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e-Newsletter — Autumn 2019 edition



Meeting Changes

The Autumn meeting of the ACS will be held on Wednesday, March 20 at the Drummoyne Sailing Club.

As the board room of the Drummoyne Sailing Club was a little overcrowded for our first Daytime meeting it was decided to move downstairs to the Sailor's Lounge.

It is necessary to move to a Wednesday due to other commitments by the club on other days.

10.30 am Club opens. Sign in. Meeting in Sailors Lounge, lower level

11.00am Drinks available from Sailors Grill Bistro. Bring downstairs to meeting room.

11.15am Commencement of meeting.

Program: Refer on right.

Annual Membership payments for 2019 due.

Peter Stepek will speak on “Back to Buffalo & Lake Erie”



**Left:
Buffalo
In 1908**



**Right:
Cleveland
House**

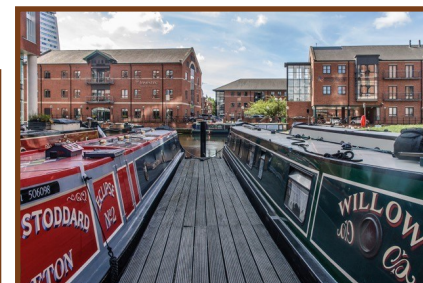


Hilary Rhodes relates “Living & Cruising on British Canals”



**Getting ready for the
Standedge Tunnel**

Teddington Locks sunset



**Granary Wharf Leeds
Hilary's Willow on right**

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Save Those Postage Stamps

Please continue to collect your stamps for the ACS to forward to the Shropshire Union Canal Society to assist in the restoration of their canals for the benefit of all who enjoy the opportunity of travelling on the inland waterways

CANALTIME COFFEE REPORT 23 Jan 2019

Where did we go on a blisteringly hot record breaking January day?

We took a ferry across Sydney harbour to picturesque Watsons Bay for Canalttime Coffee with the ACS.



Sitting in the undercover wharf cafe, almost surrounded by clear lapping water and a gentle breeze, we decided that this was just the place to be in 30 degree heat.

Add cold drinks, ice-creams, a seafood lunch, and spirited conversation, we managed to escape the heat for a few hours. We shared recent waterway experiences and enviable travel plans for some of us in 2019.

Pity we had to return to the hotter parts of the city and journey to our homes, some of which were 40 degrees.

These Canalttime Coffee days provide a relaxed and informal get together at a Sydney waterside location.

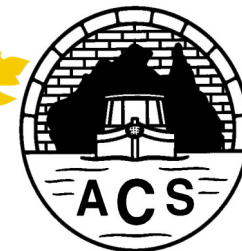
DATES FOR 2019

Excursion: in August. Sydney Heritage Fleet tour (to be confirmed)
Meetings — Wednesday, March 20, and late October (dates to be confirmed)

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Anything for inclusion in the Winter 2019 edition of this newsletter should be sent to: lets-live-it@optusnet.com.au by May 10.

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What a hot summer we are experiencing in the Australian part of the world!

It has been distressing to see how the widespread drought has affected the inland waterways in the huge Murray Basin network. As small rivers have dried up, reducing them to puddles, local communities are fighting for survival. To see the numbers of fish lost is heartbreaking. The large Murray cod is almost an Aussie icon. In some places boats have nowhere to go.

As the first of our daytime meeting was enjoyed by so many, we are preparing for the first one of 2019 with great anticipation. This time it will be held in the large Sailors Lounge at the Drummoyne Sailing Club on its lower level, which opens out to the waterfront. Lovely. Parking here too.

Most people came by car last time and the boom gate for the DSC opens at 10.30 am on Wednesdays.

The DSC is a five minute walk across a small reserve from Birkenhead Shop-

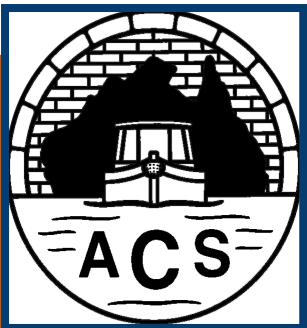
ping Centre. Pick ups can be arranged from Victoria Rd or the Birkenhead.

In the coming meeting on **20th March** we shall be 'flying' to America and Lake Erie. Peter Stepek is to take us Back to Buffalo and Lake Erie. It is surprising what can be discovered when walking beside unfamiliar waterways. Peter & Helen always do interesting presentations.

Hilary Rhodes has spent many seasons cruising on numerous canals in the British inland waterway network on her narrowboat, 'Willow'. She has hoped to share some of her entertaining canal adventures for ages, and we look forward to her talk and her beautiful photos.

So there is much to enjoy at our meeting in a beautiful setting, and a welcome lunch at its conclusion.

Come prepared for a Raffle.



Reminder — Your 2019 subs are now due

**Just a few more of Hilary's pictures
as a teaser for our March meeting**

The offer of crewing with Hilary this Summer season is still available to members, friends and our Friends of the ACS in the UK. Contact her at hilofoz@me.com

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Castlefield Basin



Camden Locks



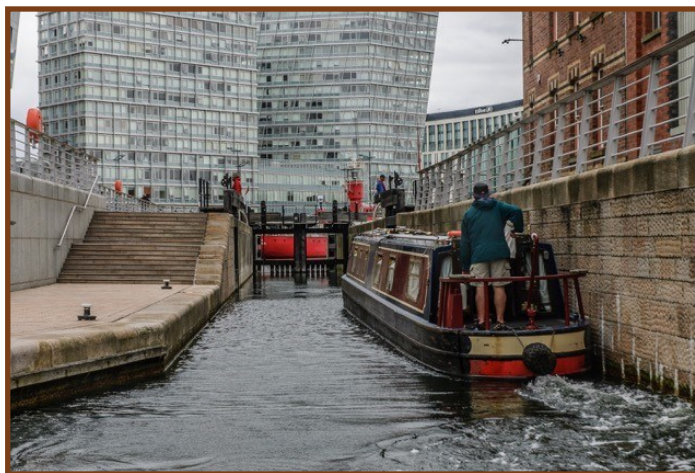
Royal mooring outside Hampton Ct. Palace



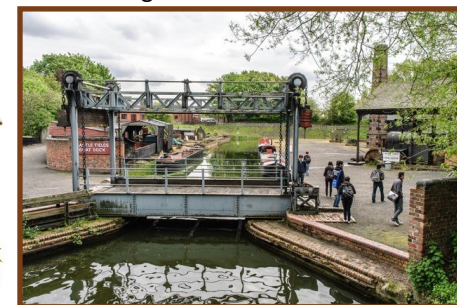
Locking down the Rochdale Nine



Leaving Brentford for the Thames



Coming into Liverpool
Docks



Black Country Museum

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