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

Region Chairman

Dear members and prospective members

Welcome to the 182nd edition of the Sou'Wester Magazine, and one that is packed full of news of the activities of the region. Perhaps you are a member reading this, or perhaps you have just picked up the magazine for the first time, and I hope it inspires you to think about joining us, as we go about restoring and maintaining the country's waterways. You don't need to be an active member, but to become a member because of your interest in the waterways. It is not important in itself, but the main thing is that each extra member means a greater weight of opinion where it matters.



This, of course, is my first introduction as your new Regional Chairman, and perhaps I should give you some idea of my background. I spent my entire career of 46 years in the Merchant Navy, working for four different shipping companies and a season as a cross channel Hovercraft Navigator, with just over eight years command experience, before becoming a Trinity House Deep Sea Pilot for 21 years. I retired in January 2010, having piloted just over 500 ships, with a total deadweight tonnage in excess of 34 million tonnes, most of them involving Dover Straits transits.

Canal-wise, my first trip on a non commercial canal was in 1978 when four of us hired a 40ft narrow boat from Alvechurch Boat Centre called the "Vulcan". The exploits on that trip, could fill the pages of a Sou'Wester magazine alone! It was in 1990 that something strange happened. Living a few doors up the road from us was the family of Ruth and Peter Griffiths and their two sons, who attended the same village school as our two daughters. Peter was made redundant, and as he was a bit fed up anyway, he and the family decided to relocate to Llanfrynach on the Mon and Brec Canal and buy a farmhouse with B & B and the beginnings of a marina. They had their first hire boats built in 1988 and fitted them out themselves, and sent flyers back to our village extolling us to come for a holiday. As I was by then, piloting with a bit more time at home, we took them up on the offer in 1990 and hired the nb Angharad.

When we went to join the boat, it occurred to me, in conversation with Peter that he was head boy in Penarth Grammar School, when I was just starting in the school, having been born and raised in the seaside town. We kept on hiring the Angharad over the years, and in 1998 we bought it, and still own it today.

When I retired, I thought I was going to put my feet up and do a lot more cruising on the boat. However, as any retired soul will tell you, I became sucked into various jobs, both professionally and eventually as Chairman of the Monmouthshire, Brecon, and Abergavenny Canals' Trust for a few years. I stood down from the Chairmanship to spend more time looking after our disabled elder daughter, who has ME, and had a spinal rod in her back. This rod had broken, so earlier this year she had another major operation which resulted in her having a new, shorter rod in her lower back. As she started to recover, I was approached by friend, Tony Pugh, the Chairman of the IWA South Wales branch, to see if I would consider being Regional Chairman for the area. I agreed, on condition he would take a look at the electrics on my boat.

Since then, I have become fascinated at the broad spectrum of my patch, and all that is going on. I am slowly going around the various branches so that I can see for myself the challenges and success stories.

Very soon, the Mon and Brec Canal Trust will be bringing their rebuilt trip boat "Lord Raglan" into service. She was built by the apprentices in Cammell Laird Shipyard in 1988, and was first seen in a scrapyard near Neath. Her pedigree told me we had to have her.

She will be operating trips out of Goytre Wharf, and I will be using my Boat Master's Licence. The electrics have been carried out by Tony Pugh and who knows, he may have time to look at my boat electrics!

Roger Francis

Notices

Avon and Wilts 100 Club Draw

Vivienne Hook

**The winners of the Summer 2019 Draw
for the Branch 100 club were:**

1st Prize:	Mr L Gibney	£25.63
2nd Prize:	Mr D Ware	£15.38
3rd Prize:	Mr D Ware	£10.25

Monies raised in 2019 will be given to The Underfall Yard Trust in Bristol Docks. For details about the 100 Club contact Vivienne Hook on 01179 771373 or vivienne.m.hook@blueyonder.co.uk

IWA WEST COUNTRY BRANCH

West Country Branch committee

IWA's West Country Branch has been working hard to make some positive changes across our local waterways. To help the committed team get even more done it would be fantastic if a few more people could join the team. We are looking for some quite specific skills and therefore if you have them, or are happy to learn a little bit to develop those skills, we would be happy to hear from you.

