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From the Editor

BW DOES BETTER THAN LOCAL COUNCILS

The Foot and Mouth epidemic has proved a testing time for anyone involved with footpaths and towpaths. BW's immediate reaction was to close all its towpaths outside major urban areas, and as a consequence to close nearly all its waterways to navigation. Judging by what I saw on the various waterways-related bits of the internet, this produced an immediate outcry from boaters. But BW's response was, in effect, "Hang on a minute! We've only done this to give us time to think what it's safe for us to do." They then employed expert consultants to do a length-by-length analysis of the system and advise which lengths needed what precautions.

That done, they were able to indicate three different levels of precaution, from "totally clear" to "clear for boating, but keep of the towpath and we'll work the locks for you", and make it clear which level applied where. The information service they made available, on the internet or by 'phone, was really excellent - full of detail and up-dated regularly. In the end they were able to open all the waterways to boating with the exception of a few sections where the F&M restrictions had delayed essential maintenance which, in some cases, is still waiting to be finished.

So boaters knew just where they stood. As I write, 99% of the system is now open for boating, much of it without restriction of the use of locks and towpaths. In London we were lucky in that our home waters were unrestricted throughout. Now most of the Southern GU is unrestricted, with only a few short sections subject to mooring and towpath restrictions. Further afield the situation is less good in some areas.

This can be contrasted with the absolute muddle that has been made by many Local Authorities, who are responsible for public rights of way. Not all of these, by any means, are following MAFF advice. I read that of the two Counties covering the infected area in the NW, one has hastened to re-open its footpaths to save the tourist industry while its neighbour has kept all its footpaths closed. Some Counties. I understand, with no infection for miles of their borders, have still closed all their footpaths to the time of

writing. And it's only now that some (not all) Counties are publishing up-to-date maps of which paths are open and which not.

The contrast is notable. Well done, BW.

THE BLUE RIBBON ZONE

Ken Livingstone announced in his manifesto last year that he wanted to create a "Blue Ribbon Zone" along the Thames. He gave little detail of what he meant and others have rushed to fill the gap with their own interpretation. One paper proposes a "Dark Blue Zone" either side of the river in which no development would be allowed, and a wider "Light Blue Zone" extending some considerable distance from the river bank, when all planning has to give priority to considerations of the river. If one looks at sections of the Thames like Putney, Kew and Richmond this might make some sort of sense. But, in my personal view, it falls a long way short of reality when applied to central London or to the declining industrial belt downstream of the Isle of Dogs. Do we really think that planning issues in, say, Trafalgar Square, should give priority to the Thames? The London River has a whole variety of townscape on its banks as well as the leafy stretches, and any strategy must do justice to them all.

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ROUTES AND BRANCHES :

REGION & BRANCH COMMITTEES

The season of Branch & Region AGMs and the Committee meetings following them has reached completion, and Branch and Region Officers have been appointed.

The biggest changes are at Region level, where, readers will recall, the outgoing Committee decided that all the directly-elected seats would come up for re-election this year. It was decided that the number of such seats would be six, but there were only five nominations, since several of last year's Committee decided not to stand. The list of those elected will be found on page 2. There remains one vacancy to which the Committee had the power to co-opt, and will probably need to exercise that power to cover all the tasks that need doing.

After the AGM there was a short Committee meeting to appoint essential Officers. Roger Squires continues as Chairman and Vernon Draper as Treasurer. Roger Wilkinson takes over as Region Secretary. Other responsibilities (in so far as they have yet been decided) can be seen on page 2.

There was less change at Branch level. In all three Branches the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer remain unchanged and there has been some adjustment of other responsibilities, also shown on page 2. South London and North and East London Branches each welcome a new Committee member, in the persons of Jenny Nunes and Andrew Mann respectively. In the case of South London, Andrew replaces Neville Munro, who has felt the need to stand down for health reasons. In Middlesex Branch, Michael Stimpson has recently resigned from the Committee in order to spend more time on BMIF matters.

Many thanks are due to those who, for whatever reason, are standing down from their Committee posts, and also to those who form the new Committees.

FILMS BY THE LOCK

North & East London Branch recently had one of its most successful socials ever, when they organised a Saturday evening film show and fish-&-chip supper at St Pancras Cruising Club. This was organised by Alex & Jenny Nunes. Jenny has just been appointed as their Social Secretary. I wonder which was cause and which effect?

