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The John Heap Salver, IWA's national annual award for fund-raising, was awarded posthumously to Richard Bird. The presentation was made to his widow, Dorothy, at Canalway Cavalcade.

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From the Editor

SO WHO WAS FIRST THEN?

Readers of recent issues of *Canal and Riverboat* will have seen an exchange between its editor and IWA national Chairman Audrey Smith. In their June issue, Chris Cattrall wrote an editorial claiming (no doubt correctly) that it was thanks to C&R News Editor Bob Clarke that the House of Commons adjournment debate on the waterways had taken place. Fair enough. But the article went on to belittle IWA's efforts on the Parliamentary front and to suggest that we had taken our lead from their magazine in campaigning for more public funding for the waterways. Not so! Audrey has replied in a letter published in a subsequent issue, but we in London can add something to what she has said.

I well remember when I first heard of *Canal & Riverboat's* campaign on the funding issue. It was when their columnist Tillerman rang me to congratulate South London Branch on its planned Campaign Cruise, and told me that the magazine was planning a campaign of its own. That campaign was launched in C&R's May 1996 issue, with Bob Clarke's excellent interview with the then Waterways Minister, Robert Jones. But two months before, in their March issue, Tillerman had written of our Parliamentary Campaign Cruise: "*What a splendid idea it is. ... Yes, the age of constructive campaigning may be returning. And remember, 'United we Float, Divided we Sink'.*" Perhaps their Editor should recall that last sentence now.

I'M STILL HERE : HOW ABOUT YOU?

As nobody has come forward to take over the Editorship, I've agreed to stay on until somebody does. It would

make the job more attractive to potential editors if we had some regular contributors they could draw on. Is there a topic that you would feel able to write about on a more-or-less regular basis? Some ideas are planning issues, restoration, local happenings in your own patch, community boats, cruising clubs or anything that you think might interest *Excalibur* readers. Articles can be submitted in any form (including e-mail) but PC-compatible 3½" discs would be preferable to the present Editor (in any format which can be imported into *Word 7*, or, from the next issue, *Pagemaker*, which gives you plenty of scope). If anyone shares my strange passion for the Sinclair QL, I can also read 3½" discs in *Quill* or *Text87* format.

FUTURE ISSUES

Because of the chequered history of our recent publication dates, and continued pressure on my time, I'm not going to try to look more than one issue ahead. But I aim to bring out another issue around Christmas time. Copy date 20th November please.

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Canalway Cavalcade sees record crowd of boats



Chris Barber at the helm of nb Sun, the oldest boat at the event, winner of the boat-handling competition and a runner-up for the Cruise Electric Trophy.

PHOTO : Mike Stevens

This year's Canalway Cavalcade at Little Venice over the May Day Bank Holiday weekend attracted a record number of boats. Around 180 boats from as far afield as Birmingham and Peterborough came, filling Browning's Pool and stretching for half a mile along the Delamere Terrace moorings. The boats included a particularly good turnout of historic narrowboats, the oldest of which (*Sun*, built in 1893 and now owned by Chris Barber) won the boat-handling competition.

The theme for this year's Canalway Cavalcade was *Roses and Castles*, the motifs of traditional narrowboat decoration. This was to mark the 50th anniversary of an exhibition of canal art and artifacts organised by the IWA. That exhibition was opened by IWA's first President, Sir Alan Herbert, whose daughter, Mrs Crystal Hale, opened this year's cavalcade. She has followed firmly in her father's footsteps as a

waterways enthusiast. Among other things she founded the Islington Boat Club (See article in Summer 1995 issue of *Excalibur*) and plays a prominent rôle in the organisation operating *Angel of Islington*, one of London's community boats. In opening Canalway Cavalcade she said how delighted her father would have been to see the event.

Other speakers at the opening ceremony were Councillor Robert Davis (Lord Mayor of Westminster), Arthur Farrand Radley MBE (one of IWA's London Region Vice-Presidents) and Peter Coyne (Southern Region Manager of British Waterways). They were introduced by our London Region Chairman, Libby Bradshaw.

