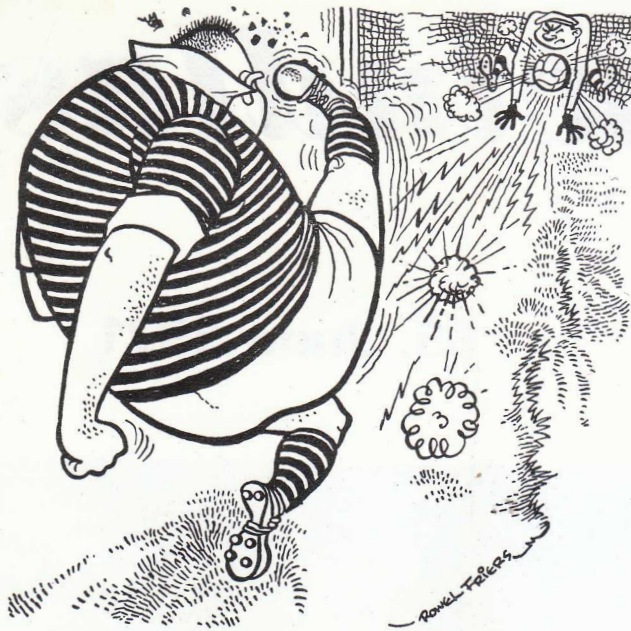


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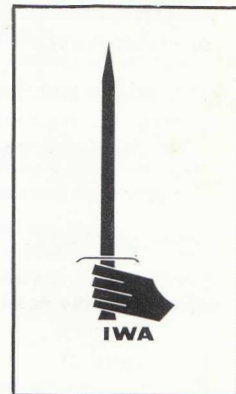
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JULY 24 or 25. Cruise on the Slough Arm of the Grand Union Canal.

AUGUST 13-16

National IWA Rally at Northampton.

AUGUST 28-30. Sheffield Campaign Rally (contact J W Baylis, 25 Bedford Avenue, Mansfield, Notts).

AQUAPEAL '71 is a sponsored charity 'boyhandle' of a 13ft 6in inflatable c-craft from Bridgehead, Bristol, to Westminster Bridge, between Friday August 20 to Sunday September 5th 1971. Among the charities to benefit will be the IWA National Waterways Recovery Fund. Details from Aquapeal '71, Bourn Avenue, London N15, (or donations direct to Aquapeal '71, Giro A/C 503 9258).

Crofton will steam on - June 5/6; July 3/4 (and 5/6 for schools) August 7/8; September 11/12; November 13/14. Further information from - N. F. Reynolds, 11 The Vineyard, Richmond, Surrey.

Bristol Water Festival 26/27 June

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Branch Organisation

Following the announcement of the plan to set up 'centres of activity', we have had some promising reports from some of the areas initially proposed. Groups have been formed in Maidstone and Chelmsford, and Brighton and Oxford look as if they will soon be following. It is a little early to report specific activities but we understand that local working parties are likely to prove a popular way of supporting our aims.

If you are interested, contacts are:

Brighton - Mr J Hankinson, 2 The Cedars, London Road, Uckfield, Sussex.

Oxford - Hugh Compton

Maidstone - Ron Stainton, Middle House, Station Road, Pluckley, Ashford, Kent.

Chelmsford - John Marriage

'Windlass' Circulation

I would like to express my thanks, and record the gratitude of the Branch, for the work of Martin Spratt and his family in getting out more than 2,500 copies of Windlass every month. During the recent postal strike they had two months' issues stored around their house!

Quote from BWB's new publication for its employees 'Waterways News' by the Editor, Sheila Doeg, in an article on the BCN, "this visit gave me my first glimpse of a canal. I had read about them.....talked about them.....seen photographs of them. But I had not actually seen one."

Quote from 'Mercian' (SE Midlands Branch magazine): On March 29 Mr Geoffrey Johnson-Smith MP asked the Secretary of State for the Environment when he will take steps to maintain and restore the right of navigation on inland waterways.

