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Dignitaries at the unveiling of a plaque at Little Venice in memory of Robert Browning.

Left to right: Councillor Robert Davies (City of Westminster),

Leslie Ginsburg (Paddington Waterways and Maida Vale Society),

Dr Roger Brooks (Director, Armstrong Browning Library), the Lord Mayor of Westminster.

Story on page 10. Photo: Mike Stevens

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From the Branch Chairman and Editor

COMMUNITY BOATING

The article on pages 4 and 5 is the first of a short series I plan for our next few issues about various Community Boat projects in the London area. These all aim, in different ways, to give young, disabled or disadvantaged people the opportunity to enjoy and learn about the waterways. It is a most valuable area of activity and one which your Branch and Region regularly support with donations. Sadly, I fear that many of our members know very little about it unless they happen to be involved in one of the projects: hence the series of articles to put you in the picture. The first article in the series is about the Richmond Boat Project which was one of the causes supported by Canalway Cavalcade in 1992. I am also in contact with the Beauchamp Lodge boats, so they will feature in a future issue. If you are involved in any other project in this category and would like it mentioned, please put me in touch with the appropriate person.

NEW BRANCHES IN LONDON: LATEST NEWS

Many thanks to the few of you who responded to the article in our last issue. We are in process of setting up a Working Party to come up with recommendations for the boundaries of the new Branches and the functions that will go to each or to the Region. This will include the Branch Chairman, Middlesex Section Chairman, Rosie Limming (who does the liaison between Branch and Region Committees) and representatives from each of the Lea, Mottingham and Croydon groups. We hope it will be chaired by an experienced member of the Branch who is not on any of the relevant Committees and who will therefore have no axe to grind.

COMMITTEE CHANGES

I am sad to report that we have had resignations from three people who have done a lot of work for the Branch. Sue Blake, our Branch Secretary, has moved out of London and can not continue. Kevin Saint, who has been on the Committee for a couple of years, has had to give up because of pressure of work. We have also received the resignation of Martin Thompson who has run the sales table at the Central London meetings for as long as I can remember. We are grateful to all three for the work they have done in the past. We shall miss them.

The Branch Committee has decided to leave the Secretary's post vacant until the AGM. In the interim all correspondence should come to me as Chairman, and I will pass it on to the appropriate member of the Committee.

The loss of three Committee members means that we shall be keener than ever to find fresh volunteers for the Branch Committee. Even if you are reading this after the closing date for nominations, it is not too late to volunteer: we can always co-opt to any vacancies. Apart from a Branch Secretary we are also looking for a Secretary for the 200 Club and a Sales Officer for the Central London Socials. (Neither of the last two needs to be a Branch Committee member, so if you are interested in doing a job but do not want the commitment to Committee meetings, there could be a slot for you. Come to think of it, Sales Officers for the out-of-centre socials might also be a good idea if anyone is interested. If any of these jobs arouses your interest, please contact any Branch Committee member (see opposite page).

DEATH OF KEN GOODWIN

As we were about to go to Press, the news reached me of the death of Ken Goodwin, a past National Chairman of the IWA. Ken will be remembered by London members for his appearances at Canalway Cavalcade. I shall go to his funeral and I hope to be able to include an appreciation of Ken on our Late News page.

Mike Stevens

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The Richmond Upon Thames Boat Project

Part 1 of our series on Community Boat Projects in the London area



The Boat Project's barge Richmond Venturer at her moorings at Hampton

Photo: Mike Stevens

It was a cold, bright January day when your Editor went to visit the *Richmond Venturer* at her moorings on the Thames at Hampton and to learn about the Richmond upon Thames Boat project. My hostess for the visit was Miranda Jagers, the one person employed by the project. What she showed me was a particularly elegant Dutch motor barge at an advanced stage of conversion for community use. The barge started life as the *Gerja*, built in Overschie in 1908. 86 ft long, with a beam of 16ft and draught of 4ft, she had a cargo capacity of 150 tonnes. Unfortunately this makes her too big for even the Grand Union and Regent's Canals

In 1988 she was handed over to Martin Emerson, then Mayor of Richmond to become the property of the Richmond upon Thames Boat Project, of whose Trustees he was Chairman. The Project's purpose is to bring the River Thames closer to the community. This they do by giving schools and community groups the chance to discover the Thames through environmental education and out-door pursuits, by encouraging people to become

more independent by taking part in expeditions on the River, and by displaying information on board about the wildlife of the Thames and environmental issues concerning water.

