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FRONT COVER: Prince Charles walks along the Cotswold Canals!

BACK COVER: Time for a breather in the head of Pike Lock

BELOW: Steve Court explains the work at Pike Lock

Twenty Years On....

Chairman's Report by BRUCE HALL

Early in May 1972, a group of enthusiasts arranged a public meeting in Stroud's Subscription Rooms "to promote the investigation of the feasibility of restoring navigation to the Stroudwater Canal from its junction with the Gloucester & Sharpness Ship Canal to Wallbridge, Stroud". A modest attendance was expected, but over 150 people packed into the Hall.

The Stroudwater Canal Society had its first committee meeting on 12th May 1972. Three of that original committee are now Directors of the Company of Proprietors, David Ashley, Michael Ayland and Michael Handford.

Ironically the first piece of real restoration was achieved on the Thames & Severn at Bowbridge when a length of canal was retrieved from pasture land and rewatered. This coincided with the 200th anniversary of the cutting of the first turf on the Stroudwater and was duly celebrated by a fly past of the Red Arrows, then stationed at Little Rissington. In 1975, therefore, the Stroudwater Thames & Severn Canal Trust came into being.

Any canal society will testify to the fact that actual restoration is comparatively simple. Planning and preparation takes time and oftentimes cannot be hurried. During the past two years we have seen that behind the scenes work begin to take shape. Quite remarkable progress has been made. The RoyScot sponsorship I believe, was the turning point for the Trust. As a result the Trust became the Cotswold Canals Trust, much easier to say and remember. Six magnificent interpretation boards were installed along the canal and a set of display boards was provided for travelling exhibitions.

Following on from this, many meetings have taken place with officers from both County and District Councils. Such was the help and co-operation of those officers that meetings were arranged when volunteers could attend. Late afternoons ended at 5.30 to 6.30. We are most grateful. Thank you all.

In March this year it was announced that the Trust had been successful in its application for a Department of the Environment Grant to 50% fund a General Secretary. We were delighted to be able to appoint Commander Nicholas Wright who had been with the Kennet & Avon Canal Trust for eight years and had seen it fully restored.

On 14th April His Royal Highness, Prince Charles, made a private visit to the canal at Eastington. We are both honoured and encouraged by his interest in the whole project. Whilst there, he officially opened Blunder Lock.

It is extremely encouraging that all three District Councils are funding the Trust this financial year. Gloucestershire County Council is currently building a bridge over the canal at Ryeford with another planned for the next phase at the Ship Inn, Stonehouse. This will remove a long-standing blockage. Landscaping has started at Eastington with a car park and picnic tables.

Stroud by the year 2000?

The Royal Visit

Report by KEN BAILEY

A very wet afternoon in the middle of April saw the culmination of six months planning and work at Eastington. His Royal Highness, Prince Charles paid a private visit to see work which had been carried out in the area and meet members of the Trust.

Prince Charles arrived in a dark green Bentley outside Pike Lock House just after 3 o'clock where he was met by Bruce Hall and Peter Gadsden, Chairman of the Company of Proprietors of the Stroudwater Navigation. After a brief introduction from Bruce, Peter Gadsden explained the role of the Company and a little of their history.

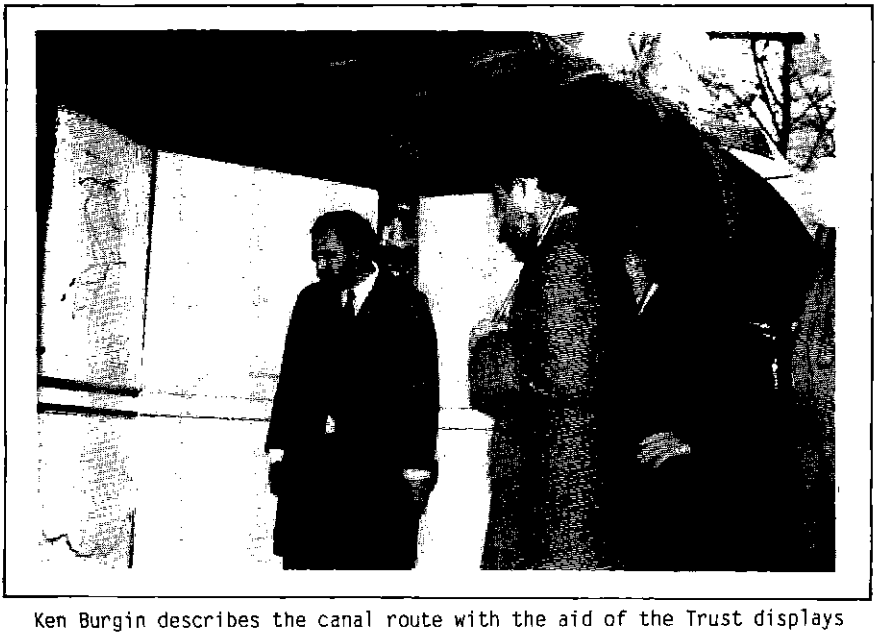
The group headed towards the canal where the Trust's display boards had been set up under a makeshift scaffold shelter. Here Ken Burgin outlined the route of the canals, areas where restoration work was in progress and also areas where the Trust is actively trying to protect the canal line such as the proposed Latton Bypass.

