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During the North & East London Branch clean-up weekend on the River Lee.

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From the Editor

More "consultation" from BW!

Since our last issue, yet another BW consultation document has appeared which affects how they want us to use our boats on our waterways.

This one continues the saga of their attempts to block people from cheating (as BW see it) on the licence category of "continuous cruising". They propose (and have already introduced) a new "mooring code" which defines their view of what is meant by the phrase "continuous cruising".

I think that nobody would see any justification in people who live on their boats more-or-less permanently at one location licensing their boats as if they were permanently cruising. BW now seem to worry about people who move around between a number of locations in the same area - Braunston, Napton and Hillmorton have been mentioned in discussion. There is a lot of scope for argument as to what degree of "towpath shuffling" ought or ought not to qualify a boater to register as a continuous cruiser.

The first part of the consultation document gives me no problem. It says that no boat can stay on the same mooring (other than its home mooring) for more than 14 days in any 42 days. This is actually an improvement over the "14 days in any one year" which BW has already imposed at many visitor moorings. It goes on to specify a minimum distance (10 lock-miles) that a boat needs to move between such stays - again I find this not unreasonable. But what comes afterwards is more worrying. BW seems concerned that boaters may dodge the rules by renting a home mooring in a part of the country where this can be done cheaply, but actually continue the "towpath shuffling" in an area where moorings are more expensive. So they have introduced a whole set of definitions that apply to boats that have home moorings but are away from them for more than 42 days at a time.

These rules invoke the concept of "new lock-miles" - i.e. new places that the boater hasn't been recently. It sets minimum numbers of these that such boats have to cruise in each period: 20 of them every 15 days, 40 every 30 days and 120 every three months.

In my personal opinion, this shouldn't inconvenience anybody I'd recognise as a continuous cruiser, but it will catch the "towpath shufflers". But it will also make life very difficult for those of us who do a lot of long-distance cruising by week-ending our way around the system - particularly those of us who can't get to our boats every weekend.

Even on a straight out-and-back cruise, if you moor at your planned furthest point, leave the boat for the permitted 14 days and then turn round and head for home, you will be in breach of the code because you're not cruising any "new" lock-miles that weekend.

A Press Release issued by IWA Head Office welcomes the spirit of the proposed Code, but argues that some aspects of it need re-examining. To my mind that is a major understatement, and I wonder how many members of IWA Council have really thought through the effect that rules designed to limit the unsocial activities of a small number of boaters will have, by accident, on a much larger number of perfectly well-intentioned boaters.

To my mind nothing short of a total withdrawal of the section dealing with boats that do have home moorings will suffice. Failing that, I can foresee some keen boaters giving up the waterways of the UK in favour of those of mainland Europe.

Mike Stevens.

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The sun shines on Canalway Cavalcade

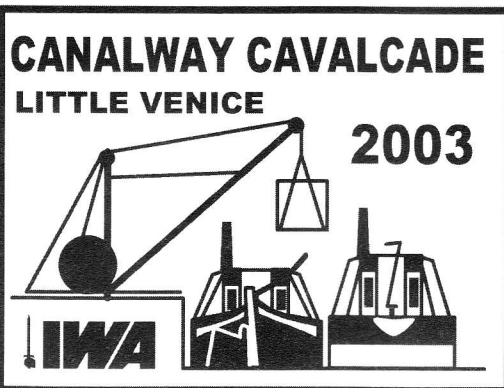
This year's Canalway Cavalcade, over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend was helped by sunny weather throughout. The Saturday was not particularly warm, but the Sunday and Monday made up for this and we had more visitors on those days. Over 130 boats attended, with a good mix of regulars and first-time participants.

At the opening ceremony, the speakers were introduced by Illyd Harrington, our Region President, who brought messages of greeting from Tony Blair and Ken Livingstone. We were welcomed to the City of Westminster by its Lord Mayor (Councillor Frances Blois), Robin Evans (Chief Executive of BW) and John Fletcher (national Chairman of IWA).

Then the opening was performed by David Blagrove, the well-known working-boat skipper and author. David spoke of this year's theme for the event, *Carry on Canals*. He said that waterway carrying is undergoing a renaissance and referred to the barges about to be launched to carry gravel on the Southern Grand Union between Denham and West Drayton.

Canalway Cavalcade had its usual range of activities - floating events, a flourishing trade show (now with more space available since more of the towpath between the Pool and Paddington Station was available to us), jazz bands, a steel band and a brass band, Daystar Theatre, Keeper's Lock, and a host of children's activities. Many of the latter were under the umbrella of *WoW (Wild over Waterways)*, which was launched at last year's Canalway Cavalcade. Others, including the ever-popular Teddy Bears' picnic, were organised for us by the Church Army.

