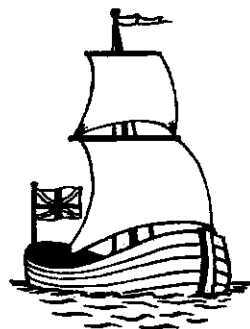


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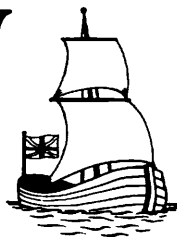
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As usual, production of the September 'Trow' has been a somewhat traumatic experience, with holidays, attendances at shows and rallies, and consequent late submission of copy all helping to delay the preparation and printing. With luck, however, it should be through your letter boxes by the second week of the month, which, believe it or not, is something of a miracle.

This issue, as is customary, contains the usual essential Notices of the A.G.M., accounts and other important matters, and this has meant other general articles being crowded out. I hope, however, we shall have a 'broader' issue in December, and

please do send in your letters of complaint or otherwise so that we can know what the membership in general is thinking - the silence during this last quarter has been somewhat deafening.

With regard to the shows mentioned above, we have had some useful Sales Stalls during the summer, and thanks to our friends of the Thames End Branch we have broken some new ground at Wootton Bassett Show, Cricklade Show and the Transport Pageant at Blenheim Palace. Cricklade was indeed an excellent day, with booming sales, many offers of physical help and, I believe, one or two new members enrolled.

The usual reminder that the final date for contributions to the December 'Trow' should be with me by 10th November - I cannot guarantee inclusion if they are late, especially with the Christmas rush then becoming imminent.

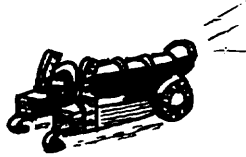
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Secretary's Report



As you will note from elsewhere in 'The Trow', the Annual General Meeting is once more with us. It will be held in the Subscription Rooms at Stroud on Saturday 27th September in the late afternoon, to allow you to visit Stroud or the Canals beforehand. The Trust Council has placed a resolution before the Meeting to amend the membership fees which, particularly for the Juniors and Pensioners, have now become uneconomic, barely covering the cost of postage of 'The TROW'. This is the first amendment in five years and it is hoped that all members will support this motion.

The Council has arranged for the Walk Presentation to take place immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting at 3.30 p.m., and all members are invited to attend. This is the presentation of Awards to the walkers who collected the largest sums in the various categories. The Trust's 'Thank You' to all who helped fund our activities.

Since my last report the majority of the Trust effort appears to have been channelled into negotiations and meetings. The Officers of the Trust have expended considerable time in discussion with Local Authority and Council officers with regard to our present and proposed activities throughout the length of the canals. These meetings have resulted in a frank exchange of views, and our aims are now reaching an increasing number of relevant people.

On the Canals work has commenced under Bill Savage (Working Party Organiser, Thames End Branch) at Wilmoreway near Cirencester, on a mile section of the canal, kindly made available to us by Mr. Franklin, and it is pleasing to note the participation of local non-Trust groups in this work. Elsewhere on the canal, Bruce Russell is repairing frost damage to the Coates Portal, and Jon Willis is continuing his split personality act at Ham Mills and Eastington, whilst Alan Jones manfully struggles virtually single-handed with the dredger.

The Secretary is still actively engaged in procuring a plant site, having now explored virtually every vacant site along the canal. Our hopes of purchasing the site at Eastington, mentioned in my last report, have proved abortive, but we are currently following two promising leads. In both circumstances we will require additional financing, hopefully from you the members.

In conclusion, as we are now approaching the Annual General Meeting, I would wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Trust Council and all those who have helped me both physically and with advice during this last year. My only regret is that there has not been a more active membership, but my pleasure is that a small group has achieved so much.

DAVID H. BOAKES.



Get the children in, Nabel, here
come those wretched canal diggers again!

STROUDWATER, THAMES & SEVERN CANAL TRUST LIMITED

Council Members' Report for the year ended 31st March 1980

The Council submit their fifth Annual Report to the members of the Stroudwater, Thames & Severn Canal Trust Ltd.

The following have served as Members of Council during the past financial year:

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| D.H.Boakes | | |
| K.Burgin | | |
| R.Coombes | - | resigned 29.9.79 |
| A.Jones | | |
| D.Pillinger | | |
| M.R.Reynolds | | |
| J.H.Stephens | - | resigned 13.3.80 |
| J.G.Willis | | |
| R.H.Veevers | | |

The Registered Office of the Trust remains at 1 Riveredge, Framilode, Glos.