But before they could do any of this, the barge had to be converted from its original cargo-carrying configuration. The original Duetz diesel engine was replaced by a 135hp Lister, and the propeller and rudder were also replaced. The cargo hatches were removed and a new steel deck laid, somewhat higher, but without spoiling the attractive sheer of the vessel. The one thing that detracts slightly from her appearance is the hand-rails: but clearly they are essential for the vessel's new use. Water, electricity and sewage services were fitted, and a new floor in the former hold.

At this point, in 1990, the barge's present name was chosen, and she came to wider public notice with the involvement of the *Challenge Anneka* TV programme in the next stage of conversion. In 72 hours the saloon and galley were fitted out and a wheelchair lift and generator fitted.

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A Busy Summer Ahead

Canalway Cavalcade and London Afloat 1994

LONDON AFLOAT 1994

1994 will probably be the busiest Summer that London IWA has ever had! This year's Canalway Cavalcade will be the start of a major programme of events under the title *LONDON AFLOAT 1994*, which will continue right through until sometime in late Autumn.

ALL RIGHT, BUT WHY?

It all started from the thought that we might put on a few events to catch the interest of boaters passing through London on the way to and from the National Waterways Festival at Waltham Abbey over the August Bank Holiday weekend. We wanted to attract them into stopping and looking at London's waterways rather than just rushing through.

We envisaged a few events just before and just after the National, not necessarily all organised by ourselves, but co-ordinated through IWA London Region. Ian Ferguson and Libby Bradshaw started asking around to see who was interested, and found so much enthusiasm for the idea that it is growing into an all-Summer programme, not only for boaters *en route* to the National, but for all boaters and non-boaters, Londoners and visitors alike.

SO WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN?

The programme is still very much in development, the plan being to have it all fixed in time for the details to be announced at Canalway Cavalcade in May. But we already know of some events just before and just after the National. The weekend before there is to be a Rally at Limehouse: because a number of different organisations are involved in this, details are not ready to be announced yet, but it is certainly going to happen. At the same time St Pancras Cruising Club is organising a cruise of the Bow Back Rivers and another round the Isle of Dogs. The weekend after the National they are organising a tideway cruise from Limehouse to Brentford and/or Teddington. The IWA/London Walks programme of towpath walks is being devised to fit a couple of suitable walks into the week leading up to the National, as part of their on-going programme.

Lots more is under discussion: Ian and Libby are in touch with over 200 organisations who may or may not be interested in taking part, with events going on from Cavalcade in early May right through to September, October or even November. You can expect much fuller details in our next issue.

WHAT ABOUT CANALWAY CAVALCADE?

Canalway Cavalcade itself will take 'London Afloat' as its theme and will feature all the events that Cavalcade regulars have learned to love. The opening ceremony will take place on Saturday afternoon, followed by the pageant of decorated boats, when the privately-entered boats will compete for the Marcus Boudier Memorial Trophy and the commercially sponsored boats for the London Underground Challenge Trophy. We are launching a new class this year for charity and community boats, in the hope of finding somebody to sponsor a prize for them. Sunday evening will see the procession of illuminated boats competing for the Cruise Electric Trophy. We hope that this will be followed by some sort of spectacle, but we are still looking for somebody to sponsor it (I am writing this at the beginning of February). The boat-handling competition for the Westminster Trophy will take place at various times spread over Sunday and Monday: we are probably going to modify the timing of this from recent years.