In addition the various commercial operators based at Little Venice were in full swing - the Jason's Trip and London Waterbus trip boats, the Waterside Café, the puppet theatre barge *May Brent* and the Cascade Art Gallery.



The pageants of decorated boats on the Saturday and of illuminated boats on the Sunday evening were their usual colourful selves, the latter being possibly the best that many of us can remember with 18 boats taking part, including one radio-controlled scale model.

The boat-handling competition attracted the usual interest from other boaters, and we were pleased to welcome a good number of first-time entrants this year.

The parade of historic boats was only seven boats strong this year, as some of the potential participants had needed to leave early - one of them to collect an urgent cargo.

As ever, Canalway Cavalcade was supported by British Waterways (London) and the City of Westminster. Our thanks go to them, and also to the donors of our Programme Draw prizes and everyone else who helped us in any way, not least all the volunteers on site, including the Kent & East Sussex Canal Restoration Group who provided our site crew and the Tideway Adventurers who provided programme-sellers, stewards and canoe displays.

AWARD WINNERS

THE MARCUS BOUDIER AWARD for the best privately-decorated boat :
Winner : nb *Scyeffe* (Caroline Whatsham).
2nd: nb *Chérie* (Eric & Sally Naylor)
3rd: nb *Wendy Elizabeth*

THE BUCKBY CAN TROPHY for the best decoration of a boat by a community group or society :
Winner: nb *Fulbourne* (London WRG)

2nd: nb *Hartley Harlequin* (The Church Army)

THE CRUISE ELECTRIC TROPHY for the best-illuminated boat :

Winner : nb *Teazel* (Ray Rudge)

2nd: Community Boat *Stort Challenger*

3rd: nb *Malta* (Craig Haslam)

THE GRAHAM CAPELIN TROPHY for the best performance in either of the above by a boat entering for the first time without winning either: Community boat *Stort Challenger*.

THE WESTMINSTER TROPHY for the boat-handling competition :

Winner : Craig Haslam. nb *Malta*

2nd: (steerer's name not known), wide-boat *Renaissance*.

3rd: James Bill, nb *Clypeus*

THE ROGER SQUIRES TROPHY for the best first-time entrant in the boat-handling competition: Andrew Holbrook, nb *Hollies*.

THE VIC TROTT MEMORIAL TROPHY for the best "Boaters' Sunday Best"

costumes: James & Hazel Bell of nb *Lystra*.

In addition the National Community Boats Association gave three places on the Community Boat Management course. Two of these were given to the winners of the Westminster and Roger Squires Trophies to use themselves or donate as they saw fit, and the third was given to Chris Reay of nb *Cleveland*.

PROGRAMME PRIZES

Canal holiday donated by Black Prince Holidays - won by Rupert Smedley of Leek, Staffordshire.

Canal holiday donated by Jannel Cruises - won by Rachel Whittaker of London SW1.

£100 of Gift Vouchers donated by Monsoon Accessorize - won by Lesley Pryde of Streatham.

£50 of Gift Vouchers donated by Monsoon Accessorize - won by Edith Kuehn of London W11.

£50 of Gift Vouchers donated by Monsoon Accessorize - won by Gemma Paterson of London N18.

Mike Stevens



Speakers at the opening ceremony. Left to right - Councillor Frances Blois, Lord Mayor of Westminster; John Fletcher, IWA national Chairman; David Blagrove; Robin Evans, BW Chief Executive

PHOTO : Tim Lewis

ROUTES AND BRANCHES : Region, Branch and navigation news

National Clean-up month

This year IWA Council declared April a National Clean-up Month in which all IWA Branches were asked to organise local waterway clean-up sessions. Our three Branches in London all made their contributions to the programme.

Middlesex Branch, with the assistance of BW, held a weekend clean-up on the Slough Branch of the GU and the main line between Cowley lock and West Drayton. Your Editor had hoped to attend with *Felis Catus II* as a floating tea-hut, but was prevented by a bout of "sick boat syndrome" (now cured.)

North & East London Branch joined with the Springfield Conservation Group (SCOG) for two days' cleaning-up on the River Lee, one at Hackney Marshes and the pother between Springfield and Tottenham .

South London Branch joined with *Thames 21* and other local groups for a clean-up of the tidal foreshore of the Thames at Barn Elms, just before the University Boat Race passed the spot. In the short time made available by the tide, an amazing quantity of rubbish was removed.

Where the money goes.....