The principal activity of the Trust has continued to be the restoration of the Stroudwater Navigation and Thames & Severn Canal.

There have been no contracts in which any Council Member had a personal interest. Neither has the Trust employed any person during the financial year under review.

There are no charges outstanding over assets of the Trust such as would require registration under the Companies' Act.

The Trust has continued to receive financial support from the Proprietors of the Stroudwater Navigation in return for amenity work carried out on the Stroudwater Navigation. There has been continued close co-operation between the Canal Trust and the Company of Proprietors on this project, and the Trust will be extending its working area when amenity work on the present site is complete.

Work has continued on the Bowbridge/Air Plants section of the Thames & Severn Canal, but with the continuing problems of access to certain sections still unresolved.

The Coates/Kings Reach section has now been reduced to a maintenance level as the existing licence with the Bathurst Estate has been worked out to their satisfaction. The Trust is currently negotiating a new maintenance licence with the Bathurst Estate on this section, together with further new works on the canal in the Estate.

The initial Cerney Wick Roundhouse Section has now been completed, but work is continuing with the approval of the owners to the structure of the lock chamber. As a result of this work the adjacent section of the towpath has been cleared by the Wiltshire County Council.

A serious and demoralizing problem has arisen due to the unfortunate sale of our plant base at Aston Down due to rationalization by the former owners. Whilst extensive enquiries have been made to obtain a replacement these have not as yet proved conclusive. However, our plant manager Alan Jones has continued in the adverse circumstances to refurbish the Weri Kombi dredger. Unfortunately this problem has seriously delayed its completion date and affected other plant projects. There has been a redistribution of the Trust equipment, including the Beecham Wolfcub Dragline and the Nonorail to the Eastington section of the Stroudwater.

The Trust has continued its mechanisation by the purchase of chainsaws and scrub clearance equipment, which have vastly speeded initial clearance work. As a further exercise in self-sufficiency the Trust has purchased second-hand a 3-inch diesel pump and a quantity of scaffolding for lock work. As an indication of the importance attached to the Plant Section, approximately half our expenditure has been devoted to these activities.

Concurrent with this work the Trust Officers have been actively engaged in consultation with major canal landowners and local Authorities, including representation in the Stroud Valleys Plan. The Trust was closely involved in the representation which resulted in the saving of the Daneway Bridge and Causeway from demolition. An Engineering Survey has been carried out on the Sapperton Tunnel. The Trust has purchased a plot of land adjacent to the Canal at Puck Mill in the Golden Valley, and it is intended that this area will be made available for public amenity use.

We have continued our links with active restoration societies with our continued support of the Southern Canals Association.

Our fund raising activities this year have met with mixed success. Whilst the Annual Sponsored Walk was slightly disappointing in that it did not reach the hoped for target, it continues to be a major source of our income. The Grand Draw brought a greater response from the membership than any of our activities for many years, and was highly successful. The Minchinhampton Arts and Crafts Fair unfortunately proved to be an embarrassment due to the lack of support of both the membership and the public. The Sales Section has continued to make a significant contribution both to our funds and as a valuable point of contact and information between the Trust and the public.

As an indication of the Trust's extending activities a Thames End Branch has been formed based on the Eastern end of the Thames & Severn Canal. Whilst it is presently early days for this venture, a well supported programme of events has taken place and negotiations are currently in hand to obtain a suitable canal length for restoration. Overall control continues to be vested in the Trust Council where the Branch is represented by two members of its committee. It is hoped that this will be the forerunner of other local branches.

It would appear that although the loss of the Piggery has been a serious blow to our progress, the past year has been one of steady advance, not only on the ground but also in our standing with outside bodies. Unfortunately a disappointing feature has been the lack of membership participation in the Trust's operations, which must improve if we are to achieve our objectives.

DAVID H. BOAKES
Secretary

MICHAEL R. REYNOLDS
Treasurer



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Notice is hereby given of the Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Stroudwater, Thames & Severn Canal Trust Limited to be held in the George Room, Stroud Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire, at 4.00 pm on Saturday 27th September 1980.