One highlight of the weekend was the presentation of the John Heap Salver, IWA's prestigious national award for an exceptional contribution to the

association's fund-raising. The award is made annually and this year was awarded posthumously to Richard Bird, who had been Canalway Cavalcade's trade-show organiser for some years. He won the award for, amongst other things, his organisation last year of IWA's Golden Jubilee Draw which raised over £7,000 for waterways causes. At Canalway Cavalcade, the award was presented to Richard's widow, Dorothy, by IWA's national Deputy Chairman, Alan Jervis (*See front cover photo*).

Public attendance was not the best we've seen, partly because a General Election is a tough competitor for publicity and partly because of bad weather on the Monday. But those who came enjoyed our usual range of entertainments and our biggest Trade Show ever.

The final financial outcome of this year's event isn't to hand as I write, but the Treasurer, Ian Ferguson, tells me that we were in profit before the event opened and substantially more so by the time it finished. This is particularly satisfying as we had less sponsorship than in recent years. We were glad that British Waterways were able to come up with a similar level of sponsorship to what they have provided in recent years, this time in a different form, and we were grateful for sponsorship in kind from a number of organisations including Leighton Printing, Playlight Hire and the City of Westminster.

Mike Stevens

Next year's Canalway Cavalcade will be on 2 - 4 May 1998 : all enquiries to Libby Bradshaw on (0181) 874 2787.

WINNERS OF COMPETITIONS AT CANALWAY CAVALCADE

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

- WINNER nb *Aunt Lucy* (Tony & Karen Jankel)
 2nd nb *Pajant* (Paul Strudwick)
 3rd nb *Betty G* (Alec & Betty Gosling)

THE BUCKBY CAN TROPHY for the best decoration of a boat by a group or society :

- WINNER The London Waterway Recovery Group (their fourth successive victory in this event) on nb *Fulbourne*
 RUNNERS-UP The Church Army Hartley Centre on nb *Hartley Harlequin*.

THE CRUISE ELECTRIC TROPHY for the best illuminated boat :

- WINNER nb *Jubilee* (The Inland Waterways Association)
 EQUAL RUNNERS-UP
 nb *Milesaway* (Peter & Pam Miles)
 nb *Anne-Louise* (Beryl Windsor)
 nb *Sun* (Chris Barber)

THE WESTMINSTER TROPHY for the boat-handling competition :

- WINNER Chris Barber on nb *Sun*.
 EQUAL RUNNERS-UP
 David Daines on nb *Lynx*
 Alec Gosling on nb *Betty G*.

THE VIC TROTT MEMORIAL TROPHY for traditional "Boaters' Sunday Best" costumes:

- WINNERS David Chamberlain & Nicky Bourke

THE PROGRAMME PRIZE, a mid-week break for four on a luxury narrowboat (donated by Bridgewater Boats) was won by Mark Harris from Edinburgh.

From the Region Chairman

This is the time of year for waterways events all over the country and London Region is no exception. I am writing this at the Limehouse Festival (*Full report in our next issue. Ed.*) where we are pleased to welcome boats from many parts of the country, largely on their way to the "National" at Henley. Among other things, this event and the subsequent tideway cruises offer opportunities for boaters to experience the tidal Thames in the safe company of those who know it well.

Earlier in the year I was please to welcome Lady Knollys to Canalway Cavalcade on the May Bank Holiday Monday. She had recently been appointed as Chairman of IWAAC, the Inland Waterways Amenity Advisory Council, and had expressed an interest in visiting our event informally and meeting with waterway users. This visit brought home to me just how wide a range of waterway interests are represented at our event. The opportunity for this kind of informal networking between organisations outside "official" meetings is a valuable

spin-off. During her visit, Lady Knollys was able to meet senior representatives of most of the boating organisations, many IWA Branches, Canal Societies, Restoration Groups and some members of IWA Council.

Looking forward, October will see one of the major landmarks in canal restoration. The re-opening of Aston flight of locks on the Montgomery Canal will be the completion of what is believed to be the largest civil engineering works ever carried out by volunteer labour. The construction of the nature reserve alongside the lock flight to allow the flight to be restored was a magnificent achievement not only for those who built it but also for those who thought up the idea when an impossible hurdle to the restoration was met. WRG is arranging a "small" celebration to mark the event and would appreciate as much support as possible : how about joining us at the "Mont" on the weekend of 11th & 12th October?

