

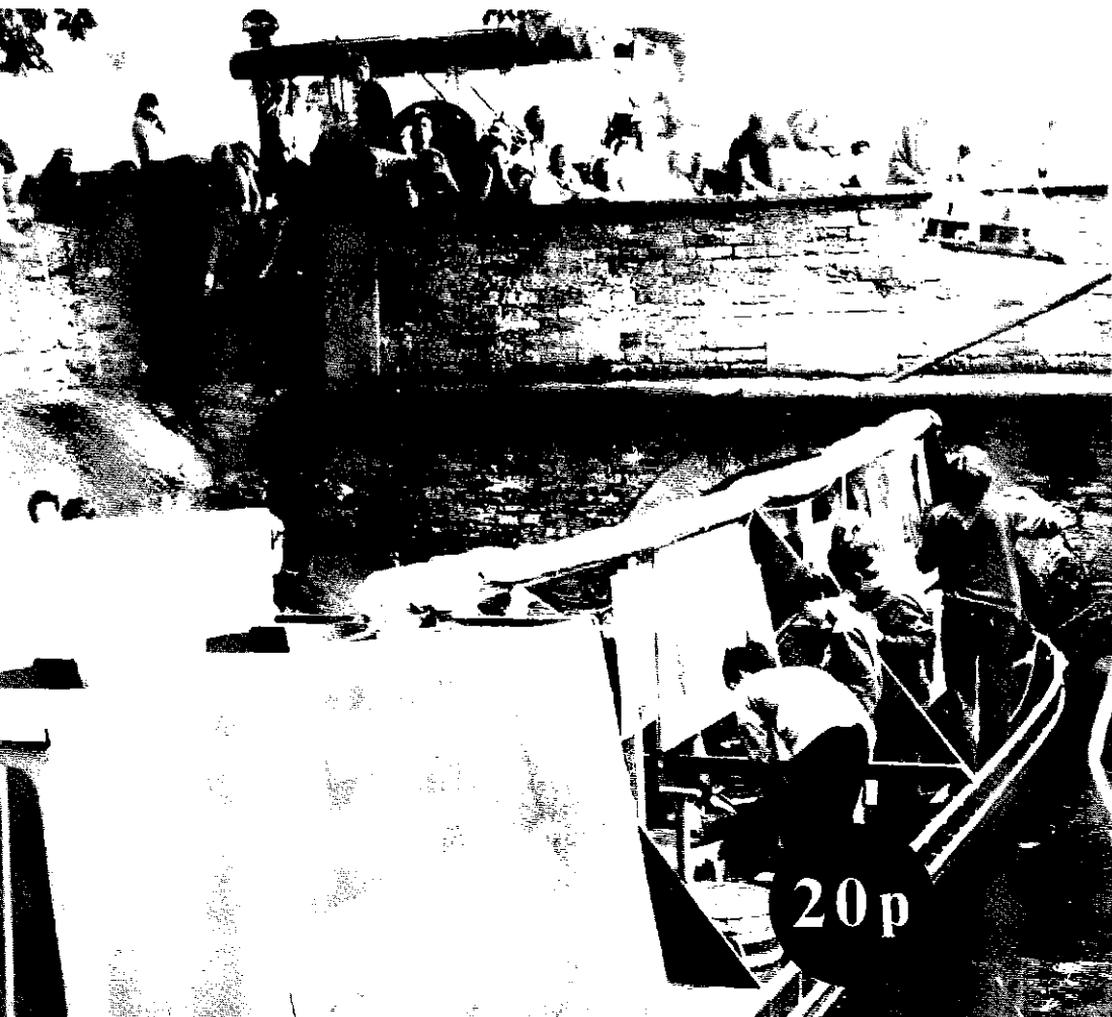
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working to restore the Cotswold Canals.*

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Front Cover: **Delivered safely and on time. The Token Ton being transferred to a steam-hauled trailer by Cricklade Scouts (P. Chadwick)**

Inside Front Cover: **Dedication. Charlotte and Rebecca Woodward, last year's winners of the Under 12s and Under 7s Cups, this year's joint winners of the Under 12s Cup.**

## E D I T O R I A L

Well, they did it! In spite of the dried-up state of the River Thames, the Magnificent Men from the I.W.A. duly sailed their vessel the Bold Venturer to Cricklade, and delivered the Token Ton of Midlands Merchandise as planned.