The business to be transacted at the meeting shall be as follows:

1. To receive the Minutes of the Fourth Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive the Report of the Council
3. To receive the Accounts and the Auditors' Report
4. To fix the remuneration of the Auditors
5. To vote on the proposal 'That the Membership Fees be varied in the following particulars:
Junior Membership be raised from 50p to £1 minimum
Adult Membership be changed from £2 to £2 minimum
Family Membership be changed from £3 to £3 minimum
Pensioner Membership be raised from 50p to £1 minimum
Affiliation Membership be changed from £3.50 to £3.50 minimum
Life Membership be changed from £50 to £50 minimum at the discretion of the Trust Council with a minimum age limit of 18 years.
6. To elect the Members of Council
7. Any Other Business

DAVID H. BOAKES CEng, MIMechE,
Secretary to the Trust

NOTES

1. In accordance with Para 42 of the Trust Articles of Association, the following members retire in rotation:

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| D.H.Boakes | J.G.Willis |
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They have indicated that they wish to offer themselves for re-election. In addition Mrs S.Hilton, who was co-opted to the Trust Council on 9th July 1980 also offers herself for election in accordance with Para 38 of the Trust Articles of Association.
2. Notice of intending proposals for membership of Council shall be given to the Secretary in writing not less than 14 days before the date of the meeting, together with agreement in writing of the person to be proposed, preferably using the printed form in this edition of 'The Trow'. The address of the Secretary is 1 Riveredge, Framilode, Gloucestershire.
3. Voting Rights. All classes of membership, except Junior Membership, confer one vote. Junior membership has no voting right since such members cannot be held liable under the Trust's guarantee.

4. Any member entitled to be present and to vote at the Meeting may appoint a proxy, who must be a member of the Trust. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing and shall be deposited at the Registered Office of the Trust, 1 Riveredge, Framilode, Gloucestershire, not less than 48 hours before the time of the Meeting.
5. Proxy forms may be obtained from the Secretary on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.

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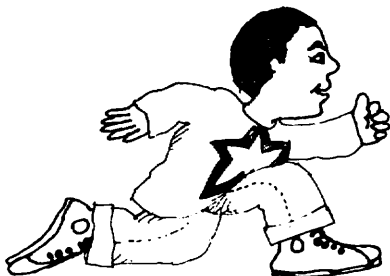
1980 SPONSORED WALK

The 1980 Sponsored Walk Awards Presentation will take place at 3.30 pm on Saturday 27th September 1980, in the George Room, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Glos.

The following Awards will be presented:

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| The Waller Trophy (Senior Group) | Stroud Rotaract |
| The Elliott Trophy (Junior Group) | 1st France Lynch Brownies |
| The Whitbread Trophy (Adult) | B.Hymas, Dartford, Kent |
| Under 12 | James Mann, Amberley |
| Under 16 | Yvonne Warman, Ebley |
| Family | R.Reed, Calne, Wiltshire |
| The Wooffer Trophy (Dog) | Dillon Hollands, Stretton under Fosse |

The Trust Council wish to express their congratulations to the above winners, and their sincere thanks to all those who by walking and assisting in the organisation made another successful Walk. We hope to see you again next year.



PRACTICAL RESTORATION APPRAISAL - AUGUST 1980

As time goes by it is easy for those of us intensely involved in the day to day operations of the Trust to lose track of progress and perspective. It is therefore timely perhaps that we take stock of what has been done over the years and where we are currently headed. The map overleaf illustrates the geographic position of the worksites now spreading over a 20-mile distance and making the position of a Working Party Co-ordinator a practical necessity. The notes below are intended to give a brief summary of current positions as I see them and are by no means fully exhaustive in detail.

STROUDWATER - EASTINGTON. This site was commenced in November 1978 following negotiations with the Navigation Proprietors and to date a mile of canal has been cleared of extensive tree growth and the towpath area fully opened for easy public access. The Bonds Mill Sluice is now back in use after many years and much excavation, enabling us to shunt water away from the locks below during rebuilding sessions. It is intended that these will probably commence next Spring with Newtown Lock being emptied of mud, gates and debris from its 7ft depths in the next month or so. In addition Newtown Bridge is slowly being given a welcome overhaul. This winter it is intended to attack the major tree growth at Stonehouse, and below Ryeford Locks with completion hoped for by next Easter, which will extend the cleared section here to 3 miles. Dredging at the upper end of the pound will commence as soon as the Dredger becomes operational this autumn.

BOWBRIDGE/HAM MILL. Working commenced on this site in 1973 but regrettably the Trust remains unable to consider the completion of Ham and Griffin Mill Locks until the access problem to adjoining land has been resolved - stalemate currently remains. In order to increase the immediate water space here, dams are currently in construction at the head of these locks. The rebuilding of Bagpath Bridge is nearing completion at long last and new coping should be in place this autumn. The re-watering of these sections totalling 1½ miles will, we hope, enhance the amenity value until progress in lock rebuilding is felt to be a more practical proposition.

