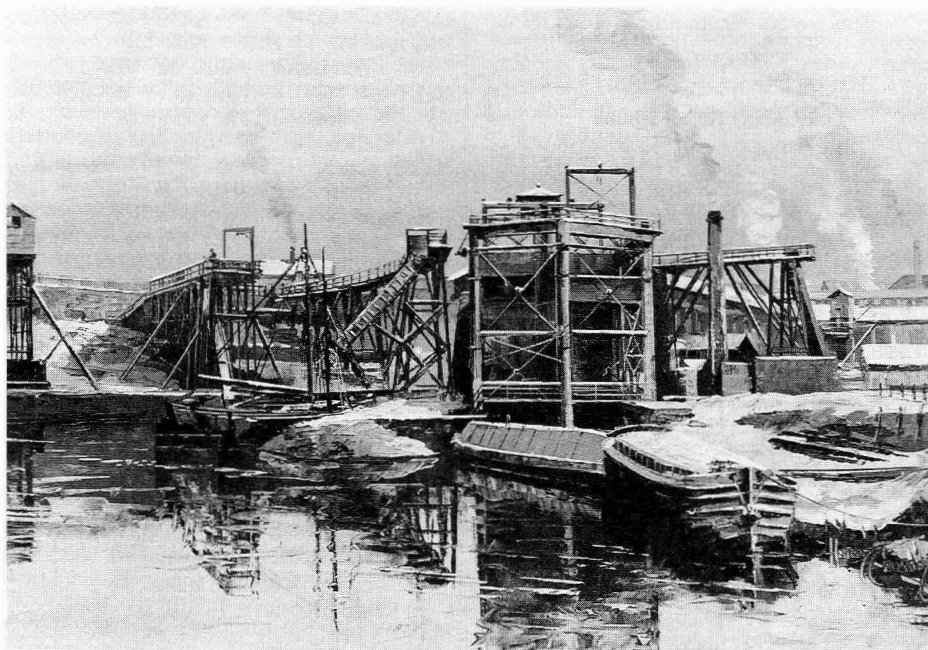


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From the Editor

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

As I write, the AGM season is in full swing and, unless this issue is even later than I expect, only the Region AGM will still be in the future when you read this. In his Region Chairman's page, Mike Stimpson makes our regular appeal for more members to come forward and share the load. Too many of us are having to wear too many hats at the moment. Perhaps the most urgent need is for more members for the Region's Planning and Navigation Committee, which is desperately low on numbers. Volunteers please contact Ron Bingham (telephone number on page 2).

In our last issue I said that I would like to hand *Excalibur* over to a new Editor sometime during the coming year. It might be a good idea if whoever takes over works with me on one or two issues first to get the feel of the job. Give me a ring if you think you might be interested.

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU

Mike Stimpson announces on page 6 that he does not plan to stand for re-election as Region Chairman. He has piloted us through our first three years as a Region and deserves much thanks for what he has done. He intends still to offer himself as a member of the Region Committee and is a directly-elected member of IWA Council so will be able to continue the excellent work he does there.

SOME GOOD NEWS

Those of you who read the waterways magazines (or even IWA Press Releases: some of us have to) will have been pleased to hear that the Government has agreed that spoil from dredging waterways will be exempt from the new Landfill Tax. This will save BW a potential £4m per year which would otherwise have had to be found from the maintenance budget at a time when their grant from the Government is being reduced yet again. The decision is a victory for a campaign which IWA has waged along with our partner-organisations in the National Navigation Forum and with BW and NRA.

AND SOME BAD

Many members will have been saddened to hear of the death in January of Ron Martin, Chairman of our neighbouring IWA South East Region. Ron was, among other things, a former River Policeman on the Thames, and some of us remember him talking about this aspect of his

life at the very first social meeting we held in Mottingham. Within IWA, Ron first came to prominence when he took the lead role in the 1989 National Rally/Festival (which was it called then?) at Waltham Abbey. After that he became one of the prime movers in National Trailboat Rallies.

Ron's family asked that instead of flowers, donations should be made to IWA, and the Association decided it would be appropriate to put such donations in a fund to build a slipway somewhere in memory of Ron and his trail-boating enthusiasm. London Region has contributed to this fund.

Doug Beard, another former speaker at some of our social meetings, has replaced Ron as S.E. Region Chairman (at least until their AGM).

IWALK

In our last issue I told you that plans for the London bit of IWALK, IWA's simultaneous sponsored walks all over the country, were under consideration. We have now decided that it will take place on Saturday 5 October and will start and/or finish at the Limehouse Festival which is taking place that weekend. I have agreed to co-ordinate the walk and am looking for volunteers to help. I need one or two people to help with the organisation before and after the event and a rather larger number to act as stewards on the day. Please give me a ring if you are willing to help. Later we shall be asking for walkers willing and able to find sponsorship.

Mike Stevens

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Jubilee Up-date

THE LATEST NEWS ON OUR PLANS

The pace of IWA's Golden Jubilee Year is hotting up, as those of you will know who have been at social meetings and seen recent issues of *Jubilee Journal*. In our last issue we gave you an outline of London's Jubilee events for the whole year. This time we offer you more details about events in the first part of the year.

TREASURE AT UXBRIDGE

The first of our events is Middlesex Branch's Treasure Hunt on Saturday 27 April. Teams of people can enter either on a boat or on foot, with a maximum of 6 people per team. Single people can enter on their own, or can be matched to others to form a team. Contestants have to check in at Hillingdon Canal Club in Uxbridge between 10am and noon on the day and will be allotted a leaving time, starting from noon. At that time the team will be given a Question and Answer Sheet and sent off. Having followed the trail, contestants return to the Club and hand in their answers for judging.

Participants will have to make their own arrangements for lunch, but there will be a barbecue in the evening (cost £3.50, advance bookings only). This will start at 7.30pm and will be followed by the announcement of results, with separate prizes for boaters and walkers.

Entry forms, which include an order-form for barbecue tickets, can be obtained by sending a stamped address envelope to Alison Struckett (address on Page 2).