Ashore there will be the usual lively Trade Show (bookings are already coming in well), and we plan a variety of musical and theatrical entertainments again, we hope, making use of the floating 'bandstand' for some of them. There will be a number of activities for children, reaching their peak with the ever-popular Teddy Bears' Picnic on Sunday afternoon.

COME AND ENJOY IT!

In previous years lots of people have: one year the police estimated that we had about 12,000 there on the Sunday (always the busiest day). There will be lots going on. There will certainly be lots of boats there: as I write we have already booked in more than enough to fill the pool. They will be coming from over the system. The longest journey may well be by Ray Dunford, if he makes it down from Runcorn in time: he did last year and plans to try again.

SPONSORS

For Canalway Cavalcade to succeed, not only in giving visitors and boaters a good time, but also in raising money for the waterways movement, we depend on sponsors. Over past years some of our best sponsorship has come from personal contacts. The size of an individual company's sponsorship can vary widely: from the relatively small amount to cover the costs of an entertainer to the much bigger items of funding the scaffolding bridge or the marquees.

Any help, from £50 to £5,000 will be gratefully received. If you can help, or if you 'know a man who can', please contact Adrian Steinkamp on his pager (number below). In particular we would like to find a company to put up the major sponsorship in return for having their art-work on a boat that will appear at as many as possible of the London Afloat events.

WHERE AND WHEN

The date, as usual, is the May Day Bank Holiday weekend (Saturday 30 April to Monday 2 May). If you are coming to Little Venice by boat you can not miss it: at the junction of the GU Paddington Arm and the Regent's Canal. By public transport it is almost as easy: take the tube to Warwick Avenue (Bakerloo Line) and walk about 100 yards up the road of the same name, and you are there. Or there are a number of bus routes along Edgware Road: get off at Blomfield Road and follow the canal. By car, make for the corner of Warwick Avenue and Blomfield Road (although you will have to find a spot in one of the side-streets to park).

On Saturday, Sunday and Monday the site will be open to visitors from 10am to 6pm. For the illuminated boats on Sunday evening (starting at about 9pm, depending on how soon it gets dark enough), we have to keep the towpath closed for

safety reasons, but the pavements round the Pool are all raised some way above it and form excellent viewing platforms, especially in Warwick Crescent where the re-building of the retaining wall a couple of years ago has resulted in a much wider pavement.

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'London Afloat 1994'	Ian Ferguson	081-985 4507

DURING CANALWAY CAVALCADE

Public information line	081-533 5128
(Friday 29 April to Monday 2 May)	
Press and Media	0850-665102
(Thursday 28 April to Tuesday 3 May)	



Same place, different event. Boats at Little Venice at New Year for the hNBOC AGM and the arrival of the Serious Boat Trip (See story on page 10).

Photo: Mike Stevens

On the Metreau

News and Gossip of London's Waterways

BROWNING PLAQUE AT BROWNING'S POOL

One of the various names for the Pool at Little Venice is Browning's Pool, after the poet Robert Browning who lived much of the later part of his life, after his wife's death, in a house at 19 Warwick Crescent overlooking the pool. A plaque was unveiled recently commemorating his time there. Browning's house no longer exists, having been replaced by a modern building, so the new plaque is located on the side of a nearby building of the appropriate period, on the corner of Warwick Crescent and Westbourne Terrace Road.

The original idea for a plaque came from Arthur Farrand Radley, Vice-President of IWA London Branch, and its achievement was the result of co-operation between the City of Westminster, the Armstrong Browning Library of Texas, the Browning Society and the Paddington Waterways and Maida Vale Society. The plaque was unveiled by the Lord Mayor of Westminster on the morning of Saturday 11 December, assisted by Councillor Robert Davies (City of Westminster), Leslie Ginsburg (Paddington Waterways and Maida Vale Society), and Dr Roger Brooks (Director, Armstrong Browning Library), in front of an audience of residents of Warwick Crescent and members of interested organisations. IWA was represented by Arthur Farrand Radley and your Editor. The ceremony was followed by a reception in the *Robert Browning* pub in Clifton Gardens, where some of Browning's poetry was read. See photograph on page 1.