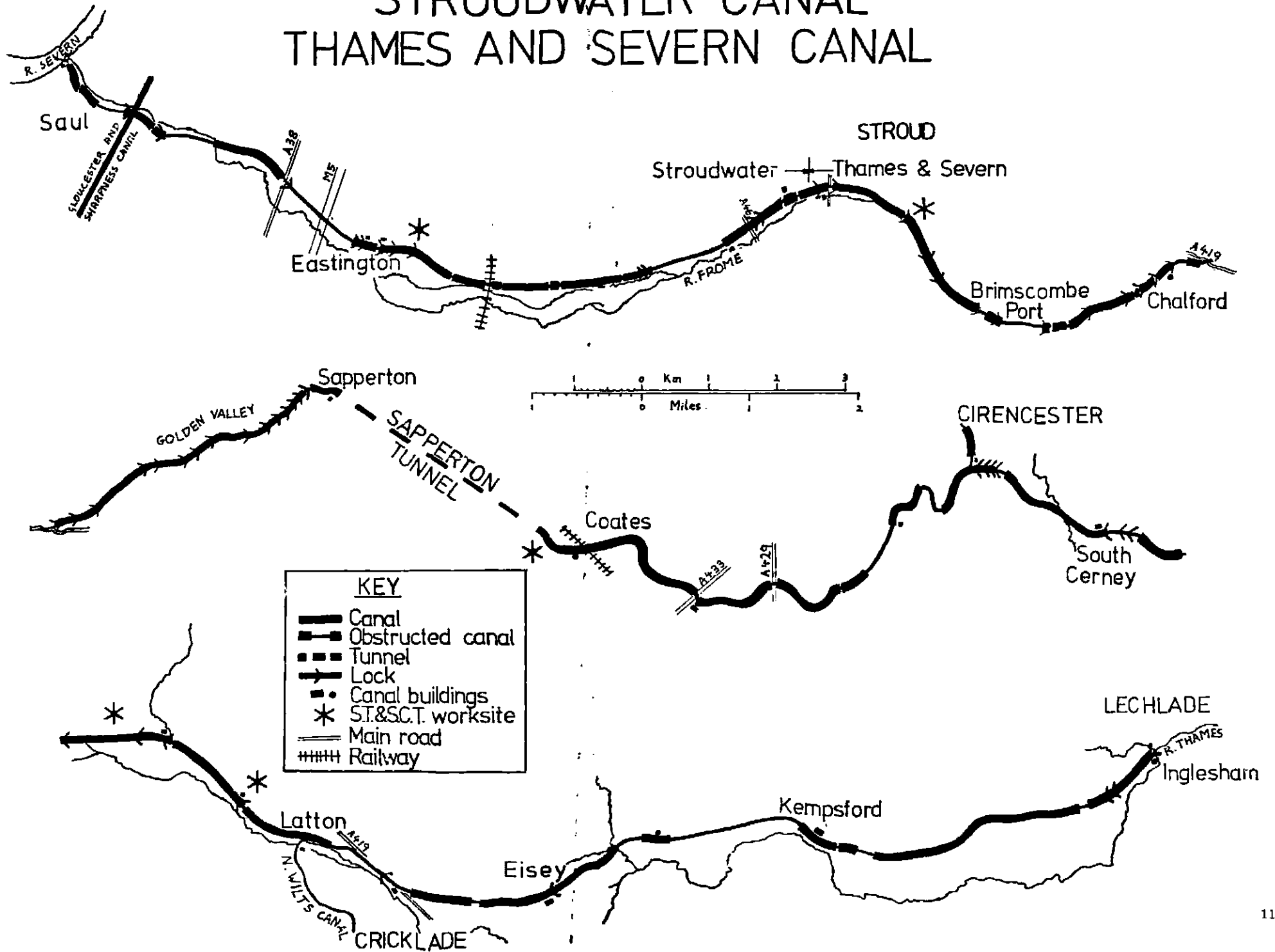
PLANT SITE/WORKSHOP. The loss of the Aston Down site has been a savage blow to the Trust's mechanical arm in the last year, much time having to be given to the removal of many tons of materials and equipment. The search for a replacement site in the Stroud valley, hopefully with freehold tenure, continues, but progress is gradually being made towards the long-term acquisition of a new - ideally canalside base. Until this has been found and established, plant service and maintenance is likely to be at low ebb. This is the current major stumbling block in physical restoration terms.

