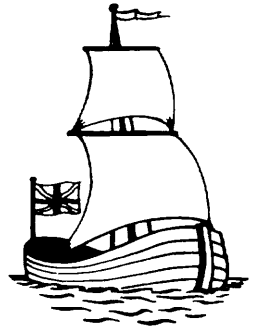


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Readers will be sorry to hear that our hard-working Secretary is indisposed at the moment - probably due to a surfeit of canal water - or Irish Whiskey - judging from samples taken in various spots lately there is not much difference between the two! Seriously, however, we wish him a speedy recovery - who else has a back broad enough to take all the complaints?! I am most grateful to our Chairman, who has stepped/fallen/been pushed into* (* delete where inapplicable) the breach and produced a lengthy and informative report, thus relieving me of the necessity to fill several blank pages at the last minute.

I have been taken to task on one or two occasions in the past year or two over the smallness of the print in the magazine. Briefly, the answer to this is that to reduce costs as much as possible, the magazine is typed on large-size paper and subsequently reduced when printed. This enables us to get much more information into each issue. I am sorry if I am the cause of a run on the opticians, but until funds are available for a nice glossy, professionally-printed magazine, there is little I can do. I have in mind supplying magnifying glasses at a reasonable price through the Sales Section.....

Talking of sales, the Season is in full swing again and our Stalls are appearing at all the usual shows, plus several new venues. Please keep your eyes open for us, and support us whenever possible. Thanks to our good friends Dinah & Dave Davison we are managing to man the Coates Caravan on most Sundays, but I am afraid the weather has not been too helpful there. We really ought to have a floating stand on King's Reach - at least then we would be on the water rather than in it.

Contributions for the next issue should be submitted to me no later than 10th August 1981 to ensure inclusion. Address: Lynfield, Frome Park Rd, Stroud, GL5 3LF.

RON NOTT.

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Chairman's Report

Over the last few years, readers will have become accustomed to finding the Trust Secretary's report in this pace. Unfortunately, David is currently under Doctor's orders to take life quietly for a while, and it falls to me to inform members of recent activities. We hope David will be released from the sick list before long.

It seems these days than more and more is happening to our waterway link, and the pressures of gradually attempting to fulfil our aims continue to grow. Not altogether an unhealthy state of affairs, provided that our support grows in relation.

Much seems to have happened since February, and if I manage to leave events or persons unmentioned, please accept my apologies. Most of the activities have been very much on the positive side, despite the best efforts of the weather, the one dark cloud being the County Council's thoughts on the Stroud Bypass Route, but at least even here positive thinking is occurring regarding the waterway's future.

DANEWAY Discussions have taken place with the Bathurst Estate regarding a Licence to restore the tunnel portal and adjoining canal, which it has been agreed will run for 5 years from 1st June. At the present time the exact details have yet to be finalised, but following this the Trust will be giving serious thought to the best method of launching a specific Portal Appeal. The cottage near the portal will not be included in the initial agreement and a question mark currently hangs over its future.

SPONSORED WALK May 10th tried to break the sequence of fine Walk Days, but after a showery start the weather became much more friendly. An estimated total of 370 walkers took part - a favourable increase on last year - and most of them managed to make the round trip. Several clearance sessions were needed following the April snows, as sections of the route were impassable a week earlier, especially between Puck Mill and Whitehall Bridge. It was interesting to note that a fair percentage of walkers were from some distance away - some even from Kent - one more indication of the growing interest in the waterway world in our activities. A grateful thankyou to all who took part and also to the many helpers and organisers.

PLANT WORKSHOP Following the transport of the mud hoppers from Bath, permission was obtained to demolish and remove a substantial concrete slab building, now resting alongside Newtown Lock. Planning permission is being obtained prior to rebuilding and the creation of a plant storage compound along part of the disused road adjoining. It is intended that this will be a long term site as the continuing absence of a Plant/Engineering workshop is a major drawback in this department.

STROUDWATER BRANCH Although the meeting on 1st April was a reasonable success, it was not felt that there is sufficient strength to support a separate branch at the present time, but several fund-raising/support events are planned for the area in the coming months, I understand. There remains however a need for background support in the area in spheres other than direct physical labour and anyone interested in supporting the Trust activities on a more active basis should contact a Trust Council member.

COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME The Trust Council is currently giving serious consideration to the idea of operating employment schemes on the canal. Hopefully, we shall be looking to two areas - dredging on the Stroudwater with ancillary works - and major lock rebuilding in the South Cerney area. There are at present however problems to be resolved in barge propulsion and emptying before specific details can be formulated for the former. The programme presents an opportunity that the Trust must take advantage of, if we are to make significant forward progress, and it is to be hoped that any scheme agreed will hold the prospect of being adapted and continued for a considerable length of time.

SOUTHERN CANALS MEETING The regular gathering of Canal Organisers met on Sunday April 26th at Cricklade to be our guests for the day and to look at our progress and gain some understanding of problems to be faced. Despite the heavy overnight snowfall there were representative groups from Basigstoke, Neath & Tennant, Wey & Arun, Wilts & Berks, with apologies from several others. The highlight of the day was perhaps the sight of most of the party engaged in a hectic snowballing session at Coates! Overall, after allowances for blocked roads, non-starting cars and power cuts, it was a worthwhile occasion, giving the opportunity to meet with our fellow colleagues for a fruitful interchange of views and ideas.

LAUNCH OF HIGHER THAMES SCHEME Monday 11th May saw an eventful day in the restoration of a waterway link between Thames and Severn, with a press launch by Oxford & South Bucks Branch of the Inland Waterways Association to promote the improvement of river navigation upstream from Inglesham to Cricklade. The specifics of the Scheme are outlined in a feasibility study carried out by Sir Alexander Gibb & Partners and copies of both this and the Companion Report are available from either the Thames End Branch Secretary or Sales Team, price £4.75 for both reports if collected, or by post from the Trust Sales Section (see inside back cover of this issue) at £5.25 including postage and packing.

The report suggests that 3 new locks would be needed at Hannington, Castle Eaton and Water Eaton, with the possibility of a link to the Thames & Severn Canal in the Cricklade area. Such a prospect would dramatically affect the fortunes of the Trust and dovetail in to the current pattern of restoration in the Cotswold Water Park area. Although the Branch has been working on the project for 18 months now, the launch is only the start of public participation, and one of the next steps will be to expand the steering committee to take in representatives from private land owners and the various ecological aspects, etc.

Thames Water Authority remains to be convinced of the merits of the scheme, which will be going before the full council in June, and to date the response of the committees which have discussed it has been cool. There is a tremendous amount of national interest in the possibilities of the scheme and its implications, with many of the leading figures in Waterway activity being present on the day to give their moral and verbal support.

The Trust has taken an active interest in the scheme from the outset and has latterly been represented on the steering committee. This will continue to operate in the enlarged committee. A more detailed analysis of the report will follow in further editions of 'The Trow' together with an update on progress.

A TRIBUTE TO ROBERT AICKMAN As many readers will no doubt be aware, Robert Aickman, Founder of the Inland Waterways Association, and a Vice-President of this Trust, died in a London Hospital on 26th February after a long illness.

The survival of a recognizable inland waterway system in Britain owes much to his effort and determination extended over more than 30 years; we have lost a valued elder statesman; for without his involvement, organisations such as our own would never perhaps have come into existence.

It would be a grand gesture of tribute indeed, to build on the foundations laid so ably, not just to secure the retention of our present system, but to promote positive extension, initially through such as a restored Basingstoke or Kennet & Avon, and flowing on to pastures new such as the Wey & Arun, or our own route - is it such an impossible dream?

STROUD BY-PASS ROUTE Elsewhere in this edition is a letter from Gloucestershire County Council which we have been asked to publish, regarding their views on the future of the Canal in the Wallbridge area of Central Stroud. Discussions have been taking place for some months on a low key with Council Departments but to date no satisfactory answer has been produced to the possibility of perhaps 400 yards of canal and a lock disappearing below a new relief road. The Canal between Bowbridge and Wallbridge is still owned by the County Council and is a critical area if we are to retain the long-term aim of a through route. There is to be an exhibition in Stroud in late August to display the proposals, and the Trust will also be arranging a presentation to promote the argument for the retention of a navigable route through this area, and to bring to the general public some idea of the benefits to the community to be gained. May I take this opportunity to urge all who read this magazine to visit the exhibition to make themselves fully aware of the scheme and the problems to be surmounted. Your support is vital in this problem and we must do all we can to muster new members and support in striving to reach an acceptable solution during continuing discussions.