Prince Charles arrives at a soggy, muddy "Eastington Wharf"

At the head of Pike Lock a number of volunteers were hard at work shovelling silt into a mud skip hung from the Jones crane. After a brief introduction, Steve Court explained what was happening and answered Prince Charles' questions on Pike Bridge and the other blockages beyond. A number of comments were exchanged between the "mud shovellers" as to what good growing compost the silt made. An offer of a few bagfulls for the car boot was politely turned down!

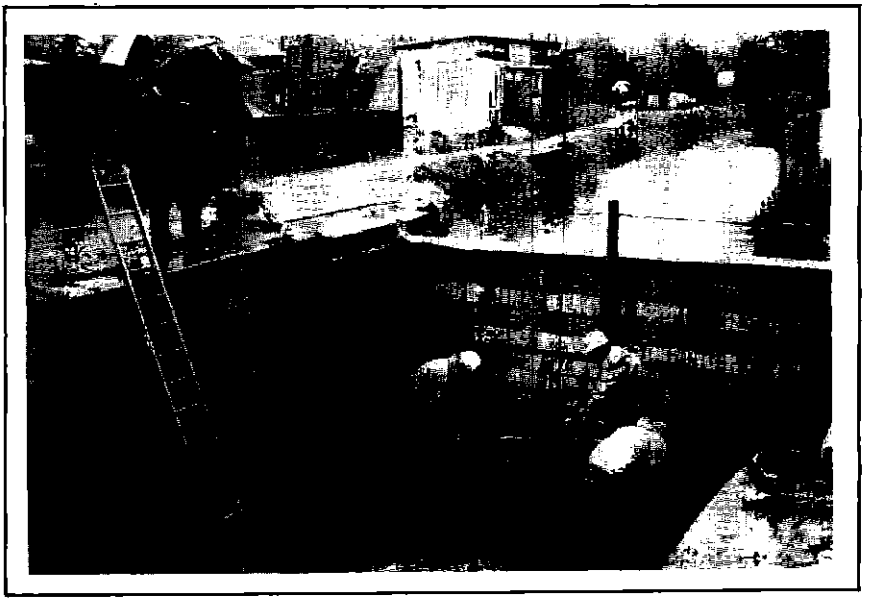
Due to the private nature of the visit, it had not been possible to tell "the workers" what would take place on the day. Also we had set ourselves a deadline to have the slipway and Blunder Lock usable and in water for the day. The tight schedule had actually been completed a couple of weeks early thanks to hard work on the part of our volunteers and favourable weather in the preceding weeks. Unfortunately the weather didn't hold for the day!

In the continuing rain, Prince Charles retraced his steps to the top of our newly completed slipway where David Jowett and Chris Jones explained the recreational usage of the canal, including canoeing, fishing and walking.



Ken Burgin describes the canal route with the aid of the Trust displays

ABOVE: Bruce Hall introduces (L-R) Steve Court, Ken Bailey, Nicholas Melchior and Robin Halliday. BELOW: Observing work at Pike Lock.



From the slipway the party walked the towpath towards the newly gated Blunder Lock. Along the way Bruce Hall discussed the relationship that the Trust has with the Gloucestershire Trust for Nature Conservation, with regard to our work and the value of the canal as an aquatic habitat.

At Blunder Lock the landscaping plans for "Eastington Wharf", prepared by Gloucestershire County Council, were displayed. Richard Attwood was to have talked to the Prince but he was unfortunately confined to a hospital bed with a fairly serious illness and so Mike Reynolds described the plans alone. Michael Handford also talked about the history of the canals and their place in national restoration schemes.

Prince Charles proceeded to officially open Blunder Lock, breaking a ribbon holding the top gates closed and opening one gate fully.

Before his departure, Prince Charles was presented with a portfolio containing photographs showing places and work over the whole length of the Cotswold Canals together with a number of our own publications. He also spent time talking with a number of our volunteers who had gathered for the day.

