leaves London by lighter, but from a transfer station on the other side of the Thames.

The City of Westminster sought planning permission for comprehensive redevelopment of the site, which has now been granted by the Secretary of State. The consent includes 400 homes, a hospital extension, restaurants, shops and a health club situated round a public plaza. There will be public access to the wharf and canal basin, open space along the Thames for recreational use and residential moorings. IWA opposed the application on the grounds that it would prevent the dock ever being brought back into use for freight. Since the dock closed as a waste transfer station it has been used for moorings on a temporary planning permission.

CROYDON CANAL

Ron Bingham writes :

Are there any members of the Croydon Canal Restoration Group (motto - *Per Ardua ad West Croydon*) remaining beside myself? If so I would be very pleased to hear from you.

Ron may be contacted on (020) 8855 3693.

ASHLONE WHARF, PUTNEY

There are concerns for the future of Ashlone Wharf, at the western end of Putney embankment. The site belongs to Wandsworth Council and contains a 19th century building which was formerly a Council Depot and is in a poor state of repair.

This building is currently used by a number of youth boating groups, including the Tideway Adventurers, as a boathouse and base for boating activities on the tideway and the impounded waters of the Beverley Brook. This combination of easily accessible tidal and non-tidal water is rare and makes the site extremely valuable as a training ground for young boaters.

Another part of the site is leased to Chas Newens Marine, a local river-based

business, who have built a shed there which they use for the maintenance and storage of the launches they use to provide judges' boats, safety boats and other facilities for many local water-borne events including the University Boat Race. Many people regard this facility as an essential part of the infrastructure of local river use.

Wandsworth Council is looking at various possibilities for the site, ranging from repair of the existing building to comprehensive redevelopment including housing. One redevelopment proposal has been shown to the existing users. This would replace the existing depot building by a new one on a different part of the site. The youth groups who use the building are not in agreement as to whether the facilities they would have under this proposal would be adequate.

Our Planning and Navigation Committee, and our South London Branch Committee, have agreed to oppose any change of use of the site and agree with many local residents that luxury housing on this part of the embankment would be totally out of place. Your editor took part in a public meeting which resolved to oppose any change of use.

The current state of play is that Wandsworth Council has commissioned a firm of architects to report on the whole range of possibilities, but at a meeting with some of the local opponents of full redevelopment, the Leader of Wandsworth Council said that such redevelopment is no longer the favoured option. We understand that the EA is likely to oppose comprehensive redevelopment since the site lies between the river and the flood defence wall.

BRENTFORD REDEVELOPMENT

Development proposals for the eastern side of Brentford Creek give Middlesex Branch and Plan/Nav Committee considerable concern. There would be a substantial loss of boat-repairing facilities and moorings, and of historic waterway-related buildings. Sarah Escott and David and Elizabeth Wood have shown representatives of English Heritage round the site to enlist their support in opposing the plans.

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Waterways events in and around London.

See back page for details of venues and contacts for further information.

AUGUST

Throughout the month

LONDON CANAL MUSEUM - Temporary Exhibition continues *Fancy a Dirty Weekend*. The story of the WRG. Continues until 22nd October.

Wednesday 2nd 8pm

LONDON WRG Social - At the 'Great Beer Festival'

Sunday 6th 2.30pm

LONDON IWA WITH LONDON WALKS - GUIDED TOWPATH WALK : The Regent's Canal, King's Cross to Camden. Meet at King's Cross station, by the taxi rank.

Thursday 10th 6.30pm

LONDON IWA WITH LONDON WALKS - GUIDED TOWPATH WALK : The Regent's Canal, Paddington to Camden. Meet at Warwick Avenue tube station.

Weekend 12th & 13th

LONDON WRG - DIG on the Hereford & Gloucester Canal, Organiser: Marcus Jones.

Sunday 13th 3pm

LONDON CANAL MUSEUM, Guided Towpath Canal Walk from the Museum along the Regent's Canal with tea/coffee served from 2.45 and a chance to visit the Museum. £4 (at least) donation will be requested for the *Canal Museum Keystone Fund*.

Weekend 19th & 20th

IWA N & E LONDON BRANCH WITH ST PANCRAS CRUISING CLUB - THREE MILLS BOAT RALLY at Bromley-by-Bow, E 3. Contact: Roger Squires on (020) 7232 0987 or Tim.Lewis on (020) 8367 6227.

Sunday 20th 2.30pm

LONDON IWA WITH LONDON WALKS.- GUIDED TOWPATH WALK - THREE MILLS & THE BOW BACK RIVERS. Visiting the Three Mills Boat Rally. Meet at Bromley-by-Bow tube station.