Following this success, the Branch has decided that they will alternate the usual speaker-based meetings with ones of a more social nature. The next one of the latter kind is to be on 19th June, when they plan a visit to Docklands. More details can be found on the *Coming Events* pages.

CROYDON CANAL CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED

At South London Branch AGM, Andrew Mann learnt an important lesson. He asked whether something could be done by the Branch, and was promptly co-opted onto the Committee to take charge of doing it!

The "something" was a campaign to publicise the Croydon Canal, which was abandoned in 1836 and the railway from New Cross to West Croydon built along most of its line. Andrew's suggestion, which received the backing of the AGM, was that we should do this by erecting some signs at significant points along its former route.

The campaign is still at the "feasibility study" stage and Andrew is collecting ideas and looking for suitable partners in the project. The Croydon Society has already expressed an interest. It's clear that to make a good job of it we shall need to attract significant outside funding, and we are considering making Croydon Borough Council the first target for an approach.

Meanwhile Mr & Mrs Editor have started the campaign by including the name "Croydon Canal Carrying Company" in the new paint-job of *Felis Catus II*, painted for us by fellow South London Branch Committee member Dave Young..

Region, Branch and Navigation news



The Three Mills Rally in 1996. PHOTO : Mike Stevens
At a previous Three Mills Rally

PHOTO : Mike Stevens

THREE MILLS BOAT RALLY 4th & 5th AUGUST

This year, the Rally is jointly organised by the North and East London Branch of the IWA, and the St Pancras Cruising Club. This year they are joined by the Russell Newbery Register, so there should be some good vintage and vintage-style engines to see. It will be considerably larger than last year's rally - partly because all the site is available for use this year following the completion of the works at and around Bow Locks.

The Rally has the following aims:

- To encourage more boats onto this under-used area of London's waterways
- To support the work of Lea Valley Park Authority, British Waterways, and the Lower Lea Project in seeking to upgrade the waterways of the Lower Lea Navigation
- To campaign for the dredging of the Bow Back Rivers

As well as a cruise along the Tideway around the Isle of Dogs, the Rally will also

include a cruise for small craft along the Bow Back Rivers. There will be several different organised walks - including one by the IWA Towpath Walks Society. The House Mill will be open on Sunday with a possibility of the Saturday as well. A special boaters' competition will take place during the weekend, the winner of which will be presented with an award in memory of Alan Russell, the late chairman of IWA North and East London branch.

For boat entries, send an s.a.e. to Alex Nunes, 63 Salisbury Road, High Barnet, EN5 4JL.

VISIT TO THE WEY & ARUN

South London Branch is planning a trip to visit the Wey and Arun Canal's restored "Loxwood Link" section and go for a boat ride there. The provisional date is Saturday 7th July. We have booked 12 places and intend to travel there in a group of cars for a 2pm boat trip which will last about 2 hours. Details from and bookings to Lesley Pryde on (020) 8679 9866 or e-mail cookieslesley@tinyworld.co.uk.

IWA CANALWAY CAVALCADE 2001



BW's workboat Python carrying the Cavalcade King and Queen in Saturday's Pageant.
PHOTO : Mike Stevens

This year's Canalway Cavalcade, London's premier water event, was given national status this year as it celebrated the bicentenary of the canal to Paddington. Bright but cool weather over the May-Day Bank Holiday weekend brought crowds of visitors to Little Venice to enjoy the floating activities, entertainments and trade show.

One new development in this year's event was the participation of a number of local primary schools. IWA worked with British Waterways and *Monster Productions*, an arts group specialising in art workshops for schools, to bring this about. During the preceding week pupils from the schools were taken for trips on the canal, after which they prepared artwork to be used to decorate some of the boats in the pageant on Saturday afternoon. A "King & Queen" chosen from participating pupils led the Saturday and Sunday pageants on British Waterways' historic work-boat *Python*.

Another innovation appropriate to the theme of the event was a procession of historic boats, all working or ex-working narrowboats. Most of those in the procession dated from the 1930s, with a few going back to before the First World War.

The historic boats were also well-represented in the various competitive events, with Andrew Burge on the 1914 narrowboat *Lupin* winning the boat-handling competition. Another vintage narrowboat, BW's *Python* carrying some of the young participants in the Schools project was runner-up in both the Marcus Boudier Trophy for the best decorated boat and the Cruise Electric Trophy for the best Illuminated Boat.