The former London Branch of IWA was well-known for its ability to raise a lot of funds for waterway causes, and its successors, London Region and its three Branches, maintain this tradition. Here is a list of the donations we made in 2002:

London Region

KESCRG	£500.00
Pirate Club	£200.00
Laburnum Club	£200.00
The Church Army	£200.00
London WRG	£100.00
WRG Van Appeal	£200.00
David Suchet Appeal	£200.00
TOTAL	£1,600.00

Middlesex Branch

Waterway Recovery Group	£100.00
Wendover Arm Trust	£100.00
Cotswold Canals Trust	£100.00
TOTAL	£300.00

South London Branch

Tideway Adventurers	£315.00
Wey & Arun Canal Trust	£315.21

Waterway Recovery Group	£500.00
David Suchet Appeal	£200.00
London Canal Museum	£200.00
TOTAL	£ 1,530.21

North & East London Branch

The Pirate Club - donation in kind of a microwave oven.

...and where some of it comes from

Apart from the various fund-raising of the individual Branches, another source of income comes from the *IWA Towpath Walks Society*, an independent organisation which organises regular towpath walks along the Regent's Canal and the Bow Back Rivers, in partnership with *The Original London Walks*, London's biggest and longest-established organiser of guided walks. All profits from the IWATS walks are shared between IWA London Region and its three Branches.

The figures for 2002 are now available. During the year we organised 31 walks, which attracted 376 walkers and took a total of £1,652, of which IWA's share comes to £1095.36. The people who acted as guides during the year were Aileen Butler, Peter Roberts, Ben Scott and your Editor. For 2003 we welcome Roger Wilkinson back to the team of guides on his return from working overseas, and we have recently heard of another volunteer to join the team.

The walks programme was started in 1977 by Michael Essex-Lopresti. We joined up with *The Original London Walks* in 1992. For the years 1977-2002 we have held 542 walks, attracted over 9,400 walkers and raised nearly £17,000 for the IWA.

A new towpath

Walkers of the towpath of the Limehouse Cut will be pleased that they no longer have to come up to road level and take a detour to get past the busy Blackwall Tunnel Northern Approach Road. A new towpath of pontoons has been put in place under the bridge there. The only discontinuity of the towpath of the lower Lee is now at Bow Bridge, where the solution needs to be more complex, as the towpath crosses to the opposite side of the navigation there.

FROM THE REGION CHAIRMAN :

Roger Squires

When Spring is in the air, the majority of us start to plan what we hope to do during the Summer months. For those with boats, the first task is to repair the ravages of winter and then work out which waterways are on the list for this year's cruise.

For those who enjoy days out, the prospect of towpath walks in the summer sunshine with the visit to the waterside Inn for sustenance is something to look forward to. Others, who fish, seek the opportunities to identify the key location where the best catch can be had.

Others who are more active consider where they want to canoe or row. Those who cycle plan their routes, whilst the long distance walkers identify the opportunities to follow the long distance towpath trails.

All, we hope, are IWA members. The big question for those on IWA Council is how best to service this wide range of interests. I often ask myself, what our members expect. How do they want to be kept in touch? Are they satisfied with what the IWA offers?

I answer the latter question by taking note of the large numbers who renew their subscription each year. Continued membership suggests they are happy, or at least want to continue to be associated with the IWA campaign. But I would like to be sure this is true. I personally would like to feel that the IWA is providing that little bit extra that not only will keep existing members loyal, but actually offer the incentive for others to join our ranks.

It is for this reason that I see IWA events, meetings and Boat Rallies as key public relations tools. We have to show a welcoming public face that not only attracts people to hear our message, but then to be willing to join us in the longer term.

I see the public events like Canalway Cavalcade, the Three Mills Rally and the National Festival at Beale Park, this year,

as key opportunities for us to welcome the wider public and show them just what the waterways are all about.

On a smaller scale the Branch and Region socials provide another outreach opportunity. The key issue is how do we get the 'punters' in? Mike Stevens our Region Secretary, has recently revised all our publicity material, and what a splendid job he has done. [Thank you Mike]. We now have the tools, but we need to get those leaflets circulated far and wide so that more can hear of the opportunities.

Likewise, I hope those with boats will try to give a few more friends trips on them this year. It is amazing how just one boat trip will get a person hooked on canals. Likewise, there is no better invitation than 'word of mouth'. I hope all members will try this year to attract at least one new member each to join the IWA.

Some parts of the IWA, such as WRG, have a wonderful track record of delivering good works. These in themselves do much to further the good track record of IWA. WRG has recently launched an appeal - *The Right Tool for the Right Job*. This is aimed at getting them the kit they need to undertake their tasks more efficiently and effectively. The good thing about the appeal is that you or I can identify the 'tool' we can afford to give, make a donation and know that it is really going to help restore derelict waterways. I would like to ask all **Excalibur** readers to support this appeal, either individually or collectively through their local Branch.