Thursday 24th 6.30pm

LONDON IWA WITH LONDON WALKS.- GUIDED TOWPATH WALK. The Regent's Canal. King's Cross to Camden. Meet at King's Cross station, by the taxi rank.

Thursday 24th all day

LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. Children's Activity Day

Bank Holiday Weekend Friday 25th to Monday 28th

IWA NATIONAL WATERWAYS FESTIVAL at Waltham Abbey (nearest station, Waltham Cross), alongside River Lee Navigation. Admission £5, IWA members £3. Accompanied children under 16 free. Details from IWA Head Office.

SEPTEMBER

Throughout the Month

LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. Temporary Exhibition continues. *Fancy a Dirty Weekend*. The story of the WRG. Continues until 22nd October.

Sunday 3rd all day

ANGEL CANAL FESTIVAL, alongside the Regent's Canal and City Road Basin in Islington. Contact Jim Lagdon on 020 7267 9100

Sunday 3 rd 2.30	LONDON IWA with <i>LONDON WALKS</i> - GUIDED TOWPATH WALK. The Regent's Canal. Islington to Mile End. Meet at Angel tube station.
Thursday 7 th 7 for 7.30pm	LONDON CANAL MUSEUM LECTURE. <i>The Royal Military Canal</i> by Hugh Compton.
Weekend 9 th & 10 th	LONDON WRG. DIG on Basingstoke Canal. Contact Ed Walker.
Weekend 9 th & 10 th	SLOUGH CANAL FESTIVAL alongside the Slough Arm of the Grand Union Canal, just outside Slough.
Tuesday 12 th 8pm	IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH SOCIAL. <i>The Work of the Groundwork Trust</i> by Steve Roberts
Sunday 17 th 2.30pm	LONDON IWA WITH <i>LONDON WALKS</i> . GUIDED TOWPATH WALK. The Regent's Canal.- Mile End to Limehouse. Meet at Mile End tube.
Tuesday 19 th 8pm	IWA NORTH & EAST LONDON BRANCH. <i>The Bridgewater Canal</i> by Richard Thomas.
Thursday 21 st 8pm	IWA LONDON REGION CENTRAL LONDON SOCIAL. <i>The Bow Back Rivers</i> by Mike Stevens
Weekend 23 rd & 24 th	LONDON CANAL MUSEUM - LONDON OPEN HOUSE all day Free admission, refreshments and guide service
Wednesday 27 th 8pm	IWA KENT & EAST SUSSEX BRANCH. <i>Thames Barges</i> by Tony Farnham -at Gerlach House, Beechholme Drive, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.
Wednesday 27 th 8pm	LONDON WRG SOCIAL
Friday 29 th 8pm	IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH AT MOTTINGHAM. <i>History of the Shropshire Union Canals</i> by Mike Stevens
Saturday 30 th	IWA National AGM in York. Details will be in the next issue of <i>IWA Waterways</i> .
Weekend 30 th &	LONDON WRG DIG Over Basin Party

OCTOBER

Throughout until 22 nd	LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. Temporary Exhibition continues until 22 nd . <i>Fancy a Dirty Weekend</i> . The story of the WRG.
Sunday 1 st 2.30pm	LONDON IWA with <i>LONDON WALKS</i> GUIDED TOWPATH WALK. The Regent's Canal. Paddington to Camden. Meet at Warwick Avenue tube station.
Thursday 5 th 7 for 7.30pm	LONDON CANAL MUSEUM LECTURE. <i>The Great Grand Union</i> by Mike Stevens
Weekend 7 th & 8 th	LONDON WRG DIG. on Wey and Arun Junction Canal. Organiser Martin Ludgate
Wednesday 11 th 8pm	LONDON WRG SOCIAL
Friday 13 th 8pm	IWA KENT & EAST SUSSEX BRANCH. <i>The River Medway, Today and Yesterday</i> by Bernard Snell. at British Legion Hall, Bell Lane, Uckfield.
Tuesday 10 th 8pm	IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH SOCIAL. <i>Canal & railway competition & collaboration</i> by Mike Stevens