Prince Charles appeared genuinely interested in our project and we hope that he found the visit enjoyable enough to repeat sometime in the future.

Prince Charles opens the gate to declare Blunder Lock open

Field Officer's Report

Field Officer KEN BURGIN

The prayers worked - the several amazing developments mentioned last time did come to fruition. As you will have noticed, progress in the last three months has been spectacular both physically and in terms of the credibility of the Trust.

General Secretary

We welcome Commander Nicholas Wright as our new General Secretary. The Trust is very pleased to have someone with such a distinguished track record in canal restoration. His appointment has been made possible by a 50% grant from the Department of the Environment's Environmental Grant Fund worth about £20,000 per year. The other 50% has to come from non-public sources which means the Trust is very keen to find sponsors in the private sector to cover this. The grant will also cover a part time assistant and other expenses.

The Trust has a permanent office at the Cotswold District Council premises in Chesterton Lane, Cirencester. It turns out that the office is actually built on the Cirencester Arm of the Thames & Severn Canal!

The Trust thanks the DOE, Cotswold District Council, Bruce Hall (infinite supply of furniture) and Nicholas Wright (for putting up with the chaos whilst the rest of us got our act together).

Latton Bypass

The much awaited Public Inquiry was held in the first half of May. There were 150 objectors to the plans of which 106 were objecting to the Department of Transport's failure to include bridges for the future restoration of the canal. The Inquiry opened on Tuesday 5th May with an attempt by the Department of Transport (DTp) to get the whole canal issue thrown out of the Inquiry on the (alleged) grounds that they did not have the legal powers to build a bridge for a canal with no navigation rights. The Trust pointed out that such bridges had previously been provided elsewhere and the Inspector ruled that the canal bridge issue would be heard. The Trust was supported by all five local authorities along the canal and the National Rivers Authority (Thames Region) with Cotswold District Council and North Wiltshire District Council appearing and giving strong support. The Trust put its case on Thursday 14th May.

It was interesting the the DTp did not attempt to argue that restoration was not possible or even unlikely although there was some debate about timescales. They did stick to their legal argument (which the Inspector cannot resolve by law) and argued that extra land would be required for the bridges (which the Trust does not accept). The notorious existing flood relief culvert was blown out of the water by Halcrow and the NRA.

The issue is now simple. Will the bridges be provided or not at a cost of £520,000 or will they be built later at a cost of £670,000 plus a lot of disruption to the A419? Only time will tell but I am quite optimistic. One thing is certain. The whole process leading up to and including the Inquiry has done the Trust a great deal of good in terms of building up our relationships with local authorities and other organisations. It is worth noting that it was the Stroud Bypass that led to the excellent relationship between the Trust and Stroud District Council. The Trust thanks all those supporting it at the Inquiry and Richard Needham, the local MP, who has been putting the case to Government Ministers.

Other Matters

You may have read recently that the NRA are investigating the possible use of canals for inter-regional water transfer. The Trust has had meetings with the NRA and it has been agreed that the Stroudwater Navigation/Thames & Severn Canal route will be the subject of a feasibility study later in the year. The canal route would have major advantages over a pipeline (which is also being considered) in cost, recreational and conservation terms. It would also solve all our water supply problems at a stroke.

Daneway Basin has been re-excavated after Cotswold District Council refused a retrospective planning permission application to keep it infilled. Some material has been left in the bottom to allow grass to grow over the concrete base but the walls and the shape of the basin are once again visible to all.

The Trust welcomes an initiative by the new owners to rewater a short section of canal at Kempsford.

The MOD pipeline saga is still simmering in the background and the decision not to move the pipe is being re-visited following an invitation to the Trust to pay £80,000 to have it shifted (it was £38,000 last year!). The Trust reiterated its position that the MOD should pay as it would constitute a significant improvement to the pipe's security.

You will read elsewhere that the slipway at Eastington is now complete. Anyone wishing to use it should contact me first on (0453) 827414. The slipway is free but you will need a license to use the canal if you do not have one already.

Finally, a list of milestones since the last Trow:-

- Commander Nicholas Wright appointed
- Trust Office opened in Cirencester
- Blunder Lock re-gated
- Slipway Built and opened
- HRH Prince Charles visit
- Ryeford Double Lock repaired
- Wallbridge Upper Lock bottom gates fitted (Stroud Valleys Project)
- Boats can now use the canal at Eastington.