Lastly, can I ask everyone to do their bit this Summer to help the IWA, both locally and nationally. Attendance at events and meetings shows your support. The IWA needs active members. I hope that you will, during the summer months and beyond, do your own little bit for the IWA.

Roger Squires

ON THE METREAU : news and

New Flexible Registrations for Boaters Visiting the Thames

The Environment Agency has announced plans to make boating on the River Thames easier, with a new flexible visitor registration scheme.

From 1 January 2003, boaters visiting the Thames, who were previously allowed only one type of certificate per year, have been able to 'mix and match' their visitor registration certificates.

Boaters can now choose up to three different registration certificates per year. This will allow visitors to travel along the Thames for a total of 67 days by purchasing up to six one-day registrations, two 15-day registrations and one 31-day registration.

"We have been aware for some time that the system was too rigid and did not encourage visitors to the river," said Eileen McKeever, Thames Waterway Manager for the Environment Agency. "We were pleased to discover no statutory changes were required, and after full consultation with boaters over last year, were able to make the changes."

"This is good news for visiting boaters, especially since the Thames is the focus of the inland waterways boating world in 2003, with Boats on Show at Penton Park from 16-18 May and the National Waterways Festival at Beale Park over August Bank Holiday," adds Chris Coburn, Chairman of the Thames Boating Trades Association. "We know many more boaters will be encouraged to visit the river next year."

The Agency has also reviewed the registration charging structure and introduced a greater number of bands. For information on the new charges or to purchase a new registration certificate call the Environment Agency's craft registration line on 0118 853 5650.

Alternatively, certificates can be purchased at any of the following locks when accessing the Thames from another waterway: Oxford Canal Access Locks, Grand Union Access Lock, Kennet and Avon Access Locks and River Wey Access Locks.

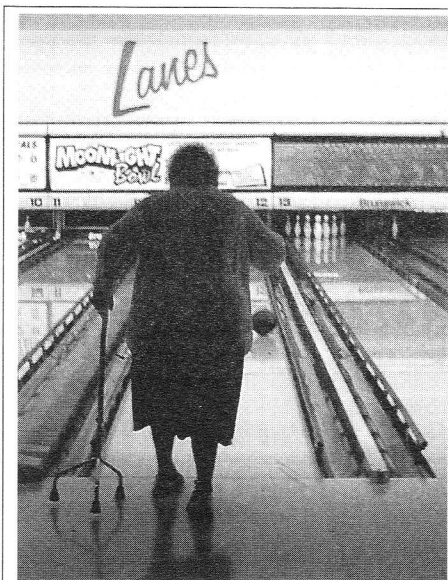
Tugmaster wanted

The London Canal Museum is staffed and managed entirely by volunteers, and is always on the look-out for new people to join the team. Currently they are looking for someone to be their tugmaster (male or female!). Their Bantam IV Tug was launched in 1950 and retains its original Lister JP2 diesel engine. They maintain the tug in working order and take it to a handful of festivals during the summer.

The Tugmaster's role is to take "tender loving care" of the tug. He/she is not expected to undertake major engine repairs or other big projects but to do basic servicing, painting of the superstructure, cleaning etc. Possibly the tugmaster might also take responsibility for organising more major maintenance, for attendance at events, and for a maintenance budget, depending on the individual's skills and experience.

An interest in and aptitude for working with a historic boat is essential. The tug is a museum piece and the purpose of the job is its long term care and conservation as a working exhibit. Hours will vary considerably but are unlikely to exceed half a day a week on average.

Contact: martin@canalmuseum.org.uk or ring Martin Sach at the museum (020



Some people never give up! Olive Bingham goes bowling.

PHOTO : Ron Bingham

gossip of London's waterways

7713 0836) or direct on 07971 248497 for an informal chat.

Other slots for which the Museum is looking for volunteers are on the web site.

Convoy's Wharf

News International has now submitted a planning application for Convoy's Wharf on the Thames at Deptford. Until a few years ago, this was where they imported their supplies of newsprint, but they no longer need it for that purpose. The site is currently used for light industry.

Our Planning & Navigation Committee has not yet seen the details of the application, but we understand that early fears have not come to pass that future use of the site as a wharf would be ruled out, although the proportion of the site to be used for this purpose is very limited.

We understand that there will still be a wharf there, in conjunction with a waste-recycling plant. Much of the site will be devoted to housing, and the Thames Path will be re-routed through the site, from its present inland location in this area.

When we do see the detailed plans, the aspects we expect to find ourselves discussing are (a) whether or not too much wharf space has been lost and (b) whether, in order to make the development viable, the housing development has been forced to a height that is unacceptable in the context of neighbouring sites.