Mr Eldon Griffiths replied, "Action would depend on whether difficulties were created for waterways users by the changes introduced by the 1968 Transport Act. We have no evidence of such difficulties."

We must apologise for mis-spelling the name of the IWA founder, Robert Aickman, in the last issue.

Ring immediately David Gibson if you can help with transport or manning the Branch stand at the RTS Rally over the Spring Bank Holiday, May 29-31 (we also need help at the Branch Rally on June 19th and at Dorking Model Show, October 1 - 3).

WANTED - Volunteer with:

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When this issue is published, the BWB 'Boat Afloat Show' will be in full swing, with the period May 17 - June 6 put aside to demonstrate boats and activities unsuitable for the canals - the programme boasts fast craft, water ski-ing, surfing (?) and swimming ('on pool on shore').

Boats will only be able to pass through the Basin at the following times: 8 - 9.30, 12.30 - 13.15, 18.00 - 18.30 - a slight improvement on last year's arrangements.

Chichester Canal

I now understand from the Clerk of the West Sussex County Council, the owners of the canal, that there is no possibility of it being converted into a road. The County's Coast and Countryside Committee are retaining it as it is at present, with the longer term aim of carrying out some improvements so that it will remain a local amenity for canoeing, fishing and walking.

RIVER THAMES

Lock opening hours are now:

	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Sundays</u>
May 16 - Aug 15	9 am - 8 pm	9 - 9
Aug 16 - 31	9 am - 8 pm	9 - 8.30
September	9 am - 7.15 pm	
October	9 am - 6 pm	
Nov - Jan	9 am - 5 pm	

MEDWAY

A picnic has been arranged for Sunday, June 13th at the I.W.A. mooring site off Medway Wharf Road in Tonbridge from 2 p.m. onwards.

The rallying point is close by the Great Bridge in the High Street and is easy to reach by road, rail or river. It is hoped there will be a good turn-out and that further social occasions can be arranged.

If weather doubtful please telephone Mrs. Taylor (Plaxtol 549) or Mr Dale Johnson (Plaxtol 544). If wet the event will be one week later - Sunday June 20. Bring Family, Friends and Food and enjoy yourselves.

RIVER WEY

The timber treadwheel crane and cranehouse which used to stand on Guildford Wharf have been removed - but only temporarily. Whilst work on the new town centre scheme was in progress the Guildford Council, and the National Trust who own the crane, thought it safer to remove it to storage to prevent damage by the heavy development work. Part of the redevelopment will include a riverside walk between the existing Town Bridge, and a new one to be built to the north, and the crane will be resited on this walk almost in its original position, but on slightly raised foundations in case of flooding. The pedestrian walk should be completed within about 18 months.

The treadwheel crane is thought to be over 200 years old, and some timbers in the cranehouse are probably over 300 years old. There is believed to be only one other similar crane in the country, and it has been designated an ancient monument by the Department of the Environment. Whilst in storage vital renovation work will be carried out on some of the timbers. The treadwheel, incidentally, was never driven by manual labour, but probably by a small animal, such as a donkey. The restoration of the treadwheel crane, and the opening of the riverside walk, are the first steps towards the reactivation of the river frontage in the lower parts of Guildford, which is badly needed.

Tony Davis.

OXFORD CANAL

New moorings are being provided at Banbury, we are pleased to hear. We understand that lifting bridge number 240 is to be removed.

Hugh Compton.

Our congratulations to John James on the 21st anniversary of 'Jason's Trip'. The event was commemorated by a special cruise by 'Jason' and the butty 'Serpent' on May 12th.