But perhaps the most popular innovation was a Real Ale beer tent, replacing the bar boat of recent years. This was deservedly popular, and sold out of all drinks at about 4:30 pm on the last day. Thanks to Sam Dent and her WRG-volunteer bar staff for that project.

Thanks are also due to all who helped plan and operate the event, to KESCRG who provided our site team and to the many organisations, too numerous to list here, who assisted with sponsorship in cash or kind.

Next year's Canalway Cavalcade will be at Little Venice, again over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend, Saturday 4th to Monday 6th May,

CANALWAY CAVALCADE AWARD WINNERS, 2001

THE MARCUS BOUDIER TROPHY for the best-decorated privately entered boat

1st	nb <i>Scyeffe</i>	Caroline Watsham
2nd	nb <i>Python</i>	British Waterways & the schools project

THE RAY DUNFORD BUCKBY CAN TROPHY for the best decorated boat entered by a waterway or community group

1st	nb <i>Fulbourne</i>	London Waterway Recovery Group
2nd	nb <i>Hartley Harlequin</i>	The Church Army

THE CRUISE ELECTRIC TROPHY for the best illuminated boat

1st	nb <i>Lucy</i>	David Harris
=2nd	nb <i>Python</i>	British Waterways & the schools project
=2nd	nb <i>Mathetes</i>	Brian & Marty Seymour

THE GRAHAM CAPELIN TROPHY for the best entry from a boater who has not previously taken part in either the Saturday Pageant or Illuminated Boats
Not awarded

THE WESTMINSTER TROPHY for the boat-handling competition

1st	Drew Burge	nb <i>Lupin</i>
=2nd	Martin Ludgate	nb <i>Fulbourne</i>
=2nd	Paul Garner	nb <i>Kelly Ann 2</i>
=2nd	John Boswell	nb <i>Pisces</i>

ROGER SQUIRES TROPHY for the best novice competitor in the boat-handling competition
Ron Hill nb *Stornoway*

THE VIC TROTT MEMORIAL TROPHY for the best "boaters' Sunday best" costume
Piers & Eva Bull nb *Helen*

PROGRAMME DRAW

Family ticket to the London Zoo	Alan Akhurst, nb <i>Archimedes</i>
Dinner for two on restaurant boat <i>My Fair Lady</i>	Mrs J Buchanan, Twyford, Berks
Family ticket to the London Canal Museum	Maureen Colvin, London NW8



Friday evening at the beer tent. PHOTO : Mike Stevens

London WRG News

After a very hectic summer completing the basin at Over, providing support for the National at Waltham Abbey, and celebrating our 30th birthday with three *WRG Works!* weekends, it seemed autumn might be a lot quieter. October even brought a weekend at home, but the quiet didn't last long!

Our official dig that month was to the Lichfield, somewhere we try to visit at least once a year. It also gave us a chance to meet up with the London WRG Leek Branch (Alison, Rupert, and Harriet), who kept us well fed throughout the weekend. We were working on a new site, Lock 26, and there was a huge variety of work: scrub bashing, excavation of the lower approach walls, landscaping, concrete pouring, demolition, and the inevitable brick cleaning that follows, albeit aided by some brick cleaning tables! A good turnout meant that on Sunday we were also able to continue with the work started at Darnford Lane during the *WRG Works!* celebrations, getting a short section of canal on a diversionary route ready for rewatering.

Despite the size of the bonfire at Lichfield, our true bonfire dig followed a couple of weekends later at Droitwich, held jointly with two other groups. After an eventful journey, involving the frying pan and the side window of the minibus, we found that a very large turnout and the demolition of our usual accommodation meant things were a little cosy in the unlikely combination of the Girl Guides Hut and the Amateur Boxing Club!

Work was split over several sites on the Junction and Barge Canals, and with 80 people, a huge amount was achieved. On the Junction Canal, a substantial length was cleared of scrub. Another group searched for the missing fourth lock; after digging trenches fruitlessly for much of Saturday, a passer-by asked what they were up to, then led them straight to the lock in the next field! On the Barge Canal, a length of towpath was laid down the flight at Ladywood, using an experimental blend of recycled aggregates and road scalplings. Above the locks, work continued on building up the front face of the huge storm spillway that we started restoring a couple of years ago.