Developments in Docklands

A degree of mystery surrounds a development in Docklands proposed by BW. This concerns the area known as Wood Wharf, and differing versions of the proposal have been mentioned. When Dennis Fink, BW's Docklands Manager, spoke at our Central London Social in January, he told us of the proposal, which includes the making of a new cut to connect Poplar Dock and Blackwall Basin to the entrance lock, avoiding a section of water which passes under a number of lift-bridges which are controlled by the developer rather than by BW.

Like all proposed developments, this one has its objectors, some of whom accuse BW of a hidden intention of filling in some of the water-space there. BW denies this,

and when he spoke to us Dennis said that BW's view is that too much of the waterspace of Docklands has been lost under agreements signed before BW became responsible for the water-space and that their policy is to preserve all the remaining water space.

The detailed plans for the development will be announced for public consultation on 22nd May.

Meanwhile a further extension of the Docklands Light Railway has been approved, which will run between the Royal Docks and the Thames, before tunnelling under the river to reach the BR station at Woolwich Arsenal.

Better tube access

Ron Bingham reports :

In 1994 we were consulted on a proposal to extend the Watford Branch of the Metropolitan Line to Watford Junction mainline station. Every two years or so I have asked about progress with this link, only to receive a negative reply. Until today, when I was told by LU information dept., who said they are absolutely sure of it, that this link is now complete.

The connection leaves its old LU line to pass over the GU on a new bridge and then uses the track of the long redundant "BR" Croxley Green Branch via Watford High Street station.

This will allow boaters access to Watford Junction direct from Croxley LU Stn.(by Common Moor lock); from Rickmansworth (by changing at Moor Park), and Uxbridge (by changing at Harrow on the Hill). No more traipsing through the streets from Northwick Park to Kenton (if you know the way).



Three Mills Boat Rally 2003

This year's Three Mills Boat Rally will take place over the weekend of 26th - 27th July. It will be organised, as always, by IWA North & East London Branch in conjunction with St Pancras Cruising Club.

There will be all the usual things one expects at a Rally - a Trade Show, music, and boaters' activities on the Saturday evening.

During the weekend a number of cruises by boats taking part in the Rally will be organised by St Pancras Cruising Club:-

Bow creek & Channelsea River Cruise, 11am Saturday [about 1½ hours]

Bow Back Rivers Cruise, 2.30pm Saturday.
Circumnavigation of the Isle of Dogs, 11am Sunday

On the Saturday afternoon your Editor will lead a walk of the Bow Back Rivers, which will be timed to meet the Bow Back Rivers cruise somewhere along its course.

Admission to the event is free to visitors.

On Monday 28th July, South London Branch will organise a cruise on the tideway from Limehouse to Teddington, mainly for boats en route to the "National".



Boats rafted-up across the mill-pool for the opening of an earlier Three Mills Rally

PHOTO : Mike Stevens

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WRG appeals for the right tools

With the recent issue of *Waterways*, IWA members will have received a leaflet about the Waterway Recovery Group's current appeal "*The Right Tools for the Right Job*".

Despite the amounts of money coming into waterway restoration from such organisations as the Waterways Trust, the National Lottery and other public bodies, the voluntary sector of the restoration movement still has an important part to play. Major funding bodies frequently expect projects to find match-funding from elsewhere, and voluntary labour can be counted as part of that. And the labour provided by WRG is increasingly valuable,

as their ownership of plant and their extensive training programme teaches new skills to their volunteers.

In addition there are many waterway schemes in which the outside funding bodies are not yet involved and which are therefore totally dependent on the voluntary groups. And when a new restoration project is to get under way in the first place, involvement of volunteers is needed before anyone else notices it.

Writing in *Waterways*, WRG Chairman Mike Palmer says :

"The seven years since IWA's Golden Jubilee Appeal have flown by. WRG volunteers have been at work all over the country on highly successful projects.

All this has taken its toll on the tools and equipment we own and the time has come to replace some items and, more importantly, to add some new items to our tool box."

The appeal has a shopping list worth £73,800, ranging from a minibus at £19,000, a utility van at £17,000, through dumpers, a generator, Tirfor winches, fridge freezers, to 50 places on training

courses at £100 each, 100 safety helmets at £8 each and 200 personal protection kits at £4 each.

If you've not yet received a copy of the appeal leaflet, then you can pick one up at your next Branch Social, or send your donation to *The Right Tool for the Right Job*, PO Box 114, Rickmansworth, WD3 1ZY. (Cheques payable to *The Inland Waterways Association* please.)

The Art of Coarse Canal Cruising...

...being the Laws of a canal boat man, mainly by hire, 1973 to date.

by Peter Roberts, with apologies to Michael Green.