SHELL AWARD SCHEME 1981 The Trust Council are currently considering application details for this year's scheme.

MONTGOMERY VISIT Two car loads of volunteers visited the Careghofa site for a weekend in late March to give our colleagues there some physical support. The weekend was most enjoyable and consisted largely of relaying bricks on the lower spill weir - it sounds easy until one tries to get angles and levels correct! Saturday night was spent in the Four Crosses luxurious village hall after a flying visit to Welsh Frankton to see movie films taken of former Montgomery digs from 1969 onwards. Anyone interested in future trips should contact one of the working party organisers.

Footnote - Weekend scheduled for the Basingstoke on 18/19th July to obtain some basic knowledge of bricklaying techniques. Numbers will be restricted but if you would like to come along please enquire.

ADVANCE NOTICE Trust A.G.M. and Walk Awards Saturday 26 September.

DAVID PILLINGER.

Working Party Reports

STROUD Since the last report, working parties have been dotted about up and down the Stroud Valley tackling numerous jobs, with even a trip to Bath thrown in to collect our new second-hand building kindly given to us by British Rail.

The one notable job completed was the two dams at Griffins and Ham Mills, including the installation of a new paddle, and the flooding of these two pounds. The weekend of snow also caused extra work clearing the towpath ready for the Sponsored Walk.

Jobs for the next three months are already lined up and cover a wide range from preparing and painting the barges to erecting our new compound and building. The Easter weekend did not achieve the clearance of Newtown Lock that had been hoped for but this has been re-scheduled for June 13/14th. Immediately after this we have to move the Wolf dragline to Ryeford in readiness for unloading the mud barges.

Venues for the forthcoming working parties are uncertain at the moment but directions will be posted on our site hut at Newtown Lock, or you are more than welcome to ring me anytime, as other dates are worked at short notice.

Future dates - starting at 10 a.m.:-

June 13/14th	June 28th	July 12th
July 26th	August 9th	September 6th

We also work Thursday evenings during the summer, so if you find Sunday's difficult, you are welcome to come along on one of these evening stints.

JON WILLIS
Gloucester 416594

CERNEY WICK - WILMOREWAY Slow progress has been made towards the Crane modifications and all being well it should be clearing the Lock this summer.

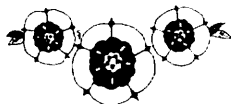
The main action has been centred on the Wilmoreway Site, with bed clearance now 400 yards above the upper lock. Towpath rebuilding has been largely completed, while the stop-planks were the scene of an impressive waterfall in March.

Coming working dates are likely to be divided between both sites so a prior telephone call might be advisable if you are thinking of coming along. Dates are:-

June 27/28th	August 1/2nd (plus Kent & East Sussex IWA)
July 25/26th	August 22/23rd

Please contact me for further information.

KEN BURGIN
3 Gas Lane,
Cricklade, Wilts
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THAMES END BRANCH - SECRETARY'S REPORT

Following the recent Branch A.G.M., Sue Hilton expressed the wish to relinquish the position of Secretary to the Branch after a period of almost two years. Only those who have been closely concerned with the Branch since its formation will appreciate the tremendous amount of hard work and commitment that Sue has given to establishing a real Trust presence in the area. Her work (and the efforts of a few others) has ensured that the Branch now has a sound base on which to progress. Although she and her husband, Jim, are possibly moving I'm sure that I reflect the wishes and sentiments of many active Trust members in hoping that their new home (or hostelry) will be sufficiently close that they can remain active in bringing the seeds sown to fruition.

A.G.M. There was a good attendance at the Branch AGM held in early April at the Spotted Cow. The new committee of ten elected is: Ken Burgin (Chairman), David Lewis (Secretary), Bob Bulpin (Treasurer), Roger Armstrong, Alan Barlow, Peter Chadwick, Jim Hilton, Sue Hilton, Dave Taylor, Elana Taylor. The formal proceedings were followed by a slide show given by David Boakes.