Our volunteer coordinator Mike Slade has over 100 volunteers regularly turning out to work across our two main sites in Bridgwater and Taunton.

As a branch we have developed a strong relationship with Sedgemoor District Council and have achieved some successes in our campaigning work regarding the Bridgwater Tidal Barrier scheme, the future of the Docks and the Bascule Bridge. We have also been able to offer a good level of support to the Langport River Project on the Upper Parrett River.

At the moment we are planning a meeting of local waterway groups with the support of our Head Office, just one example of the good working relationships we are developing with local waterway groups in the southwest ... something that the committee is keen to continue and to grow in the future.

We have also developed good relationships with the Association's Waterway Recovery Group, IWA's consultant engineers and the staff at Chesham; also with the Canal and River Trust and a number of other local authorities.

We are particularly looking for a treasurer, a fundraiser, an event organiser, someone to look after our local members and encourage new members to join and someone to help out with our website, social media and relations with the local media. The committee meets together just 5 times a year and in addition holds an AGM each spring and occasional events for its members during the year. We are looking at ways of making committee meetings more accessible, perhaps by accessing them digitally for example.

If you have any relevant skills that you can bring to the Branch and wish to find out more about these roles, please get in touch with either the Branch Chairman, Ray Alexander or the Branch Secretary, Sally Hillman. We shall be pleased to hear from you.

Our contact details are on page 19.

News

Navigation Committee Update *Steve Warwicker, NavCom Chairman*



Key points from Navcom

Policy Updates

All policies are under periodic review and those of Unauthorized Renting of boats, Locks and Moveable Bridges and standards of construction have been reviewed and are now available on the IWA website. The IWA Freight policy which still needs a review however all the current information is still valid.

The towpath policy is being updated to include consideration of issues around electric bikes, powered skateboards and other 'new' innovations in transport that are causing concern..

Silver Propeller Challenge

This is still active and people are still engaged in taking part.

HMRC Red Diesel Consultation on Implementation.

IWA is responding along with other organisation such as RYA to ask for a long implementation period due to the potential costs and challenges with use of white diesel and red diesel

Sustainability and Clean Air Acts

IWA is monitoring and responding as appropriate to these issues which are moving up the agenda. Clearly there is no simple solution and the long service life of diesel engines will no doubt need some thinking about re-tuning (if possible) to run on alternate fuels in the future.

Electric propulsion is getting a considerable amount of publicity however this is not without its challenges for recharging points and the issue of heating systems on boats.

The answer will probably lie in a series of interim solutions being implemented over a period of time.

CRT Issues

In our Canal and River Trust (CRT) area Jon Horsfall has been appointed interim Director for the Wales and South West Region replacing Richard Thomas. Jon is also Head of Customer Services in CRT.

BOAT INSURANCE *IWA Bulletin*

We have been looking at ways to provide more benefits to the waterways and everyone who uses them and have extended our insurance offer to help you find the best available cover for your boat, your home and your car. Every policy purchased or renewed helps IWA, allowing us to further our charitable work for the waterways.

Insurance for your boat: Boats are more than just leisure vessels - with price tags of over £1,00,000 not unusual, they are investments. Like any other investment, it makes sense to protect it, and yourself.

We believe that all boaters should have good quality insurance and the peace of mind that breakdowns can quickly be resolved. IWA has, therefore, teamed up with two different insurance providers, **Navigators & General (including River Canal Rescue)** and **A-Plan** and they provide policies that can be tailored to fit your needs.

Navigators & General

- * Membership of River Canal Rescue
- * Dedicated insurance for owners who permanently live aboard their boats (Additional cost)
- * Personal public liability
- * Marina benefits
- * Medical expenses cover
- * £3 million third party cover

Phone 01273 863420 (ref 'IWA')

A-Plan Marine Insurance

- * £100,000 legal expenses cover
- * Up to 25% no claims bonus
- * No claims bonus protection
- * Extendable cruising limit

- * Marina benefits
- * For Narrow Boats and Inland Cruisers: Contents cover for residential and non-residential boats on the UK's canals and rivers;
- * Permanently moored or continuously cruise cover available
- * This cover may be particularly suitable for shared ownership of boats, boaters who cruise outside UK inland waterways, small boats and unusual types of vessel

Phone 01202 797537 (ref 'IWA')

A-Plan quotes for boat, house and motor insurance are all separate and not linked to each other.