The weir's brick apron is laid on a clay base, and a considerable amount of the clay had been washed out, so several trailer loads were collected to replace it. The clay had to be unloaded over the parapet of the bridge carrying the Droitwich bypass over the canal, and then loaded in to wheelbarrows on the towpath below for the 500 yard trip to the

site. It wasn't long before the local constabulary arrived, after a passing motorist had tipped them off that some builders were chucking rubbish in to the canal!

The start of December saw another dig with KESCRG (Kent & East Sussex Canal Restoration Group), on the Wilts and Berks Canal - the first visit for a long time there for both groups. The wet weather in the lead up to the dig made getting to the very remote section of canal near Foxham interesting - even the local farmer's tractor we had on loan needed pushing out of the mud! We cleared over 200 yards of canal, including some large trees whose stumps defeated even the largest of our Tirfor winches. Saturday night featured an excellent Christmas dinner, made all the more interesting by a little confusion between the brandy butter and the sour cheese dip!

Ten days later we had the LWRG Christmas party at the London Canal Museum. This included the raffle (first prize: one bottle of alcoholic im-bru, second prize: two bottles, third prize...) and the annual awards ceremony - Alison Smedley should be mentioned as winner of the most feeble excuse award for not going digging, being elected to IWA council on the weekend in question!

Many of us chose to round off the year spending Christmas and New Year on the Basingstoke Canal. The work was a mixture of thinning out vegetation that endangered the stability of the embankments, and clearing overhanging trees obstructing the canal on the summit near Crookham. Snowmen and passing boats led to this being a far from normal dig! Santa even came round on Christmas Day, and bore an amazing resemblance to the person who managed to put on a slide show that ran from one millennium to the next!

Our first dig of the new year was to another navigable canal: the Kennet and Avon. A frantic plea for help from BW saw us reclaiming a huge quantity of local Bath stone from the canal at Bradford-on-Avon hours before the pound was flooded following the end of a stoppage. The stone, from a collapsed canal wall, is now being put to use repairing the dry stone wall that runs alongside the canal past the tithe barn.

Early February saw a return visit to the Wilts & Berks Canal, this time working at Summit Lock near Wootton Bassett. Unfortunately the remains of the lock were deep underwater due to heavy rain, so we tackled some very prickly brambles growing further along the canal.

From the Region Chairman

Since taking over as Chairman, I have tried to visit all the Branches and various social events. What I have found seems to be replicated all over the London area and perhaps elsewhere. Good speakers offer very good presentations, yet few people come to listen to them. In fact the best attended events were a Film evening run by N& East London, and a Xmas dinner run by South London. Why are the lectures not attracting the audiences they deserve. Do members find the venues difficult? Do they not have time on weekday evenings to come out to functions? Are organisers getting the topics wrong? Has the workload changed and we are in the wrong market place? I must admit that this lack of visible support for social events causes me considerable concern. The question is: how can we improve matters. It is up to you, the members, to tell your Committee where they are going wrong and what is needed. All ideas will be welcome.

This year, the IWA nationally is running a major membership recruitment campaign. The theme is *'get every member to recruit a new member'*. I ask all of you to consider this message very carefully. The IWA is essentially a campaigning body. To campaign effectively you need strength of numbers. Over the past decade IWA membership has been falling. It is essential that we reverse that trend. To do so we need your help. New membership recruitment forms are available from all Branch Secretaries and from Branch Sales stands. Can I ask that you all collect a couple and actively try to place them where they may bear fruit.

Members sometimes ask what IWA is doing locally to benefit them. Perhaps if I highlight

a recent example, it will show that much goes on behind the scenes. A South London member heard that a new footbridge was planned to go across Deptford Creek. The Planning and Navigation Committee immediately investigated the rumour and found that not only was it true, but that the local council were planning to construct a low level bridge that would prevent craft from reaching the terminal basin. A series of meetings were arranged with the Council, Consultants and Contractors, not only to remind them that a statutory right of navigation exists on the Creek, but that the Council is obliged under Act of Parliament to open the current Creek bridge free of charge upon notice. The Health and Safety issues created by the planned structure were also spelt out in detail. The result was, after months of hard negotiation, that the planned bridge level is being raised to offer reasonable air draft for smaller craft at all states of the tide. Also that for larger craft, the Council will open the bridge on request free of charge. Had it not been for the vigilance of our member, and the skills of the Chairman of the Planning and Navigation Committee, another piece of the waterways could have been lost. Many similar issues are dealt with by the IWA behind the scenes. This is why active membership is so important.