The last few months have seen a sharp increase in the extent of the activities of the Branch. While restoration work continues apace, we have devoted much time and effort to fund-raising and increasing the awareness of the general public of our aims and achievements. Before giving a brief resume, an appeal: physical canal restoration is not everybody's cup of tea, but there are many other aspects that are just as vital to the Trust. So if you want the Trust to succeed, then please consider giving a hand. There are many jobs, such as helping on a sales stand or a display stand, helping with Jumble Sales, assisting in social events, etc. Many hands make light work! Every hour that you can spend will help us to re-open the canal that much earlier. If you want to learn more about what's going on before making any commitment, then give me a ring or come along to one of our informal monthly get-togethers. (It's a good excuse for a pint!)

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50/50 AUCTION This event, which was eventually held at the Palmer Hall at the end of February, proved to be a tremendous success, with a net profit of over £200. Our thanks go to all who subscribed.

JUMBLE SALE We held a Jumble Sale at Moredon, Swindon, in March. Due to absolutely atrocious weather only a small sum was raised, but it all counts!

CANAL EXPOSITION The Trust organised a display and sales stand in the Brunel Centre, Swindon, on Easter Saturday. The Kennet & Avon Canal Trust and the Wilts & Berks Canal Amenity Group were invited to join us. It was very heartening to see the interest and appreciation that the Trust attracted. This, and the number of contacts made, have ensured that we shall be looking to repeat the occasion.

DISPLAY STANDS We recently had a window display of the Trusts aims and achievements in the West Bromwich Building Society in Swindon. From the number of complimentary comments received both by us and apparently by the West Bromwich, there is considerable publicity available by these means that benefits both us and the window owners. Therefore, if anyone knows of another window that would be willing to take our display, please contact me.

DUDLEY TUNNEL COACH TRIP A very enjoyable day out at the Black Country Museum was climaxed for the 44 people on our coach outing by a trip through the fascinating Dudley Tunnel. At 1½ miles long, this is the longest canal tunnel still open. It must surely also be the narrowest! (Nearly everyone had a go at legging - it took us almost 3 hours to complete the journey). The Dudley Canal Trust were responsible for ensuring that the Tunnel and the connecting Park Head Locks were re-opened in 1973. This is a good indication of what can be achieved by voluntary effort.

BARBECUE & CEILIDH We are holding a barbecue and ceilidh at Wilmoreway on 4th July, with a host of attractions. Tickets at a greatly reduced rate can be obtained in advance from any member of the Committee.

DAVID LEWIS
4 Blackmore Close,
Lyncroft, Swindon
Tel: Swindon 693952

TRUST GRAND DRAW

Enclosed with this edition of 'The Trow' you will find raffle tickets for the Trust Grand Draw, to be held at the A.G.M. in September. It is 2 years since we organised a similar effort, which raised nearly £300. This time, we have greatly increased the value of the prizes, as shown below. We need the money, so please try to sell your share of the tickets.

Further books are available from Mr D Lewis, 4 Blackmore Close, Lyncroft, Swindon, Wiltshire, or any member of the Trust Council or Thames End Branch Committee. All proceeds will go towards restoration - lock rebuilding costs money - so for those of you who cannot help us in the physical restoration work, this is an ideal way to play your part in the effort to re-open our canals.

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Readers' Letters

Letters to the editor are welcome, but they should be as brief as possible. We reserve the right to shorten letters for reasons of space. Where possible, please give a daytime telephone number.

(The following letter was received by the Secretary in late March, too late for inclusion in the last 'Trow')

Dear David,

Yesterday your Canal Trust helpers came along in the pouring rain and not only made a very tidy job - but also brought us up a great heap of wood. As we have a wood burning stove, this is something that we really appreciated very much indeed. As I was not at home when they brought this wood I'm afraid I couldn't thank them personally, but I would be pleased if you would accept the enclosed small donation towards your Trust funds - with our most sincere thanks to those who struggled along with all those heavy logs.

The article in the Stroud News on March 12th seems to have caused quite a stir, and a lot of people have mentioned it to me - presumably because something of what I said to you at your meeting was also reported. I only wish that more of what I said in favour of your operation had been printed.

I would like to say that although I have, I know, been rather (?) critical on one or two occasions in the past - this really was a legacy of mistrust of the Canal Society operations since the very unfortunate "Rape of Ryeford Locks" some years ago - which I must confess really upset me.