IWA has arranged insurance for its non-profit-making corporate members for over 40 years.

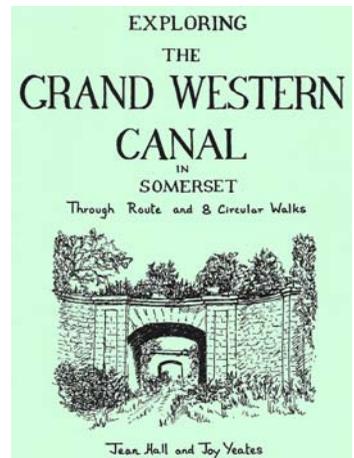
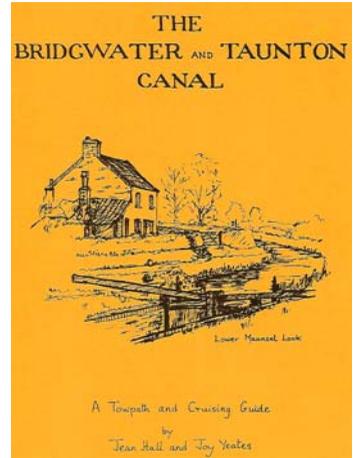
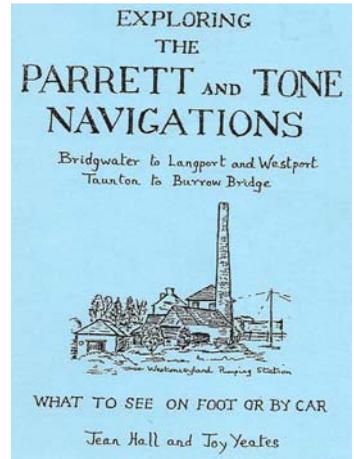
Jean Hall

Prolific waterway author and long standing IWA member Jean Hall has died aged 93.

A native of Cornwall, Jean was educated in both Truro and Falmouth prior to gaining a place at Somerville College, Oxford to read English, where she was taught by both JRR Tolkien and CS Lewis and was friends with Margaret Thatcher.



After graduating, Jean taught at the City of London School for girls for 3 years, followed by 2 years at Cheltenham Ladies College prior to moving to The Maynard School, the premier independent school for girls in Exeter, where she was Head of English for 29 years.



Jean's interests included the Church, archaeology and the Inland Waterways. She joined the IWA in 1977 and together with Joy Yeates wrote many booklets, guides and leaflets about the West Country waterways, some of which are still in print. Jean was particularly fond of the Bude Canal, the Exeter Ship Canal, the Grand Western Canal and the Bridgwater and Taunton Canal; she represented the West Country Branch on the Grand Western Joint Advisory Committee and reported on their activities at our last AGM on 6th March.

Jean's funeral took place at Exeter Cathedral on 15th May and 10 current or former members of the Association were present to honour the occasion.

Ray Alexander

West Country Branch Chairman

Cover photo - Jean Hall at the tiller on the Kennet and Avon Canal between Dundas Aqueduct and Avoncliff in 2017. The two photos on page 8 - taken from Jean's photo album so apologies for the poor quality.

FREE DONATIONS TO IWA EVERY TIME YOU SHOP ONLINE

It is easy to do your shopping via easyfundraising. Every time you do, a percentage will be donated to IWA and it will cost you absolutely nothing extra.

There are over 3,100 shops and sites for you to browse and buy through on the www.easyfundraising.org.uk. Usually the thing that stops people raising money in this way for their favourite charity is that they simply forget. Since we launched IWA onto easyfundraising, we have raised over £1,000 so it is a brilliant way to support IWA.

How to remind yourself to raise money for IWA via easyfundraising:

1. Search for Inland Waterways Association as your preferred charity on the easyfundraising website
2. Use the donation reminder - an easy toolbar that will appear on your favourite shops when you visit them. The reminder toolbar is supported by Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer and Safari but can't work on mobile phones or tablets.
3. If you shop on mobile phone or tablet, use the easyfundraising app. It works for iPhone, iPad and Android.