AUCTION RESULT

The Auction at the Central London Christmas Social raised £34.07. Many thanks to those members who donated items for sale.

SHOP AND PROP

During December, Beauchamp Lodge Narrowboats offered free shopping trips from their base at Little Venice to Sainsbury's supermarket at Ladbrooke Grove for local elderly and disabled people, to make their Christmas shopping less of a chore. Boat skipper Phil Gavigan said 'This was an idea which had been discussed before, and I was glad to be the one to implement it. Next year I would like to improve the advertising and run more trips.' Beauchamp Lodge would like to thank Sainsbury's for their kind donation which enabled them to provide free refreshments for the passengers.

A VERY SERIOUS BOAT TRIP INDEED!

On 2 January, your Editor found himself back at Little Venice for the arrival of a very different kind of boat trip. A charity that takes aid to Bosnia had taken to the water. Over the last two years *The Serious Road Trip* had already taken 19 road convoys into Bosnia, mostly to Sarajevo. They had organised this 'Serious Boat Trip' to bring such supplies to London by water from various parts of the waterways system. Sixteen traditional cargo-carrying narrowboats took part, carrying cargoes whose total was variously reported in the Press as anything from 230 to 500 tons.

The boats arrived at Little Venice where some were unloaded (see photo on page 9), and others went on for unloading at Battlebridge Basin. At Little Venice they swelled the ranks of the annual New Year boat gathering there, which later the same day was the venue for the historic Narrow Boat Owners Club AGM on board one of the London Waterbus Company's boats. The Chairman of hNBOC, London IWA member David Daines, had taken part in the Serious Boat Trip in his ex-GUCCC boat, *Lynx*.

It was a glorious sight to see so many working boats actually working again. George Parrish, one of the organisers of the Serious Boat Trip told me that they hope to follow up this run with others by water: smaller-scale ones with single loads. This will be part of their continuing aim of two convoys per month to Sarajevo carrying food and medical supplies.

The Serious Road Trip organisation can be contacted at Bowman House, 7-12 Greenland Street, NW1 0ND, phone 071-916 9333.

DEATH ON THE PADDINGTON ARM

One evening in January, when it was snowing, a car came off a bend of the road in Alpertons, ploughed across some rough land and came to rest on the edge of the canal. As passers-by went to help, the car slipped over and landed upside down in the water. The driver, John Giles of Borehamwood, was dead on arrival at hospital.

CHATHAM HISTORIC DOCKYARD

Our Middlesex Section is planning a coach trip on Saturday 25 June to visit the historic dockyard at Chatham. The coach will leave Uxbridge and a pick-up elsewhere *en route* will