Summit & Thames End Branch

Branch Chairman ROBIN HALLIDAY

Boat trips have been running into Sapperton Tunnel since January. At the start of the year custom was quiet and "Australia Day" was a disappointment after the success of 1991. However, numbers began to pick up in March, and by Easter we recorded the busiest weekend since tunnel trips began. To date, water levels have remained encouragingly high despite media reports of drought conditions in other parts of the country. Regular Sunday running has continued thanks to a valuable time given by Summit & Thames End members. Income from the trips has increased steadily and emphasised again the potential this section of canal might hold if a navigable depth of water could be maintained all year round.

Work has now started on the fabric of the roundhouse at Coates. With some valuable technical assistance from local builder Colin Winstone, a new keystone has been cut and fitted over the door and some of the worst cracks in the masonry are now repaired. At the beginning of May the 2nd Hanwell Scouts put in some sterling work on the roundhouse garden and we expect a visit from Waterways Recovery Group (BITM) in July. Regular working weekends are at the end of the month as usual.

Thanks to the Oxfordshire Branch of the IWA who recently presented the Trust with a new petrol strimmer to help with clearance work.

Finally, news of the Thames End Barbecue & Garden Party! this will be held at the roundhouse on Sunday 19th July at 12 Noon. Food available - All welcome - Bring a shovel!

Membership Matters

Membership Secretary RICHARD ATTWOOD

This quarter we are pleased to welcome the following new members:-

Mr P Smith, Berkeley
Mr S Weir, Cirencester
Mr B C Walker, Tewkesbury
Mr R Denton, London
Mr W G Houlson, Yate, Bristol
Mr P Boreham OBE, Cheltenham
Mr M Stern, Stonehouse
Mr A W Byrne, Gloucester
Mr H J Brown, Penarth
R T Tanner, Yate, Bristol
Mr D A Glass, Churchdown, Glos
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Mr R A Wyld, Wedmore, Somerset
Mr B C Sparrow, Cashes Green, Stroud
Mr P J Barley, Nailsworth, Glos
Mr N J C Gooch, Minchinhampton, Stroud
Mr S Owen, Eastington, Glos
Mr A R Mullard, Purton, Wilts.

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Western Work

Report by KEN BAILEY

The last few months have been exceptionally busy with a number of projects being completed, some of which have been carried out over a long period while others have happened rapidly. The easiest way to describe the work is by taking each location in turn.

Site 1 The Slipway

Since the last TROW, we have laid 14 sheets of reinforcing mesh, 18 cubic metres of ready mix concrete, cleaned and laid some 800 bricks and 60 blue coping stones. The first load of concrete forming one half of the slipway base was laid on 15th February with a second load the following week for the other half. A third load followed on the next weekend to form the two side walls. The sides have been brick topped above water line and finished with large blue bull-nosed coping stones. The front facing walls were finished with some of the large surplus coping from Pike Lock.

Ken Burgin was the first to test the slipway when he launched his Caracruiser on 12th April. The area around the slipway is being surfaced by Gloucestershire County Council along with some landscaping in the area.

Site 2 Blunder Lock

Gates, manufactured by Rochdale Canal Workshop at Callis Mill in Yorkshire, arrived at Blunder Lock on 17th March and were craned into position. The bottom gates, measuring some 11' x 16' weigh approximately 2¼ tonnes each. Those at the top are more manageable at 11' x 7' and only weigh 1 tonne each. The team from Rochdale took only a further 2 days to complete the fitting including some very substantial paddle gear. The gates, including fitting, cost £23,000 which was paid out of the 1991/92 grant from Stroud District Council. The first boats through the lock were a couple of our trusty work punts which made the downward trip on 11th April. A certain amount of work is still required on the lock at Blunder including the manufacture and fitting of walkways across the gates and completing the lower wingwalls.

Site 3 Pike Lock

In order to be able to use both Blunder Lock and the slipway we had to reflood the pound between Pike and Blunder Locks which has been dry since the concrete dam was removed from the head of Pike Lock in 1990. It was decided to reuse the stop planks which were removed from above Blunder Lock. Although grooves had been cut into the top wing walls of Pike Lock when it was rebricked they were not to the required dimensions and so a certain amount of chiselling was required in order to fit the 17' 5" Blunder planks. A concrete pad for the stop planks and a central anchor for the king post also had to be fitted. The planks were finally dropped into place on the morning of 5th April with the pound being filled (with a little help from Ken Burgin and windlass) by the middle of the afternoon.

