



## **IWA Chiltern branch committee**

Invites you to join us at our 2023 AGM  
Followed by a Ploughman's supper

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about the St Alban's Canal**

Calling notice and 2023 chairman's report and branch accounts are attached; other reports will be available via the Chiltern branch webpages prior to the meeting.

# IWA Chiltern Branch Notice of AGM

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Chiltern Branch of the Inland Waterways Association will be on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at The RWT Education Centre, Batchworth Locks, Rickmansworth, starting at 8.00pm

## AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on 23rd March 2023
3. Matters Arising
4. Report of the Branch Chairman
5. Report of the Branch Secretary
6. Report of the Branch Hon. Treasurer and presentation of Accounts
7. Adoption of Accounts
8. Election of Committee members
11. Any Other Business

**Nominations** for election to the Chiltern Branch Committee should be sent by 15th March 2024, to Dave Chapman IWA, Unit 16B, Chiltern Court, Ashridge Road, Chesham, HP5 2PX or as an email attachment to [dave.chapman@waterways.org.uk](mailto:dave.chapman@waterways.org.uk)

Nomination forms must be signed by the proposer, the seconder and the nominee (all of whom must be paid-up members of IWA).

(Name)..... is proposed as a committee member of the  
Chiltern Branch of the Inland Waterways Association for election at the Branch  
AGM on Wednesday 20th March 2024

Note: - Nominations will be accepted at the meeting if nominee, proposer and a seconder are Present.

Proposed by..... Seconded by .....

I agree to my nomination as a committee member .....

# AGM March 20th 2024



## Chairman's 2023 report

### Welcome to the IWA Chiltern Branch 2024 AGM.

Once again this has been a difficult year for IWA as we must have appeared to be juggling CEO's and for the last 4 months of 2023, were without a National Chairman. However, the board has now elected Mike Wills, someone I have known for only one year but in whom I have absolute confidence. You may have read the board has decided not to appoint a CEO at this stage; why not? Quite simply, we have realised there is too much for one person, working 2 to 3 days a week, however competent they may be. The full time cost of a CEO with the experience and skills needed is unaffordable in the current economic climate. So, how will we manage? The board has now elected additional deputy Chairs with specific responsibility for aspect of delivering our charitable objectives. You will see these defined in future Bulletins to members. IWA will appoint staff to manage Chesham based staff to maintain and improve administrative and finance functions and to strengthen marketing and support for campaigning.

Now to Chiltern Branch; some of you will know the area around Lock 39 at Marsworth, where Chiltern branch built the first of two tree seats to commemorate Carolyn and Geoff Leonard (the second is at Whitehouses at the WCT picnic area). At Marsworth, we had also planned to refurbish the nearby picnic table and seats and this has finally been done using surplus material from a decking project; with assistance from Mikk Bradley, WCT, who completed the final assembly on-site. Our long-term plan to build a slipway on the Wendover Canal is still alive; we are hoping to build at the WCT works parking area. WCT are negotiating with the local authority, who own the land; if we are successful, the first use of the slipway will be to retrieve equipment currently used for restoration.



The branch represented IWA at the Rickmansworth Festival in May; along with many other charities, we regret that asbestos, dumped in the period 1920 to 1930 has now made it impossible to hold this event again! In 2023 we met the new CRT volunteer management team, headed by Dale Canfield. Working with Dale, member Paul Greenhalgh, who teaches at Berkhamstead School organised a 'canal clean-up' by 40 students, aged 11 to 16. Hopefully, to be repeated in 2024. The branch also attended the Marsworth Steam Fair in June and will be there again in 2024. This is a great day out; why not bring the family and visit our stand on 16th June 2024?

In October we had the first of our days-out trips to replace our series of annual weekends away; a very well attended and enjoyable day on PS Waverley; the last seagoing passenger-carrying paddle steamer in the world. Built in 1946, she sailed from Craignorran on the Firth of Clyde to Arrochar on Loch Long until 1973. Our trip was from Tower Pier to Whitstable and back, with fish and chips on-board and oysters in Whitstable for many. Many great views on the way, with this night approach to Tower Bridge, one of the best.




Finally, again I would like to extend my thanks to the Chiltern Branch committee members for their continued support and to remind members that we do still need to strengthen our committee.

Dave Chapman.

Chiltern Branch Chairman and IWA Trustee

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<b>INLAND WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION - CHILTERN BRANCH</b>							
<b>ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023</b>							
		2023			2022		
<b>INCOME</b>		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>BRANCH MEETINGS</b>							
<i>Monthly meeting donations (excl Dec)</i>		545			570		
<b>AGM Raffle</b>		80			-		<b>NOTE 1</b>
Less:	Room Hire (excl Dec)	- 357			- 153		<b>NOTE 2</b>
	Speaker costs (incl £50 charity donation)	- 282			- 160		
	Refreshments and other expenses	- 89			- 44		
Net monthly meeting income			- 103			212	
<b>Christmas Party receipts</b>		575			519		
Less:	Takeaway meals	- 418			- 314		
	Room Hire (Dec)	- 51			- 51		
	Other refreshments & expenses	- 45			- 28		
			61			126	
<b>Raffle</b>			145			105	
<b>NET INCOME FROM BRANCH MEETINGS</b>				103			443
<b>BRANCH OUTING (Waverley, Sept 2023)</b>							
<i>Monies received</i>		1,820			7,230		
Less:	Excursion costs	- 1,755			- 6,723		
	Production costs	-			- 61		
<b>NET INCOME FROM BRANCH OUTINGS</b>				65			446
<b>DIRECT FUND RAISING</b>							
<i>Rickmansworth Festival</i>		266			201		
Less:	Cost of pitch	- 100			- 100		
			166			101	
<i>Marsworth Steam Rally</i>			214			195	
				87		449	
Less:	Cost of Christmas cards & calendars	- 224			- 273		
<b>NET INCOME FROM DIRECT FUND RAISING</b>				242			472
<b>SALE OF GAZEBO</b>				213		-	
<b>APOLOGY PAYMENTS FROM BARCLAYS BANK</b>				250		-	
<b>OTHER DONATIONS</b>				173		36	
<b>TOTAL INCOME BEFORE OTHER EXPENSES &amp; DONATIONS</b>				1,046		1,397	
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>							
<b>ADVERTISING &amp; PRINTING</b>							
Flyers		-			- 28		
IWA Programme card print		-			- 79		
Branch mailing		- 125			-		
Waterways for Today booklets for publicity		-			- 250		
<b>FINANCIAL EXPENSES</b>				- 125		- 357	
Sum Up charges				- 1		- 2	
<b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES</b>				- 126		- 359	
Branch meeting expenses for 2021				-		- 277	<b>NOTE 3</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR</b>				<b>£ 921</b>		<b>£ 762</b>	
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>							
OPENING BALANCE				£ 13,086		£ 12,325	
CLOSING BALANCE				£ 14,007	<b>NOTE 4</b>	£ 13,086	
<b>NOTE 1:</b> In 2022 the AGM Raffle was included in monthly meeting donations							
<b>NOTE 2:</b> In 2022 the room hire was for Sept - Dec 2022 only. Jan - Apr 2022 was included in 2021 accounts							
<b>NOTE 3:</b> Some 2021 branch expenses for refreshments were processed after the year end cut-off. They are listed separately rather than be incorporated into the 2022 figures.							
<b>NOTE 4:</b> Includes £13,000 funds for slipway/bridge on Wendover/Aylesbury canals. Increased from £11,000 in 2022							