Libby Bradshaw

Graham Capelin, 1947-97

We were very sad to hear of the death of Graham Capelin on Sunday June 22nd after suffering from emphysema. Graham was 49. Many *Excalibur* readers may not have known Graham by name, but anyone at Canalway Cavalcade in the early '90s will remember his narrowboat *Marah* disguised as a tube train, sponsored by Graham's employers, the Bakerloo Line. The sight of this emerging from Maida Hill tunnel was one that stuck in the memory.

Graham's interest in canals started from model railway research and developed after two trips, one on the Thames and one on the Shroppie, in the early 1970s. He was a life member of IWA and an active member of St Pancras Cruising Club, where he moored *Marah*. He will be missed by many people.

His close friends knew that Graham wanted donations in his memory to go to the IWA. Please send cheques (made out to *The Inland Waterways Association*) to Libby Bradshaw (address ion page 2).

Three Mills Rally of Boats



The Sports Minister, Tony Banks, (centre) walks round the site with some of the organisers and IWA Officers.

PHOTO : Tim Lewis

IWA N&E London Branch, with St Pancras Cruising Club, held their second boat rally at Three Mills on 21st & 22nd June. Following months of planning, all seemed set (as much as it ever does!) for a good weekend : over 40 boats booked in and the Minister for Sport, (and local MP), Tony Banks, due to open the rally on Saturday. Then it rained.

The rally opened at 10am and, despite the weather, quite a few people came. The Lower Lea Project ran workshops for children, the House Mill was open for tours and guided walks round the area were on offer. The animals from the Lee Valley Region Park Authority's children's farm proved popular and didn't seem fazed by the public or the stilt-walker.

By late morning the wind was really strong and the canopy covering the PA system was blown into the Mill Pond. Help was on hand from the River Police motor launch which raced to the rescue. The Sports Minister arrived at lunchtime for a reception in the Miller's House. Most of the organisations involved in the Rally were represented : Lee Valley Regional Park Authority, BW, Stratford Development Corporation, St Pancras CC, the Lower Lea Project, the River Lea Tide Mill Trust and, of course, IWA. Later the Minister officially opened the rally, speaking about the efforts of all the bodies involved in the revival of Three Mills and the importance of organisations like IWA in campaigning

for the restoration and preservation of valuable amenities. Despite the rain he found time to walk round the site.

Following the boaters' barbecue run by St Pancras CC on Saturday evening, the Daystar Theatre, braving high winds and deafening rain, performed *Something in the Water* in the marquee, sponsored by IWA N&E London Branch. Further entertainment was provided by the playing and singing of Roy Jones. On Sunday afternoon Daystar's second play, *A Voyage of Discovery* was sponsored by the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority.

The local church held a service on site on Sunday morning with the congregation managing to sing above the rain. The first prize in the "Best-Decorated Boat" competition, a Buckby Can painted by Tim Whitelock, went to Beryl Windsor's nb *Anne-Louise*, whose theme, *Picnic Abandoned*, appropriately featured a rooftop picnic abandoned due to rain. The second prize, a year's subscription to *Waterways World*, donated by the magazine, was won by Peter Cocup and Peter Ward of nb *Kitty*, last year's winners. The rally closed on Sunday afternoon with the by-now-soaked organisers wondering if we could face doing it all again next year. Of course we can! We would like to thank the many people who helped set up and run the rally : you know who you are!

Debbie Bevan

On the Metreau

News and gossip of London's Waterways

THE BEST NEWS YET?

The Thames and Severn Canal restoration has been saved. The long-fought campaign to prevent a blockage by the A419 bypass at Latton has been won, and work on the navigable culvert has started already. Let us hope that this victory for common-sense prefigures other decisions yet to be made by the new combined Transport and Environment Super-Ministry. The more recent Government announcements about which road projects will and which won't go ahead appear to your Editor to leave battles still to be fought on the BCN and outside Derby.