Can I conclude by asking all members to let us know what they would like to see organised. To actively support IWA events and bring a friend along as well. Also to do all they can to help our current membership campaign. It is your organisation. Do please support it.

Roger Squires

LWRG News cont'd

The foot and mouth outbreak has severely limited the number of sites open during the last couple of months, as restoration projects depend heavily on the support of local landowners. One of the few sites unaffected was the back pumping scheme at Woodham on the urban lower end of the Basingstoke, and three digs in a row there has seen some quite considerable progress. Work has centred around reinstatement of the towpath along the flight of locks, which had been dug up by contractors installing the back pumping pipeline. With a collection of dumpers, excavators, and rollers each weekend, there have been plenty of opportunities for our

volunteers both to be trained and to gain more experience of operating plant: it even stops Martin and Tim from taking photos!

2000 has probably been the busiest year ever for WRG, and one of the most rewarding. There have been over 80 digs, and about 6,000 navy-days work achieved; a substantial proportion of both has been due to London WRGies. However, we are at present heavily dependent on a small core of volunteers: it would be great to see some new faces this year, at any of our digs or social events. For more information please contact Tim Lewis on (020) 83676227 or visit our website: www.london.wrg.org.uk

Marcus Jones

ON THE METREAU : news and

ARTHUR FARRAND RADLEY

Those of us who were at the Region AGM were very sorry to hear that one of our Vice-Presidents, Arthur Farrand Radley had to send his apologies because of injuries arising from a car accident. We understand that he and Laura both suffered injuries. They have had to cut back on some of their activities, but did come to Canalway Cavalcade. Our best wishes go to both of them.

CANAL MUSEUM NEWS

The refurbishment of the ground floor of the Museum, forecast in our last issue, is forging ahead. For most of the time the Museum is able to stay open with many of the ground-floor exhibits temporarily housed upstairs while the work goes on below. We are waiting for an announcement of the date for the reopening by the Museum's Patron, the Princess Royal.

Your Editor has heard that the funding for Phase 2 of the refurbishment, dealing with the upper floor, is coming in quite well, so there may not be much pause between the two stages. It is hoped that the renewed first-floor display will include some material on the history of the IWA in general, and particularly in London, for which our Region Committee has earmarked some funding in memory of the late Len House, one of our members who was involved in the early days of the project which became the Museum.

The Museum is offering some guided towpath walks and boat trips as part of its Summer programme, and in July will once again host two performances by the Mikron Theatre. Details of these events are in our *Coming Events* pages.

BY THE THAMES AT PUTNEY AND FULHAM

There have been new developments concerning two controversial planning applications that almost face each other across the Thames.

At Fulham, the Football Club has applied for permission to redevelop its Craven Cottage stadium with a massive new block housing a sports centre. This was strongly opposed by many local people, including the local sailing clubs, who feared that such a huge building would play havoc with the wind on that reach of the Thames, a popular one for sailing and rowing, and by others who felt that new development ignored the river.

The proposal was approved by Hammersmith & Fulham's Planning Committee, then called in by the Secretary of State. The latter has decided not to override the Borough's decision, but we understand that some local interests have applied to take the matter to a Judicial Inquiry, claiming that the Secretary of State's decision is a perverse one..

Meanwhile there has been better news for Ashlone Wharf, almost directly across the river from Craven Cottage. This site, at the end of Putney Embankment, belongs to Wandsworth Council, who had been considering redeveloping it.

One part of the site contains an old Council dépôt, a Victorian predecessor of the modern waste transfer stations elsewhere from which London's waste is shipped out by water. Nowadays the building at Ashlone Wharf is used as a boat-house for a number of youth groups, including the Tideway Venturers who are well-known to some *Excalibur* readers. The facilities there for young people are possibly unique in London, as they provide both tidal and non-tidal boating facilities on the Thames tideway and on the impounded water of the Beverley Brook.

Another part of the site is leased to Chas Newens Marine, who have built a large shed there which they use for the maintenance and storage of the various launches they use to provide safety, umpiring and other services for a wide range of Thames events including the University Boat Race.

Wandsworth Council was considering a scheme for comprehensive redevelopment of the site, including up-market housing and alternative facilities (whose adequacy was a matter of dispute) for the youth groups. This proposal was

gossip of London's waterways.

vigorously opposed by many local people who saw it as a serious erosion of the infrastructure of river use in the area. The campaign was supported by IWA South London Branch and the Region's Planning and Navigation Committee.