By using the app, the reminder toolbar or shopping through the easyfundraising site, you can help IWA raise hundreds and hopefully thousands of pounds.

Hotel Boating

by Vivienne Hook, IWA Avon & Wilts Branch member

My love affair with canals began in 1976 when a holiday to Switzerland fell through. I visited the local travel agent and picked up a few brochures, one included a previously unconsidered type of holiday – hotel boating. Up until then canals had only featured as good places to stop for a picnic lunch. The idea attracted us and so we booked – had the booking changed because of the drought, and then full of excitement, set forth on our first canal holiday from Nantwich to Whaley Bridge at the end of August.

This first holiday was on Snipe and Taurus, a pair of 70ft converted working boats, owned by an early pioneer of hotel boating – Peter Froud. The twin cabin, two single berths, one above the other was small and very narrow, being at the fore end of the butty. We did have a sink with hot and cold water, the shared loo was down the corridor but it was comfortable and the



food was good. We were young and inexperienced so it was all new and exciting. We learned about locks, about that strange L-shaped device, a windlass, about lock-wheeling and winding holes, about turnover bridges and pounds. We also had the chance to experience how to operate a pair of 70ft narrowboats. We learned about bow-hauling in flights of locks, about being on a long-line or breasting up. From the more experienced captains we learned the tricks such as strapping the butty on the top gate, permitting the butty to be slowed into the lock and at the same time using the remaining momentum to the boat to close the top gate. We learned about inverting the butty tiller to show that the boat was moored and it's OK for others to pass. There was a crew of 4 who did all the boat work, the cleaning and catering, but they were happy for you to lean on a lock gate and help to open or shut it. We loved every moment of it. So much so that we booked the next year, again and again. Our parents were introduced to the idea and they took to it.

After a few years we came across Dawn and Dusk, another 70ft pair, but this time purpose built. They looked very enticing so the next year we jumped ship and went with them. The en-suite twin was at the back of the butty, Dusk,

next to the crew cabin. Again it was two separate berths but at right angles. Hotel boats have a dining area / lounge so that the passengers have somewhere to sit of an evening or during the day if they don't want to be outside. There is frequently a trust bar which is settled at the end of the week.



We travelled on Dawn and Dusk for many years until, in 1999, some friends invited us to join them on their narrowboat and so began many years of travelling with them. Again I loved every moment of it. But a couple of years ago I decided that perhaps I was not as young as I once was and that locks seemed to be getting larger and harder to open and shut, paddle gear seemed to be getting stiffer, and although I still loved being on the canals there were times when I didn't want to be out in all winds and weather, so perhaps it was time to let someone else take the strain, but I did wonder if I would be a bit bored having been used to working the boat. I did a bit of online searching and came across Takara. Operated by her owners Donna and Vince Jones, Takara is a single boat taking 3 or 4 passengers in 3 en-suite cabins, small but perfectly formed! By now I was on my own and this was to be the first holiday I had taken without the company of friends, so I was a bit anxious, a situation which lasted until the moment I stepped on board. Hotel boating proved ideal for Andrew and myself in the early days when we knew little about canals.

It is an ideal holiday for solo travellers or those who find working boats just a bit too much like hard work, or for those who just want to travel on the canals without any hassle.

In my experience the food has always been excellent – full breakfast, morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea and then a sumptuous evening meal. In the early days the boats were mainly pairs of converted boats, now comfort is the order of the day.

If you want to know more about those operating now, do what I did, Google 'Hotel boats in the UK'. If you want to know more about the history of hotel boating take a look at 'Precious Cargo' by Robin Smithett. Oh, and I've booked again for this year, and next.....

Photos: Courtesy of Vivienne Hook

Branch Reports

IWA Avon & Wiltshire Branch

Geoff Brown, Branch Chairman

After spending time getting to know Richard Thomas at CRT, he suddenly left, and Jon Horsfall was appointed interim manager for the region. We have established that he will be continuing the policies which Richard was following, but we will be keeping an eye on developments. After our recent meetings, we understand that there will be some emphasis on the state of the towpath.