REGION DRAW : DONATIONS

~~F~~ixalibur readers will recall that last year's Region Draw raised just over £7,000 of which £4,000 was given to the IWA Golden Jubilee Appeal. Of the remainder, it was always our intention to keep some towards the Region's running expenses, the purpose for which the Draw was set up a few years ago. We decided some time ago in principle that we would donate a further £2,000 to specific restoration projects. This has now been allocated, after advice was taken from national and local restoration volunteer groups. £750 each have been given to the Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Trust and the Herefordshire and Gloucestershire Canal Trust, and £500 to the Wey and Arun Canal Trust.

RICHARD BIRD

In recognition of Richard's many fund-raising activities for IWA, he was posthumously awarded the John Heap Salver, IWA's prestigious annual award for fund-raising. This was the first time that a national IWA award had

been awarded posthumously. It was not, however, the first, or even the second, time that this particular award had been given to Richard, which says much about the many years of hard work he has put in, particularly to fund-raising for WRG. The Salver was presented to Richard's widow, Dorothy by IWA National Deputy Chairman Alan Jervis at Canalway Cavalcade (See front-page picture).

More recently news is that the Golden Jubilee Appeal has now funded a further van for WRG, for which they are purchasing a personalised number plate featuring Richard's initials, RFB. South London Branch and London Region Committees are looking at a number of ideas for a London-based memorial of some kind to Richard. Discussions are still at an early stage, and further suggestions would be welcome. If you have any ideas, please contact any member of either Committee (see page 2).

SOUTH LONDON BRANCH EVENTS

As last year, we took part in the Borough of Croydon's *Take Part* event for young people at South Norwood Lake, one of the reservoirs for the former Croydon Canal. 96 youngsters completed a *Waterways for Youth* passport scheme, over 50% increase on last year. For next year we are hoping to increase the range of activities we offer.

We also took our Branch Stand to the first-ever Putney Boat Festival, for which one of the main organising groups was the Tideway Adventurers, a group we support and who helped at Canalway Cavalcade. The event had a lot of potential, sadly spoilt by filthy

weather. (It was the same weekend as the Three Mills Rally, see page 7).

By the time you read this we shall either be about to, or shall just have, run another group of *Waterways for Youth* activities at Hillingdon Canal Club's Community Open Day.

REGION CENTRAL LONDON SOCIAL MEETINGS

Looking at the meetings set out in our *Waterways Events* pages, we hope you will spot a change of style for these. We want to make them a bit different from the kinds of meetings run by Branches, so that the two types are seen as complementary rather than in competition. We intend to try to link more of them with other things going on in the Region (such as the talk about the Lichfield and Hatherton Canals to whom the Region and two of its branches have made recent contributions), and the seminar on planning and navigation matters, to be led by members of our Plan/Nav Committee, which we plan to make a regular 6-monthly feature. We plan an annual meeting on an international topic, and the first of these will be a talk in November by Rupert and Alison Smedley about their soon-to-be-completed world tour in search of canals (see page 11)

COMMITTEE CHANGES

The round of AGMs and subsequent Committee meetings has produced a number of changes. Middlesex Branch has recruited three new Committee members, John and Julie Rogers and Annie Evans. Julie has taken over as Branch Secretary. Mike Stimpson was confirmed as Publicity Officer, a post to which he was co-opted during the year. Rosie Limming, having stood down as Secretary, continues as Sales Officer. Other posts are unchanged.

North and East London Branch also has a change of Secretary, Cathy Russell standing down and being replaced by Marcia Davies who has done the job before, both for this Branch and for the former London Branch. No other changes here.

In South London Branch the only change is that David Llewellyn, having been Acting Chairman for nearly a year since Libby's elevation to the Region Chair, has now been elected to the Chair substantively, with David Young becoming his Deputy Chairman.

There are no changes on the Region Committee except that change of the South London Chair. We look forward to Alison Smedley's return to the Committee soon when she comes back from her travels.

MEETING VENUES

In our last issue we mentioned the additional venue which Middlesex Branch is launching at the *White Cross Hotel* in Richmond-on-Thames. The first meeting is in September, when your Editor will speak about the BCN.

We also told you of N&E London Branch's enforced move to a different pub for their Islington socials, because the previous one closed for refurbishment. Now they tell us of another change: they will meet at the same pub as at the end of last season, but it's changed its name. What used to be the *Three Johns* is now the *Jay Cubed* (or *J³*: I gather the pub uses both forms). It's in White Lion Street, near Angel tube station.

