



IWA LONDON BRANCH

No not Excalibur I am afraid, we have to admit that it is not possible to carry on with our Branch magazine at present. It was a brave attempt (with 2 successful & highly praised editions) by Malcolm Bates to give the Branch the best magazine possible, but without any help being offered to finance its production by means of advertising, the Branch committee feel we cannot afford it. Our heartfelt thanks are extended to Malcolm and daughter Nicola for their hard work as Editor & Junior Editor respectively. We are also indebted to all those who wrote articles for the magazine whether published or in the pipeline, and for the unstinting help we were given with typesetting, printing and distribution of the copies that did reach the letter-boxes of the nation.

Having lost our own magazine we still feel it is important not to lose touch with our members. You will read in Windlass of proposals to re-organise S.E. Region. This does not meet with the approval of the Branch Committee who feel that as they represent 10% or so of the total membership, the area should become a Region in its own right, (which would mean it could use the per capita allowance to fund its own magazine). Opposition to this idea seems to centre on whether it is correct that a single Branch should have direct representation on Council and that the Branch should be split somehow into two or three smaller Branches. The problem then is how to achieve the split.

It could be of course, that someone out there is itching to set up a new Branch or Section in their local area, if so let us know, we feel that any re-organisation should fill a need recognised from the bottom and not imposed on us from the top, (which is not the intention of Council). If you have any feelings on Branch/Region structure do let us know, or better still write to the Region or National Chairmen, both of whom are keen to see a more equal representation in the South East.

It seems ironic that we are being asked to form new Branches when it is becoming increasingly difficult to fill the vacancies that occur in the present set up. All is not gloom and despondency, however, a look at the back of this leaflet will show how successful the Branch has been in raising funds for restoration, one of the Association's main aims. On the other front the fight continues to safeguard our waterways against poor developments alongside, and now IN the water, as well as schemes such as 'Arklight'. It might seem that the only winners benefiting from a weaker Branch would be B.W. or some developers whereas the Canal Restoration Societies could be the poor losers

NOTE

The following Diary pages have markings for holes on the left side. These are for Filo-fax users such as the Region Chairman and Secretary.

BRANCH CALENDER 1990

JANUARY	11th	Plannav sub-committee	
	13/14	WRG Dig - Wilts & Berks canal	
	18th	BRANCH SOCIAL MEETING Chris Ellmers : Londons Docklands	
FEBRUARY	3/4	WRG Dig - Basingstoke canal	
	8th	Plannav sub-committee	
	15th	BRANCH SOCIAL MEETING P.C. Chris Bowen : The River Police	
	24/25	WRG Dig - Wilts & Berks canal	
MARCH	8th	Plannav sub-committee	
	15th	BRANCH SOCIAL MEETING London Branch A.G.M. - Waterway Videos	
	17/18	WRG Dig - Stroudwater, Thames & Severn	
	31st/APRIL 1st	BRANCH OUTING Canals in Manchester/Liverpool area	
APRIL	7/8	WRG Dig - Chesterfield canal	
	12th	Plannav sub-committee	
	19th	BRANCH SOCIAL MEETING S.E. Region A.G.M. - Questions to National Chairman	
	28/29	WRG Dig - Venue to be announced	
	MAY	5/6/7	CANALWAY CAVALCADE Little Venice
10th		Plannav sub-committee	
17th		BRANCH SOCIAL MEETING Graham Horn : Progress on the Kennet & Avon	
26/27/28		Spring Bank Holiday WRG Dig - Venue to be announced	
		NATIONAL TRAILBOAT RALLY - HEBDEN BRIDGE	
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JUNE	14th	Plannav sub-committee	
	21st	BRANCH SOCIAL MEETING Noggin & Natter - Victoria & Albert pub Marylebone Station	**
	23/24	WRG Dig - Venue to be announced	
JULY	12th	Plannav sub-committee	
	14/15	WRG Dig - Venue to be announced	
AUGUST	4/5	WRG Dig - Venue to be announced	
	9th	Plannav sub-committee	
	25/26/27	Late Summer Holiday NATIONAL WATERWAYS FESTIVAL - GLOUCESTER	
SEPTEMBER	13th	Plannav sub-committee	
	15/16	WRG Dig - Venue to be announced	
	20th	BRANCH SOCIAL MEETING Waterways of China & The Soviet Union	**