Sites 4 & 5 Brush Mills Bridge and Oil Mills Bridge

These two sites were the subject of the IWA National Clean-up Weekend held on 7th/8th March. The channel west of Brush Mills Bridge was cleared of reeds on the Saturday by a group of volunteers including Duke of Edinburgh Award candidates. On the Sunday the length of infilled canal east from Oil Mills Bridge towards Ebley Mill was cleared of considerable undergrowth, brambles and small trees.

Site 6 Ryeford Double Lock

Contractors, Dean & Dybol, under the guidance of consulting engineers W.S. Atkins, started on the reconstruction of the severely damaged upper chamber wall on 17th February. This work, being carried out for the Stroudwater Company of Proprietors, is costing in the region of £60,000, part of which came from the insurance claim against Severn Trent Water after the main burst in the field above. The reconstruction has involved the complete removal of the remains of the old wall to a level below the bottom of the chamber and then reconstructing it with a 9" brick facing and mass concrete behind. Approximately 180 cubic metres of ready mix has been used together with some 9,000 new engineering bricks. The entire works including the excavation and rebuilding has been carried out over a ten week period by a team of five or six men, a large dumper, a 360 degree excavator, a pump, a compressor and a quantity of scaffold.

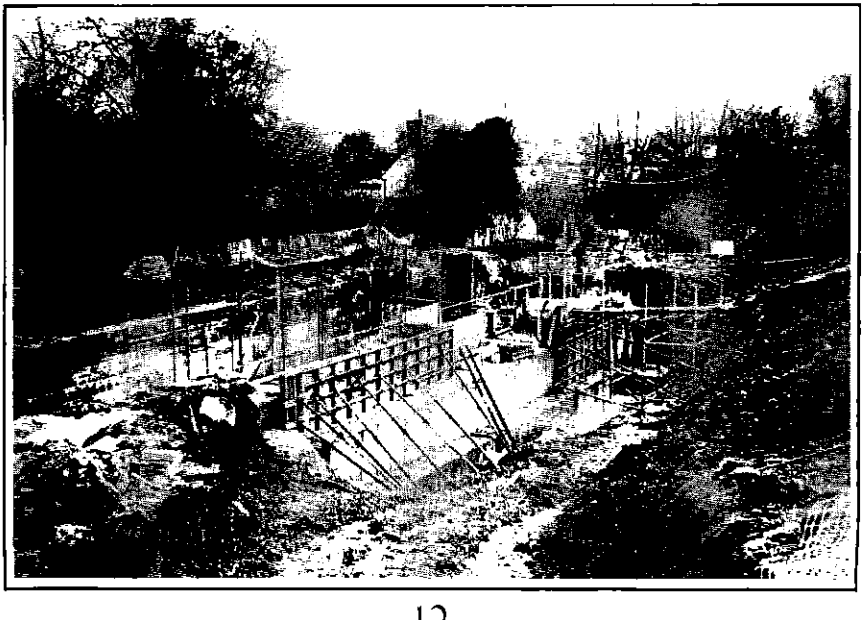
Site 7 Hoffman's Dam

Prior to the Cotswold Canals Challenge canoe event, Chris Jones, David Jowett and Tony Jones set about the task of cutting a navigable channel through Hoffman's Dam. At the end of the day a large heap of spoil had been moved and a channel about 6' wide had been created. This allowed a clear passage for canoes and also our work punts and reed cutter which should now be able to pass onward via the culvert under the Ocean railway crossing and up to the road crossing at the Ship at Stonehouse.

Site 8 Horse Trough Roundabout / Skew Bridge

Work has now commenced on the construction of the next phase of the A419 Ebley Bypass. This section involves the construction of new bridges over both the Stroudwater and River Frome adjacent to the old skew railway bridge close to Stonehouse. The new structure will be approximately 130' long with 19' width of water and a 6' towpath. The towpath has currently been diverted for the duration of the construction works and two dams have been constructed either side of the site of the new bridge (or at 130' is it a tunnel?!). Construction works in the area are expected to take up to nine months to complete during which time this section of water will not be usable.

ABOVE: New bottom gates installed at Wallbridge Upper Lock
BELOW: Massive works at Ryeford Double Lock performed by contractors



Site 9 Wallbridge Upper Lock

Stroud Valleys Project have recently had new bottom gates fitted to Wallbridge Upper Lock. This forms another stage in their works to restore this lock, in its prominent Town Centre location, to working order.

Other Items

The tug boat is now back in running order having had its gearbox rebuilt, after suffering a sheared main shaft towards the latter part of last year. Hopefully the tug should receive a much needed coat of paint in the next few months.

The trip boats were moved from the Ryeford Pound back to our compound by Mike Hynd of Ermec Limited using his lorry equipped with a fairly large lifting arm. Thanks to Mike for his time and effort.