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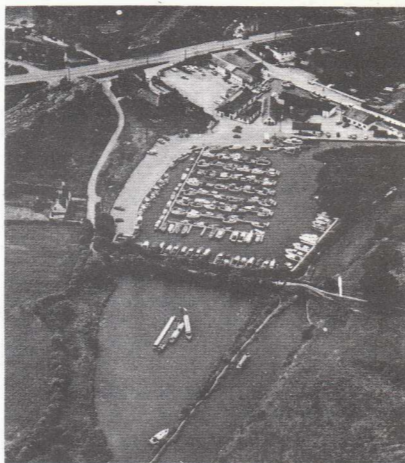
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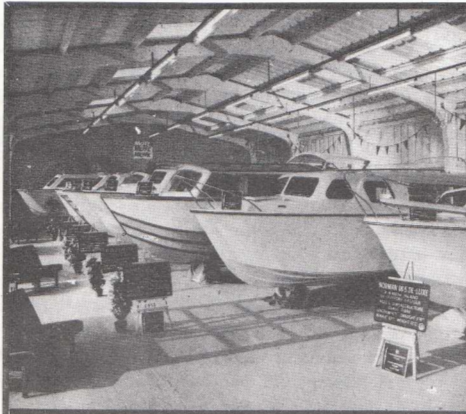


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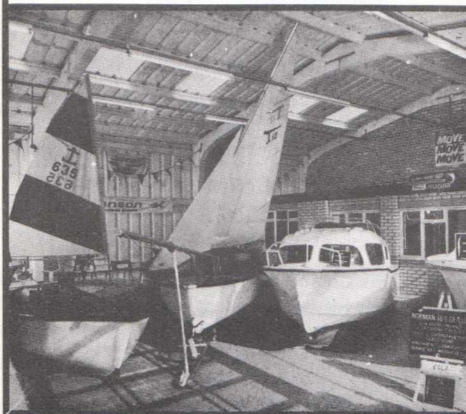
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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As you know, from the 3rd April I am no longer the Chairman of the Inland Waterways Amenity Advisory Council. This is a sad thing for me because I have derived great joy and encouragement from my contact with many of you all over the country.

It is a difficult thing to change gear from absolute commitment to the Waterways to other things. I will not now be able to play the part that I would have liked to continue. Nevertheless I have benefited greatly from my association with all of you and I intend to use whatever position I may be accorded in my future public life to advocate greater support for the Waterways. I do not think it is time yet awhile to rest on our cause or our anglers' rods or on our feet.

I hardly need to express the disappointment we must all feel at Illyd's 'sacking' from IWAAC. Let us only hope that he finds another effective outlet for his energetic campaigning for inland waterways.

The future of the Waterways is in our hands. Anything I can do to push the cause forward, I will do with all my might. Again thanks to you all for your friendship, companionship and hospitality.

Yours sincerely,

Illyd Harrington

The Old School House
Feniton
Honiton EX14 OBE.
March 21st 1971

Dear Sir and Madam,

I cannot see the point of printing the extract from the Observer Colour supplement on P.2, of the March number of the Windlass without some editorial comment or without some indication that action has been taken to provide the writer with different viewpoints.

For instance the remarks of Sir Frank Price obviously referred to only a few people, and I am sure he would be the first to agree that during the Chairmanship of Capt. Munk the attitude of the I.W.A. Council has been 'Co-operation'.

The remarks (second paragraph) "he gave us a very telling picture of BWB's etc opinion" irritated me, and, as an editorial, could be understood as reflecting the IWA's attitude towards BWB. If I have been reading my Bulletins etc correctly, I do not believe that is so, and I hope that I shall see a retraction of the innuendo in the next number of the Windlass.

Yours faithfully,

T F G Carless.

In fact, I wrote a long editorial comment, but lack of space did not allow me to use it. The remarks were clearly stated as my own and therefore there is no 'innuendo' to retract on behalf of the IWA - Ed.