The latest news is that Wandsworth has dropped the redevelopment proposals and will refurbish the old depôt building so that its present use can continue in better surroundings.

ALEX TAKES THE PLUNGE

The photo below shows Alex Nunes (he's the one underneath), a Committee Member of IWA N&E London Branch and Chairman of the London Canal Museum, experiencing his first parachute jump of 12,000 feet. This took place as a birthday present to him, and was sponsored to raise £2,600 for his local heart support group.

"RICKY" WASHED OUT

Flooding caused the cancellation of the Rickmansworth Canal & Environmental Festival in mid-May. Much of the site for land-based activities was under water, so the main Festival was cancelled, although the Editorial spies say that there was a boat gathering there nonetheless. The British Waterways web site says that a replacement event is planned, but gives no details.

IWA WEB SITE RENEWED

IWA's national web site at <http://www.waterways.org.uk/index.htm> has had a major redesign, so if you've not looked at it recently, it's worth another visit. It has also been joined by a National Waterways Festivals site at <http://www.festivals.waterways.org.uk/>. The Region site is still at <http://www.london.waterways.org.uk/index.htm> and is up-dated regularly.



Alex Nunes making an aerial reconnaissance of the state of Floating Pennyworth on the Bow Back Rivers (see story above)

YOU CAN HELP IWA

IWA is a campaigning organisation, and we hope our members are willing to join in and help run the organisation and take part in its campaigns. Here are some current opportunities.

Middlesex Branch

is short of Committee members. The Committee meets about 8 times a year, and the tasks needed to run the Branch are shared out according to people's interests and aptitudes. If you're interested in being co-opted, please contact Vernon Draper or Stu Carrie (see page 2).

Publicity and membership

Your Editor has been asked by the Region Committee to set up a Working Party to help with Region publicity & membership. This will not be a formal Committee with regular meetings, but will exist to do specific tasks, some of which its members can do at home and others of which will need occasional meetings. The tasks include:

- contributing ideas
- writing for *Excalibur* or Press Releases,
- being a named contact in a Press Release about something on which you have particular knowledge
- helping with envelope-stuffing
- up-dating our Press contacts data-base (ideally a job for someone with unmetered internet access)

But in particular I'm keen to recruit some people who have ideas and enthusiasm and time to be involved with for a Region membership recruitment programme.

If you're interested, contact Mike Stevens (details on page 1)

Floating Pennywort

In our last issue I wrote about this pernicious weed, which has infested the lower Lee and the Bow Back Rivers. It is not a native species and was imported to the UK for use in garden ponds. It is thought that the infestation arises from people throwing away the surplus from ponds.

The plant grows up to 20 cm (8 ins) a day and takes so much oxygen out of the water that fish can suffocate to death. Other plants don't stand a chance; Pennywort just grows over and around them. It also forms a serious obstacle to navigation.

We now hear that it's also infested other waterways - the Basingstoke, the Wey, the Exeter Canal, the Chelmer & Blackwater and even the BCN (fortunately on an isolated section). Currently it's still on sale in many garden centres, but there is a move afoot to get it banned from sale under an amendment to the Wildlife and Countryside Act. It doesn't seem that the DETR is yet aware of the impact of Pennywort on the waterways and their owners and users.

It would therefore be helpful if as many people as possible would write stating their views, (before 18th June if possible) to:

Mr. Roger Pritchard,
Head of European Wildlife Division,
D.E.T.R., Division Zone 1/08B,
Temple Quay House,
2, The Square,
Temple Quay,
Bristol, BS1 6EB

BUT ABOVE ALL WE NEED MORE MEMBERS

Much of the strength of any campaigning organisation depends on the size of its membership. The more members we have, the better hearing we get from BW, EA and the Government, so IWA Council has called for a special recruitment effort from members.

Do you know somebody who isn't an IWA member but shows interest in the waterways? Perhaps they've been on a boating holiday or day-trip with you. Perhaps they walk or cycle the towpaths. Perhaps they fish the canals. Perhaps they're interested in the history and architecture of the canals. Whatever the case, IWA has something to offer them, so try to get them to join us.

Membership application forms can be obtained from Head Office (address on page 3), at Branch and Region Socials, or from any Branch or Region Officer (addresses on page 2)

Waterways events in and around London.