JIGSAW JOURNEYS

For those of you who missed our last issue, one national feature of the Jubilee will be the creation of a giant jigsaw at the World Canals Conference in Birmingham during June. Each piece will represent one IWA Branch and will be carried from its home Branch to Birmingham by water. The FMC steamer *President* is central to plans for our various Branch jigsaw pieces. She will load a cargo of souvenir Jubilee glassware at Nazeing on the Lee Navigation and then head for London.

Meanwhile the Thames Barge Sailing Club's sailing barge *Pudge* will set sail from Maldon in Essex, having taken delivery of Chelmsford Branch's jigsaw piece, which will have travelled the length of the Chelmer and Blackwater Canal and been ferried across the Blackwater estuary by Sea Scouts. *Pudge* will stop at Gravesend to collect Kent and East Sussex Branch's jigsaw piece, and then again (on the morning of Thursday 2 May) at

Greenwich Pier to collect South London Branch's piece. *Pudge* and *President* will meet that evening in Limehouse Basin and next morning the three jigsaw pieces will be transferred from *Pudge* to *President* who will bring them to Canalway Cavalcade. After the Cavalcade, *President* will spend a few more days in London before heading for Birmingham, possibly collecting some more jigsaw pieces along the way.

North and East London Branch's jigsaw piece will be brought to Canalway Cavalcade on the Russell family's boat *Auntie Barb* and transferred there to *President*.

CANALWAY CAVALCADE

Canalway Cavalcade 1996 takes place, as ever, at Little Venice and this year's dates are 4-6 May, the May Day Bank Holiday weekend. It will, as always, be London Region's major event and will feature all the usual events our 'regulars' enjoy. The opening ceremony will take place on Saturday afternoon, followed by the pageant of decorated boats. Privately-entered boats will compete for the Marcus Boudier Memorial Trophy, commercially sponsored boats for the London Underground Challenge Trophy and charity and community groups for the Buckby Can donated two years ago by Ray Dunford. Sunday evening will see the procession of illuminated boats competing for the Cruise Electric Trophy. The boat-handling competition for the Westminster Trophy will take place at various times spread over Sunday and Monday. The Vic Trott memorial trophy will be awarded for the best traditional 'Boaters' Sunday Best' costumes.

Ashore there will be the usual lively Trade Show and we plan a variety of musical and theatrical entertainments. There will be a number of activities for children, reaching their peak with the ever-popular Teddy Bears' Picnic on Sunday afternoon. There will also be private events for the boaters and traders in the evenings when the site is closed to the public.

Canalway Cavalcade is a big event: one year the police estimated that we had about 12,000 visitors on the Sunday. There will be plenty 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. Boaters tell us that they enjoy the event because there is more for them to do than at many other rallies. For many of them it provides a good get-together with old friends in the compact and friendly surroundings created by the ability to fit a lot of boats into a fairly small space.

On all three days 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 some way above it and form excellent viewing platforms, especially in Warwick Crescent.

Little Venice is the junction of the Grand Union Paddington Arm and the Regent's Canal. To come by public transport take the tube to Warwick Avenue (Bakerloo Line) and walk about 100 yards up the road of the same name, and you are there. Alternatively 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 parking in the area is not easy).

One purpose of the event, although far from the only one, is to raise money for waterways causes, mainly restoration schemes and waterway-based community groups. The profits are passed to IWA London Region for distribution. We are always keen to boost our donations to these causes by interesting more firms in using Cavalcade to publicise themselves. This could involve advertising space in the brochure, sponsorship of boats in the procession, banners around the site or specific sponsorship of individual entertainments or facilities for the event. If you run, or work for, a firm that might be interested please contact Ian Ferguson at the phone number below.

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AFTER CANALWAY CAVALCADE

We are planning a couple of evening events on the Regent's Canal, partly but not exclusively for those boaters making their way from Canalway Cavalcade to the Campaign Cruise. On Tuesday 7 May, N and E London Branch is transferring its regular monthly meeting to St Pancras Cruising Club. On Wednesday 8 May, South London Branch is hosting a social event somewhere on the Regent's Canal: we hope it will be at the London Canal Museum, but see the Late News page for confirmation of this.

CAMPAIGN CRUISE PAST PARLIAMENT

This is South London Branch's main contribution to the Jubilee Celebrations and takes place on Thursday 9 May. Boats will be asked to gather in Limehouse Basin by 14:00, when our Cruise Commodore, Roger Squires will brief skippers and allocate locking order. To make our deadline at Parliament, the last locking will need to be at 15.35. If, as we hope, we have a lot of boats to lock through, the earliest ones will wait on the barge buoys and driftwood lighters below the former entrance to Shadwell Basin until the whole flotilla is assembled. We shall then cruise in formation up the tideway, passing Parliament at 16.30. One or two boats, carrying an IWA delegation will stop for a short time at Lambeth Pier to meet a delegation of MPs and Peers from the Parliamentary Waterways Group. Boats may finish the cruise at either Brentford (eta 18.15) or Teddington (eta 19.15) to suit their further cruising plans. We are hoping to arrange some sort of social event that evening in Brentford.

There will be no charge for taking part in the cruise, but participants will be invited to buy a plaque. Because of the need to fit boats into Limehouse as efficiently as possible in a limited time, advance booking is essential. Booking forms can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to Mike Stevens (address on page 2).

REGION JUBILEE DINNER

Saturday 11 May is the actual 50th anniversary of IWA's first public meeting, and we shall celebrate it with a Dinner that evening. Details and a booking form for tickets will be inserted in this issue of *Excalibur*. If you have any queries, please contact Libby Bradshaw (address and telephone on page 2).

EAST END CELEBRATIONS

The Three Mills Festival and Rally of Boats will be on 1 and 2 June. This is being run by North and East London Branch in conjunction with St Pancras Cruising Club, with support from BW, the Lee Valley Park, Stratford City Challenge, the Lower Lee Project, London Industrial Estates, the Tidal Mill Trust and others. We plan to have cruises round the Bow Back Rivers and on the Mill Pool, walks on the Back Rivers, boat trips for the public, a craft fair, street entertainers and a lot more. The House Mill will be open for visitors. Saturday evening will see a boaters' barbecue and sing-along organised by St Pancras Cruising Club. Boat entry forms are available from Roger Squires, 46 Elephant Lane, Rotherhithe, SE16 4JD. (s.a.e. please) and any offers of help should go to Alan Russell (address on page 2)

From the Region Chairman

Although at the time of writing I have a few months left as your Region Chairman, I am conscious that this will be the last time Mike Stevens has to chase me for a Region Chairman's page for *Excalibur*.