Some of the intervening bits did not quite go according to plan, but they still had time to provide the focus of Lechlade '84, hang about in one or two places while the T.V. Crews got organised, and be sitting in Cricklade the day before they were due. They had a little help from their friends, including some of our Trust members, and our worksites provided the scaffolding for their Do It Yourself portable dam, but it was the I.W.A.'s circus, and we congratulate them on their success.

The vital thing now is to keep up the interest and the publicity which was generated, and the best way of doing this is for every Trust member to make sure that everyone they meet hears that restoration is getting under way very nicely, thank you.

In particular, we need to ensure that our work and aspirations are known as widely as possible in local government circles, at every level. Some councillors are members of the Trust, many receive complimentary copies of the TROW, but all should be aware that we exist, and why.

So will members please check whether they know anyone with local government connections, and if so take steps to find out if that person knows that we are restoring the East/West waterway. If they do not, a 'phone call to any Trust or Branch Officer will enable information to be sent. This task is in addition to that half-member we would like everyone to recruit each year, because the more we are, the sooner we sail.

## ANONYMOUS DONATION

On 30th March 1984 the Trust received an anonymous donation of £700, together with the following note:

£700 donation, being £1,000 less tax, from a G.C.H.Q. employee who could not use such a payment".

We thank this unknown benefactor, and wish to state that the £700 was utilised in the purchase of a second hand RB10 Dragline, and the costs towards its refurbishment for the Stroudwater Dredging Site.

## SECRETARY'S PERSONAL THOUGHTS

You will see that the Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Trust will take place on Saturday 6th October 1984, so this is an appropriate time to look over one's shoulder at the past, and also to look to the future.

When Mike Ayland and John Humphries held their meeting in Stroud Subscription Rooms on 12th May 1972, which led to the foundation of the original Stroudwater Canal Society, they found an enthusiastic response very similar to the earlier Canal mania of the 18th and early 19th Centuries, with a confidence that the Stroudwater and Thames & Severn Canals would be reopened in five or ten years. Now, twelve years later, what is the situation? The canals have not been reopened, and many of the early enthusiasts have burnt themselves out and retired from the scene, whilst others and new faces have continued with the daunting, relentless task of systematically appraising and overcoming the physical, political and financial problems involved in our mammoth task.

In many ways the magnitude of the Scheme is only now becoming apparent, as is the fact that it will never be completed by a purely voluntary organisation. Hence our need to have an employed sector of the Trust in both management and on the canals. This then gives rise to further problems, employed staff by definition can no longer operate within the voluntary parameters. Whilst they may enjoy their task they are not doing it for relaxation like the volunteers, and also each £1 spent in wages, etc. has to show a return, as in any business operation.

Consequently, I consider that the time has now come, when in order to progress, the Trust must now split into two sectors, under the control of a modified Council, Voluntary and Employed, it being obvious that the employed sector will become increasingly dominant in the actual restoration, planning and financial requirement. The voluntary sector, whilst increasing from its present size, will pioneer restoration and carry out specific tasks, such as Cerney Wick Lock or the Ryeford Swing Bridge, within its capabilities. In order to achieve this I would suggest that initially the Trust be split into two geographical areas about Sapperton Tunnel, and each operate independently, under the Council's constraints, to carry out the day to day restoration, planning, fundraising and social events, with its own properly constituted committee.

The smaller modified Council would comprise a Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, say two or three independent members, and one representative from each geographical group. Its function would be to co-ordinate the employed and voluntary effort, direct policy, organise and allocate funding, oversee landowner and local authority negotiation, and delegate the day to day running of the Trust to the appropriate managerial chains. It is essential that in the main the Council members would be fully conversant, but not personally involved with both the voluntary and employed sectors, in order that their discussions be impartial.

I must make it clear that these suggestions are purely my own initial thoughts, and have not been discussed with your Council, but I consider this would both increase the efficient operation of the Trust in the future and also increase membership participation and enjoyment in our project.

Perhaps it could be a matter for discussion at the A.G.M., or possibly it may stimulate your suggestions.

DAVID H. BOAKES

#### 1984 SPONSORED WALK AWARD WINNERS

The Trust has pleasure in announcing the winners of the following Awards for their generous contribution to our Fund-Raising Walk which was held on 20th May 1984.