Since their return to the compound, the seats were removed and new floors were fitted by Neil Ritchie who also performed miracles with a wire brush and cans of bitumen. Doug Blake, Mick Day and John Ferris continued the good work resulting in an early return to the water in late April for the main boat. Trips will commence in the Blunder Lock are at Eastington when work on gate walkways is complete together with the final adjustments to the paddle gear and gates. Watch the local press for details!

Two important purchases have been made recently. A 20' steel shipping container was purchased as a secure store at Eastington ready for the dismantling of the workshop alongside Blunder Lock. A large flat-bed six-wheeled trailer will enable us to move materials and plant (such as the Jones crane) between sites more easily. The trailer was purchased using funds kindly donated by the IWA.

Two surveying tasks have been carried out over the past couple of months. The first in the area of Meadow Mill to try to establish the correct line of the boundary fence and the second to determine the levels of infill and potential infill disposal site above Ryeford Double Lock.

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Cotswold Canals Challenge

Report by "A Competitor"

The second Cotswold Canals Challenge got under way at 11.00am on Sunday 12th April. The event was organised jointly by the A.D.J. Canoe Club and the Cotswold Canals Trust with a total of 45 competitors taking part on a pleasant sunny day, although there was the odd chilly spell when the sun hid itself behind a cloud.

This year there were five classes: The "Challenge" - open to all ages
Seniors - 14 to 18 yrs; 19 to 34 yrs; 35 yrs & over
Juniors - Under 14 yrs

For the "Challenge" competitors had to paddle 7.2 miles, portage 1.5 miles and run 0.5 miles from the race start at Farhill car park in Stroud to the spill weir at Eastington and back again. The Seniors completed the same course but were allowed help with portaging. The Juniors paddled 2.3 miles and ran 1.5 miles on a shortened course and were also allowed help with portaging.

A young female marshal remarked after the race that she had a great day "eyeing-up" the muscular Bradford on Avon racers who completed a whitewash, taking the first three places of the Challenge, whilst at the same time rescuing exuberant, exhausted youngsters from the water and setting them on their way again.

At the presentation by Peter Gadsden, Chairman of The Company of Proprietors of the Stroudwater Navigation, a good warm round of applause went to the oldest competitor, Ron Ellis aged 62.

The Challenge, set in the rural Cotswold countryside of Stroud, was enjoyed by participants and spectators alike, especially when the paddlers "shot the weir" or took a spill at one of the portages on the course.

We wish the organisers all the best for future races and may the Cotswold Canals Challenge become a fixture in the canoeing calendar.

Results below show only the first three places. Full results available from Chris Jones. Times shown as Hours:Minutes:Seconds

THE CHALLENGE:-

1.	1.17.07 SIMON DARK	Bradford on Avon Canoe Club
2.	1.21.09 Stan Missen	Bradford on Avon Canoe Club
3.	1.32.18 John Escott	Bradford on Avon Canoe Club
TEAM CERTIFICATE:	(4.10.34)	Bradford on Avon Canoe Club

SENIORS - 14 to 18 YEARS:-

1.	2.26.59 MICHAEL BACON	1st Hatherley Scouts
2.	2.46.49 Aled Jones	1st Hatherley Scouts
3.	2.47.40 Daniel Gore	North Cotswold Scouts
TEAM CERTIFICATE:	(7.09.25)	1st Hatherley Scouts

SENIORS - 19 to 34 YEARS:-

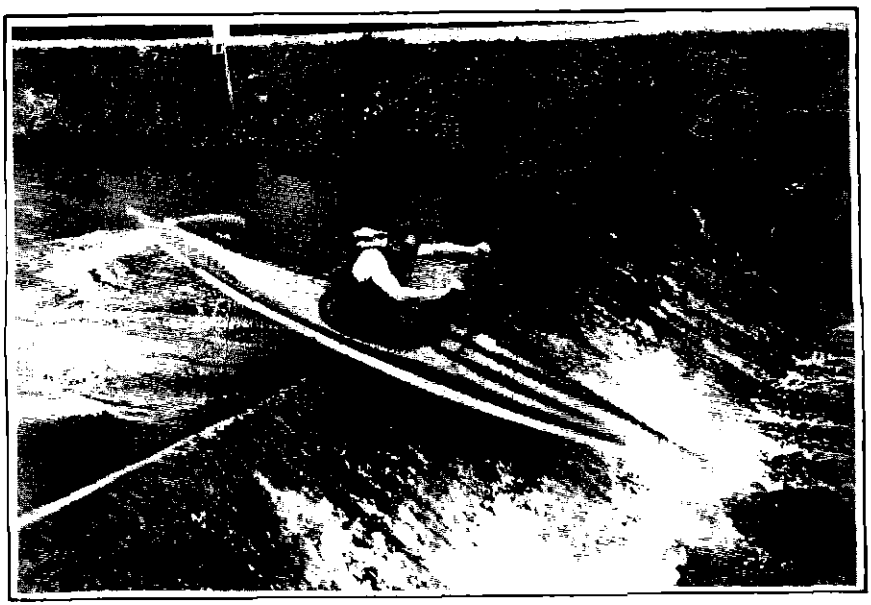
1.	1.21.01 Kevin Bowerbank	Bradford on Avon Canoe Club
2.	2.02.35 Peter Russell	Stroud Valley Canoe Club
3.	2.33.24 Neil James	North Cotswold Scouts