Central London Socials will continue to be at the *Barley Mow* in Horseferry Road, but we've agreed to pay them rather more in order to have guaranteed use of the pleasant upstairs

room rather than the less attractive one in the basement.

IWA NATIONAL AGM

If this isn't in your diary yet, please note that it is at 2:15 pm on Saturday 27th September in Leamington Spa. All details will be in *IWA Waterways*.

UP THE CREEK WITHOUT

There is a lot going on at the mouth of the River Wandle (variously known as Wandle Creek or Wandsworth Creek). The Wandle Delta Forum is a meeting-place for a number of interested parties, and IWA is represented there by our Region Chairman, Libby Bradshaw, who lives in Wandsworth. Various development proposals are being put forward, some more acceptable than others, and one of IWA's honorary consulting engineers, Roy Sutton, contributed advice on the design of a footbridge to take the Thames Path across the mouth of the Creek at a navigable height.

One of the plans is for a watersports centre, making use of the existence of the existing automatic half-tide barrier to impound water at a usable depth. There was a weekend of activities there in May which some of us had hoped to attend by boat, once again making use of the impounded water for overnight mooring. Bad weather decided us against the idea : it sounded as if we might not get back across the tideway that weekend. It was just as well that we didn't go as, for some reason, the half-tide barrier failed to operate that weekend. There have been mutterings about sabotage, but the truth will probably never be known. At the time of writing various dates in the Autumn are being canvassed for another event there, subject to the barrier being returned to full reliability.

LEAP FOR JOY?

The former National Rivers Authority's Catchment Management Plans are being replaced by LEAPs : Local Environment Agency Plans, each covering a relatively small area defined by a river catchment. Your Editor attended the launch of, and is currently studying, the consultative draft of the LEAP for the Thames tideway from Teddington to Tower Bridge (which overlaps in places with the River Mole and Lower Thames LEAPs). It is a lengthy document which starts from the geology and climate of the area and proceeds through pressures on the environment to the state of the environment and options for action. My initial impression (based, as yet, on a very quick skim-read) is that those parts which are of direct or indirect relevance to us, (such as commercial navigation, recreation and amenity, water quality and landscape and heritage) are broadly what we would want them to be. I shall comment in more detail to our Planning and Navigation Committee in time for our formal comments to be in by the October deadline.

TIDEWAY VISITOR MOORINGS

There are some new visitor moorings on the Thames Tideway which will be of use to boaters wanting somewhere to stop over between Limehouse and Brentford or Teddington. They are at Chiswick Pier. Details of availability and charges can be obtained from (0181) 742 2713.

PADDINGTON BASIN

Rumour has it that the latest proposals for Paddington Basin will make life difficult for full-length narrowboats. More details in our next issue.

Around the world in search of canals

A letter from overseas

Dear Editor (Mike? or is there a new one?)

As your ex-Region-Secretary is now half-way round the world, I thought I'd tell you what canals we've found.

On leaving London in January we spent six weeks in Africa where we didn't find any canals at all! In Zimbabwe we did see the Victoria Falls, an amazing sight on the Zambezi River with leisurely "sunset cruises" on the calm water above the falls and white-water rafting below.

We went across Zambia by train and spent 2 days travelling up Lake Tanganyika on the historic steamer *Leimba*. Lake Tanganyika apparently holds 12% of the world's fresh water (excluding ice at the poles), which could be true since it's nearly 700 km long and 1½ km deep!

After crossing Tanzania (again by train) we got to the coast where we found a wide variety of fishing and coastal vessels. We spent a week on the exotic island of Zanzibar before heading to Kenya to see some animals.

Having seen plenty of wildlife (lions, leopards, giraffes, cheetahs, elephants and all the rest) we flew to India. We spent a few weeks exploring the splendid palaces, forts and temples of Rajasthan (where the only boat-related things were palaces in the middle of lakes). Then we headed south and FINALLY found some

CANALS! The "backwaters" of Kerala form an extensive network of canals and lakes used for drainage, irrigation and navigation. We explored the area for a few days using the very cheap local ferry service. One day we even went through a lock!