<b>Waller Trophy</b>	Senior Youth Group <b>10th SWINDON GUIDES</b>	£30. 45
<b>Whitbread Trophy</b>	Adult Prize <b>WENDY BROWNING, W. Byfleet</b>	£70. 50
<b>Cup</b>	Under 16s <b>PAULA DAVIS, Nailsworth</b>	£8. 30
<b>Cup</b>	Under 12s Joint Winners <b>CHARLOTTE and REBECCA WOODWARD</b> Up Hatherley	£15. 30 each
<b>Cup</b>	Under 7s <b>SHEILA BRIGGS, Stroud</b>	£15. 00
<b>Boat Enquiries Trophy</b>	Open Group <b>NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST</b> (Glos. Branch)	£53. 71
<b>Elliott Trophy</b>	Family <b>SHEENE FAMILY, Whiteshill</b>	£24. 35
<b>Woofer Cup</b>	Dog <b>'BEN' MUIR, Chalford</b>	£25. 70

The income to date is £1,000, but we are still awaiting sponsor money from approximately 20% of the walkers, so Mike Reynolds thinks there must be at least another £200 out there. How about sending it in, no matter how little. You have missed the Awards, but you can at least walk next year with a clear conscience.

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

David Jordan recently made one of his flying Junction 3/Junction 13 M5 trips down to Framilode, and spent an afternoon looking over the Canals with the Secretary. The real purpose of the visit was to collect a load of membership post which had been forwarded to Framilode, and **not** Marlbrook. Could all those sending subs, changes of address and general membership matters please, please forward them to **DAVID JORDAN**, 6 Hazelton Road, Marlbrook, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, and not anywhere else.

Anyway, David (and the Trust) welcome the following new members whose forms, some by the most devious routes, have now reached him:

Mr. R. Attwood	Eastcombe,	Stroud
Mr. G. J. Brown	Bristol	
Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Cleaver	Nythe	Swindon
Miss S. England	Westrip,	Stroud
Mr. L. J. Howes	Harrow Weald,	Middlesex
Mr. M. V. Johnson	Ilkley,	West Yorkshire
Miss A. Pearce	Stroud,	Gloucestershire
Mr. S. Witcombe	Stroud,	Gloucestershire

## MSC DREDGING SCHEME

Our initial MSC Scheme reached its conclusion on 28th July 1984 when the remaining team temporarily vacated the site.

They have shifted a vast volume of silt from the Canal and did not quite reach their target of the new swing bridge, which Alan Jones and his team raced to complete on schedule. During the year both the dredging team and the Trust have learnt a lot about full time canal restoration and the costs involved. Our thanks to all those involved, and best wishes to those who have found permanent employment from the Scheme.

We have been granted an enhanced Scheme for a further 12 months, which will continue under the supervision of William Frecknel, after approximately one month's break which will be devoted to raising funds towards the new Scheme. The Trust's contribution last year was of the order of £12,000, and the new enhanced Scheme will involve us in finding a minimum of £15,000 purely for this Scheme, before we take into consideration the further costs of our other activities. In order to continue all our MSC, Volunteer and Political activities we will need to raise a minimum of £25,000 - £30,000 on our fund raising this year.

We are pleased that this pioneering, heavily mechanised scheme has satisfied the Manpower Services Commission, and that the work will continue for at least another twelve months, when we hope to have a navigation channel to the Ship "Bridge" - but that will be another story - "O Ye of little faith in the Shire Hall!"

**CANAL TRUST DAY OUT TO SLIMBRIDGE WILDFOWL TRUST**

**10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. SATURDAY 27th OCTOBER 1984**

by **GLOSTER PACKET** FROM Gloucester to Patch, Slimbridge  
(bar on board)

**FOUR HOURS AT WILDFOWL TRUST**

Coach return to Gloucester

Fares: (inclusive of admission to Wildfowl Trust)

Adults: £5. 50      Children and Senior Citizens: £4. 50

Bookings, with remittance:    B. J. Balderstone  
  18 Meysey Close,  
  Meysey Hampton,  
  Cirencester, Glos.  
  Tel: Poulton (028 585) 529

**BOOK REVIEW**

**GLOUCESTER DOCKS - AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY** by Hugh Conway-Jones  
Publishers: Alan Sutton and Gloucestershire County Library.  
181 pp. Profusely illustrated. £4.95 + p & p from R. Nott.

It is interesting that the Sharpness Canal, or "Gloucester & Berkeley", as it is still known locally, has not been the subject of a definitive study, probably as it is a fully operating waterway and does not arouse the nostalgia of the now defunct canals. The history of its seaward outlet, Sharpness, "Sharpness - A Country Dock" by Wilf. Rowles, was recently posthumously published, and now Hugh Conway-Jones, who is not a canal enthusiast, has written the definitive history of its inland terminus, Gloucester Docks, from pre-canal days to date.

Here is a fascinating story of the struggle by Gloucester traders to maintain the most inland port in England. The growth of the timber and grain trade, and the effect of outside events, Parliamentary legislation and Continental wars on the prosperity of this inland City's docks, leading to its present decline as a result of the growth of the lorry.