Head office are interested in recording areas of Himalayan Balsam and I have reported quite large amounts on the banks of the River Avon. I have made provisional contacts with the volunteers, whose work boat is currently at Hanham. I have walked part of the river and note that some of the plants have already formed seed pods, so, although they are not yet ripe, it is probably too late to take any action this year.

In my local area, Saltford, following the local elections in May, we now have a District Councillor who is also a Parish Councillor, so we are hopeful that progress will now be made in dealing with ongoing mooring problems.

The River Avon Users Group has at last met and will meet again in September. I was unable to attend the last meeting of the Bristol Harbour Recreational Group and have yet to see any notes of the meeting. I am not unduly worried, as following the meetings I have been to, there is not a lot discussed that is of interest to us. I expect everyone knows by now, that in addition to the Balmoral being laid up, the Waverley is also now awaiting a new boiler and will, therefore, not be visiting Bristol this year.

We are all very grateful to Geoff Harman for organizing our social programs. He has now resigned from the committee and I have taken over the social side. Geoff's last effort was a trip on the River Parrett, which was greatly enjoyed by all who joined, helped by having Ray Alexander of the IWA West Country branch giving us the benefit of his extensive knowledge of the river. I am hoping to arrange a trip for next year on a restored length of the Wilts & Berks Canal, to include a pre trip dinner at the Peterborough Arms, the pub which is owned by the Wilts & Berks Canal Trust. It is too early to give an exact date yet, but it could be early July.

IWA Gloucestershire & Herefordshire Branch Report

Steve Peet, Branch Chairman



Our AGM was held on Thursday, 21st March, 2019 at Whitminster Village Hall, and was kindly organised and supported by Ray Alexander.

It was attended by 13 members.

Our new committee of three were elected, Jackie Peet as Secretary and Chris Handscombe as Treasurer, as well as myself.

Following a very informative talk and presentation on the early days of the IWA by Richard Lord, ideas were put forward by the members.

We hope to be able to put some of these ideas into practice.

Our fledgling committee have had two meetings at the very popular Stables Café on the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal at Saul Junction. This was the former home of the horses, which were used to pull sailing trows (boats) along the canal.

We plan to start with some social evenings in the hope of reaching out and engaging with local members – “Beer and Boats”.

We are holding our first of these evenings on our home patch of the Cotswold Canals at The Ship Inn, Brimscombe, Stroud adjacent to the port. The date and time are:

Tuesday, 17th September, 2019 from 6.30pm

(pub postcode is GL5 2QN)

We will meet at the pub car park at 6.30pm for a short pre-dinner walk in the port area for a brief explanation of the proposed development of the port. For those who do not wish to see the port, tables are booked from 7pm in the pub.

The pub holds a steak night on a Tuesday and we have booked our own private corner in the bar. We hope to see as many as possible on the night, members and non members welcome. It would be really helpful if you could please indicate to us by email/mobile if you are coming. Many thanks!

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IWA West Country Branch

Ray Alexander, Branch Chairman



Volunteer Work Parties I am pleased to report that our volunteer work parties have continued with their high level of activities, with over 200 work parties totalling over 6,000 hours taking place in the year from May 2018 to May 2019. The same rate of activity has continued since then. Mike Slade, Volunteer Co-ordinator continues to manage the work parties to an exceptionally high standard and the Branch Committee is grateful to him, the Team Leaders and Assistant Team Leaders and indeed all the volunteers for the significant amount of work they carry out on a regular basis.

West Country Waterway Guides The Bridgwater & Taunton Canal and The Rolle Canal waterway guides have recently been updated and reprinted. Copies are available from Sally Hillman, Branch Secretary.

Upper Parrett Regeneration Implementation of the new infrastructure on the Upper Parrett is now taking place, although the sequence of implementation has had to be revised, mainly reflecting the deferral of the works to raise the footpath between Langport and Huish Bridge. The first item installed was solar lighting at Huish Bridge and the entrance to the Slipway. Progress on Phase II of the slipway repairs remains on hold, pending water levels falling. In the meantime, an engineer has been engaged to prepare a separate report on the car park at Huish Bridge, the intention being that WRG Bitm (WRG Bit in the middle) will refurbish the car park prior to a porous paving grid being laid on top by a local contractor.