1. On any line of moored boats, the end one is usually sunk.
2. When a windlass is required it is at the wrong end of the boat.
3. When wishing to answer a call of nature, whether it be on the bank or from the boat, when the holding tank is full, hordes of fishermen, old ladies, screaming kids and other boaters immediately appear on the scene.
4. Your only side hatch (if you are fortunate enough to have one) always seems to end up on the non-towpath side.
5. When anything goes wrong the expert in that particular field is always on the bank.
6. When going aground, tackling awkward swing bridges etc and all crew are needed, one person is never available.
7. Any major delay is liable to occur near a pub which is not open at the time, extended opening hours notwithstanding.
8. In the rare event of the crew agreeing on what to eat for breakfast/lunch/dinner the required provisions will not be obtainable. A sub-section of this Law states that the cook's word is Law anyway.
9. It is unwise to make boasts about never falling in.
10. On arriving in a new area the only person with a smattering of local knowledge (if any there be) will be required to stay on board to cook dinner, clear the weedhatch, mend the loo, etc.
11. On going through any tunnel at least one member of the crew makes a loud noise ... ?
12. On trying to get to a pub known to close in the afternoon, the locks are always against you.
13. A crew wishing to go to the pub/town/village etc all together always finds that somebody has something to do at the last minute, e.g. have a shower.
14. Nobody will admit to losing windlasses, mooring spikes etc (unless it has been witnessed going into the cut).
15. Wire cutters seem to be needed only when they have been left behind somewhere.
16. It always seems to rain when it is your turn to steer. (*Note by author - in my case snow has been included.*)
17. The water hose incapable of tying itself in knots has not been invented.
18. On working through popular locks, at least one sightseer will get **seriously** in the way.
19. From those people you have dragged along for crew, even more than once, somebody will still refer to a "barge".
20. On any trip with planned early starts someone always complains about engine checks, tea-making etc, disturbing slumber (frequently those who like taking advantage of 'afters' in the pub).

IWA London Region 200 Club

The club was formed some years ago to help fund the running of the Region, so that other sources of income could be devoted more fully to campaigning and donations to waterways causes. At the moment the Club is well below its target of 200 members. If you've not yet joined, why not do so now? If you are a member, you can always take out an extra membership or two!

Members of the Club must be IWA members aged 18 or over. The annual subscription to the club is £12, payable by annual cheque or standing order (either for £12 annually or £1 monthly). A member may hold more than one membership of the Club. Prizes are awarded by a draw which takes place six times a year. When the club has its full quota of 200 members, each draw awards four prizes of £100, £50, £25, £25. When the Club has less than 200 members, prizes are reduced so that the ratio of prizes to subscriptions remains the same. The present officers of the Club are: Chairman: Mike Stevens (contact details on front cover); Secretary: Vernon Draper (address below); Treasurer: Tim Lewis (contact details on page 2) All queries should be addressed to Vernon Draper at the address at the foot of this page.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

To the Officers,

I wish to become a member of the Inland Waterways Association London Region 200 Club. I have completed and enclose the standing order / enclose a cheque as payment for membership(s) at £12 each.

Full name

Address

Postcode

Phone email.....

I am a member of the Inland Waterways Association and I agree to be bound by the rules of the London Region 200 Club.

Signed..... Date.....

Cheques should be made payable to "IWA London Region 200 Club"

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To : The Manager Bank/Building Society

Address.....

Postcode

Please pay to Barclays Bank plc Kettering Branch, Sort code 20-45-77 for the credit of the Inland Waterways Association London Region 200 Club Account no. 80204234, quoting reference(*) as follows : {(*) will be inserted by Officers when processing.]

(ANNUAL OPTION) the sum of £..... (..... pounds only) with immediate effect and on the first day of (*) each year thereafter until further notice from me.

OR

(MONTHLY OPTION) the sum of £..... (..... pounds only) with immediate effect and on the first day of each month thereafter until further notice from me.

Please debit my account in the name of

Account no, accordingly.

Signature Date

The two halves of the form should be sent to Vernon Draper at 12 Chipperfield Close, New Bradwell, MILTON KEYNES, Buckinghamshire MK13 0EP

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.waterways.org.uk/branchandregion/londonregion/index.htm>
Please note that all activities listed are open to the public.