SENIORS - OVER 35 YEARS:-

1.	1.58.27 Terry Hefferman	Stroud Valley Canoe Club
2.	2.06.35 Ron Ellis	A D J Canoe Club
3.	3.06.59 Peter Sollars	A D J Canoe Club
VETERAN PADDLER CERTIFICATE:		Ron Ellis

JUNIORS - UNDER 14 YEARS:-

1.	0.46.30 Tom Thornton	Northleach
2.	0.48.53 Robert Kerslake	A D J Canoe Club
3.	0.51.27 Jamie Deer	1st Hatherley Scouts
TEAM CERTIFICATE:	(2.53.03)	NORTH COTSWOLD SCOUTS
YOUNGEST PADDLER CERTIFICATE:		Robert Kerslake



A popular spectator spot at Wallbridge where many competitors shot the weir

Trust Dinner

A Trust Dinner is being planned for the evening of the AGM on Saturday 31st October. The venue is the Kings Head in Cirencester where a successful Dinner was held to celebrate the bicentenary of the Thames & Severn Canal back in 1989.

It is hoped that Trust members who live away from the canals will be able to take advantage of special hotel rates and so enjoy a whole weekend stay to take in the Review of the year and AGM as well as the Dinner.

To find out more, please ring NICK PARKER on 0453 521106

Report by BILL EVILL

I am pleased to report that the Thames & Severn Canal to the rear of Chalford Chairs workshop is undergoing a major tidy-up. The section is being put back in water.

Peter and Denise Nankivell, Chalford Chairs' new Directors, are pleased to be working with the Trust on this project which is being carried out with the guidance of Bruce Hall and Colin Stride.

Canamble '92

Walk Leader RICHARD ATTWOOD

CANAMBLE '92 will take place on four Sundays during the summer led by expert guides who will provide a detailed commentary. A small charge will be made for each adult. Stroud Valleys Bus Company have kindly offered to provide a bus and one of their drivers, John Evans, has volunteered to return walkers back to the start of each walk.

CANAMBLE '92 PART ONE 9 miles **Sunday 7th June 10.30am**
Meet on the west bank of Saul Junction (OS Pathfinder 1112 756093) to walk to Brimscombe Port pausing at Stroud for lunch.

CANAMBLE '92 PART TWO 12½ miles **Sunday 5th July 10.30am**
Meet at Brimscombe Port (OS Pathfinder 1113 869023) at the car park of Bensons International Systems to walk to the end of the Cirencester arm of the Thames & Severn Canal pausing at Coates for lunch.

CANAMBLE '92 PART THREE 8½ miles **Sunday 2nd August 10.30am**
Meet at the car park of Cotswold District Council Offices (OS Pathfinder 1114 024014) to walk to Cricklade pausing at South Cerney for lunch.

CANAMBLE '92 PART FOUR 10 miles **Sunday 20th September 10.30am**
Meet at the bridge over the River Thames in Cricklade (OS Pathfinder 1134 102939) to walk to Lechlade pausing at Marston Meysey for lunch. This walk will follow the line of the canal subject to the relevant landowners granting permission to cross their land.

STOP PRESS: Boat trips have started at Eastington between Pike Lock and Newtown Lock. Each trip includes one passage through Blunder Lock from where the trips depart. Potential volunteers and enquiries to AMANDA FISK on 0453 755535.

