

# Sou'Wester

**IWA's AGM comes to the  
South West & South Wales Region**

**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at Maidenhill  
School, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire**



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# South West and South Wales Region Committees

## **South West & South Wales Region Committee:**

Chairman: Vacant                      Members: \*Geoff Brown  
Hon. Secretary: \*Ray Alexander                      \*Geoff Harman  
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Navigation Committee                      \*Tony Pugh  
Representative: \*Steve Warwicker

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Chairman: Vacant                      Members: Vacant  
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Publicity Officer: Vacant  
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Treasurer: Vacant

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Chairman: \*Tony Pugh                      Members: Mike Synan  
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Volunteers Co-ordinator: \*Mike Slade

**\*Contact details for these appear inside the back cover.**

# Notices

## IWA

### Annual General Meeting

The Region committee is delighted that the Annual General Meeting of the Inland Waterways Association is coming to the South West and South Wales Region this year and invites all our members to come to this event, which is being held on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September at Maidenhill School, Kings Road, Stonehouse Gloucestershire, GL10 2HA.

Stonehouse is at the beginning of the restored section of the Stroudwater Canal and also near to the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal, Gloucester Docks and the River Severn, so there is plenty to visit and see in the area.

The programme for the day includes presentations in the morning together with the Annual General Meeting at 11.30am, followed by lunch which is free but which should be booked in advance.

In the afternoon there will be a tour of Ebley Mill and a guided walk to Wallbridge Lock on the restored section of the Stroudwater Canal.

More information on the programme for the day is set out in the Bulletin e-mail newsletter for August. To reserve your seat and lunch please go to [waterways.org.uk/agm2018](http://waterways.org.uk/agm2018).

***The Region Committee***

### Appointment of Region Chairman

The South West and South Wales Region Committee wishes to appoint a new Chairman of the Region, to become effective later this year.

The role of Region Chairman encompasses a variety of activities which includes oversight of the four branches within the Region, representing the Association at meetings and events throughout the Region and liaising with the trustees, other Region Chairmen and officers of the Association.

Members of the Region who are interested in this role should contact the Hon. Secretary, Ray Alexander using the e-mail address on page 19 or by telephoning 07786 176875.

*Cover photo: Cotswold Canal and St. Cyr's church at Stonehouse near Stroud courtesy of Peter Llewellyn*

# News

## ROGER HOLMES

### *The Region Committee*



Our Region Chairman for the past 5 years, Roger Holmes, resigned his position on 30<sup>th</sup> June this year and will be retiring as a Trustee of the Inland Waterways Association at the Annual General Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> September.

A long term waterway enthusiast and for many years a keen boater, Roger and his wife Sue acquired their first boat, Katarina in 1971 and subsequently over the years they travelled much of the inland waterway network. A member of IWA since the 1970s, Roger initially joined the Hertfordshire Branch and subsequently became a member and then Chairman of the Gloucester and Herefordshire Branch after moving to Lydney in 2006. Roger became Region

Chairman in 2013 and his greatest strengths were his knowledge of the UK waterways, the history of IWA and the strong support that he gave to the activities of the four branches of the South West and South Wales Region, which included attending all four AGM's each year and was always much appreciated.

Our thanks and best wishes go to Roger and Sue for the future.

*Photo: Courtesy of Mike Potts, Gloucestershire & Herefordshire branch member*

## AVON AND WILTS 100 CLUB DRAW

### **The winners of the Summer 2018 Draw**

#### **for the Branch 100 club were:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£24.16	Mr Lewis
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£14.50	Mr Angerson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	£9.66	Mr L Gibney

Monies raised in 2018 will be given to The Kennet and Avon Trust.

For details about the 100 Club contact Vivienne Hook on 0117 9771373 or [vivienne.m.hook@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:vivienne.m.hook@blueyonder.co.uk)

The Winter draw will be made on December 13<sup>th</sup> at the branch meeting.

# GREAT CANAL JOURNEYS

*Tony Pugh*

Star couple Timothy West and Prunella Scales came to visit the Mon and Brec and film on our beautiful canal.

Their love for canals and support towards the Monmouthshire, Brecon and Abergavenny Canals Trust and the restoration project of our waterways shone through both on and off camera. We are all waiting eagerly to watch the next series of them enjoying our beloved canals and its history.

Great Canal Journeys is a Channel 4 television series in which husband and wife Timothy West and Prunella Scales take canal barge trips in the United Kingdom and Europe.