COATES. Action started here in August 1975 and to date this is the one site that the Trust has managed to bring anywhere near completion in current terms. Agreement has been reached in principle as to a continuing maintenance scheme to ensure that this area remains a waterway 'showpiece' both for the Trust and the National scene.

WILMOREWAY. This site is our major acquisition of 1980, although terms of the Lease remain to be negotiated in detail. Work has however commenced near the Spine Road and will eventually stretch upstream for approximately 2 miles, including 3 locks. Tree and scrub clearance will be the immediate aim here next winter.

CERNEY WICK. Clearance work commenced here in October 1978 and culminated in the re-opening of a mile of towpath to the Spine Road upstream. Attention is now switching to the lock chamber following the rebuilding of the two head wing walls, and hopefully the presence of the Priestman Cub crane will mean lock clearance and rebuilding in the months to come.

STROUDWATER CANAL THAMES AND SEVERN CANAL



It can be seen from the foregoing details that the process of gradual practical reclamation of the route has spread over the last few years to approximately 7 miles, and negotiations are constantly in progress to extend our areas of practical influence. We exert a certain amount of diplomatic control over sections outside the immediate work sites and it is possible that some initial clearance may be attempted on a new site this winter. The extensions to our working areas are of course a strain on our active personnel, and it has been refreshing to see over the last year or so a growth, not only in direct membership assistance, but in the increasing number of 'outside' groups who wish to come along and render physical assistance. It is true that a locked section has not yet been fully rehabilitated and after nearly 8 years of effort this is certainly long overdue, but much thought is currently being given in this direction and the next 12 months should show positive results in this direction. It is worth reflecting that only a small part of the overall project is concerned at present with the practical on-site aspect, and much goes on behind the scenes in the way of bulging correspondence files and telephone bills to prepare the ground for future long-term progress.

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Working Party Co-ordinator At the July Trust Council Meeting it was decided to formally establish this post in order to try and make the best use of equipment and the steadily growing army of volunteers. This autumn in particular we seem likely to have the benefit of outside working groups visiting us at one site or another on most weekends. The job is currently only loosely defined but will no doubt emerge on firmer lines as time goes by. Communication between the various organisers and their demands is an area of primary importance and I hope that a high level of responsibility will emerge in this direction. I have volunteered to pilot the scheme and hopefully we shall see benefits emerging in the coming months.

Southern Canals Meeting The latest meeting in mid-June saw us taking a look at the Basingstoke progress, in conjunction with representatives from the Kennet & Avon, Wey & Arun, Wilts & Berks and Huddersfield Canal organisations. An interesting and informative day was spent with detailed looks at Deepcut progress, Ash Vale embankment and the Trust's Steam Dredger - surely the highlight of the visit. The next meeting is tentatively pencilled in for our own waterway, when we shall be pleased to show our restoration associates how our 'little 35-mile project' is developing.

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Working Party Reports



STROUD. Once again the Trow is due - how time passes when you are enjoying yourself!

Progress has not been as swift as I had hoped for since my last report, but this is mainly due to our limited working parties having to move all our plant and equipment from the Piggery at Aston Down. Although I have been a regular visitor to the Piggery I was amazed, when we came to move, just how much was involved. Eastington. We are still continuing with the lock clearance and repairs to the Roving Bridge. Also, Bill Benton has been regularly disappearing underground improving the efficiency of the paddle gear at Bonds Mill.

We have lined up for the autumn and winter a further stretch of tree clearance near to Stonehouse and to aid us we have been kindly loaned a working flat by British Waterways Board.

Ham Mills. Here again work has been continuing slowly. The brickwork on Bagpath Bridge is now complete and is just awaiting the coping. One dam is finished except for rendering and the other halfway there.

As you will probably notice, the future dates are rather irregular, including 3 full weekends, but this is due to visiting parties. If you are interested in coming along to a working party but are not sure of the location and times, do not hesitate to ring me - I shall be only too glad to hear from you.

Future Working Party Dates:-

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| September 6th & 7th | September 20th & 21st |
| October 12th | October 26th |
| November 1st & 2nd | November 23rd |
| December 7th | |

All starting at 10.00.

JON WILLIS
82 Chatsworth Avenue,
Tuffley, Gloucester
Tel: Glos. 416694

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CERNEY WICK

Work is progressing well on the lock with all the brickwork above the top gates more or less complete. Much of the recent work has taken place inside the paddle arches where re-pointing the underside of the arch often proved to be a messy business.

The Cub crane is now sitting next to the lock chamber awaiting a clam shell grab which we have still to find. This we must do quickly since a wet autumn would make dredging very difficult.