Having served as your Region Secretary for 14 years, I was asked to help with the formation of the new Region Committee when the South East Region split to form the new London Region. It could have been a traumatic three years but by and large it was not, thanks to the sterling efforts of all of your Region and Branch Officers who came forward to assist with the formation of the new Branches.

Prior to this split we had, of course, one branch covering the entire London area. We set about holding social meetings throughout the Greater London area to see where the most support for them came from amongst our members. Three years on we have six meetings a month and three strong Branches in Middlesex, South London and North and East London. While the odd meeting is poorly attended, the majority of them are worth holding and I would like to thank all members of the Branch Committees who have worked hard to put on an interesting series of meetings.

Of course, forming all the branches, running all the meetings and carrying on all the other work of the Association does mean a lot of work for a small number of people or a little bit of work for a larger number. I know it is a constant cry for those of you out there to come forward: if you really do not want to become involved in the work of the Committee, then may we simply say thank-you for your support, and we hope you come to the social meetings. If you do not, then that is your choice, but you really are missing out. I do not get the opportunity to go to all of the meetings but I always enjoy those I do attend. There is a social side as well as finding out more about our waterways.

All three of your Branch Committees need extra bodies: it is not arduous but we really could do with some help. The more people there are, the lighter the load, and the work is quite interesting.

In thanking the Branch and Region Committees and sub-committees, it would be wrong of me not to mention specifically Rosie Limming and Alison Struckett who have served as Region Secretary during the three years of my Chairmanship. Alison is also giving up her post as Region Secretary at this year's AGM and so the Region will have two new Officers out of three. We may also need a new magazine editor, as Mike Stevens has signalled that he would like to stand down soon.

At Region level, the two Region Sub-Committees (Canalway Cavalcade and Planning and Navigation) also need people—especially Planning and Navigation. This Committee monitors all waterside planning applications throughout the Greater London area and where necessary makes a formal objection. Here we definitely need people to look through plans, write letters, pop out and look at a particular spot of canal or river. You do not need any training for this (in case you are at all worried). Please, if you can spare the time, let us know. Ron Bingham (telephone number on page 2) will be delighted to welcome you to his team, who have been prodding away at planning and navigation matters for many years and deserve all our thanks.

The public face of the Region is Canalway Cavalcade which has been ably run by Libby Bradshaw since soon after its inception, in the days when it was a London Branch event. Many members might assume that, as it has been running with substantially the same team for 12 years, it is something they can cope with in their sleep, but each year fresh problems occur and are always dealt with swiftly and efficiently by the team.

Finally on the thanks side I would be wrong not to thank our esteemed Vice-President Arthur Farrand Radley, who is not merely a name to trot out at events, for he has worked solidly for a number of years running our speakers' panel which sends members of IWA to outside bodies who want talks on waterways. Arthur has also said he would like to stand down from this job during 1996, so we are looking for someone to take on the role. Our thanks to you, Arthur, and we know you will continue to support the Region.

It has been an exciting three years helping to develop the new Region and its Branches, overcoming the problems and expanding the Association in the Capital. The culmination of my Chairmanship will be the Region Dinner on 11 May which will celebrate the 50th Anniversary to the day of the first meeting of the Association, held here in London. I think it is an event we will all want to go to and will be proud to have been associated with. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Branch and Region AGMs, but more importantly from the event point of view, at the Dinner.

I am not leaving the Region Committee but standing down as Chairman. I am still a member of Middlesex Branch and will continue to attend as many meetings in the North and West of London as possible. You may know that I was directly elected to IWA Council at the national AGM before last, and it is therefore unsuitable for me to carry on as your Region Chairman.

Finally comes the old chestnut of membership. IWA, like all charities, has a

natural wastage of members for one reason or another. We have a national membership team, but that is not sufficient. We also need people who are prepared to go to events run by others either with or without an IWA stand and help recruit members.

From all the above it sounds as though we are desperate for bodies: in many ways we are. Although the teams we have are working well they could do with extra people. The waterways obviously mean something to you, or you would not be a member of IWA. Perhaps you can help us in some small way by joining one of the teams and lightening the load on those already there.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your Region Chairman for the past three years. I have enjoyed it thoroughly and hope that IWA has benefitted from my efforts. No individual is responsible for the whole, and it has been a team effort. I would like to thank not only those mentioned above but everybody who has helped in a smooth and efficient-running team.

Mike Stimpson

REMINDER OF REGION AGM

Branch AGM dates will have passed by the time you read this, but members are reminded that the Annual General Meeting of the London Region will be held on Thursday 18 April 1995 at 7.30 pm at The Barley Mow, Horseferry Road, Westminster.

ELECTIONS

Nominations for Committees should be in writing, signed by the proposer, seconder and the nominee, and should have been received by the Region Secretary by 4 April. If you missed that deadline, there is always the possibility of being co-opted onto the Committee.

AGENDA FOR EACH MEETING

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of the last AGM and any Special General Meeting held since.
3. Matters arising from the minutes.
4. Report of the Chairman.
5. Report of the Secretary.
6. Report of the Treasurer and presentation of accounts.
7. Adoption of accounts.
8. Statement of Committee size.
9. Election of Committee members.
10. Appointment of Hon. Accountant.
11. Any other business.

The business part of the meeting will be followed by an audio-visual presentation by Arthur Dungate.

On the Metreau

News and Gossip of London's Waterways

JUBILEE APPEAL LAUNCHED AT EARLS COURT

One of the first events of IWA's Golden Jubilee year was the launch of the Jubilee Appeal. This took place in January on the Waterway Recovery Group stand at the Earls Court Boat Show, where WRG were building a brick bridge to show how it is done. (Then knocking it down and building it again, then . . .) The Minister of State for Construction and Planning and Energy Efficiency, Robert Jones, launched the appeal, laying the final keystone of the bridge. *'I am pleased to pay tribute to the work of the IWA in changing the public perception of the inland waterways'* he said.