## Boat on the River Parrett

*Patsy Robinson*



An unusual event occurred on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July when a boat came up the River Parrett and tied up at the Town Steps, once regularly occupied by sailing ships from around the world.

Sue and Matt Weston, residents of Bridgwater, brought their boat Dilligaf, a Regal 2250, to Combwich Motor Boat and Yacht club from where it was launched into the river. Leaving Combwich at 10am, the trip to Bridgwater took just over an hour and proceeded without difficulty. High tide at Bridgwater on the day was 11.20am, which gave the crew time for a cup of tea at a quayside café before returning to Combwich on the falling tide, again without difficulty.

IWA West Country Branch wishes to see more leisure boating on the River Parrett together with the tourism benefits that this would bring to the town. The Branch is lobbying Canal and River Trust to restore the Barge Lock to full working condition and thus to comply with the obligations under their lease of Bridgwater Docks from Somerset County Council, thus once again permitting navigation between the River Parrett and the Docks.

*Photo: The Dilligaf at Bridgwater Town Steps 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 courtesy of Julian Gibson who is a West Country Branch committee member*

# WRG visit to River Parrett at Langport

*Ray Alexander*



IWA West Country Branch and Langport Town Council organised a weekend visit to Somerset on 21-22 April by WRG 'Bit in the Middle'.

The WRG volunteers spent the weekend removing a number of saplings and clearing several years' worth of silt, mud and grass from a former Environment Agency slipway on the River Parrett at Langport. The Town Council had

acquired the slipway from the EA in 2016 as one element of its programme to increase the use of the non-tidal "Upper" Parrett for leisure and recreation purposes and to thereby bring more visitors into the town.



The weekend was a great success and paves the way for a second phase which is to repair some damaged elements of the slipway that are currently submerged underwater.

The photographs show the 'before' and 'after' slipway and show the enormous difference made by the volunteers. The West Country Branch and the Town Council thanks WRG for their work and also thanks Langport resident and IWA member Ian Macnab for all his help and also for taking the volunteers on a trip on his wooden heritage boat "The Duchess of Cocklemoor" on the Sunday.

*Photos: Top one unknown*

*Bottom one courtesy of Mike Slade, WCB volunteers'*

*Co-ordinator*

# Navigation Committee Update

*Steve Warwicker, NavCom Chairman*

This is a brief update on what is happening at Navcom. The meetings now are mainly by Video conference to minimise the travelling times and effort of members and make it easier for people in diverse geographies to attend and contribute.

It was agreed that instead of a separate policy on continuous cruising, we need an updated residential boating policy, to replace both the residential mooring and continuous cruising policies, which identified some real solutions. A working group has been established.

One of the key objectives this year is the Silver Propeller challenge and a registration system is to be implemented so that we get an idea of number of boats taking part.



Boaters will receive an information pack which will include information about each location, and this is being put together by Head Office. The challenge has received half a dozen reports from people having difficulty getting to locations, such as the Ashby Canal, which is a demonstration of the purpose of the scheme

As part of an overall view of how we influence various navigation authorities, we are working on better ways of having appropriate relationships with different organisations that may have similar objectives to our own. Clearly we need to influence the main navigation authorities such as CRT (Canal and River Trust) and EA (Environmental Agency) as well as Broads Authority and others but are working currently with British Canoeing and RYA to further common aims.

A paper giving an update on the boaters' facilities campaign had been circulated, and the committee noted the launch of the Gap Tracker reporting form on the website, over 150 reports received already, and the progress on engaging with navigation authorities. This was raised with CRT at the meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> July.

**Editor:** Information about The Silver Propeller Challenge and Gap Tracker can be found on pages 10, 11 and 12.

## **Over 248 Green Flag Miles**

Canal and River Trust (CRT) are celebrating an additional six stretches of its waterways being awarded Green Flag status. They join the Trust's 165 miles of existing Green Flag waterways, taking the total to 248.5 miles.

Canals gaining a Green Flag Award this year are:

- \* 19 miles of the Lancaster Canal from Bilborrow to the Lune Aqueduct
- \* 30 miles of the Chesterfield Canal from Kiveton Park to West Stockwith
- \* 8 miles of the Montgomery Canal
- \* All 9 ½ miles of the Pocklington Canal
- \* All 2 ½ miles of the Ripon Canal
- \* All 14 ½ miles of the Bridgwater & Taunton Canal

The scheme, run by Keep Britain Tidy, recognises spaces that boast the highest possible environmental standards, are beautifully maintained, and play an important role in the local community. Most Green Flag sites are parks, but CRT has shown that watery spaces open to the public can have the same positive impacts as grassy ones.