Wednesday 11 th 8pm	IWA SOUTH LONDON SOCIAL AT SOUTH NORWOOD. <i>The Environment Agency</i> by Phil Green
Sunday 15 th 2.30pm	LONDON IWA with <i>LONDON WALKS -GUIDED TOWPATH WALK</i> . The Regent's Canal. King's Cross to Camden. Meet at King's Cross , by the taxi rank.
Tuesday 17 th 8pm	IWA N & E LONDON BRANCH SOCIAL. <i>A Victorian Lantern Show</i> by Aileen Butler
Thursday 19 th 8pm	IWA LONDON CENTRAL LONDON SOCIAL. <i>Current Approaches to BW's Heritage</i> by Tom Chaplin.
Weekend 21 st & 22 nd	LONDON WRG DIG on the Lichfield Canal. Organiser Alison Smedley.
Sunday 22 nd	LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. Temporary Exhibition <i>Fancy a Dirty Weekend</i> ends.
Tuesday 24 th	LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. Temporary Exhibition opens. <i>The Waterways Art Show. Artwork for sale from the Guild of Waterways Artists</i> until 3 rd December.
Wednesday 25 th 8pm	LONDON WRG SOCIAL
Friday 27 th 8pm	IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH SOCIAL AT MOTTINGHAM. Speaker from the Lower Lea Project

NOVEMBER

Throughout the Month	LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. Temporary Exhibition <i>The Waterways Art Show</i> continues.
Thursday 2 nd 7 for 7.30pm	LONDON CANAL MUSEUM LECTURE. <i>Background to Battlebridge- King's Cross and St Pancras</i> by Farrand Radley.
Weekend 4 th & 5 th	Joint LONDON WRG/KESCRG DIG (to be announced)
Sunday 5 th 2.30pm	LONDON IWA with <i>LONDON WALKS. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK</i> . The Regent's Canal. Islington to Mile End. Meet at Angel tube station.
Wednesday 8 th 8pm	IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH SOCIAL AT SOUTH NORWOOD. <i>The Million Horsepower Lister Engine Company</i> by David Delaney.
Tuesday 14 th 8pm	IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH SOCIAL. <i>The Surrey Docks</i> by Arthur Farrand Radley.
Thursday 16 th 8pm	IWA LONDON CENTRAL LONDON SOCIAL. <i>Thames Sailing Barges</i> by Peter Roberts.
Sunday 19 th 2.30pm	LONDON IWA with <i>LONDON WALKS. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK</i> . The Regent's Canal. Mile End to Limehouse. Meet at Mile End tube station
Tuesday 21 st 8pm	IWA N& E LONDON BRANCH SOCIAL. Members' slides of the Three Mills Rally & National Waterways Festival.
Wednesday 22 nd 8pm	LONDON WRG SOCIAL
Friday 24 th 8pm	IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH SOCIAL AT MOTTINGHAM. Details to be announced.
Thursday 30 th 7 for 7.30pm	LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. Christmas Shopping in the Museum shop.

Venue details & contact people

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
IWA CENTRAL LONDON	<i>The Lamb</i> Lamb's Conduit Street, WC1 See map on page ?????????? (Nearest tube Russell Square or Holborn)	Roger Wilkinson (020) 8458 9476
IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH	(UXBRIDGE) Hillingdon Canal Club, Uxbridge Wharf, Waterloo Rd, Uxbridge	Michael Stimpson (work) (01923) 770425
IWA N & E LONDON BRANCH	Millfield Arts Centre, Silver St., Edmonton, N18. (near the Great Cambridge Rd. junction. ⁵ / ₈ mile west of Silver Street BR station).	Roger Wilkinson (020) 8458 9476
IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH (SOUTH NORWOOD)	S.Norwood Conservative Club South Norwood Hill SE25 (Close to Norwood Junction BR)	Mary Llewellyn (0181) 653 4862
IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH (MOTTINGHAM)	<i>The Royal Tavern</i> , Mottingham (corner of Court Rd & Sidcup Rd, close to Mottingham BR).	Neville Munro (01322) 613 428
LONDON IWA / LONDON WALKS TOWPATH WALKS	As listed. Each about 2 hours. £5.00 (concessions £3.50).	London Walks (0171) 624 3978
LONDON WATERWAY RECOVERY GROUP	Various venues. Meeting point is usually Waterloo Station 7 pm on Friday to travel to site.	Tim Lewis (0181) 367 6227
LONDON CANAL MUSEUM	12 New Wharf Road, King's Cross, London, N1 9RT Opens Tues. to Sun, 10 am - 4:30 pm. Admission £2.50, concessions £1.25, Admission to lectures £2.50.	(0171) 713 0836
IWA KENT& EAST SUSSEX BRANCH	Venue varies - see event details	Sid Sharman (01795) 872839

Unfortunately diary information from other neighbouring IWA Branches was not available as we went to press.