Sir Anthony Bamford DL, Chairman of JCB Ltd was also present and presented the Minister with a model of their latest award-winning excavator which WRG intend to purchase by the summer of this year. (*The model? Ed.*)

The appeal sets out to raise £50,000 to help fund canal restoration into the next century. WRG urgently require an excavator, and their fleet of ageing vans, used to transport volunteers and kit, is in need of replacement.

FIFTY PRIZES FOR FIFTY YEARS

Your Region Committee has decided that our London Region Draw will widen its scope this year and take part in IWA's Golden Jubilee Celebrations. Over the last four years the Draw has raised nearly £5000 to help the work of IWA in London. For 1996, our Golden Jubilee year, we are intending to sell tickets all over the country and the proceeds of the Draw will be split equally between our London Region and the IWA Golden Jubilee Appeal, (see above).

In order to sell as many tickets as possible we have managed to assemble fifty splendid prizes for the fifty lucky winners. The major prizes include Harley Crossley's magnificent oil painting of the Anderton Lift (see page 1), a number of hire-boat holidays and vouchers for chandlery and waterway gifts. As usual the prizes and the printing of tickets have been donated, so the Draw expenses will be minimal. The next issue of *Excalibur* will carry the full list of prizes.

A book of five £1 tickets will be going out with the Spring issue of *IWA Waterways*, which should reach you at around the same time as this *Excalibur*. Tickets will also be on sale at Canalway Cavalcade and other London Region Jubilee events. The Draw will take place at the Limehouse Festival on Sunday 6 October.

We hope that you will support us by entering the Draw yourself, and if possible selling some tickets to your friends and colleagues. More books of tickets are available by calling Richard Bird in the evening on 0181 857 6367. The Region Committee is very grateful to Richard who, once again, is not only doing all the work for the Draw but also donating the cost of printing the tickets.

THREAT TO HISTORIC LOCK COTTAGE

A historic lock cottage on one of London's derelict canals is threatened by developers. The Kensington Canal once ran from Chelsea Creek for 1¼ miles to Warwick Road Basin, next to what is now Kensington (Olympia) station. When, in 1982, the latest part of the canal was filled in, an undertaking was given that this would be done in a way that preserved the option of future restoration.

The canal had one lock, and one lock-keeper's cottage, built in 1828 and later extended to provide the board-room of the West London Railway which, with its later extension, was built along part of the route of the canal. This Georgian survivor, most recently used as the headquarters of the Kensington Pistol and Rifle Club, is now threatened by plans for a new Tesco supermarket.

Our Region is one of several organisations who wish to save this historic building as part of London's heritage of industrial archaeology. Along with the Kensington Society and the Georgian Society we applied for the building to be spot-listed, but were turned down by the Department of National Heritage.

The only hope that remains is for public pressure to be brought on Tesco to modify their plans and save the cottage. Region Vice-President Arthur Farrand Radley is leading for us on the case, and is in contact with various people in Tesco. There is a certain amount of Press interest so we are not without hope.

200 CLUB NEWS

February winners

1st	David Llewellyn	£40
2nd	Roger Martyn	£24
3rd	Mr R Hudson	£12
4th	Mr D E Model	£12

Calling past members

Some three years ago our bank closed down our branch and moved the account to another. This had a new sort code and account number. Many members pay their subscription by Standing Order, and I have recently discovered that our bankers have for some time been returning payments to members whose instructions to their own banks refer to the old account. In the beginning they automatically transferred payments to the new account, but have now stopped doing this. If you are one of those who got your money back (so to speak) and wondered why: well now you know. If you would like to restart, we would love to have you back. I would like to know anyway how many members the bank has lost us, so if you could give me a ring on 0181 668 5522 and let me know if you have had this problem, I would be pleased to hear from you.

Calling new members

Thank you and welcome to new members of the Club who joined since the last issue of *Excalibur*. We want to build up to the limit of 200 members to bring the prizes awarded up to the optimum level. For those of you who do not know, there is a draw every two months and with a full membership of 200 the prizes awarded are £100, £50 and two of £25, all for a fee of £1 a month. We still have plenty of vacancies. If you put off joining before, then now is the time for action. I am pleased to report that the first new member to respond from the last issue was one of our winners in his first draw. Next time it could be you.

Vernon Draper

AWAY FROM LONDON

Trailing to the Mont

For those of you with trailable boats who prefer the novelty of the Montgomery Canal to the Lee and the Bow Back Rivers, the National Trailboat Rally this year will be at Welshpool, to mark the continuing restoration of the Mont. The date is 1 and 2 June (unfortunately the same as our Three Mills Rally). Details will be in *IWA Waterways*.

Closer to home

The Late Spring Bank Holiday weekend (25th-27th) May is always a busy one for waterways events. As usual, this year it sees the Wendover Arm Festival which often attracts a number of London boats. IWA Chiltern Branch are holding a Jubilee Jamboree at Bulbourne over the midsummer weekend (22 and 23 June) as part of their IWA Jubilee celebrations. Contact addresses for both of these are in our *Coming Events* pages.

And even further away

Those of you who plan to venture further afield during June might be interested in IWA Stoke-on-Trent Branch's rally at Stone (Trent and Mersey Canal) on 14-16 June. Further details from 01872 659 493.

BCN Marathon

Looking further ahead, the weekend of 3 and 4 September sees this year's BCN 24-hour Marathon Cruise. You do not have to cruise for 24 hours non-stop unless you want to. The idea is to cruise for not more than 24 hours out of the specified 32, gaining points for each lock and mile cruised, with a scoring system devised to encourage us onto the lesser-used bits of the BCN. Details from Chris and Helen Davey 01962 734 909. Your Editor will be going: I hope to see you there. Remember the slogan: CRUISE IT OR LOSE IT.

Not forgetting the National

Most of our readers will already know that the National Waterways Festival this year is at Windmill End on the August Bank Holiday weekend. For full details see *IWA Waterways*. A number of London members are involved in various ways. If you are going and not already committed to help with the event in some form or other, the organisers are keen to recruit staff for the pay desks at the entrance (contact Pat Pritchard 01788 860 603), and to act as car-park stewards (contact Ron Cousens 0121 445 2766).