With or without the clam shell there is still plenty to do, so why not come along? Dates are:-

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| October 4th & 5th | November 1st & 2nd |
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10.00 to 17.00 approx.

Special dredging working parties will take place at other times - details from myself or Jim Hilton on Poulton 256

KEN BURGIN.

THAMES END BRANCH - SECRETARY'S REPORT

Things are progressing steadily in the Cirencester - Lechlade section of the canal, and landowner negotiations are currently taking place for the Water Park scheme. This scheme involves a section of canal some 3½ miles long in and near the Cotswold Water Park, in the South Cerney - Cricklade area. It should stand a considerable chance of success, providing a useful public amenity both during and after its completion. The proposal is still in its initial stages and negotiations are currently underway with landowners and local Authorities etc., so not much information is yet available, but we hope to issue maps and comprehensive details in the not too distant future.

Money is always a difficult subject - there is, however, a positive improvement in fund-raising and some local companies have been approached for support. My sincere thanks to Bob and Michelle Bulpin for taking on our local Sales Stall of canal paraphernalia - do go along and see them at their new site just off the Spine Road, next to the Superloo, near Wilmoreway Lock.

In the same area, we shall be holding a Barbeque on 20th September after the working party, to bring members together, promote fresh interest and of course, raise money, we hope. With your support we intend to have a good night of eating drinking, music and fun entertainment in the field alongside the canal near to Wilmoreway Lock (by kind permission of the owner). Thoughts occur to me as to the fate of your Committee!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the kind few who have made donations to our branch funds, which I hasten to add are in desperate need of these monetary boosts to morale.

Finally, the Priestman Cub dragline has now arrived at the Cerney Wick site, and with luck, and a lot of sweat and I expect much swearing, muck raking will soon commence at this site.

SUE HILTON.

BARBEQUE

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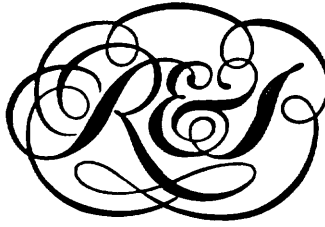
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or from most Council or Committee
members.

THAMES END BRANCH

Present their last 'Spotted Cow'
Social of 1980 at the 'Spotted Cow
Inn', Marston Meysey, at 7.45
pm on 29th September.

Mr Peter Chadwick will be giving
a Slide Show on waterways in
general in the Dining Room.
There is a Private Bar for those
wishing to get down to more
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THE ONE HUNDRED CLUB As you should be aware, the Trust has, during the last year, run a 100 Club organised by Treasurer Michael Reynolds, with quarterly draws which have been announced in 'The Trow'. After careful consideration, it has been decided that for a trial next year the entrance subscription to the Club will be reduced to £1 per unit, and there will be only one draw to take place at the Annual General Meeting.

For those not conversant with these Clubs, their operation is as follows:- The total sum of the contributions is determined and a fixed percentage (40%) is allocated to the Prize Fund. This is then split into, in our case, ten prizes which are drawn by lot and distributed to the winners. The remaining funds are then utilised for Canal Restoration. Obviously the success or failure of the exercise is dependent, as are the prizes, on membership participation.

Individual Members may take up as many £1 units as they wish at any time up to 1 month before the date of the draw, the first of which will be at the 1981 A.G.M. Michael may be contacted if you wish to discuss your participation and the Club's functions in detail. We would ask all members to participate in this draw - the list for 1980/81 is now open - by forwarding their remittances to Michael Reynolds, Treasurer, at 15 Rodborough Avenue, Stroud, Glos (Stroud 79720), and he will maintain the Register of 100 Club Members.

Book Review

ROWING HOLIDAY BY CANAL IN 1873 by A.Farrant, published by Oakwood Press. Price £1.35 or £1.75 including postage and packing from the Trust Sales Section. 31 pps. 24 photographs, 2 maps.

This excellent little paperback is the transcript of a 20-day contemporary log of a canoeing adventure by 4 voyagers in 1873 travelling via the River Thames, Oxford Canal, Warwick and Napton Canal, River Avon, River Severn, Hereford & Gloucester Canal, River Wye, Bristol Avon and Kennet & Avon Canal. The description of the Hereford & Gloucester Canal is of particular interest as are the contemporary views which the editor, Dr Edwin Course, has obtained to complement his more modern photographs. The journey, seen through the eyes of an articulate observer, gives an interesting insight into both a lost way of life and a waterways scene which no-one alive today can have experienced. The sort of book one can constantly re-read and enjoy.