MAY 2003

- Tuesday 20th 8pm IWA NORTH & EAST LONDON BRANCH SOCIAL. *Ropes and knot-tying* at the Springfield Marina, (bottom of) Spring Hill, London E5.
- Tuesday 20th 8pm IWA HERTS BRANCH SOCIAL. *The Spanish Armada* by John Fisher.
- Saturday 24th ST PANCRAS CRUISING CLUB. Start of the Cruise to AWCC Rally at Willowtree Park.
- Weekend 24th-26th ASSOCIATION OF WATERWAY CRUISING CLUBS LONDON REGION. Bank Holiday Weekend. Boat Rally at Willowtree Park, West Quay Drive, Yeading, on the Paddington Branch.
- Tuesday 27th 6.30pm LONDON IWA with **THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK.** The Regent's Canal. Mile End to Limehouse. About 2 hours. Meet outside Mile End tube station. (£5, concessions £4).

JUNE 2003

- Sunday 1st LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. Temporary Exhibition *Voyage in a Bowler Hat* closes.
- Sunday 1st 2.30pm LONDON IWA with **THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK.** Three Mills and the Bow Back Rivers. About 2 hours. Meet at Bromley-by-Bow tube station. (£5, concessions £4).
- Tuesday 3rd LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. Temporary Exhibition opens *Biodiversity of the Canals*. (Until Sunday 26th October.)
- Thursday 5th 7 for 7.30pm LONDON CANAL MUSEUM TALK. *Waltham Abbey Gunpowder Canals* by Richard Thomas.
- Sunday 8th 2pm LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. GUIDED WALK. From the Museum to Camden Town, along the Regent's Canal. Meet at the Museum.
- Monday 9th 8pm IWA LEE & STORT BRANCH SOCIAL. *Locking @ Looking* (Thames & Medway Canal) by David Harris.
- Tuesday 10th 8pm IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH SOCIAL. Skittles Match
- Tuesday 10th 6.30pm LONDON IWA with **THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK.** The Regent's Canal. Paddington to Camden. About 2 hours. Meet outside Warwick Avenue tube station. (£5, concessions £4).
- Wednesday 11th 8pm IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH SOCIAL. Waterways Quiz.
- Saturday 15th 2pm IWA KENT & EAST SUSSEX BRANCH. Informal get-together and boat trip at East Farleigh Cruising Club, followed by the Club's Funday & barbecue (from 5pm). Booking for both to Bernard Snell (01634 7133090) by June 1st.

- Weekend 14th/15th St PANCRAS CRUISING CLUB. Cruise to Barking Creek with return on Sunday. Starts at Bow Locks Saturday 14th 10am. Contact Denise Kier 077108234449
- Sunday 15th 2.30pm **LONDON IWA with THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK.** The Regent's Canal. Islington to Mile End. About 2 hours. Meet outside Angel tube station. (£5, concessions £4).
- Tuesday 17th 8pm IWA HERTS BRANCH SOCIAL. *The Cotswold Ring* by Bruce Hall, Chairman of Cotswold Canal Trust.
- Thursday 19th 8pm **IWA LONDON REGION CENTRAL SOCIAL.** An evening of waterways humour and music.
- Weekend 21st/22nd IWA NATIONAL WATERWAYS WEEKEND.**
IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH will organize a walk/walks along the former Croydon Canal.
IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH sales stand & display at Packet Boat Marina
- Tuesday 24th 6.30pm **IWA LONDON with THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK.** The Regent's Canal. King's Cross to Camden. About 2 hours. Meet at King's Cross station taxi rank. (£5, concessions £4).
- Saturday 28th 8pm LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. Mikron Theatre performance. *A Woman's Place.*
- Sunday 29th 8pm LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. Mikron Theatre performance. *All Steamed Up*, previously known as: *Richard Trevithick, Giant of Steam.*

JULY 2003

- Throughout the month LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. Temporary Exhibition continues *Biodiversity of the Canals.*
- Thursday 3rd 7 for 7.30pm LONDON CANAL MUSEUM TALK. *The River Fleet, past, present and future* by Jane Trowell.
- Sunday 6th 2.30pm **LONDON IWA with THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK.** The Regent's Canal. Mile End to Limehouse. About 2 hours. Meet outside Mile End tube station. (£5, concessions £4).
- Wednesday 9th **IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH.** Vist to the London Eye followed by a Thames-side walk, ending at a pub. (To be confirmed).
- Weekend 12th/13th St PANCRAS CRUISING CLUB. Cruise to Deptford Creek, with overnight mooring at Limehouse Basin. Meet at Bow Locks Saturday 12th 12.30. Contact David Pearce 01489 895838.
- Monday 14th 8pm IWA LEE & STORT BRANCH SOCIAL. *Natter & Noggin.*
- Tuesday 15th 6.30pm **IWA LONDON with THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK.** The Regent's Canal. Islington to Mile End. About 2 hours. Meet outside Angel tube station. (£5 a head, concessions £4).
- Sunday 20th 2.30pm **IWA LONDON with THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK.** The Regent's Canal. Paddington to Camden. About 2 hours. Meet outside Warwick Avenue tube station. (£5, concessions £4).