If you are thinking of going to the National without either boat, caravan or tent, then you may be interested to know that once again Kingdom Tours are offering a deal with a local hotel. Details are available from them on 01296 433 999.

THAMES CLOSURES

The Thames Barrier will be closed once a month for test purposes. The dates for the period covered by this issue of *Excalibur* are:

Thursday	4 April, 08.00 to 10.30 BST
Monday	20 May, 09.20 to 11.50 BST
Tuesday	18 June, 09.00 to 11.30 BST

Similarly the Barking Creek flood barrier will be closed for testing and staff training on Thursday 11 April from 06.25 to 17.25 BST.

Various Head of the River Races bring short closures as follows:

Saturday 30 March: Eights event—river closed from 11:45 to 14:45 between Kew Bridge and Putney Pier.

Sunday 31 March: Vesta Veterans—river closed from 10:15 to about 11:45 between Hurlingham Wharf and Kew Railway Bridge.

Saturday 13 April: Scullers event—river closed from 12:00 to 15:00 between Kew Bridge and Putney Pier.

The University Boat Race on Saturday 6 April will cause a closure to other traffic between Fulham Railway Bridge and Chiswick Bridge from 13.45.

MORE THAMES NEWS

The National Rivers Authority has agreed to make no charge for boats registered with a current Thames Registration wishing to make a visit (up to fourteen days) to their Anglian Region or River Medway. The addresses to contact are:

NRA Anglian Region
Kingfisher House, Goldhay Way, Orton Goldhay
Peterborough PE2 5ZR

NRA Southern Region
Guildbourne House, Chatsworth Road, Worthing
West Sussex BN11 1LD

NRA have also announced the dates for which they will be employing additional staff so that locks can be staffed continuously throughout the working day. For the lower part of the river (as far as Benson) these are:

5-8 April (Easter)
1 May-15 September (7 day cover)
21-22 September (weekend cover)

CANAL ART WORKSHOPS

Tim Whitelock, who has run canal art workshops for our North and East London Branch will be running two more, open to the public, at the Ragged School Museum at Copperfield Road, Bow (close to Johnson's lock on the Regent's Canal). They are on Saturdays 11 and 18 May from 10.30am to 4pm. The first will provide an opportunity to learn about the Regent's Canal and to have a go at painting traditional roses. The second will concentrating on painting castle pictures. Further details from The Ragged School Museum on (0181) 983 1452.

COMMUNITY BOAT AVAILABLE

In our last issue we told you that the youth group Tideway Adventurers had leased the narrow-boat *Michael*. They now base it at Uxbridge and are prepared to rent it out to other youth groups. The boat is fully equipped and will sleep 12. 7-day bookings cost £540 and weekends £195. Skippering is by arrangement; self-steerers' courses are available. For details contact Mike Simmons on 0181 851 9270.

We look forward to seeing the boat at this year's Canalway Cavalcade, where the group will be helping us.

DONATIONS

Your Region Committee has recently agreed the following donations:

£ 50 to a fund in memory of Ron Martin
£270 to the IWA Golden Jubilee Appeal
£300 to London WRG

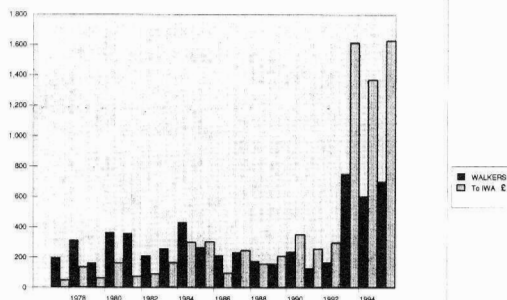
TOWPATH WALKS

The figures for 1995's walks were published in January. While not quite our best year for the number of walkers, it was our best for profits with just over £1,600 shared between N and E London and South London Branches, who provide the guides. Congratulations are due to Michael Essex-Lopresti who organises the programme for us in conjunction with our partners, The Original London Walks. The graph below shows how the walks have benefitted from this partnership which began at the end of 1992.

1996 is the twentieth year of the walks, and we are keen to train some more guides. At the moment there are only four of us. With this number we can just manage the programme but life gets a bit exciting when one of us has to drop out of a walk and find a substitute. Full notes are provided to trainee guides, along with an opportunity to walk each route with an experienced guide before 'going solo'. Volunteers should contact Michael Essex-Lopresti (phone number on page 2).

Guided Walks along London's Waterways

Total Walkers and Donations to I.W.A. - 1977 / 1995



An Arms Shipment by Thames and Canal

The Royal Armouries are based in the Tower of London, where they have limited space for public display of their splendid collection. So they are expanding into a new museum in Leeds which will enable them to tell the world-wide story of the civil and military use of arms and armour. The change will also free space in the Tower of London to tell more fully the story of the Tower itself. The new museum in Leeds was opened by Her Majesty the Queen on 15 March and will open to the public on 30 March: these will have happened by the time you read this.

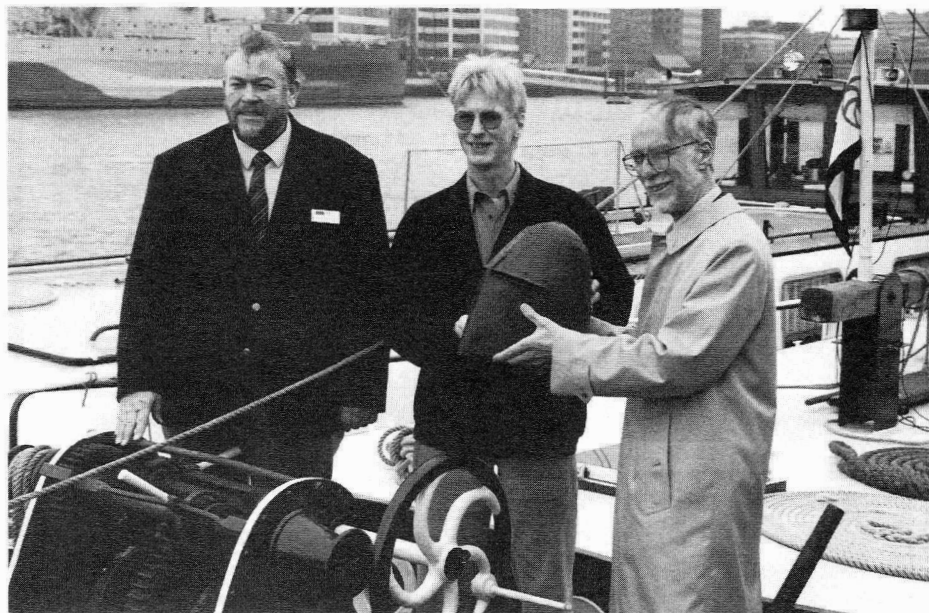
When IWA heard that the Armouries were moving some of their stock from the Tower to Leeds, our local Branch in Leeds realised that both sites were beside navigable waterways and offered to transport a token load by water with the aid of other Branches on the route.