Jon Horsfall, head of customer services at CRT, said "We're delighted that a further six special canals have been recognised with Green Flag Awards for their wildlife, accessibility, heritage and benefits to those who live nearby.

"As a charity, I'd like to thank all those who volunteer or donate to make our waterways such special places. Our research shows us that visiting a canal makes you healthier and happier, so we encourage everyone to get out and enjoy their local canal this summer. Walking the dog, sitting and watching the boats go by, or working up a sweat on a run or cycle - our towpaths are great places to be."

International Green Flag Award scheme manager Paul Todd added, "We are delighted to be celebrating another record-breaking year for the Green Flag Award scheme, with more Green Flags awarded this year than last year.

Each flag honours the thousands of staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to maintain the high standards demanded by the Green Flag Award. We are proud to have so many wonderful green spaces in the UK for people to enjoy, and hope that next year, we award even more flags."

Existing CRT Green Flag Awards from previous years:

- \* 4 miles of the River Lee Navigation in London
- \* 14 miles of the SSSI section of the Chesterfield Canal from Stockwith to Retford
- \* 22 miles of the Shropshire Union Canal from Middlewich to Audlem
- \* 12 miles of the Peak Forest Canal in the Peak District
- \* All 26 miles of the Macclesfield Canal
- \* All 87 miles of the Kennet And Avon Canal
- \* Marple Aqueduct and Marple Lock Flight - Green Heritage Award

***Taken from CRT - The Source Weekly***

## **Bridgwater & Taunton Canal wins a Green Flag Award**

The West Country Branch committee is pleased to report that the Bridgwater & Taunton Canal has been awarded a Green Flag Award by Keep Britain Tidy. The Canal is one of a small number of waterways that have been awarded Green Flag status in 2018 and reflects the significant contribution made by volunteers towards its upkeep, including IWA volunteers who for some time now have adopted two 5-mile sections of the Canal, at the Bridgwater and Taunton ends respectively and who hold frequent volunteer work parties throughout the year.



The Keep Britain Tidy judges noted in their comments to Canal & River Trust that “this visit showed how a used canal can sensitively incorporate visitor safety, heritage and conservation in a well-balanced and practical way. These can be very conflicting, but you seem to have solved this problem and made a waterway that ticks all the boxes. Well done. We also thought that as this canal is a working piece of industrial history you might like to apply for a Green Heritage award, to run alongside the Green Flag award.”

***The West Country Branch committee***

# Silver Propeller Challenge

## Spring 2018 Edition of Waterways

Exploring the far-flung reaches of the network just got even more rewarding.

Your challenge, should you choose to accept, is to visit as many of the nation's underused waterways as you can. Why? You'll not only get to visit some stunning, yet quieter parts of the network, but you'll also be in with a chance of receiving IWA's new Silver Propeller Challenge plaque.

There are over 100,000 boats registered on the inland waterways of England, Scotland and Wales, and in 2016, more than 672,000 people enjoyed the pastime of inland boating. IWA's aim is to see those boats and people spread out across all of our wonderful canals and rivers. Most parts of our waterways are vibrant, busy places enjoyed by millions of people every year but there are still many locations where you would be lucky to see even one boat in a week, let alone in a day. Gongoozling is a favoured pastime of many walkers and cyclists, but if there are no boats, whole sections of waterways will lose their charm and appeal for everyone. This new challenge aims to encourage our members and others to visit and use those places that aren't reached as often as others.

The great thing about the Silver Propeller Challenge is that you get to choose where you want to go from our list of urban and rural locations across the country. Accessing these waterways is a great way for boaters, canoeists, rowers and paddle boarders to explore some of the UK's finest scenery and far-flung locations. And we would be delighted if the challenge led to more people hiring boats for their holidays this year.

The places to visit fall into three categories:

**CRUISE IT OR LOSE IT:** These are places on waterways which see very few visiting boats and are located in many instances at the end of the navigation. We're looking to encourage visits along the entire length of these canals and rivers. Some of these waterways can have as few as one boat a month using them! Let's change that now.

**KNOCKING ON THE DOOR:** These locations are where navigable waterways meet restoration works, proposed link projects and currently un-navigable sections. It's hoped that in the future, we will be able to remove these spots from the challenge as they become increasingly used.

**MOOR PLEASE:** These places are on restored sections of canals. We want to support the restorations by encouraging waterway users to get afloat and experience first-hand all that's being achieved.