Waterways Events in and around London

MARCH 1994

Tuesday 1st: 8pm	LONDON IWA: LEA GROUP	SOCIAL MEETING at Hazelmere Marine, Highbridge St, Waltham Abbey (off Station Road). Speaker: Peter Coyne: <i>The Canals of Scotland</i> . Contact: Mike Stimpson (0923-770425).
Weekend 5th/6th	LONDON WRG	Dig on the Wey and Arun Canal. Contact: Tim Lewis (081-530 7926)
Sunday 6th: 2.30pm	LONDON IWA WITH 'LONDON WALKS'	GUIDED WALK REGENT'S CANAL: PADDINGTON TO CAMDEN. Meet at Warwick Avenue tube station. About 2 hours. £4 (Concessions £3). Contact: Dr Michael Essex-Lopresti (081-882 1337)
Tuesday 8th: 8pm	LONDON IWA: MIDDLESEX SECTION	SOCIAL MEETING at Hillingdon Canal Club, Waterloo Road, Uxbridge. AGM followed by Brian Daubney: <i>Restoration of the House Mill</i> . Contact: Alison Struckett (address on page 2)
Thursday 10th: 8pm	IWA CHELMSFORD BRANCH	Branch and Region AGMs at AEU House, Primrose Hill, Chelmsford. Followed by Jim Norfolk: <i>Journey along the Grand Union</i> . Contact: Molly Beard (0702-553392)
Tuesday 15th: 8pm	IWA HERTS BRANCH	Hatfield Cricket Club, Ascots Lane, Welwyn Garden City: AGM followed by Chris Davey: <i>W.R.G.</i> Contact: Greta Wright (0727 860137)
Thursday 17th: 7 for 7.30pm	LONDON IWA:	BRANCH AGM and CENTRAL LONDON SOCIAL at Abbey Community Centre, 34 Great Smith St, SW1P 3BU. Waterways Quiz. Contact: Tim Lewis (081-530 7926)
Thursday 17th: 7.45pm	IWA CHILTERN BRANCH	Market Hall, Amersham. Branch AGM followed by Brian Lake: <i>Zimbabwe Waterways</i> . Contact: Roger Leishman, 7 Hall Park, Berkhamsted, Herts, HP4 2NU.
Sunday 20th: 2.30pm	LONDON IWA WITH 'LONDON WALKS'	GUIDED WALK REGENT'S CANAL: CAMDEN TO ISLINGTON. Meet at Camden Town tube station. About 2 hours. £4 (Concessions £3). Contact: Dr Michael Essex-Lopresti (081-882 1337)
Friday 25th: 8pm	LONDON IWA: S.E. LONDON	SOCIAL MEETING at The Royal Tavern, Mottingham (corner of Court Rd & Sidcup Rd: very close to Mottingham BR station). Speaker: David Stevenson: <i>Postscript to Peterborough</i> . Contact: Dorothy Robbie (081-857 6367)
Saturday 26th	THE UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE on the Thames tideway. The London IWA Sales stand will be there. Volunteers to help please contact Rosie Limming (0895 252021)	
Weekend 26th/27th	LONDON IWA:	CANAL CLEAN-UP WEEKEND. Details of the London Region contribution to this still being planned as we go to press: see the Late News page or contact Eric Garland (0322-342296)
Weekend 26th/27th	LONDON WRG	Dig on the Thames and Severn Canal. Contact: Tim Lewis (081-530 7926)
Tuesday 29th: 7.30 for 8pm	IWA KENT and EAST SUSSEX BRANCH	AGM (with following event if there is time) at the Fountain Inn, Barming, Maidstone. Contact: Angela Madle (0634 722661)

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Sunday 3rd: 2.30pm

LONDON IWA WITH 'LONDON WALKS'

GUIDED WALK REGENT'S CANAL: ISLINGTON TO MILE END. Meet at Angel tube station. About 2 hours. £4 (Concessions £3).

Contact: Dr Michael Essex-Lopresti (081-882 1337)

Tuesday 5th: 8pm

LONDON IWA: LEA GROUP

SOCIAL MEETING at Hazelmere Marine, Highbridge St, Waltham Abbey (off Station Road). Panel discussion.

Contact: Mike Stimpson (0923 770425).

Tuesday 12th: 8pm

LONDON IWA: MIDDLESEX SECTION

SOCIAL MEETING at Hillingdon Canal Club, Waterloo Road, Uxbridge. Speaker: Peter Coyne: *Canals of Scotland*.

Contact: Alison Struckett (address on page 2)

Thursday 14th: 8pm

IWA CHELMSFORD BRANCH

AEU House, Primrose Hill, Chelmsford. David Gerry: *The Basingstoke Canal*.

Contact: Molly Beard (0702 553392)

Weekend 16th/17th

LONDON WRG

Dig on the Basingstoke Canal.

Contact: Tim Lewis (081-530 7926)

Sunday 17th: 2.30pm

LONDON IWA WITH 'LONDON WALKS'

GUIDED WALK REGENT'S CANAL: MILE END TO LIMEHOUSE. Meet at Mile End tube station. About 2 hours. £4 (Concessions £3).

Contact: Dr Michael Essex-Lopresti (081-882 1337)
Hatfield Cricket Club, Ascots Lane, Welwyn Garden City: Peter Smith: *Update—Wilts and Berks*.