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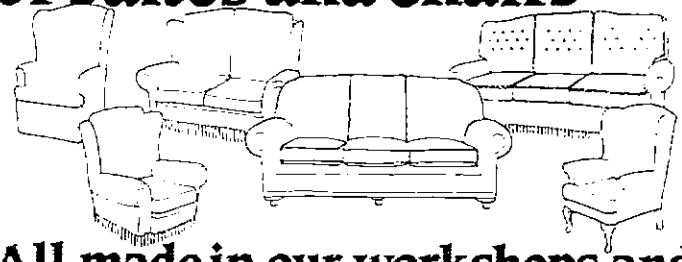

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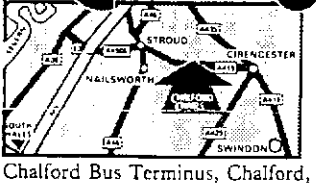

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Mon	1 Jun	Western Branch Meeting
Sun	7 Jun	Canamble 1, Saul to Brimscombe - see p.16
Tue	9 Jun	Summit & Thames End Branch Meeting
Fri	19 Jun	Severn Cruise from Gloucester - see p.19
Sat	20 Jun	Stroud Street Fair (SS)
W/E	4/5 Jul	Gloucester Docks Gathering '92 (SS)- see p.17
Sun	5 Jul	Canamble 2, Brimscombe to Cirencester - see p.16
Mon	6 Jul	Western Branch Meeting
W/E	11/12 Jul	Canalfest 92 at Bishops Cannings (K&A Canal) (SS)
Tue	14 Jul	Summit & Thames End Branch Meeting
Sat	18 Jul	Annual Barbecue (ring Nick Parker 0453 521106)
Sun	19 Jul	BBQ & Garden Party! (ring Robin Halliday 0672 513400)
Mon	20 Jul	TROW Copy Date
Sun	2 Aug	Canamble 3, Cirencester to Cricklade - see p.16
Mon	3 Aug	Western Branch Meeting
Tue	11 Aug	Summit & Thames End Branch Meeting
W/E	29/31 Aug	IWA National Waterways Festival at Wakefield (SS)
Mon	7 Sep	Western Branch Meeting
Tue	8 Sep	Summit & Thames End Branch Meeting
Sun	13 Sep	Cotswold Canals Splash! (SS)
Sun	20 Sep	Canamble 4, Cricklade to Lechlade - see p.16
Sat	31 Oct	Review of the Year & AGM at Cirencester -incl. Grand Draw!
Sat	31 Oct	Trust Dinner at Cirencester

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Western Branch volunteers work most weekends and would welcome your help.

Summit & Thames End Branch usually work the last weekend of each month.

If you would like to offer your help, please contact the appropriate person.

Members and friends are welcome at Branch Meetings and Special Events. Western Branch meet at 7.30pm at the Imperial Hotel, Stroud. Summit & Thames End Branch meet at 8.00pm at the "Thames Head" pub, near Cirencester on the Tetbury Road (A433).

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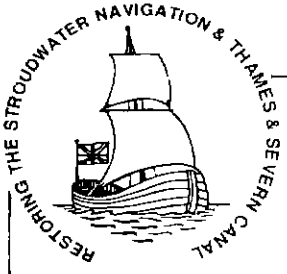

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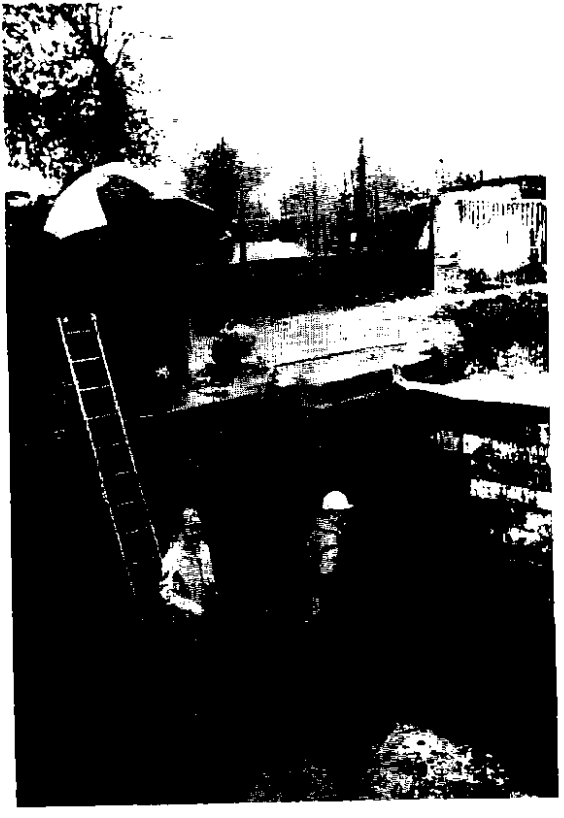
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