A replica of the Great Helm of 1370 is, as I write, on its way from London to Leeds by a chain of boats.

The first stage of the trip took a bit of arranging. Originally Rupert Smedley was going

to take the Helm from Tower Pier to Batchworth on his boat *Ben*, a former coal-carrying boat from the Black Country, built in 1934 and lovingly restored by Rupert since 1989. The boat is known to those of you who come regularly to Canalway Cavalcade, having carried the London WRG display on a number of occasions. But then a stoppage was announced at Woolpack Bridge on the GU, right in the middle of the route. So, with some help from the Dutch Barge Association, an alternative arrangement was made.

The Helm left Tower Pier on 1 March in Edward Burrell's 102-year old Dutch Barge *Angelus*, which took it as far as Brentford, where the Grand Union Canal meets the Thames. There it was transferred to *Silver Birch*, a hire-boat belonging to Adelaide Marine, which carried the case to the firm's base at Adelaide Dock in Southall. Next morning it went a short distance by road to by-pass the stoppage at Woolpack Bridge, Hayes. At Cowley Lock the Helm finally got on to *Ben* for the next stage of the journey to Rickmansworth, where it was handed over to IWA Hertfordshire Branch.



On board *Angelus* at the start of the journey.
L to R: Bill Bannon (Chairman, IWA Middlesex Branch), Edward Burrell (owner of *Angelus*),
Peter Hammond (Deputy Master of the Royal Armouries).

Photo: Mike Stevens

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Waterways Events in and around London

See page 15 for details of Venues and Contacts for further information

APRIL

- Tuesday 2nd 8pm **IWA N and E LONDON BRANCH (ISLINGTON)** Martin Ludgate: *'Fulbourne'—a restored boat on restored waterways*
- Saturday 6th 3pm UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE on the Thames from Putney to Mortlake
- Sunday 7th 2.30pm **LONDON IWA WITH LONDON WALKS: GUIDED TOWPATH WALK ON THE REGENT'S CANAL: ISLINGTON TO MILE END.** Meet at Angel tube station.
- Tuesday 9th 7.30 for 8pm **IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH:** James Griffin (Wyvern Sipping Company): *Running a hire fleet and working with British Waterways.*
- Wednesday 10th 8pm **IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH (S. NORWOOD):** Stan Price: *The fire-boat 'Massey Shaw'.*
- Thursday 11th 7.30 for 8pm IWA CHELSMFORD BRANCH. David Rouse: *The Thames and Medway Canal*
- Weekend 13th/14th LONDON WRG DIG on the North Wilts Canal.
- Tuesday 16th 8pm **IWA N and E LONDON BRANCH (EDMONTON):** Speaker to be announced.
- Tuesday 16th 7.45 for 8pm IWA HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH. Martin Watts: *Windmill and watermill restoration*
- Thursday 18th 7 for 7.30pm **IWA LONDON REGION (CENTRAL LONDON):** REGION A.G.M. followed by an audio-visual presentation by Arthur Dungate.
- Thursday 18th 7.30pm IWA CHILTERN BRANCH. Terry Putnam: *The last years of commercial carrying on the Grand Union Canal, 1967-70*
- Sunday 21st 2.30pm **LONDON IWA WITH LONDON WALKS: GUIDED TOWPATH WALK ON THE REGENT'S CANAL: MILE END TO LIMEHOUSE.** Meet at Camden Town tube station.
- Tuesday 23rd 7.30 for 8pm IWA KENT and EAST SUSSEX BRANCH: Pauline Greenwood: *The BCN.*
- Friday 26th 8pm **IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH (MOTTINGHAM):** Arthur Farrand Radley: *The Grand Surrey Canal and Surrey Docks.*
- Saturday 27th 10am **'GJ' IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH:** TREASURE HUNT. See details on page 4.

MAY

- Saturday 4th to Monday 6th **'GJ' IWA LONDON REGION: CANALWAY CAVALCADE AT LITTLE VENICE.** See details on page 4.
- Sunday 5th 2.30pm **LONDON IWA WITH LONDON WALKS: GUIDED TOWPATH WALK ON THE REGENT'S CANAL: CAMDEN TO PADDINGTON** (Finishes at Canalway Cavalcade). Meet at Camden Town tube.
- Tuesday 7th 8pm **'GJ' IWA N and E LONDON BRANCH (ISLINGTON):** SPECIAL MEETING at St Pancras Cruising Club, Camley Street, NW1 0PL. Speaker to be announced.