May I now put the record straight by saying that your meeting in Stonehouse on 4th March has certainly convinced me that the Canal Trust is a completely different set-up to the old Canal Society - and I think is acting in a most responsible way - even to call that meeting and give everyone a chance to question and put their views has proved this to me.

Quite frankly I was horrified at some of the ridiculous and petty objections raised by certain people, and even more concerned when I read the newspaper account and learnt that subsequent to the meeting some people expressed "dissatisfaction and uneasiness".

Whatever anyone else may think, I would like to say that I am totally in favour of your project. As I said at the meeting, if something isn't done soon we shall lose 'our' canal altogether - and this to me is unthinkable. Therefore I am telling everyone that in my view we should do all that we can to help your Canal Trust and its members, who give up their spare time and work in appalling conditions sometimes, to preserve what is a most beautiful and essential part of our environment. If we are to be inconvenienced - then let us be. Surely it's worth a little inconvenience to assure the life of our Canal.

This is how I feel about it, and I thought I would like to write and let you and your friends of the Canal Trust know that I am pledging my full support for your work here at Ryeford.

Best wishes, yours sincerely,

Martin Hyde.

Double Locks Cottage,
Ryeford,
Stonehouse,
Glos.

STROUD EAST-WEST BY-PASS

The following letter addressed to the Secretary to the Trust is published at the request of Gloucestershire County Council:-

Dear Mr Boakes,

3rd April 1981

Stroud - East-West Bypass

Many alternative routes have been considered for the Stroud East-West Bypass, and there is no doubt in my mind that the most economical, satisfactory and expedient route overall is that along most of the length of Canal between Wallbridge and the Railway Viaduct to the east.

It provides suitable highway alignment and Terminal junction layouts, much cheaper than any alternative and it interferes least with land and property, but it destroys that part of the Thames and Severn Canal.

I have been concerned to find a way to avoid or at least, alleviate the loss of the Canal, particularly as an amenity walkway and wildlife haven. In this respect I am very optimistic that an excellent feature can be organised for a walkway along the corresponding length of the River Frome, and that this can be achieved as part and parcel of the highway scheme. This is not a true nor complete replacement of the Canal for those with specialist interest in Canals, but otherwise it is more assuredly located as a safe natural and secluded walkway and wildlife haven than is the Canal which may be over-powered anyway in the future by the proximity and perhaps encroachment of commercial development.

As to your Society's ambition to re-open the Canal through-out to navigation, an alternative route can be taken for the road, or the Canal can be put in tunnel below the road, but all these options are much more expensive, and I believe that such extravagance whether from public funds or private subscription would be a folly.

This is a period of financial stringency and limited resources, but there is need now and urgently for positive action in Stroud to relieve the effects of traffic and the congestion and delays to traffic, and to revitalise and stimulate trade in the town and adjoining areas.

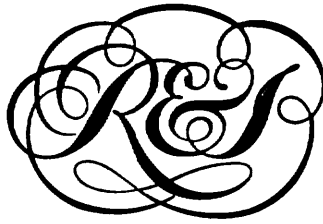
I do not believe the provision of a Bypass should be delayed until or in case more lavish funds are available to preserve this length of the canal.

I shall be obliged if you will publish this letter in 'The Trow', together with this, my open invitation to your members to visit the Stroud Subscription Rooms during the week of 24th to 29th August, where the highway proposals will be exhibited, and my colleagues and I will be available to explain and discuss them.

Yours sincerely,

M.I. MacBean
for County Surveyor





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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

I do hope that with this distribution of "The Trow" I have all members names and addresses correct, however, if as they say on a certain TV programme "You know better", do please drop me a line. My address, which has been corrected (I hope!) is in the front of "The Trow".

Could I also make two plea's? Firstly, it would be helpful if members who pay their subscription by Bankers Order would let me know if they change their bank, and secondly, if you have signed a Deed of Covenant in favour of the Trust during the past year and not yet returned to me the Form R185(AP) recently sent to you, could you please do so as soon as possible, as without these we are unable to file the request for repayment of tax with the Inland Revenue.