Hugh has consistently detailed each move in the story, drawing on both written and oral sources, and has correlated an excellent selection of supporting illustrations to bring this History to life. Whilst Gloucester Docks, in its present form, may have outlived its former purpose, it is to be hoped that the structures, in future development, will continue to retain their present form and balance.

Unreservedly recommended to canal enthusiasts, visitors to Gloucester Docks, and casual readers.

**HARRY BUTLER**

## STROUDWATER WORKING PARTY REPORT

As is usual through the Summer months, very little work of a pure restoration nature other than the completion of the new pedestrian swing bridge at Ryeford has taken place. This job alone has taken more time to complete than anticipated, but all concerned agree that the effort has been worthwhile. The Trust again thanks all those who were involved with the work, and the local residents for their tolerance during the upheaval.

When dredging is completed, the towpath built up and levelled along this stretch of the Canal and other peripheral work nearly completed, this section should be a shining example of what the rest of this amenity can look like. We would urge anyone living along this length of the Canal who has a little regular spare time to help the Trust keep it in good order when the work is completed - this is as important as the initial work itself.

We shall be working in and on Blunder Lock at Eastington from now on, including several days' continuous work in October (dates not arranged yet). One exception to this is the planned scrub clearance in the King's Reach at Coates from the Tunnel portal to Tarlton Road Bridge, which will supplement the work on towpath clearance already carried out by the Thames End Branch. Dates are Sunday 26th and Monday 27th August. We need as many volunteers as possible to help remove saplings and tidy this section completely, so please contact a Trust official if you are available for some of this time, or later for Blunder Lock.

Our thanks go to Shire Training Workshops under the direction of Chris Wiley, who have already rebuilt the dry stone wall at the side of Daneway Portal to improve pedestrian access. A first class job, and Chris is now keen to commence work on the offside bank walling with his group.

Also to Archway School party, who worked so well (after letting out Mr. Neville's horse) in clearing the fallen tree and overgrowth in the bricked section above Puck Mill Lock.

ALAN JONES  
Tel: Stroud 78656

## CANAL PROPERTY AT FRAMPTON MANSELL

Mr. Martin Neville, as one of the adjoining landowners, has asked that we define the area of Canal now in the Trust's ownership at Frampton Mansell.

The property transferred to the Trust is the canal bed, towpath and sluice from the new stile below Puck Mill Lower Lock to Puck Mill Bridge, above Puck Mill Bridge the canal bed and full depth of the retaining walls as far as the weir just above Puck Mill Cottage.

Members should note that this property is transferred to the Trust and does not confer rights to individual members. We hope that you will enjoy using this amenity, and treat it with due consideration.

Incidentally, should anyone wish to work on the dry stone walls, we would appreciate their services.



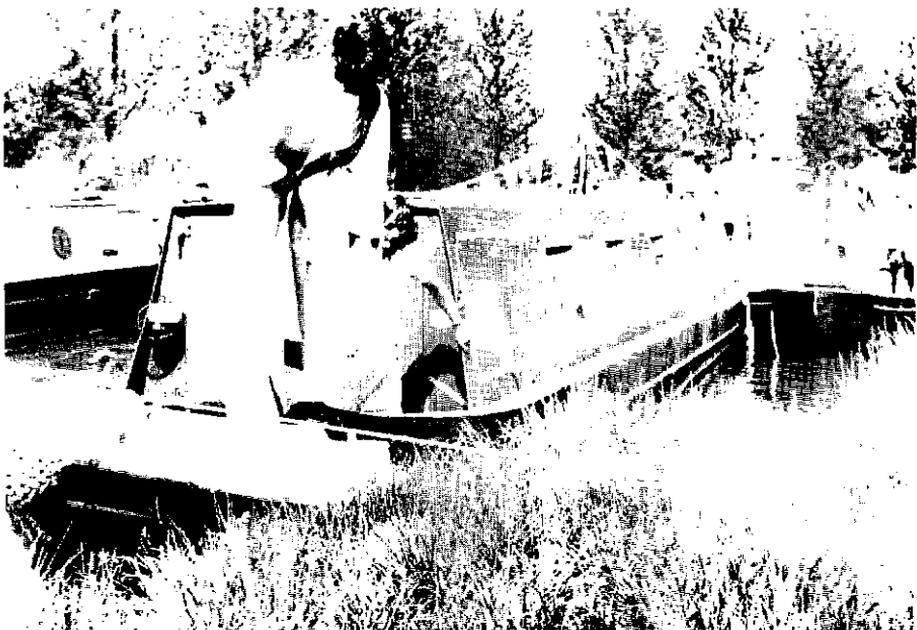
**Hose Down.** Stroudwater volunteers carrying out the final touches to clearance of Blunder Lock. (Framilode Productions)