Contact: Greta Wright (0727 860137)

Tuesday 19th: 7.30 for 8pm

IWA KENT and EAST SUSSEX BRANCH

Fountain Inn, Barming, Maidstone. Barrie Harber: *The Sailing Barge Trust and the Dolphin Sailing Barge Museum*.

Contact: Angela Madle (0634 722661)

Wednesday 20th: 8pm

LONDON IWA: CROYDON

SOCIAL MEETING at the Ship Inn, High Street, Croydon (Just South of the central pedestrian area: 10 mins walk from either East Croydon or West Croydon BR). Speaker: Miranda Jaggars: *The Richmond Boat Project*.

Contact: Mike Stevens (081-674 9387)

Thursday 21st: 7 for 7.30pm

LONDON IWA

REGION AGM and CENTRAL LONDON SOCIAL at Abbey Community Centre, 34 Great Smith St, SW1P 3BU. Speaker to be announced.

Contact: Tim Lewis (081-530 7926)

Thursday 21st: 8pm

IWA CHILTERN BRANCH

Market Hall, Amersham. *The Kennet and Avon and its water supply*. Contact: Roger Leishman, 7 Hall Park, Berkhamsted, Herts, HP4 2NU.

SATURDAY 30 APRIL → MONDAY 2 MAY

LONDON IWA: CANALWAY CAVALCADE AT LITTLE VENICE

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Press and Media	(Thursday 28 April to Tuesday 3 May)	0850-665102

MAY 1994

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Weekend 7th/8th	LONDON WRG	Dig on the Wey and Arun Canal. Contact: Tim Lewis (081-530 7926)
Saturday 7th: 9.30	LONDON WATERBUS COMPANY	Day trip from Camden Lock to Limehouse and return. Commentary and pub lunch stop. Finish approx 5.30pm. £9.75 (seniors £8.75). Booking essential: phone 071-482 2550.
Tuesday 10th: 8pm	LONDON IWA: MIDDLESEX SECTION	SOCIAL MEETING at Hillingdon Canal Club, Waterloo Road, Uxbridge. Speaker: Jim Macdonald: <i>Boating disasters</i> . Contact: Alison Struckett (address on page 2)
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Tuesday 17th: 8pm	IWA HERTS BRANCH	Hatfield Cricket Club, Ascots Lane, Welwyn Garden City: James Griffin: <i>Wyvern Shipping</i> . Contact: Greta Wright (0727 860137)
Thursday 19th: 7 for 7.30pm	LONDON IWA: CENTRAL LONDON	SOCIAL MEETING at Abbey Community Centre, 34 Great Smith St, SW1P 3BU. Hugh McKnight: <i>The Rhine-Main-Danube Canal</i> (subject to confirmation). Contact: Tim Lewis (081-530 7926)
Saturday 21st	IWA KENT and EAST SUSSEX BRANCH	Dinner at the Riverside, Watlington. Booking essential. Contact: Angela Madle (0634 722661)
Tuesday 24th: 6.30pm	LONDON IWA WITH 'LONDON WALKS'	GUIDED WALK REGENT'S CANAL: MILE END TO LIMEHOUSE. Meet at Mile End tube station. About 2 hours. £4 (Concessions £3). Contact: Dr Michael Essex-Lopresti (081-882 1337)
Friday 27th: 8pm	LONDON IWA: S.E. LONDON	SOCIAL MEETING at The Royal Tavern, Mottingham (corner of Court Road & Sidcup Road, very close to Mottingham BR station). Speaker: Richard Thomas: <i>The Lee and Stort Navigations</i> . Contact: Dorothy Robbie (081-857 6367)

Late News

KEN GOODWIN : IN MEMORIAM

I regret to advise you of the sad death of Ken Goodwin following a recent illness. Ken was National Chairman of IWA before he handed the office over to David Stevenson. In addition to his long service to the Association in different positions over the years, he was also highly active in other waterway societies. His main love and interest was in restoration, and he was particularly active on the Montgomery.