We also found canals (albeit somewhat derelict) in Madras and Calcutta. Much to our amusement one canal in Madras was called the Buckingham Canal. We found a lock with guillotine gates on that one. In Calcutta one lock (with mitre gates) seemed to be in the process of being rebuilt.

Well, that's about it for canals so far - there aren't any in Nepal, nor on the Tibetan Plateau! We are heading across China now and hope to see something of the Grand Canal.

We'll be home again in September, and once Rupert has sorted out his slides, we'll probably be persuaded to show them at a Central London Social. See you all then.

I hope all the year's boating events are going well.

Regards, Alison Smedley

EDITOR'S NOTE

The above was written in June. I heard recently from Rupert and Alison in Australia. They will be talking about their travels at the November Central London Social

AN ADVENTURE NEARER HOME

Our Region Chairman's boat *Panacea* was the shortest of the eleven who ventured down the tidal Thames and into the Medway recently under the organisation of St Pancras Cruising Club. Congratulations for this successful venture go to Dave Harris of nb *Lucy*, the prime organiser, and Roger Squires, Commodore of St Pancras CC whose careful preview of the route ensured that all safety factors had been covered.

Libby Bradshaw

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Waterways events in and around London

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

SEPTEMBER

Daily until 31 st October	LONDON CANAL MUSEUM EXHIBITION : <i>Women and Children of the Canals</i>
Monday 1 st , 8 pm	IWA N & E LONDON BRANCH ISLINGTON SOCIAL. Tim Lewis : <i>Canals of London and the South-East</i> .
Sunday 7 th 11:30am → 5:30pm	ANGEL DAY in and around City Road Basin, Islington. Contact : Mrs Crystal Hale (0171) 226 4597
Sunday 7 th , 2:30 pm	LONDON IWA WITH <i>LONDON WALKS</i> : GUIDED TOWPATH WALK : Three Mills & the Bow Back Rivers. Meet at Bromley-by-Bow tube station
Tuesday 9 th , 7.30 for 8 pm	IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH UXBRIDGE SOCIAL : Fire safety display
Wednesday 10 th , 8 pm	IWA S LONDON BRANCH SOUTH NORWOOD SOCIAL : David Delaney : <i>History of the Croydon Canal</i>
Thursday 11 th , 7 pm	LONDON CANAL MUSEUM LECTURE: London Waterways : Mark Bensted (BW Waterway Manager) : <i>London Waterways - a catalyst for regeneration</i>
Weekend 13 th & 14 th	LONDON WATERWAY RECOVERY GROUP : Dig on the Hereford & Gloucester Canal (with KESCRG) .
Sunday 14 ^h	SLOUGH ARM DAY
Tuesday 16 th , 8 pm	IWA N & E LONDON BRANCH EDMONTON SOCIAL. Speaker to be announced.
Tuesday 16 th , 7:45 for 8 pm	IWA HERTS BRANCH : Tony Conder (National Waterways Museum) : <i>In Cressy's Wake</i>
Thursday 18 th , 7 for 7:30 pm	IWA LONDON REGION CENTRAL LONDON SOCIAL : Eric Wood : <i>The Lichfield and Hatherton Canals</i>
Sunday 21 st , 2:30 pm	LONDON IWA WITH <i>LONDON WALKS</i> : GUIDED TOWPATH WALK : The Regent's Canal, Camden to Islington. Meet at Camden Town tube station
Tuesday 23 rd , 8 pm	IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH RICHMOND SOCIAL : Mike Stevens : <i>The Birmingham Canal Navigations</i>
Friday 26 th , 8 pm	IWA S LONDON BRANCH MOTTINGHAM SOCIAL. Roger Squires : <i>Narrowboats to the Medway</i> .
Saturday 27 th , 7:30 pm	IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH with HILLINGDON CANAL CLUB. Performance by Daystar Theatre Group at the Club.
Weekend 27 th & 28 th	LONDON WRG : Dig at Oxenhall on the Hereford & Gloucester Canal