**Not a Roman Pavement.** Nineteenth Century brickwork in the bottom of Blunder Lock. (Framilode Productions)



**Lechlade '84. Token Ton arriving from Coventry at the end of the easy section of its journey. The hard work was to get it to Cricklade. (Framilode Productions)**



**The Vicar of Lechlade stepping ashore from John Pugh's longboat after towing the Token Ton to Lechlade.**



These delightful clog dancers attracted large audiences at Lechlade '84  
(P. Chadwick)



**King's Reach, very short of water, but occupied by a busy party from Kingshill School, Cirencester.**



**The Thames End Working Party Organiser with our Kingshill School helpers, during a well earned break.**

## THAMES END WORKING PARTY REPORT

After a brief respite during which we gloated over our newly completed lock wall, the scaffolding has now been re-assembled on the East side in preparation for our Work Camp in August. Although this is a time when we look forward to seeing new faces, it is also a good time for our chairbound supporters to see restoration in progress. The birdsong quite often rises above the merry rattle of the cement mixer and provided the rain is not too heavy an air of cheerfulness prevails.

There are some interesting problems arising from the fact that the materials and mixers have to stay on the west side of the lock whilst we rebuild the east side. There is talk of an aerial ropeway and other forms of lateral thinking. Also, it is not possible to remove the coping stones from the east wall without wrecking the Round House garden, so they will have to be supported while the wall is repaired. This has been made possible by the generosity of Acrow (Engineering) Ltd., who have lent to us free of charge 25 jacking props. We caused a certain amount of consternation by arriving to collect the props with two cars, one of them a Mini. Apparently the correct way to transport these large lumps of metal is a fairly beefy lorry, but the longest ones are just under six feet and the total weight is equivalent to six medium sized rugger players. As both the Trust vehicles are a long way from Cerney Wick and the transport squad are chronically short of time it was considered worth a try. The trip was made with extreme caution, but without ill effects on men or machines, and the props are now in safe keeping with a kind friend.

Work in the vicinity of Coates has continued, after our Lengthman David Taylor reported that the jungle was making a comeback. The latest section to be dealt with was the towpath at King's Reach, where we had some very useful help from the Kingshill School, Cirencester. The towpath is now clear from Coates Round House to the famous Tunnel House Inn, where you may fortify yourselves before setting out on a tour of inspection.

Once again we found that the minute you clear a length of towpath people come and walk along it, which is gratifying. What would be better still would be for some of them to borrow the chainsaw and strimmer and do the next section.

Two of our newer members have also re-cleared the towpath between the Spine Road and Cerney Wick and, as they say, "Inspection is cordially invited". Have your wellies and some gardening gloves with you in case you decide to help.

DERYCK WATKINSON

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### GRAND DRAW

The Trust will be holding a **GRAND NEW YEAR'S DRAW** again in January with prizes of **£250, £100, and 10 of £15.**

£1.00 books of tickets will be available at the end of October 1984. If you can help sell the tickets, will you please write to the Secretary, 1 Riveredge, Framilode, Glos. with an addressed label or envelope, stating number of books you require.

### THAMES END BRANCH NEWS

The Branch held a well attended Annual General Meeting on 10th July at our usual venue, The Crown, Cerney Wick. The Chairman, Norman Townsend, reported that we had been busy on several fronts during the year, with one side of the lock at Cerney Wick rebuilt, and a great deal of towpath cleared in the Water Park and Coates areas. Other activities included a Sponsored Walk, and help with Lechlade '84, the movement of the Token ton up the Higher Thames, and the Festivities on its arrival at Cricklade.

The Work Camp in August '83 was greatly enjoyed, for the company as much as for the tremendous progress, and we have also had help from the Cotswold Community and Kingshill School, Cirencester, all very cheering.