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

For up-dates to this list, watch the Diary page on the Region web site
at <http://www.london.waterways.org.uk>

JUNE 2001

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| Throughout the month | LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. Temporary exhibition continues. <i>Water for Tomorrow</i> . |
| Thursday 7 th 7.30pm | LONDON CANAL MUSEUM LECTURE. <i>The Grand Union: its boats and their history</i> by Martin Jiggins, Chairman of Historic Narrowboat Owners' Club. |
| Weekend 9 th & 10 th | LONDON WRG : Dig to be arranged |
| Saturday 9 th Noon - 5pm | CVROYDON YOUTH ORGANISATIONS' "TAKE PART DAY" with <i>Waterways for Youth</i> activities by IWA Soputh London Branch, at South Norwood Lake. |
| Sunday 10 th 3pm | LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK. The Regents Canal. Museum to Camden. A donation to the Canal Museum Keystone Fund will be appreciated. |
| Tuesday 12 th 8pm | IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH. <i>Skittles Match</i> . |
| Wednesday 13 th 8pm | IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH at SOUTH NORWOOD. <i>Waterways Quiz</i> . |
| Thursday 14 th 6.30pm | LONDON IWA with <i>THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS</i> . GUIDED TOWPATH WALK. The Regents Canal. Kings Cross to Paddington. About 2 hours. £5/£4 Meet at Kings Cross station by the taxi rank. |
| Sunday 17 th 2.30pm | LONDON IWA with <i>THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS</i> . GUIDED TOWPATH WALK. The Regents Canal. Mile End to Limehouse. About 2 hours. £5/£4. Meet at Mile End tube station |
| Tuesday 19 th 6:30 pm | IWA NORTH & EAST LONDON BRANCH. Visit to Docklands. Booking essential as places are limited: contact Libby Bradshaw on (020) 8874 2787 |
| Thursday 21 st 7.30 for 8 pm | IWA LONDON REGION. <i>The Mary Rose</i> by Mr E.G. Huke. |
| Saturday 23 rd 10am | LONDON CANAL MUSEUM with the Lower Lee Project. One-way Boat Trip on <i>The Pride of Lee</i> along the Regents Canal to the Museum from Three Mills (depart 10am). Arrives at Museum approx. 2pm to visit Museum. Bookings & information: 020 7515 8558. |
| Saturday 23 rd 10am | LONDON CANAL MUSEUM with the London Waterbus Company. Return Boat Trip along Regents Canal to the Museum from Little Venice (depart 10am). Arrive at the Museum at 12 noon to visit the Museum. Return trip leaves at approx. 2pm. |
| Sunday 24 th 10am | LONDON CANAL MUSEUM with the Lower Lee Project. One-way Boat Trip on the <i>Pride of Lee</i> along the Regents Canal from the Museum (depart 11am) to Three Mills. Arrive at at approx. 3pm. Visit the Museum from 10am before embarkation. Bookings & information: 020 7515 8558. |

Thursday 28th 6.30pm

LONDON IWA with *THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK.* The Regents Canal. Islington to Mile End.. About 2 hours. £5/£4. Meet at Angel tube station.

Friday 29th 8pm

IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH AT MOTTINGHAM. *Canalway Cavalcade Roundup* (Members' slides).

Weekend 30th & 1 July

LONDON WRG : Dig on the Basingstoke Canal

JULY 2001

Sunday 1st 2.30pm

LONDON IWA with *The ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK.* The Regents Canal. Paddington to Camden. About 2 hours. £5/£4. Meet at Warwick Avenue tube station.

Tuesday 3rd

LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. Temporary exhibition opens. *London Link'd at Last.* An exhibition marking the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Junction Canal's Paddington Branch, which linked London to the mainline canal system, and opened on July 10th 1801.

Thursday 5th 7.30pm

LONDON CANAL MUSEUM LECTURE. *Branches of the Grand Junction*, to mark the 200th Anniversary of the opening of the Paddington Branch of the Grand Junction Canal, by Alan Faulkner, author of 'The Grand Junction Canal'.

Weekend 7th & 8th

Ealing Countryside Weekend Special Festival, Berkeley Fields, Greenford. For details contact (020) 8841 6585.

Weekend 7th & 8th

St PANCRAS CRUISING CLUB. Barking Creek Cruise, including barbecue. Contact Denise Keir (020 8688 5089)

Sunday 8th 7pm

LONDON CANAL MUSEUM PLAY. *Warehouse Hill* performed by the Mikron Theatre, the story of the Huddersfield Narrow.