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Items marked ** subject to confirmation

OCTOBER	6/7	WRG Dig - Venue to be announced
	11th	Plannav sub-committee
	18th	BRANCH SOCIAL MEETING Dr. Michael Essex-Lopresti : Regent's canal and its history
	27/28	WRG Dig - Venue to be announced
NOVEMBER	8th	Plannav sub-committee
	15th	BRANCH SOCIAL MEETING John Fletcher : Manchester Bolton & Bury Canal
	17/18	WRG Dig - Venue to be announced
DECEMBER	8/9	WRG Dig - Venue to be announced
	13th	BRANCH SOCIAL MEETING Annual Auction & Quiz Evening

GUIDED WALKS ALONG THE REGENTS CANAL

Dates for these walks, organised by Dr. Essex-Lopresti can be found in Windlass and IWA Waterways.

WRG DIGS

Further information on these digs can be obtained from Lesley McFadyen on 01-693 3266 or Tim Lewis on 01-530 7926. Up to date information on venues can be found in Navvies. New members are welcome and can meet us at our between dig drinks on 24/ Jan, 14/ Feb, 7 & 28/ Mar, 18/ Apr, usually at the Founders Arms, Bankside S.E.1., but ring to check.

BRANCH OUTING

Following the success of our trip last year to the Rochdale & Huddersfield canals we are organising another 2 day mini bus trip to the frozen north. Further details in the next issue of Windlass.

BRANCH SOCIAL MEETINGS

We are still without a social secretary, the meetings for this year have mainly been arranged by the Branch Secretary, David Allison-Beer, who has said that he will not do it next year. Any offers to David?

If you would like to see a social event in your own area why not find a suitable venue, the upstairs room of your local for instance. We will be happy to help with arrangements and costs and will probably be able to get the sales stand to attend. Ideas to the Chairman, Secretary, or any committee member.

I.W.A. WALL PLANNERS ARE AVAILABLE PRICE 50p FROM THE SECRETARY

IWA London Branch Donations 1985 - 1989

Organisation	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	Total 85-89
Kennet & Avon *	500		500	600		1600
WRG London	200	205		200	200	805
WRG National				300		300
Surrey & Hants	100	500	500			1100
Mikron	100	100	100	100	100	500
IWA S.E. Region		37				37
NWRDF	350	14				364
KESCRG		200		800	800	1800
Limehouse Dvmt. Gp.		50				50
Isle of Dogs Youth		100				100
Wey & Arun			300			300
Yorks. Derwent			300			300
Huddersfield			500			500
Wilts & Berks			500			500
Rochdale			500			500
Wendover Arm Gp.			500			500
Pirate Club			100	200	100	400
Beauchamp Lodge **			125		100	225
Waterways for All				1800	500	2300
Ditton Skiff				25		25
Passmore Edwards				400		400
Chesterfield					200	200
Manch. B. & Bury					200	200
Friends of President					100	100
River Stour					200	200
Total	1250	1206	3925	4425	2500	13306

Notes

* K. & A. excludes Marathon money

** Beauchamp Lodge received funds direct from Cavalcade in 1988. There is a provisional agreement to pay up to £800 to N.B. Victoria. Sum currently paid excludes Marathon money.

FUNDRAISING

A good deal of the money raised comes from Canalway Cavalcade, but a lot more help will be required this year to maintain, let alone increase, the profits from the event. One of the best ways of raising money is by running game stands, the branch actually owns a couple of side shows which have not seen the light of day for years because nobody comes forward to help run them.

The branch sales stands also raise a good deal of cash, the turnover for just 2 events last year, the National & Thamesday, was in excess of £1,000, yet the number of helpers could easily be counted on the fingers of two hands. Much of what we sell is donated in one way or another so the profit margin can run quite high. This year most of the people running the stand will be committed to other tasks at the main events, so if you going to the 'National' Rallies this year anyway, why not give us a hand to maintain our splendid record in supporting restoration.

Offers of help to the branch secretary on 0895 38523