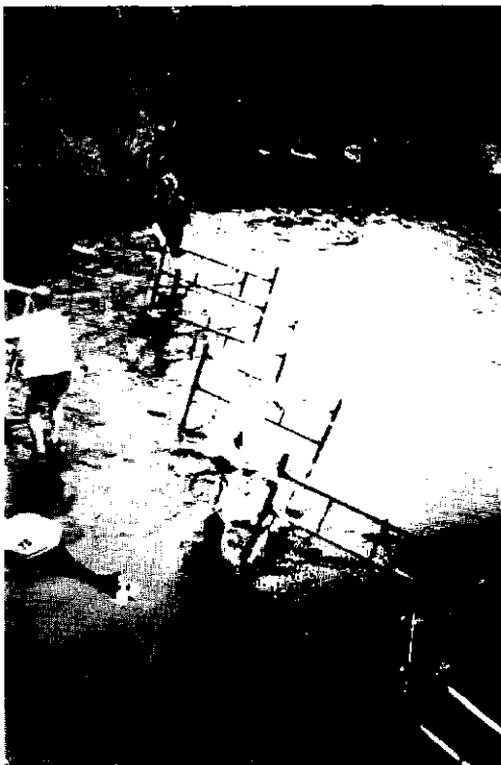
Having reported a good year, Norman then announced that he was unable to continue in office, a matter for regret since he had shown an outstanding talent for curbing the rambling tendencies of our Branch Meetings. Robin Twining has agreed to take over as Chairman, and to our great relief Norman will continue to look after the Branch Sales Stand, another activity in which he exhibits a natural talent. The other officers remain unchanged, i.e. Nicholas Melchior as Treasurer/Working Party Organiser and Deryck Watkinson as Secretary.

The Branch would like this year to be even more successful, and urges those who have so far stayed in the background to come and savour the pleasures of actual restoration activity.

#### DERYCK WATKINSON

The Bold Adventurer's Secret Weapon. First stages in assembling the portable weir which floated the **TOKEN TON** over several shallow sections.

(R. Twining)



## TRAMPING THE TOWPATH - AGAIN

The success of this Summer's courses along the Thames & Severn jointly run by the Corinium Museum in Cirencester and the University of Bristol mean that further courses are already being planned for 1985.

Two day schools on the **History and Restoration of the Thames & Severn Canal** have already been held at the Tunnel House Inn at Coates (good venue, this - Ed.) Demand for places has encouraged Bristol University to run two more, on 13th and 27th October this year, and again on 27th April 1985.

Bookings are on a first-come first-served basis and one at least of the October sessions is already full. Write now to Dr. Joe Bettey at the Dept. of Extra-Mural Studies, University of Bristol, 32 Tyndalls Park Road, Bristol, BS8 1HR to book a place.

These are all-day courses with a morning session of lectures on the Canal from David Viner, the Trust's archivist and joint author of this year's Trust best-seller, the **Towpath Guide**. David's interest in the Thames & Severn extends back over 15 years and his slide collection of past and present canal activity is extensive. After lunch, David Viner and Edwin Cuss of Cirencester conduct a towpath walk taking in the restored portal of Sapperton Tunnel and the summit level along Kings Reach to the Coates Round House and skew bridge. Adjourning thence to Daneway, the walk then takes in the Western Portal and extends below Daneway into the Golden Valley as far as time, energy and opening hours permit.

The enterprise of this team extends into June next year with a second series of **Tramping the Towpath** evening walks. Each takes place on a Friday from 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. at different venues along the canal line. Dates are June 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, and a note to David Viner at the Corinium Museum, Park Street, Cirencester, Glos. GL7 2BX will produce details and booking form in due course. Each session starts from an accessible point along the towpath and it is hoped in 1985 to include some parts which would not otherwise be accessible. The walks are informal and usually conclude not too far from a local (canal) hostelry to encourage informal discussion, etc.

## CANALS WEEKEND IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

The Trust, together with Slimbridge Youth Hostel, are running a weekend seminar on 26th to 28th October 1984, to include:

Hostel accommodation, all meals and refreshments  
 Illustrated Talks, exploration of the Stroudwater and Thames  
 & Severn Canal (by coach)  
 Narrowboat trip to Sharpness Docks by 'Gloster Packet'

Inclusive Price:      Adults - £26      Children - £23.

Full details from:      Pat White,  
                                  Warden, Slimbridge Y.H.A.,  
                                  Shepherds Patch,  
                                  Slimbridge, Glos.  
                                  Tel: 045 389 275

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Stroud-water, Thames & Severn Canal Trust Limited, to be held at Stroud Leisure Centre, Stratford Road, Stroud, at 3.00 p.m. on Saturday 6th October 1984.

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

1. To receive the Minutes of the Eighth 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 elect Members of Council
6. Any Other Business.