DAVID JORDAN

In answer to this, it is clear that Denny writes to dissuade his brother from coming to join him. Perhaps it was something of a relief for John to find there were good reasons for staying put; and certainly business must indeed have picked up for John to feel suddenly so pleased with future prospects as he is in his next letter (12 March 1858). John is uncharacteristically definite and optimistic:-

"I have read your letter with great attention both as referring to your position as also to the policy of my Emigrating - my conclusion is definite - and I now give it to you. The absence of all social comfort which in my estimation is of great importance seeing our sojourn here is so short - the dangers to which you are exposed jeopardising your life* at every moment, so that if you obtain advantages (pecuniary) you cannot tell a moment you may be separated from them - the precariousness of your success which judging from the past is doubly discouraging and is not even equal to your chances here - as well as the misuse of those powers peculiarly allotted to you, which cannot possibly in a new Colony be exercised to advantage - and are evidently misplaced in the vocation of a digger. I do consider if you remain in the Colony after weighing these points your conduct will be criminal - my dear Brother do let me beg of you one moment to reflect and I am sure you cannot otherwise than conclude you possess mental abilities which, if brought into exercise in the right direction, will prove not only an advantage to yourself but may benefit many around you.

"I admit you cannot to the present be charged with negligence, as your prospect in England when you left it was not encouraging - it is very different now. I am happy to say I am now thoroughly established and known in a large circle of the Commercial World and I doubt not for a minute were you here in England I would very soon from my own standing procure you a situation which would yield you a much better return than your average chances in Australia setting aside all the disadvantages you labour under as expressed previously.

"But let me look now to my coming to you - the same arguments in part serve as applies to myself - you are well aware from birth, education, and to my present history, I have been almost totally unaccustomed to manual labour and my whole dependence evidently turns on my mental capabilities. I am happy to say my experience especially of late years has tended to the cultivation of those powers and which now I consider display a rather refined position - and have been certainly exercised to great advantage in the departments I am connected with - and are of peculiar worth in meeting the disadvantages to which from increasing competition trade is in England exposed to - but, would not be of equal value in a Colony (where it does not so much depend on the nicety of calculation pointing out the direction for economy and profit, as on perseverance with perfect indifference to everything else but the accumulation of wealth).

"Having weighed then your position and prospects if you remain in the Colony - pointing you to the chances you now have here through my standing - as also my prospect both there and should I emigrate - I do most certainly determine in conclusion my strongest Convictions are that you waste no time but take advantage of the very first opportunity to return to England - don't let a home be a question with you - mine is yours and shall be as long as it is

mine - nor do I say this by myself but Margarett who regards you next to myself expresses the same promise - come my dear Brother whether with or without a penny and resolve to make a fresh movement in life, and I hold myself responsible to you that you will not regret acting on my advice."

But I do not think that even this had much effect on Denny. Just about the time he got the letter, Denny - ever optimistic - took out another Miner's Right from the government of New South Wales, valid for one year from 1 June 1858, for the Mercoo gold field. It cost ten shillings. So it seems he meant to go on prospecting. Why then did he come home?

* This may refer to a family tradition that Denny and a partner became lost in the bush. They knelt and prayed vowing that if they were saved they would never smoke, or drink, or gamble again. They were saved: and the tale was told in "Good Words", a magazine for Sunday reading.

(To be continued)

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THAMES END BRANCH
ANNUAL BARBECUE & CEILIDH

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"Why don't ee dig a trench and take horse through that way" he asked. "Don't be blasted stupid, man" replied the boatman, "it's 'is 'ead I'm 'aving the trouble with, not 'is feet!" (c.f.D)

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Dear Sir,

Thank you for reminding me of this years
Sponsored Walk. I'm afraid I must conserve
my energies this year as rumour has it I
may have a bit part in a documentary. However
I'm sending my son Chester along to do his
bit, and I understand that he will collect
considerably more than I did - (people feel
sorry for him having to follow in his fathers
footsteps!). I was upset to read in the sponsor
leaflet that some dog had the nerve to advertise!
Unfair disadvantage I call that, and would
have lobbed out a bit of cash on the 'chip off
the old block' had I known it was possible.
Still, no doubt he'll do his best anyway.

Yours faithfully,

*Dillon
Hollands.*

(Wooffer Trophy 1980)



A letter received too
late for inclusion in
the magazine. We have
in fact received a
reply (from yet another
dog!) which we hope to
publish in the next
issue - Editor.