THE HISTORY OF GLOUCESTER DOCKS & ITS ASSOCIATED CANALS & RAILWAYS by Michael Simpson, published by West London Industrial Archaeological Society. Price 75p. 24 pages. 4 photographs. 1 map.

This book, which was released to coincide with the recent Port of Gloucester 400 Celebrations, shows signs of having been rushed to meet this deadline. The sections which deal with the Docks, together with the accompanying map, are excellent and fill an urgent reference need giving concise, readable details of their development. Where the booklet disappoints is in its secondary title, when the author's obvious lack of both local knowledge and local reference sources caused his undoing; for instance (p19) Brimscombe is on the Thames & Severn Canal, not the Stroudwater. The author's discourse on Trows indicates his lack of understanding of these craft and he also attempts to denigrate the Severn use of the title of Long Boat for the craft that the reviewer always knew as Monkey Boats - a far more apt description.

WORKING PARTY CO-ORDINATOR

The Trust Council has appointed David Pillinger as Working Party Co-ordinator in order that more efficient use may be made of both voluntary and visiting labour. David will be kept informed by the local working party organisers of their proposed programmes and will be able to assess the most productive placement of both equipment and labour. Any new volunteers or visiting working party leaders should, in the first place, contact him either by writing to 6 Churchward Avenue, Swindon, Wilts., or by telephone (evenings) on Swindon (0793) 32524. The Trust urgently requires extra labour and assistance, so why not take this opportunity to contact David and offer your help, either on a regular or one day basis.

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TRUST NAME COMPETITION

Frequent comment has been made of our tongue twisting title 'The Stroudwater, Thames & Severn Canal Trust Limited', and various suggestions have been made for a shorter and more apt title. A competition will be held, closing date 31st October 1980, open to all members, for a new streamlined title, and a suitable prize will be presented to the member with the best suggestion. Please send suggestions to The Secretary at 1 Riveredge, Framilode, Gos., marking the envelope 'Competition No 1'. The result will be published in the next 'Trow'.

Proposal Form for Election to Council - see Notice of A.G.M.
(This form can be cut from the page without spoiling the rest of the magazine)

STROUDWATER, THAMES & SEVERN CANAL TRUST LTD

PROPOSAL FOR ELECTION TO COUNCIL

I,being a Member of the Stroudwater, Thames & Severn Canal Trust Ltd., wish to propose..... to stand for election to the Council at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 27th September 1980.

Signed

I,being a Member of the Stroudwater, Thames & Severn Canal Trust Ltd., am willing to stand for election to the Council at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Saturday 27th September 1980.

Signed

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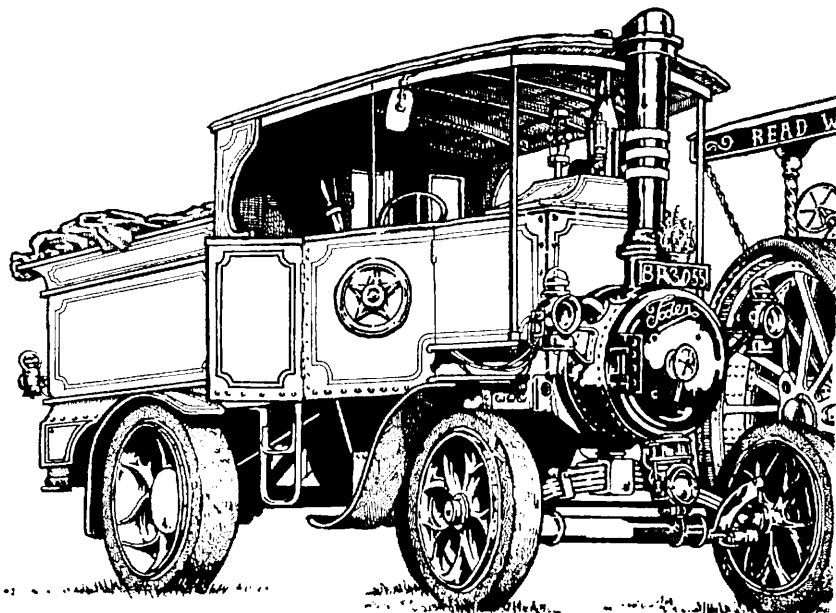
Sales Section

Readers will see Chris Bradshaw's advert on our back cover for his magnificent half-models, which are proving very popular and which we thoroughly recommend, particularly as a birthday or Christmas present. Orders may be sent direct to him, but he has kindly said that the models can also be ordered through the Trust, in which case we shall benefit from the commission payable. Please therefore send your orders to the Sales Section as soon as possible, especially if they are required before Christmas, as the models are individually made and there must consequently be some time allowed for delivery. At the time of writing we have two Severn Trows in stock, but these may of course have been sold by the time the magazine is printed.