**DAVID H BOAKES CEng, MIMechE**  
**SECRETARY TO THE TRUST**

### NOTES

1. Notice of intending proposals for membership of the Trust Council must be forwarded to the Secretary in writing not less than 14 clear days, i.e. to arrive by 3 p.m. Friday 24th September 1984, before the date of the Meeting, together with the agreement in writing of the person proposed. Application forms are obtainable from the Secretary at the Trust's Registered Office, 1 Riveredge, Framilode, Glos. GL2 7LH.
2. Voting Rights - All classes of Membership, except Junior Membership, confer one vote. Junior Members have no voting rights since such members cannot be held liable under the Trust's guarantee.
3. Any member entitled to be present and to vote at the Meeting may appoint a proxy, who must be a voting member of the Trust. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing and shall be deposited at the Trust's Registered Office at 1 Riveredge, Framilode, Glos. GL2 7LH not less than 48 hours before the time of the Meeting.
4. Legally correct Proxy Forms may be obtained from the Trust Secretary at the Trust's Registered Office, 1 Riveredge, Framilode, Glos. GL2 7LH.

### CANAL TRUST SPONSORED WALK AWARDS

This year the Sponsored Walk Awards will take place on Saturday 5th October 1984 at 2.30 p.m. The ceremony will take place at Stroud Leisure Centre prior to the Annual General Meeting. All members are invited to be present to applaud those who contributed to our Funds in this way.

## COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1984

The Council submit their Ninth Annual Report to the Members of the Stroudwater, Thames & Severn Canal Trust. The following have served as members of the Trust Council during the past financial year:

John Barlow  
Kenneth Burgin  
Michael Glen  
Nicholas Melchior  
Jon Willis

David Boakes  
Peter Chadwick (resigned April 84)  
David Lewis (resigned April 84)  
Deryck Watkinson

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 both the Stroudwater Navigation and the Thames & Severn Canal. The Council have continued to remunerate the Secretary on a part time basis, apart from which there have been no contracts in which any Council Member had a personal interest. As sponsors the Trust has employed, since 1st August 1984, ten persons on an M.S.C. Community Project. In addition a part time Secretarial Assistant commenced work to aid fundraising in March 1984.

There are no charges outstanding over assets of the Trust such as would require registration under the Company Acts. Our fundraising has continued on a national basis and this has become an increasing source of finance.

Our main emphasis on restoration has shifted to the Stroudwater Navigation, with the M.S.C. Scheme, but there has also been increasing involvement by Trust Volunteers and visiting working parties on both canals.

Politically there has been increasing consultation with both Local Authorities and landowners, to preserve and improve the route for restoration, and the Company of Proprietors of the Stroudwater Navigation has continued to actively support the Trust in our activities on that section of the route.

In conclusion, your Council wish to express their appreciation for the assistance and support received from members and friends of the Trust over the past year.

**MICHAEL R. REYNOLDS**  
**TREASURER**

**DAVID H. BOAKES**  
**SECRETARY**

## SALES SECTION

Items available by post from our Sales Manager, Mr. R. O. Nott, Lynfield, Frome Park Road, Stroud, Glos. GL5 3LF (Tel Stroud 3014). Prices quoted include a contribution towards postage and packing. Orders over £15 in total qualify for a 5% discount.

Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to 'Stroudwater, Thames & Severn Canal Trust'.

A Canal Walk through Stroud by Trevor Roberts	£1. 45
Cirencester As It Was by David Viner	£2. 95
Narrow Boat Painting by A. J. Lewery	£7. 25
The New Navvies by Dr. R. W. Squires	£10. 50
The Severn Bore by Frederick Rowbotham (new edition)	£5. 35
Stroudwater and Thames & Severn Towpath Guide by D. Viner and M. Handford	£5. 50
The Thames & Severn Canal by Humphrey Household (now reprinted)	£10. 45
The Thames & Severn Canal in Photographs by D. Viner	£2. 80
Books by John Gagg:	
Canal Tunnels )	
Narrow Canals )	
Broad Canals )	
Locks )	All
Waterways Sights )	£0. 60 each
Canals in a Nutshell )	
Back numbers of THE TROW: Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 11 to 35	£0. 15 each
Nos. 36 to date	£0. 25 each
Photocopies of Nos. 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10	£0. 50 each
Black and White drawing of Tunnel House suitable for framing (approx. 8" x 6")	£0. 30
Set of 4 Trust Colour Postcards (Tunnel House, Daneway Inn, Kings Reach and Chalford Round House	£0. 30
Pack of 8 Stroudwater/Thames & Severn Notelets (4 different scenes with envelopes)	£0. 50
Trust Car Stickers	£0. 25
Trust Ballpoint Pens	£0. 20
Trust Commemorative Brass celebrating Restoration of Coates Portal - limited issue of 200 now only 5 left	£5. 00
NEW: Trust Tea-Towel (new design showing Canal Scenes around Stroud - available in Blue or Brown	£1. 95
Tea-Towels - 50% linen/50% cotton - designs available:	
Britain's Canals and Rivers )	
Waterside Pubs )	
Canals and Narrow Boats )	
Waterside Plants )	All
Kingfisher )	£1. 75 each
Operation of Canal Locks )	
Canal Code )	
Glass Cloth in Waterside Flora and Fauna Design	£1. 35