Weekend 26th/27th

IWA NORTH & EAST LONDON BRANCH with St PANCRAS CRUISING CLUB. THREE MILLS RALLY OF BOATS. (See page 10 for details).

Monday 28th

IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH.. Tideway Cruise from Limehouse Basin to Teddington. Cruise starts at 10am. Contact Libby Bradshaw, (020) 8874 2787

Tuesday 29th am & pm

LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. Children's activities (6-12 years; £1.50 per child). 10.30am to 12 noon, then 1.30pm to 3pm.

Tuesday 29th 6.30pm

IWA LONDON with THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK. The Regent's Canal. Mile End to Limehouse. About 2 hours. Meet outside Mile End tube station. (£5, concessions £4).

AUGUST 2003

Throughout the month

LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. Temporary exhibition continues *Biodiversity of the Canals*.

Sunday 3rd 2.30pm

IWA LONDON with THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK. The Regent's Canal. King's Cross to Camden. About 2 hours. Meet at King's Cross station taxi rank. (£5, concessions £4).

Tuesday 5th am & pm

LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. Children's activities (6 to 12 years; £1.50 per child), including especially for children with special needs (a wheelchair adapted boat will be available). 2 sessions: 10.30pm to 12 noon, then 1.30pm to 3pm.

Thursday 7th 7.30pm

LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. GUIDED WALK. From the Museum to Camden Town, along the towpath of the Regent's Canal. Meet at the Museum.

Sunday 10th 9am

IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH. Tideway Cruise from Limehouse Basin to Teddington. Contact Libby Bradshaw, (020) 8874 2787

Monday 11th 8pm

IWA LEE & STORT BRANCH. *Natter & Noggin*.

Tuesday 12th 6.30pm

IWA LONDON with THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK. The Regent's Canal. Paddington to Camden. About 2 hours. Meet outside Warwick Avenue tube station. (£5, concessions £4).

Tuesday 12th am & pm

LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. Children's activities (6 to 12 years; £1.50 per child). 2 sessions: 10.30am to 12 noon, then 1.30pm to 3pm

Saturday 16th 2pm

LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. GUIDED WALK. From the Museum to Camden Town, along the towpath of the Regent's Canal. Meet at the Museum.

Sunday 17th 2.30pm

IWA LONDON with THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK. The Regent's Canal. Mile End to Limehouse. About 2 hours. Meet outside Mile End tube station. (£5, concessions £4).

Tuesday 19th am & pm

LONDON CANAL MUSEUM. Children's activities (6 to 12 years; £1.50 per child). 2 sessions: 10.30am to 12 noon, then 1.30pm to 3pm.

Tuesday 26th 6.30pm

IWA LONDON with THE ORIGINAL LONDON WALKS. GUIDED TOWPATH WALK. The Regent's Canal. King's Cross to Camden. About 2 hours. Meet at King's Cross station taxi rank. (£5, concessions £4).

Venue details & contact people

MEETING	VENUE	CONTACT
IWA CENTRAL LONDON	<i>The Lamb</i> Lamb's Conduit Street, WC1	Mike Stevens (see details on page 1) (Nearest tube Russell Square)
IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH	Hillingdon Canal Club, Uxbridge Wharf, Waterloo Rd, Uxbridge	Robin Bishop (020) 8452 2632
IWA NORTH & EAST LONDON BRANCH	Springfield Marina, Spring Hill, Clapton, London E5	Marion Riley 07958 505204 email marion.riley@virgin.net
IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH	East Croydon United Reformed Church Hall Addiscombe Grove, CR0 5LP (Close to East Croydon station)	Lesley Pryde (020) 8679 9866 email cookielesley@tinyworld.co.uk
LONDON IWA / LONDON WALKS TOWPATH WALKS	As listed. Each about 2 hours. £5.00 (concessions £4.00).	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>Jugged Hare</i> pub Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1. (Victoria tube station)	Martin Ludgate (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 talks £2.50, concessions £1.25..	(020) 7713 0836
IWA CHILTERN BRANCH	Old Market Hall, Amersham	Colin Bird 01932 248178
IWA KENT & E SUSSEX BRANCH	<i>The Bull</i> , East Farleigh	Angela Acott 01634 722661
IWA LEE & STORT BRANCH	<i>The New Inn</i> , Roydon	Craig Haslam 07956 848025
IWA HERTS BRANCH	Hatfield Cricket Club	Celia Byham 01992 466180

"HOW TO GET THERE" maps for the IWA Central London, South London Branch and Middlesex Branch venues can be found on the internet at
<http://www.waterways.org.uk/branchandregion/londonregion/venues/index.htm>