Wednesday 8th 8pm	'GJ' IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH: SOCIAL EVENT SOMEWHERE ON THE REGENT'S CANAL, incorporating SOUTH LONDON BRANCH SOCIAL. Details to be announced.
Thursday 9th	'GJ' IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH CAMPAIGN CRUISE PAST PARLIAMENT. See details on page 4.
Thursday 9th 8pm	IWA CHELMSFORD BRANCH: Chris Toms: <i>A Wilts and Berks Update</i> .
Saturday 11th 7.30pm	'GJ' LONDON REGION DINNER: Details to be arranged: see separate leaflet enclosed.
Saturday 11th 10.30am	THE RAGGED SCHOOL MUSEUM: One-day Canal Art Workshop. Details (0181) 983 1452
Tuesday 14th 7.30 for 8pm	IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH: Martin Ludgate: <i>'Fulbourne'—a restored boat on restored waterways</i>
Thursday 16th 7 for 7.30pm	IWA LONDON REGION (CENTRAL LONDON): Tony Conder, Curator of the National Waterways Museum.
Saturday 18th 10.30am	THE RAGGED SCHOOL MUSEUM: One-day Canal Art workshop. Details from (0181) 983 1452
Saturday 18th 7.30 for 8pm	IWA KENT and EAST SUSSEX BRANCH: ANNUAL DINNER at the Riverside Restaurant, Watlingtonbury. Cost £14.50. Bookings to Angela Madle (01634) 722 661
Weekend 18th/19th	LONDON WRG: Dig on the Thames and Severn.
Weekend 18th/19th	RICKMANSWORTH WATERWAYS TRUST with IWA CHILTERN BRANCH: Rickmansworth Canal Festival. Details from Rickmansworth Waterways Trust (01923) 778 382
Sunday 19th 2.30pm	LONDON IWA WITH LONDON WALKS: GUIDED TOWPATH WALK ON THE REGENT'S CANAL: CAMDEN TO ISLINGTON. Meet at Camden Town tube station.
Tuesday 21st 8pm	IWA N and E LONDON BRANCH (EDMONTON): Speaker to be announced.
Bank Holiday weekend 25th-27th	WENDOVER ARM FESTIVAL. Details from Richard House (01296) 748 036
Friday 31st 8pm	IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH (MOTTINGHAM): Waterways Quiz.

JUNE

Saturday 1st/Sunday 2nd	'GJ' IWA N and E LONDON BRANCH (With St Pancras Cruising Club): RALLY AT THREE MILLS, BOW. See details on pages 4-5.
Sunday 2nd 2.30pm	LONDON IWA WITH LONDON WALKS: GUIDED TOWPATH WALK ON THE BOW BACK RIVERS. Meet at Bromley-by-Bow tube station.
Saturday 8th	'GJ' IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH participating in Croydon Youth Service activity day at South Norwood Lake. Details from Mary Llewellyn, (0181) 653 4862
Tuesday 11th 7.30 for 8pm	IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH: Inter-Branch skittles match.
Wednesday 12th 6.30pm	LONDON IWA WITH LONDON WALKS: GUIDED TOWPATH WALK ON THE REGENT'S CANAL: PADDINGTON TO CAMDEN. Meet at Warwick Avenue tube station.
Wednesday 12th: 8pm	IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH (S. NORWOOD): Waterways Quiz

Long weekend 14th-16th Sunday 16th 2.30 pm	LONDON WRG with other groups: Dig on the Bude Canal LONDON IWA WITH LONDON WALKS: GUIDED TOWPATH WALK ON THE REGENT'S CANAL: Islington to Mile End. Meet at Angel tube station.
Weekend 22nd and 23rd	IWA CHILTERN BRANCH: Jubilee Jamboree at Bulbourne. Details from Roger Leishman (01442) 874 536 or Ron Pittaway (01296) 630 968
Wednesday 26th 6.30 pm	LONDON IWA WITH LONDON WALKS: GUIDED TOWPATH WALK ON THE REGENT'S CANAL: Camden to Islington. Meet at Camden Town tube station.

VENUE DETAILS and CONTACT PEOPLE

MEETING	VENUE	CONTACT
IWA CENTRAL LONDON	<i>The Barley Mow</i> Horseferry Road, SW1 (Nearest tube Victoria or St James' Park)	Tim Lewis 0181-367 6227
IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH	Hillingdon Canal Club Uxbridge Wharf Rear of 32 Waterloo Road, Uxbridge	Alison Struckett 0181-691 7215
IWA N and E LONDON BRANCH (ISLINGTON)	<i>The George</i> , Liverpool Road, N1 (corner of Tolpuddle Street, nearest tube Angel)	Alan Russell 0181-529 0689
(EDMONTON)	Millfield Arts Centre Silver Street, Edmonton N18 (Close to Silver Street BR station).	Alan Russell 0181-529 0689
IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH (NORWOOD)	<i>The Albion</i> , corner of High St and South Norwood Hill, SE25 (Close to Norwood Junction BR)	Mike Stevens 0181-674 9387
(MOTTINGHAM)	<i>The Royal Tavern</i> , Mottingham (corner of Court Road and Sidcup Road, close to Mottingham BR).	Richard Bird 0181-857 6367
LONDON IWA/LONDON WALKS TOWPATH WALKS	As listed. Each about 2 hours £4.50 (concessions £3.50)	Dr Michael Essex-Lopresti 0181-882 1337
IWA CHELMSFORD BRANCH	AEU House, Primrose Hill Chelmsford	Mrs Molly Beard 01702 554 492
IWA CHILTERN BRANCH	Market Hall, Old Amersham, Bucks	Roger Leishman 01442 874 536
IWA HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH	Hatfield Cricket Club Ascots Lane, Welwyn Garden City	Greta Wright 01727 860 137
IWA KENT and EAST SUSSEX BRANCH	<i>The Fountain Inn</i> , Tonbridge Road Barming, Maidstone	Angela Madle 01634 722 661
LONDON WATERWAY RECOVERY GROUP	Various venues. Meeting point usually Waterloo Station 7pm Friday to travel to site.	Tim Lewis 0181-367 6227

Late News

LOCK COTTAGE UPDATE

Since the news item on page 8 was written there have been further developments. Our efforts have gained some publicity, including a spot on the regional TV news one lunchtime. This was a bit of a cliff-hanger. Your Editor gave a Saturday afternoon to take part in the item. At that time it was expected to go out that evening. Pressure of other news forced it out, and we were told it would go out some time on Sunday, then possibly Monday or Tuesday evening. It actually went out on Monday lunchtime without any of our people who were ready to record it knowing it was coming. Fortunately we've been given a tape of it by the TV company.

We have also discovered that planning permission for the proposed development has not yet been granted, so we'll have the chance of commenting on the application in due course. But we might not have to wait that long. Arthur Farrand Radley has been co-ordinating IWA's efforts with those of the Kensington Society and between us we have been in contact with Tesco to try to persuade them to preserve the cottage. Their reactions to date have been mixed, but they did say on the TV news that they were willing to listen and would be willing to meet us. The campaign continues.