Silsden Cottage
Amersham Road
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Buckinghamshire

Dear Sir and Madam,

One or two points I would like to make on behalf of the carriers who survive:

If a person, regardless of whether or not everyone else thinks he or she is quite made, has a motor or pair of working boats and thinks that he or she can do a worthwhile job of work, who has the right to say that it should not be done? I personally would do anything in my power to try to find some trade for that person. I would not question whether it was a viable proposition or not - surely that is up to the individual carrier? I.W.A. should at least have enough faith when approached by any carriers and do its utmost to seek traffics (and don't tell me that it does).

Both my husband and I constantly "brainwash" any members of the public we can - we come into contact with a large cross section. Educated or not, it is amazing how ignorant 95% of the people are about waterways. Through going on about carrying, my husband was able to convince a plant hire firm that it would be a good idea to collect several loads of scaffolding tube from near Nottingham and bring it down to Aylesbury. Had this form known earlier and had been able to base their quote on the rates kindly supplied by one of the carriers, it would have been successful in buying the tube. Unfortunately, they had already based their quote on expensive road haulage rates and lost the chance. In future, when tendering in similar circumstances they will ask for water-borne rates. This could have been a beginning, other firms would get to hear about this form of carriage, they would make enquiries; there is plenty of scope for narrow-boat trade. If I could afford it I would go all out for advertising in the dailies: full page adverts (and they would accept my money - even if their advertising managers thought I was daft, wouldn't they?)

Mr Pegram seemed to be a bit confused in his letter; I would be interested to see him scraping along in a few years time. I fear that without the narrowboat men as he calls them, we shall be literally doing what the yachtmen call ditchcrawling! Just to prove that we have a little faith in I.W.A. we shall not sell out boat yet, while there is life there is hope.

Rosemary Carden.

The Coppice
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28th April 1971

Dear Editors,

May I give the final shots in the recent correspondence on narrow boat carrying?

Firstly I should love to see the canals busy with narrow boats as I saw them long before many I.W.A. Members were born. But can you really expect a man to live and bring up a family in a small cabin in 1971 when the standard of living is greatly risen from what it was not long ago? When carrying was common, unemployment was high and housing was not provided like it is to-day and so many families took to the cut to find work and a cheap roof over their heads. Long hours were a necessity and even recent narrow boats have had to run very long hours to make any sort of a living.

Secondly how can one expect to compete with road transport when new roads and motorways are sprouting everywhere and the lorry owner pays no more for it. Canals have hardly been upgraded since they were built and it is a case of expecting the old to compete with the very latest.

Finally where are the boats to come from, many have been converted and many scrapped. If there was any money to be made on narrow boat carrying them some enterprising person would have new craft built and operate them. Many have tried to operate what craft were left but it was always a case of no return on capital and that cannot last long.

Let us therefore rest with happy memories and encourage the very few boats that are left. Moreover the whole emphasis is now on amenity for canals and that is how they are being saved and if the I.W.A. or any other body tried to save them on commercial viability they would be out of business very quickly.

D D Hutchings.

QUIZ ...



QUIZ No 22

- 1) On which canals are the following locks: (a) Hall Green, (b) Hack Green, (c) Hassall Green
- 2) Whose head appears on the Western portal of Brandwood Tunnel?
- 3) What are: (a) Starvationers (b) Pin Boats?
- 4) What connection is there between the Birmingham and Fazeley Canal and the Eddystone Lighthouse?
- 5) What have Woking, Bishops Stortford and Godalming in common?
- 6) Where, at a lock, can stop grooves be found?

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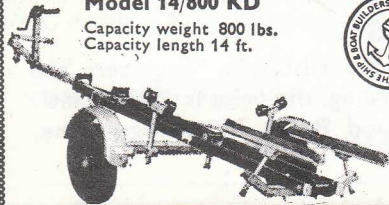
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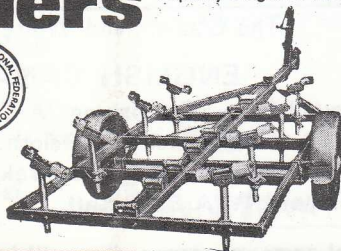
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