OCTOBER

Sunday 5 th , 2:30 pm	LONDON IWA WITH <i>LONDON WALKS</i> : GUIDED TOWPATH WALK : The Regent's Canal, Islington to Mile End. Meet at Angel tube station
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Monday 6 th , 8 pm	IWA N & E LONDON BRANCH ISLINGTON SOCIAL. Roger Squires : <i>Narrowboats to the Medway.</i>
Daily 7 th Oct → 30 th Nov	LONDON CANAL MUSEUM EXHIBITION : <i>Waterways rescue, past, present and future</i>
Thursday 9 th , 7 pm	LONDON CANAL MUSEUM LECTURE. Arthur Farrand Radley : <i>20 years of waterways campaign rallies</i>
Tuesday 14 th , 7.30 for 8 pm	IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH UXBRIDGE SOCIAL : Arthur Farrand Radley : <i>Canal tramway feeders.</i>
Wednesday 15 th , 8 pm	IWA S LONDON BRANCH SOUTH NORWOOD SOCIAL : Mr Moir : <i>Norway by ship and minibus.</i>
Thursday 16 th , 7 for 7:30 pm	IWA LONDON REGION CENTRAL LONDON SOCIAL : Seminar on planning & navigation matters
Sunday 19 th , 2:30 pm	LONDON IWA WITH <i>LONDON WALKS</i> : GUIDED TOWPATH WALK : The Regent's Canal, Mile End to Limehouse. Meet at Mile End tube station
Tuesday 21 st , 8 pm	IWA N & E LONDON BRANCH EDMONTON SOCIAL. Speaker to be announced.
Tuesday 21 st , 8 pm	IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH RICHMOND SOCIAL : Hugh McKnight : <i>French Waterways</i> (subject to confirmation)
Tuesday 21 st , 7:45 for 8 pm	IWA HERTS BRANCH : John Boyes : <i>Lifts and inclined planes</i>
Friday 31 st , 8 pm	IWA S LONDON BRANCH MOTTINGHAM SOCIAL. <i>Things that go bump in the cut</i> A Hallowe'en event.

NOVEMBER

Weekend 1 st & 2 nd	LONDON WATERWAY RECOVERY GROUP taking part in WRG nation reunion 'big dig' on the Manchester, Bolton & Bury Canal.
Sunday 2 nd , 2:30 pm	LONDON IWA WITH <i>LONDON WALKS</i> : GUIDED TOWPATH WALK : The Regent's Canal, Paddington to Camden. Meet at Warwick Avenue tube station
Monday 3 rd , 8 pm	IWA N & E LONDON BRANCH ISLINGTON SOCIAL. Nick Ely : <i>The work of the Lower Lea Project.</i>
Tuesday 11 th , 7.30 for 8 pm	IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH UXBRIDGE SOCIAL : Patti Briggs : <i>Bats.</i>
Wednesday 12 th , 8 pm	IWA S LONDON BRANCH SOUTH NORWOOD SOCIAL : Peter Coyne (BW Region Manager) : <i>The Kennet & Avon Canal</i>
Thursday 13 th , 7 pm	LONDON CANAL MUSEUM : Chris Ellmers (Museum of London) : <i>Buildings of London's 18th & 19th Century riverfront.</i>
Sunday 16 th , 2:30 pm	LONDON IWA WITH <i>LONDON WALKS</i> : GUIDED TOWPATH WALK : The Regent's Canal, Camden to Islington. Meet at Camden Town tube station
Tuesday 18 th , 8 pm	IWA N & E LONDON BRANCH EDMONTON SOCIAL. Speaker to be announced.

Tuesday 18 th , 7:45 for 8pm	IWA HERTS BRANCH. Ian Fletcher : <i>So you think you want to own a narrowboat?</i>
Thursday 20 th , 7 for 7:30 pm	IWA LONDON REGION CENTRAL LONDON SOCIAL : Rupert & Alison Smedley : <i>Round the world in search of canals.</i>
Weekend 22 nd & 23 rd	LONDON WATERWAY RECOVERY GROUP. Dig to be arranged, possibly on the Wilts & Berks Canal.
Tuesday 25 th , 8 pm	IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH RICHMOND SOCIAL : David Daines : <i>Historic Narrowboats</i>
Friday 28 th , 8 pm	IWA S LONDON BRANCH MOTTINGHAM SOCIAL. Rose Jaijee : <i>The London Rivers Association</i>