Bude Sea Lock One of the sea lock gates on the Bude Canal has come off its pivot, which is preventing craft coming in from the sea to the safe haven of the canal basin. Bude Canal & Harbour Society have been in contact with Cornwall Council and a plan is being formulated to use a crane from the other side of the lock; subject to a satisfactory survey of the pier structure. This has highlighted the absence of any stop plank grooves at nearby Falcon Bridge. If stop planks could have been put into place these would have allowed a short length of water to be drained and the inner gates swung open, thus avoiding the costs and effort involved in removing the balance beam.

IWA South Wales Branch Report

Tony Pugh, Branch Chairman

On behalf of the South Wales Branch and Committee, I have attended the Swansea Bay Inland Waterways Partnership Meetings, and Monmouthshire, Brecon & Abergavenny Canals Trust (MBACT) Committee Meetings and AGM together with the Neath and Tennant Canals AGM.



Our South Wales Branch AGM was held at the Swansea Waterfront Museum SA1 3AD on Saturday, 11th May, 2019 as part of the South Wales Canal & Inland Waterways Exhibition, Conference and Workshops which the Branch once again sponsored. The Committee was once again re-elected and as a Committee we have held several Email Meetings since.

The IWA South Wales Branch covers many valleys in South Wales, each with their own unique Canals and support Groups, many are listed below. If you have a story or article you would like us to follow up please contact us. This coming autumn we hope to hold a meeting and lunch in the Swansea or Neath area and invite all Members for a site visit. As Members, your ideas as to a location would be appreciated.

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 (MBACT)
<http://www.mbact.org.uk>

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

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

The Cardiff Bay Harbour Authority <http://cardiffharbour.com>

Swansea Marina <http://swanseamarina.org.uk/>

The Islwyn Canal Society and others.

Forthcoming Events

IWA Avon & Wiltshire Branch Programme

Venue: The Community Room, Wickhouse Close, Salford, 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 Salford Hall, where we have met before; turn left in front of the Hall.

Thursday 10th October: 7.30pm

Crinan Canal and Western Isles by Ron & Myra Glover.

Thursday 14th November: 7.30pm

Wilts & Berks Canal by Alan Lank.

Thursday 12th December: 7.30pm

Short talk on Salford Railway station by Chris Warren followed by Christmas party.

Thursday 9th January: 7.30pm

Bristol Channel pleasure steamers by Richard Clammer.

Sunday 19th January: Time to be confirmed

Branch annual dinner at the Bathwick Boatman

Thursday 13th February: 7.30pm

Manchester Canals by Steve Bacon.

Thursday 12th March: 7.30pm

A.G.M. followed by a brief talk by Roger Francis, our new region chairman

All enquiries about future events, please contact Geoff Brown - contact details can be found on page 19.

IWA Avon & Wiltshire Branch Salisbury Group Programme

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

There is no meeting in September

Thursday, 17th October 7.30pm

London's Lost Route To the Sea. The aim of the Wey & Arun Canal Trust is to achieve the restoration of the navigable link between the rivers Wey and Arun and so recreate the direct link between London and the South Coast. A speaker from the Trust will inform us about the history, original function and restoration of this navigation.

Thursday, 21st November 7.30pm

Exploring the South of France by Boat. Jon Van de Geer takes us on a journey from Sete along the Canal du Rhone a Sete and along the Petit Rhone to Arles on board the hotel boat "Anne-Marie". He will also take us on an excursion to Carcassonne and a trip along the Canal du Midi.

Thursday, 5th December 7.30pm

Waterways quiz organised by Southampton Canal Society at Chilworth village hall.

Thursday, 12th December 7pm

Christmas Dinner at The Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury

All enquiries to Ron and Myra Glover - contact details can be found on page 19. Or Jon Van de Geer - 01722 412841

IWA Gloucestershire and Herefordshire Branch Meetings

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Please contact Steve Peet - 07831 327967 or Jackie - 07768 093114 or email: scpeet59@icloud.com to let us know you are coming.

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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