Monday 9th 8pm

LONDON CANAL MUSEUM PLAY. *Don't start from here*, a musical love story with a transport twist. Performed by the Mikron Theatre.

Thursday 12th 6.30pm

LONDON IWA with *THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK.* The Regents Canal. Paddington to Camden. About 2 hours. £5/£4. Meet at Warwick Avenue tube station

Sunday 15th 2.30pm

LONDON IWA with *THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK.* The Regents Canal. King's Cross to Camden. About 2 hours. £5/£4. Meet at King's Cross station taxi rank.

Weekend 21st & 22nd

LONDON WRG : Dig to be arranged

Thursday 26th 6.30pm

LONDON IWA with *THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK.* The Regents Canal. Paddington to Camden. About 2 hours. £5/£4. Meet at Warwick Avenue tube station.

AUGUST 2001

Throughout the month

LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. Temporary exhibition continues. *London Link'd at last*, to mark the 200th Anniversary of the opening of the Grand Junction Canal's Paddington Branch.

- Thursday 2nd 7.30pm LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK. Museum to Camden. Museum opens for visiting from 6.30pm. A donation to the Canal Museum Keystone Fund will be appreciated.
- Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th **THREE MILLS BOAT RALLY** organised by IWA N & E LONDON BRANCH with ST PANCRAS CRUISING CLUB and THE RUSSEL NEWBERY REGISTER. . Three Mills Lane, Bromley-by-Bow. E.3 See details on pages 4-5.
- Saturday 4th St PANCRAS CRUISING CLUB. Bow Creek & Isle of Dogs Cruises, to link up with Three Mills Boat Rally (see above) Contact Steve Burt (0208 348 6008).
- Saturday 4th 10am LONDON CANAL MUSEUM with London Waterbus Company. Return Boat Trip along Regents Canal from Little Venice (depart 10am) to the Museum. Arrive at the Museum at 12 noon approx. to visit the Museum. Return trip departs at 2pm. £12.75/£11.75. Bookings & information: 020 7482 2550.
- Sunday 5th 2.30pm LONDON IWA with *THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS*. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK Three Mills and the Bow Back River, passing through/linking up with the Three Mills Boat Rally (see above). About 2 hours £5/£4. Meet at Bromley-by-Bow tube station.
- Thursday 9th 6.30pm LONDON IWA with *THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS*. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK. The Regents Canal. King's Cross to Camden. About 2 hours. £5/£4. Meet at King's Cross station taxi rank.
- Weekend 11th & 12th LONDON WRG : Dig to be arranged
- Sunday 19th 2.30pm LONDON IWA with *THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS*. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK. The Regents Canal. Islington to Mile End. About 2 hours. £5/£4. Meet at Angel tube station.
- Thursday 23rd 6.30pm LONDON IWA with *THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS*. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK. The Regents Canal. Islington to Mile End. About 2 hours. £5/£4. Meet at Angel tube station.

NOT IN LONDON, BUT THIS IS THE BIG ONE!

FRIDAY 24th - MONDAY 27th AUGUST
THE NATIONAL WATERWAYS FESTIVAL
AND INLAND BOAT SHOW

at Newlands Park, Milton Keynes (on the Grand Union Canal).

Exhibition space : Contact Jerry Sanders ☎ 0870 2410 237

Boating & Caravan information: Contact John Stockland ☎ 0121 3080293

Marketing & Media : Contact Brian Saunders ☎ 02476 407070

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 (Nearest tube Russell Square)	Roger Wilkinson (work) 0118 913 2660
IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH	Hillingdon Canal Club, Uxbridge Wharf, Waterloo Rd, Uxbridge	Robin Bishop (020) 8452 2632
IWA N & E LONDON BRANCH	Millfield Arts Centre, Silver St., Edmonton, N18. (near the Great Cambridge Rd. junction. 3/8 mile west of Silver Street BR station).	Jenny Nunes (020) 8440 8962
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 (020) 7624 3978
LONDON WATERWAY RECOVERY GROUP	Meeting point for digs is usually Waterloo Station 7 pm on Friday to travel to site. Socials the <i>Spread Eagle</i> pub 79 Grosvenor Rd SW1. (Pimlico tube station)	Lesley McFadyen (020) 8693 3266
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

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