On Wednesday September 24th, in conjunction with the visit to Stroud of a Trade and Cultural Exhibition from Germany, the Stroud/Duderstadt Society is arranging a Railway and Transport Display evening in the Subscription Rooms, Stroud, from approximately 5 pm to 10 pm. The Trust has been invited to take a Sales Stall, and we hope members and friends will pay a visit to the display and at the same time spend some money at the stall! There will be model railways, static exhibits and all sorts of interesting things connected with transport - we are hoping to persuade our member John Bond to bring one of his magnificent steam locomotives to show, and even our Secretary might find time to bring some interesting O-Gauge stuff. We are told that entrance will be not more than 25p, and less for children, so do try and come along.

Thanks again to our regular suppliers of stamps, matchbox labels, old waterways magazines and all sorts of other things - keep turning out your attics - we can still sell practically anything!

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Hope to have seen you at Stonehouse Vintage Steam Rally on 6th & 7th September

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..... £0.80

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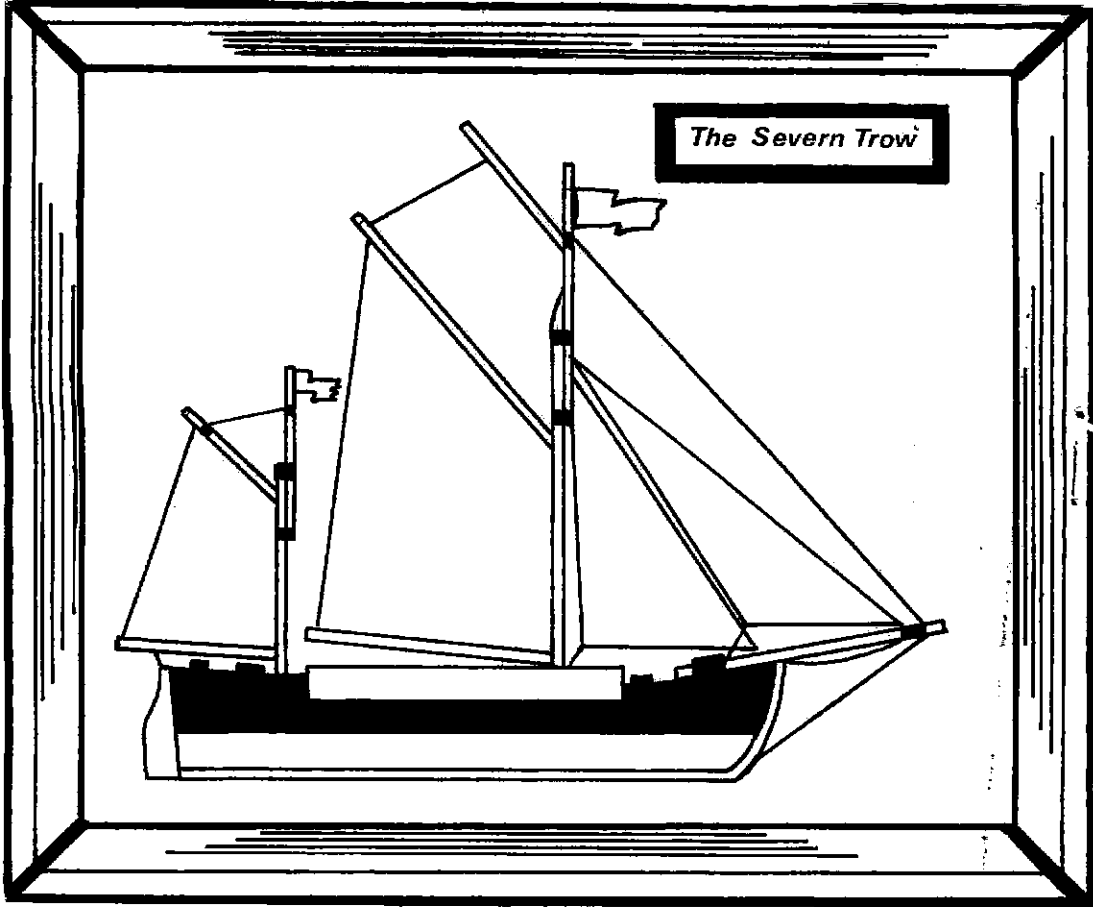
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