DECEMBER

Monday 1 st , 8 pm	IWA N & E LONDON BRANCH ISLINGTON SOCIAL. Speaker to be announced
Daily 2 nd Dec → 4 th Jan	LONDON CANAL MUSEUM EXHIBITION : <i>Canal Art and painted Canal Ware</i>
Weekend 6 th - 7 th	LONDON WATERWAY RECOVERY GROUP. Dig on the Old Stratford & Buckingham Branch of the GU and Christmas Party with KESCRG.
Sunday 7 th , 2:30 pm	LONDON IWA WITH <i>LONDON WALKS</i> : GUIDED TOWPATH WALK : The Regent's Canal, Islington to Mile End. Meet at Angel tube station
Tuesday 9 th , 7.30 for 8 pm	IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH UXBRIDGE SOCIAL : Christmas social event
Wednesday 10 th , 8 pm	IWA S LONDON BRANCH SOUTH NORWOOD SOCIAL : Christmas Dinner (Booking details from Mary Llewellyn : see below)
Thursday 11 th , 7 pm	LONDON CANAL MUSEUM : Tony Conder (National Waterways Museum) : <i>In Cressy's Wake</i>
Thursday 11 th , 7 for 7:30 pm	IWA LONDON REGION CENTRAL LONDON SOCIAL : Quiz & Auction.
Tuesday 16 th , 8 pm	IWA N & E LONDON BRANCH EDMONTON SOCIAL. Speaker to be announced.
Tuesday 16 th , 7:45 for 8 pm	IWA HERTS BRANCH. Christmas social evening & supper, with entertainment by "Keeper's Lock".
Sunday 21 st , 2:30 pm	LONDON IWA WITH <i>LONDON WALKS</i> : GUIDED TOWPATH WALK : The Regent's Canal, Mile End to Limehouse. Meet at Mile End tube station
Friday 26 th , 11 am	LONDON IWA WITH <i>LONDON WALKS</i> : GUIDED TOWPATH WALK : Waterways of Paddington. Meet at Paddington station : taxi exit to Praed Street

VENUE DETAILS & CONTACT PEOPLE

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
IWA CENTRAL LONDON	The Barley Mow, Horseferry Road, SW1. (Nearest tube Victoria or St James' Park)	Libby Bradshaw (0181) 874 2787
IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH (UXBRIDGE)	Hillingdon Canal Club, Uxbridge Wharf, Waterloo Rd, Uxbridge	Mike Stimpson (work) (01923) 770 425
IWA MIDDLESEX BRANCH (RICHMOND)	The White Cross Hotel Water Lane, Riverside Richmond-on-Thames	Mike Stimpson (work) (01923) 770 425
IWA N & E LONDON BRANCH (ISLINGTON)	Jay Cubed (formerly The Three Johns), White Lion Street, Islington. Almost opposite Angel tube station.	Alan Russell (0181) 529 0689
IWA N & E LONDON BRANCH (EDMONTON)	Millfield Arts Centre, Silver St, Edmonton, N18. (Close to the Great Cambridge Rd. junction. ½ mile west of Silver Street BR station).	Tim Lewis (0181) 367 6227
IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH (SOUTH NORWOOD)	The Albion, corner of High St & South Norwood Hill, SE25 (Close to Norwood Junction BR)	Mary Llewellyn (0181) 653 4862
IWA SOUTH LONDON BRANCH (MOTTINGHAM)	The Royal Tavern, Mottingham (corner of Court Rd & Sidcup Rd, close to Mottingham BR).	Mike Stevens (0181) 674 9387
LONDON IWA / LONDON WALKS TOWPATH WALKS	As listed. Each about 2 hours. £4.50 (concessions £3.50).	London Walks (0171) 624 3978
LONDON WATERWAY RECOVERY GROUP	Various venues. Meeting point usually Waterloo Station 7 pm on Friday to travel to site.	Tim Lewis (0181) 367 6227
LONDON CANAL MUSEUM	12 New Wharf Road, King's Cross, London, N1 9RT Opens Tues → Sun, 10 am → 4:30 pm. Admission £2.50, concessions £1.25.	(0171) 713 0836
IWA HERTS BRANCH	Hatfield Cricket Club, Ascots Lane, Welwyn Garden City	Greta Wright (01727) 860 137