**AIMS:** One of the IWA's stated objectives for 2018 encompasses the improvement of facilities for waterway users across the network. We hope that the Silver Propeller Challenge, in encouraging usage of the underused waterways, will help us to obtain the fullest picture of the issues across the whole country. We are looking for insight into the current gaps in provision between waterway areas or navigation authorities, where previous facilities have been taken out of use and not replaced, where broken equipment has not been repaired, or any other issues concerning boaters' facilities which participants feel may be relevant. See our Gap Tracker campaign on page 12.

Furthermore, while none of the "cruise it or lose it" waterways are under threat at the moment, we would be hard pressed to defend them on usage grounds if they were to be threatened by a major development, such as a new motorway.

**TAKING PART:** Getting involved couldn't be simpler.

Visit 20 different places on our list, take a photograph of you and your mode of transport (any type of boat, canoe or paddleboard) at each location, and save all your photos to submit once you're done. Just ensure your pictures make the location easy to identify.

Everyone who completes the challenge will receive a Silver Propeller Challenge plaque to attach to their vessel. The challenge opened on 1st January, 2018 and covers all visits from that date onwards - your snaps from the 1980's or even last year, won't be counted. We want to see evidence of these waterways being used today.

Full list of terms and conditions and list of locations can be found at:

[waterways.org.uk/silverpropeller](http://waterways.org.uk/silverpropeller) or in the Spring 2018 issue of Waterways.



*Photo: Bridgwater Docks - one of the locations for the Silver Propeller Challenge and winner of the Green Flag Award*

# Gap Tracker Campaign

## *IWA website*

Help us identify areas on the UK's waterways where basic facilities, such as water points, rubbish and sewage disposal, are missing.

Having carried out some initial monitoring, IWA is now gathering more evidence so that it can work with navigation authorities to encourage them to provide new or additional facilities in the right locations.

Over the last few years some boaters' facilities have been closed leaving gaps in the provision of facilities. This is an issue across the waterway network, and causes problems for many boaters, particularly if they don't wish to travel very far each day. IWA considers that basic boaters' facilities (water, elsan, rubbish) should be at locations which are no more than 5 hours cruising apart with pump out available every 10 hours cruising.



**More recycling facilities:** IWA is also concerned about the difficulties that boaters' face in trying to recycle their waste. IWA will be campaigning with navigation authorities for more recycling points to be provided, and in the meantime, encourages all boaters to be responsible about the disposal of their waste and to use existing recycling points whenever possible.

So whether you are making your way to an IWA Silver Propeller Challenge location, or just pottering around your local waterways, please do let us have your reports.

Let us know of any gaps in facilities or where a site is in need of major refurbishment by filling in the Gap Tracker form at:

[waterways.org.uk/gaptracker](http://waterways.org.uk/gaptracker)

or email the details to IWA Campaigns Officer, Alison Smedley at [alison.smedley@waterways.org.uk](mailto:alison.smedley@waterways.org.uk)

*Photo: Courtesy of Alison Smedley, IWA Campaigns Officer*

# Branch Reports

## IWA Avon & Wiltshire Branch Salisbury Group

*Ron & Myra Glover*

**At our June meeting:** This year we held our annual boules and BBQ in June instead of the traditional July. 16 members and friends enjoyed the lovely BBQ served up by Jeff, landlord of the Green Dragon. The weather was very kind to us as four teams played knock out matches. The winners and runners up were all awarded with a small prize. As always, Jacques our resident French guest, umpired each match to ensure fair play.

## IWA Avon & Wiltshire Branch

*Geoff Brown, Branch Chairman*

The past few months have been quiet, as we do not have meetings during the summer. Geoff Harman has arranged a programme for the coming winter, but has announced that he intends to step down from organizing events after next year's AGM and we thank him for all the work he has done in the past.

Steve Warwicker has found that he cannot continue representing us on the Bristol Harbour Group, due to his responsibilities as Chairman of the Navigation committee and also family commitments, so I will now be attending these meetings starting in September.

The River Avon Users Group has not met since last October. This could be because certain issues need to be sorted out separately, or they would dominate a users group meeting. Hopefully this will be soon, but personally I am not sure.

On 4<sup>th</sup> July a new section of the Wilts and Berks Canal was opened at Studley Grange, near Royal Wootton Bassett. IWA did not have an official representative there, but I was present as a volunteer at the opening, but not at the bun fight after!