NEW WATERWAYS BOOKS - published by ALAN SUTTON

**THE CANAL BOATMEN 1760 - 1914**

by Harry Hanson (Sovereign series, £5.95 paperback) discusses the economic and social conditions of the canal people through this period of the development of the canal system and its eventual decline during the railway age. Contemporary descriptions illustrate the life style of the boatman and the importance of the 'number one' (or owner-operator) in the commercial life of the canals.

This study began life as a university thesis and remains pretty detailed with appendices, etc., but it is particularly useful for the serious canal and transport historian. Others might more easily refer to the same author's companion **CANAL PEOPLE** (David and Charles 1978) on a similar theme.

**CANAL INCLINES AND LIFTS**

by David Tew (hardback £8.95) is a comprehensive illustrated study based upon original sources of all designs for canal inclines, 'ship railways' and boat and cargo lifts which have actually been constructed. The author goes right back to ancient Egypt and Imperial China, discusses the great contribution made by British Canal Engineers, and charts the remarkable progress in this century on the continent of Europe.

Not yet in the lists, but advance notice herewith of another Alan Sutton title due out in November (i.e. for your Christmas present). This is a new edition, completely reset and restyled, of the classic canal account:

**THE FLOWER OF GLOSTER**

by E. Temple Thurston. First published in 1911, this study has become a well-known title, not least because of its Thames & Severn Canal content. This new edition has an introduction by David Viner, the Trust's archivist and historian, and a wide selection of contemporary historical photographs related to the 1911 journey. Special features are an examination of the story behind Temple Thurston's account, and the commentary to the illustrations, many of which have not been published before. Hardback at £11.95.

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## DIARY DATES

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	9	Stroudwater Working Party
	22/23	Thames End Working Party
	23	Stroudwater Working Party
<b>OCTOBER</b>	6	2.30 p.m. Sponsored Walk Presentation, Stroud Leisure Centre
	6	3.00 p.m. <b>TRUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b> Stroud Leisure Centre <b>Please note Change of Date from previous TROW</b>
	7	Stroudwater Working Party
	9	7.30 p.m. <b>IWA GLOUCESTER BRANCH</b> Tewkesbury Marina Yacht Club. Film Evening presented by Bob Paget and Peter Price to include a film on Port of Gloucester 400
	21	Stroudwater Working Party
	21	2.30 p.m. <b>IWA GLOUCESTER BRANCH</b> Exploring the B.C.N. Meet at top of Farmer's Bridge Locks (or in the Long Boat for a drink before). Call Chairman to check details on Cheltenham 512802.
	27/28	Thames End Working Party
	<b>NOVEMBER</b>	4
	6	7.30 p.m. <b>IWA GLOUCESTER BRANCH</b> Tewkesbury Marina Yacht Club. 'Tunnel Talk' by Alan Simpson, on disused Canal Tunnels, with slides.
	24/25	Thames End Working Party
	25	Stroudwater Working Party

Thames End evening meetings are held at The Crown Inn, Cerney Wick, on the second Tuesday of the month, Summer and Winter, at 8.00 p.m.

Additional dates to those shown above will be worked as necessary, details on request from organisers below.

Trust volunteers often work Tuesday evenings on plant and maintenance, Saturday mornings or all day at Blunder Lock, and other weekend working can be arranged. Please contact Jon Willis if you prefer other times to those above.

Stroudwater Working Parties meet at Eastington Plant Depot (OS Map Ref. SO 786061) on Sundays at 9.30 a.m. Directions to work site, if elsewhere, will be posted on the building doors.

Thames End Working Parties - work starts at 10.00 a.m. Directions on the location of the day's work are posted at Cerney Wick Lock (OS Ref. SU 079960). Further information - contact Nicholas Melchior, Swindon 762510.

Accommodation with catering is available for those wishing to stay overnight (groups and individuals), but adequate notice is essential, please.

Information, plant and equipment, also work camps, away visits and Daneway, contact Alan Jones on Stroud 78656.