At the time of going to Press with *Excalibur* we have only just learnt this sad news, but I have no doubt that the Association will find some way of recording the work Ken undertook during his active life for the waterway movement.

Mike Stimpson

My memories of Ken date from his years as National Chairman, which were before I aspired to Branch office. I remember him coming each year to Cavalcade as an official guest, and each time he made sure of going round and having an encouraging word with those of us doing the more mundane jobs like programme-selling. Most impressively, he remembered us each from one year to the next. I have mentioned this to a number of people who knew Ken a lot better than I did, and they all say it was absolutely typical of him.

He cared deeply not only for the cause of the waterways, but for his fellow-workers in that cause. So it was no surprise when I attended Ken's funeral in Macclesfield to find a really huge turn-out of IWA and other waterways people. After the ceremony, David Stevenson, Ken's successor as our National Chairman, announced that IWA Council has decided to set up a fund in Ken's memory. I understand that there is likely to be some sort of physical memorial, possibly a milepost, on the Montgomery Canal.

Mike Stevens

NEW YEAR DRAW RESULT

Our New Year Draw has again attracted a good response. While not raising quite as much as last year, the profit on the Draw amounts to £820.50.

To all those who have supported the Draw by purchasing tickets, your Committee would like to extend a big thank-you. We would also like to thank those who have sent donations to the Branch for the Draw without purchasing tickets. Finally, and of equal significance, is that there have been no expenses for the Draw. The prizes have all been donated, so please support those who have donated prizes.

The winning tickets were drawn by our guest speaker, David Bolton, at the Central London Social Meeting on 17 February. The winners are given below.

1ST PRIZE : a week's holiday for four at Michael Handford's Cotswold cottage : Mr G Cumming of Harrow. 2ND PRIZE : £50 gift voucher from Uxbridge Boat Centre : Mr C Blake of Palmers Green. 3RD PRIZE : £50 gift voucher from High Line Yachting : A F Bundle & Sons of Thornton Heath. 4TH PRIZE : Dinner cruise for two aboard *My Fair Lady* : Miss S Bond of the Channel Islands. 5TH PRIZE : Alex Prowse waterway colour print : Mr A McDonald of East Molesey. 6TH PRIZE : A year's subscription to *Canal and Riverboat* : Mr M Westerman of Greenford. 7TH PRIZE : A year's subscription to *Waterways World* : Mr R Sharp of Hounslow. 8TH PRIZE : *Stanford's River Thames* by Graham Hayward : Jan Lillywhite of London N19. 9TH PRIZE : IWA pewter tankard : Mr A Paine of London E14. 10TH PRIZE : *Through the French Canals* by Philip Bristow : Mr J Evans of Northwood. 11TH PRIZE : Family admission ticket to the London Canal Museum : Mr R Loft of London E5.

The Branch Committee has expressed its deep thanks to Richard Bird, who not only does all the work of running the Draw but also donates the cost of printing the tickets.

RICHMOND VENTURER : MORE NEWS

Just after the main text of *Excalibur* had gone to the printer, Miranda Jagers rang me to up-date some of the information in the article on pages 4 & 5. The *Meetbrief*, or original Dutch registration certificate for the barge has now been found. This is numbered 15475, and gives the vessel's original name as *Vereeniginge 3*. She later worked under the name *Coory 2* before being given the name *Gerdja* which she bore when the project acquired her. If you want to find out more, come to our April meeting in Croydon (see page 14).

200 CLUB WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY

£54	Miss M P Leach,	London W4
£27	Ms M Waters,	London E12
£13	Mr L Phillips,	London SW18
£13	Mr R Martyn,	London NW5

If you want to join the 200 Club, please contact Dorothy Robbie ('phone number on page 2).

CAN YOU HELP?

We need a few more people to serve on the Region's Planning and Navigation Committee. Some knowledge or experience of planning applications or of engineering or architecture would be useful but not essential. People with reasonable knowledge of London's waterways and a bit of time to devote are what we're really looking for. If you want to know more about what's involved, please contact Ron Bingham ('phone number on page 2).