# IWA Gloucestershire & Herefordshire Branch Report

## *The Region Committee*

At the reconvened Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 the existing members of the Branch committee stood down and no new committee members were appointed in their stead. Neither did any Branch members put themselves forward for the committee following a subsequent e-mail to members from the National Chairman, Ivor Caplan.

This is a pity as the Branch has been successful in the recent past and its location covers some important waterways, two significant canal restorations and Gloucester Docks.

The Region Committee and the Trustees are keen to reform the Branch committee and any members who wish to find out more details should contact in the first instance any of the Region Committee members, as listed on page 2.

## IWA South Wales Branch Report

### *Tony Pugh, Branch Chairman*

As a Committee we held another Email meeting.

As Chairman, I attended the Cardiff Bay seminar on the future development within that area and how they are to build over the old dry docks in Cardiff.

I have also attended MBACT committee meetings on behalf of IWA and have once again applied to Caerphilly County Borough Council for renewal of a Licence to be in charge of or navigate pleasure boats on their stretch of the Mon and Brec. Canal, for the coming year. This is required under the 1907 Health amendment act on all waterways not owned by CRT. Fourteen locks Canal Centre held a successful barbecue for all their volunteers.



**For up to date information on the local South Wales Canal Society's activities:**

**The Fourteen Locks Canal Centre** <http://fourteenlocks.mbact.org.uk/>

**The Monmouthshire, Brecon & Abergavenny Canals Trust**  
<http://www.mbact.org.uk>

**The Neath & Tennant Canals Trust** <http://www.neath-tennant-canals.org.uk/>

**The Swansea Canal Society** <http://www.swanseacanalsociety.com>

# IWA West Country Branch Report

*Ray Alexander, Branch Chairman*

Our volunteer work parties continue apace and their efforts on the Bridgwater & Taunton Canal have just recently been recognised by Keep Britain Tidy, who have awarded the Canal a Green Flag Award (see article on page 9). In the 12 months to the end of April this year our volunteers undertook over 200 work parties with an average number of volunteers attending each work party of 75. This is an excellent achievement and includes several flying visits to Jaye's Cutting on the Somerset section of the Grand Western Canal as well as the regular work parties on the Bridgwater & Taunton Canal and the River Tone.



Bridgwater Docks features strongly in our Campaign this year. We promoted our aspirations for the Docks and Bascule Bridge at our stand at Bridgwater Docks Gala on 1<sup>st</sup> July and again at the Riverside Festival on 21<sup>st</sup> July. Three new display boards have been produced by Chesham and we have balloons and other attractions to get the families to stop by.

We have now presented our vision for the future of the Docks and Bascule Bridge to Canal & River Trust, Bridgwater Town Council, the Environment Agency, Somerset Industrial Archaeology Society, Historic England and Sedgemoor District Council and aim to complete these with presentations to Bridgwater Civic Society and South West Heritage Trust. IWA's proposals for the Docks and Bascule Bridge have generally been well received and have won considerable support and backing from those we have presented to. Our booklet "Our Vision for the Grade II listed Bascule Bridge" can be obtained by e-mailing myself at [ray.alexander@waterways.org.uk](mailto:ray.alexander@waterways.org.uk).

Exeter City Council has recently initiated a transformation project which includes a proposal to appoint consultants to (i) identify the council-owned assets associated with the Exeter Ship Canal and (ii) produce a strategy for the future of the Canal. As part of this, a detailed paper setting out suggestions for the future of the Canal has been prepared and presented to the Council as a joint submission from Friends of Exeter Ship Canal and IWA.

The Branch currently has vacancies for a Membership Secretary, a Publicity Officer, a Website Content Editor and a Fundraiser. The committee would be pleased to hear from any members who are interested in taking on one of these roles. Please contact myself in the first instance, using the e-mail address shown on page 19.

# Forthcoming Events

## IWA Avon & Wiltshire Branch Salisbury Group Programme

Venue: The Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, SP5 3AR

**Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 7.30pm**

“A Sorry Affair” - Peter Oates will be telling us about our local canal - The Southampton and Salisbury Canal. It was a child of the canal mania of 1792 when investors were willing to put their money into any canal scheme in order to receive large profits. It was seen originally as part of a more general scheme for inland waterways linking Bristol and the Thames with the south coast. However, history presents a sad tale of a project ineffectively controlled and the canal lost its shareholders a great deal of money and indeed the canal was never completed.

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 7.30pm**

Ron and Myra Glover together with Dave Thomas took a week's holiday on “Vic 32”, a Clyde Puffer. They will be relating their experiences whilst on board as they pass through the locks on the Crinan Canal and as they steam around the Western Isles of Scotland.

**Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 7.30pm**

Waterways quiz organized by Southampton Canal Society at Chilworth Village Hall.

**Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December 7pm**

Christmas Dinner at the Green Dragon, Alderbury.

All enquiries to Ron & Myra Glover - contact details can be found on page 23.  
Or Jon Van de Geer - 01722 412841

## IWA Gloucestershire and Herefordshire Branch Meetings

**Venue:** The Warehouse Climbing Centre, Parliament Street,  
Gloucester, GL1 1HB which is just by Gloucester Dock - There  
is a bar where simple food is served. Parking is available  
in the Dock or Brunswick Square nearby.

No events at present

## IWA Avon & Wiltshire Branch Programme

### Venue (unless otherwise stated):

The Community Room, Wickhouse Close, Saltford, BS31 3BZ  
Access from the main Bath Road, where there are regular bus services from both Bristol and Bath, is via Norman Road. The Room is close to the Saltford Hall, where we have met before; turn left in front of the Hall.

### **Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2018**                      **7.30pm**

“From the K&A to the Caribbean” -Brian Bullock. Brian is a regular at our meetings and has boated in the Caribbean and ran a hire fleet there.

### **Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2018**                      **7.30pm**

“Design and Development of Wilderness Trail Boats - a 45 year Obsession”  
Ian Graham.

### **Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2018**                      **7.30pm**

Railway and Canal videos from the collections of David Mitchell and Laurie Gibney, including some historic videos of past Branch activities. We propose to have decent sound this time!

### **Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2019**

Although we had disappointing numbers for our 2018 Lunch, we are thinking of having another in 2019 at a new venue (still to be decided) and it would be helpful if we had an idea of how many members would be interested. If you think you might be interested in coming, please let Geoff Harmon, or any other committee member know. There is no obligation at this stage.

### **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2019**                      **7.30pm**

“Fresh and Foul - The Work of Wessex Water” - Matthew Wheeldon

All enquiries to Geoff Harman - contact details can be found on page 23.

## IWA West Country Branch Events

**Venue:** Events Room, Admiral’s Landing, Bridgwater Docks TA6 3EX.  
Plenty of free parking. The Admiral’s Landing has pub meals available from 5pm.

### **Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2018**                      **7 for 7.30pm**

Talk by Jessica Tyson, Marine Surveyor, Pilot for the Port of Bridgwater and also Deputy Harbour Master for the Port.

All members and friends welcome. Enquiries to Patsy Robinson 01278 256961 or 07527 766762.

# Waterways in the IWA South West and South Wales Region

## Avon & Wilts Branch

- Rivers Avon & Severn: Tidal navigation that is the responsibility of the Bristol Haven Conservancy, downstream of the second Severn crossing
- Avon Navigation: Hanham to Avonmouth, including River Avon & Bristol Docks
- Kennet & Avon Canal: Hanham Lock to Froxfield Bridge
- North Wilts Canal
- Somersetshire Coal Canal
- Wilts & Berks Canal: Kennet & Avon Canal to County Boundary 1m West of Shrivenham

## Gloucestershire and Herefordshire Branch

- Coombe Hill Canal
- Herefordshire & Gloucestershire Canal
- Lydney Canal
- River Severn: from Mythe Bridge, Tewkesbury to a point on the tidal navigation which is the seaward extent of responsibility of the Gloucester Harbour Trustees, downstream of the Second Severn Crossing
- Stroudwater Navigation
- River Wye: Hay-on-Wye to Severn Estuary
- Gloucester & Sharpness Canal
- Leominster Canal
- Thames & Severn Canal

## South Wales Branch

- Brecon & Abergavenny Canal
- Monmouthshire Canal
- Swansea Canal
- River Wye - Hay-on-Wye to source
- Glamorganshire and Aberdare Canals
- Neath & Tennant Canals
- River Usk

## West Country Branch

- Bridgwater & Taunton Canal
- Cann Quarry Canal
- Dorset & Somerset Canal
- Grand Western Canal
- Par Canal
- Somerset Navigations
- Tavistock Canal
- Torrington (Lord Rolle's) Canal
- Bude Canal
- Chard Canal
- Exeter Ship Canal
- Liskeard & Looe Canal
- River Parrett
- Stover Canal
- River Tone
- Westport Canal

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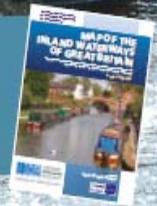
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