TRIPLE TROUBLES

Three long-serving stalwarts of London IWA are currently recovering from heart attacks. Ron Bingham had been waiting for a by-pass operation for some time, which took place in March. Unfortunately he had a further heart attack a few days later. At the time of writing we understand he is still in hospital. Michael Essex-Lopresti was on holiday in California when he had his attack and emergency surgery. He is now at home and reputed to be recovering well. Richard Bird was rushed to hospital from his office a few weeks ago with a repeat of the heart attack he suffered some years ago. This time it has turned out not to be too serious and Richard is now recovering at home. We wish them all speedy recovery.

IWA IN ROAD PROTEST...

IWA national Chairman Audrey Smith has called on the Prime Minister to intervene to prevent the proposed A419 Latton By-Pass obliterating part of the line of the Thames & Severn Canal, currently being restored by the Cotswold Canals Trust along with WRG and other groups. Her protest follows an announcement from the Department of Transport that a navigable culvert would not be provided. Audrey's letter to John Major says *"There is now no alternative but to request your most urgent assistance in resolving the current conflict of policies between the Departments of Transport and Environment which has brought about this absurd situation.....There will undoubtedly be*

national indignation if this short-sighted penny pinching Department of Transport decision is allowed to slip through and sabotage the heroic efforts of so many volunteers."

... BUT NOT THIS ONE

Your Editor was told recently by Peter Coyne, BW Regional Manager, that only prompt action by BW prevented protesters against the Newbury By-pass from breaching the banks of the Kennet & Avon and opening all the paddles at the lock above in order to flood the contractor's workings. What a pity that the protesters should turn to methods that will alienate many of us who have a lot of sympathy for their cause.

CANAL MUSEUM

The London Canal Museum is run entirely by volunteers, and they need more of them. In particular they need people who would be willing to staff the museum during its opening hours (10am to 4.30pm daily except Mondays). If you are willing to help or would like to find out more before committing yourself, please phone the Museum on (0171) 713 0836. The Museum is in New Wharf Road, near King's Cross station and alongside Battlebridge Basin on the Regent's Canal.

DIFFERENT WAY TO GO?

Have you ever fancied travelling to the National Waterways Festival by an unusual method? If you'd like to do it in a particularly energetic way, you could take part as a guest runner in South Cheshire Harriers 70-mile race (over two days) from last year's 'National' site in Chester to this year's event at Windmill End. Runner will leave Chester on Friday 23 August. The athletes will break overnight and regroup about a mile from the Dudley site next day, to arrive after the opening ceremony. Funds will be raised by sponsorship and a draw for *Beatrice*, the North Staffs handicapped children boat and WRG. Details are available from Terry Davies on (01270) 664 093.

ANOTHER DONATION

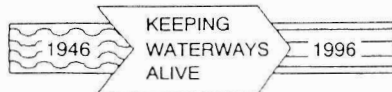
Since I wrote the item on page 10 about donations, the Region Committee had agreed a further donation, of £300 to the Anderton Lift Trust.

SEE YOU SOON !

As I write, our Jubilee events are about to start (see details on pages 4 & 5). Wendy and I are hoping to be at all the waterborne events in *Felis Catus II* and would be pleased to say hello to *Excalibur* readers.



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SOCIAL MEETING AT THE CANAL MUSEUM

Instead of our usual speaker meeting at South Norwood on Wednesday 8 May, South London Branch will be holding a social meeting at the London Canal Museum, together with some of the boaters who will be on their way from Canalway Cavalcade the previous weekend to Limehouse for the Campaign Cruise past Parliament the next day. There will be no charge for admission, but donations to the Museum will be invited.

The Museum is at 12/13 New Wharf Road, King's Cross. If you are coming by public transport or by car, from King's Cross station walk up York Way and look out for the signs sending you right into Wharfedale Road and left into New Wharf Road. If you would like a lift either from our meeting venue in South Norwood or from our venue in Mottingham, or if you could offer somebody a lift from either of these places, please fill in the slip below and return it to me at the address above by Monday 29 April.

THE LAST FEW MEETINGS OF THE SEASON

Mottingham Fri 16 April, 8pm. Arthur Farrand Radley : *The Grand Surrey Canal and the Surrey Docks*

Mottingham Fri 31 May, 8pm. Waterways Quiz

S Norwood Wed 12 June, 8pm. Waterways Quiz

HELP IS WANTED on Saturday 8 June when we are taking part in an Youth Activities event at South Norwood Lake (in conjunction with Croydon Youth Service). Volunteers please contact Mary Llewellyn on (0181) 653 4862.

DURING THE SUMMER we are hoping to organise some evening visits and open-air activities. Details to follow.

SOUTH LONDON BRANCH SOCIAL EVENT AT THE LONDON CANAL MUSEUM, Wednesday 8 May

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RSVP by 25th April 1996

To The Chairman and Committee of the London Region of the
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NORTH & EAST LONDON BRANCH MATTERS.....

You are invited to MAKE YOUR PRESENCE FELT!!

(1) IWA GOLDEN JUBILEE 'JIGSAW'

We are 'sending off' our branch's jigsaw piece aboard the narrowboat 'Auntie Barb' from the Navigation Inn at Ponders End. This will be the first leg of it's journey to Birmingham to join the other Regions' jigsaw pieces.

Please come along and lend your support (1pm 28th April 1996)

(2) THREE MILLS BOAT RALLY 1ST & 2ND JUNE 1996

Your branch and the St. Pancras Cruising Club will be holding this rally in east London. There will be stalls, street entertainers etc.

SPCC have organised three cruises during the rally, Three Mills Pool & Chanalsea River, Bow Back Rivers Loop & Waterworks cruises.

The nearest stations for the rally are Bromley-by-Bow (District Line) and Pudding Mill Lane (DLR).

For more details contact Alan Russell (General enquiries 0181-529-0689)

Debbie Bevan (Publicity 0181-367-6227)

Roger Squires (Boat bookings 0171-232-0987)