



The 45th SBA Annual General Meeting Saturday 19th March 2016

We are delighted to announce that the 45th SBA Annual General Meeting will be held on March 19th 2016. It will be held at the Warwick Arts Centre in the University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL. This is a new venue for the SBA which provides excellent facilities for another stimulating AGM and social event.

The Centre is close to the M6 / M1 / M40. There is plentiful car parking adjacent to the Centre, which can also be reached from Coventry Railway Station by an express bus service in 15 minutes. This is a central location for many of our members and we hope that the AGM will be well attended. Of course, we regret we can't be closer to our Scottish and other more distant members; another time, however. The event is far more than just an AGM - we aim to provide a stimulating day for members and partners - so read on ...

What happens at the AGM?

SBA Annual General Meetings are always enjoyable and often fascinating. As usual, at our 45th:

- in the morning from 9am we will enjoy time to meet friends, enter pictures in the photographic competition, offer sales items and buy & sell steamboat related bits and pieces at the auction (from 10:30am). To speed the auction along lots must be valued at a starting price of £10. To speed up the paperwork on the day please say when you book if you intend to bid and/or to put stuff in the auction. Members wishing to trade small bits and bobs are very welcome to take a table as a sales stand: there will be plenty available.
- The afternoon will see the main AGM at 2pm (agenda attached), which although it is the core reason for the event, we will keep short but effective. It will be followed by:
 - presentations to trophy and photo competition winners; and
 - 3 speakers to provide stimulation, information and enlightenment: Our President, Sir Neil Cossons, the Chief Executive of the Canal & River Trust, Mr. Richard Parry and Mr. Derek Brown, the authority on injector design and construction.
- In the early evening at 6pm, our dinner provides an excellent opportunity to sit down with friends.

What will it cost?

There is no charge for simply attending the AGM. Refreshments, to be booked in advance, cost:

Coffee & tea (provided on arrival and mid-afternoon).....	£ 6.00
Buffet lunch with coffee/tea.....	£14.50
Two Course evening dinner with coffee/tea.....	<u>£25.50</u>
Full package.....	£46.00

What do I need to do?

- (1) Note the date in your diary!
- (2) Decide what meals/refreshments you would like [am & pm coffee/ lunch/ dinner]
 - The quickest way to book is online and pay with a payment card using the link to the 2016 AGM on the SBA website.
 - to book refreshments and pay by cheque see (3) - (6) following.

- (3) Fill in the mail booking form below.
- (4) Prepare a cheque to cover the cost of those meals/refreshments you select.
- (5) Prepare a robust stamped, self-addressed envelope (capable of accepting a wad of A4 size papers so it's a 250gm 'large letter' package and should carry 2x First Class stamps). Immediately prior to the 4th March we will send you an AGM pack - to include full agenda, minutes of the 2015 AGM, your meal vouchers etc. For online bookers the AGM pack will be available on our website at the same time.
- (6) Post all the paperwork - with the SAE and a cheque made out to the SBA - to the Event Secretary:

Felicity Palmer (SBA)
 4 Forge Close
 Holmer Green HP15 6PY

(Email queries to sba2016agm@heise-data.eu or phone 01524 884 100)

Overnight accommodation

Conference style accommodation is available on the campus in the Radcliffe facility (<http://www.warwickconferences.com/our-venues/accommodation/accommodation-radcliffe> - the link will be on the SBA website) on Friday and Saturday nights. B&B charges per night are £78 (single) and £96 (double). Book directly with Radcliffe, email reservations@warwick.ac.uk or call 02476 573 925 and quote the SBA as reference. If numbers justify, we will book private tables for the Friday evening, 18th March. Coventry offers hotel accommodation nearby, with the opportunity to visit the city centre and Cathedral.



BOOKING FORM

I/we will be attending the 45th SBA AGM at the Warwick Arts Centre in the University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL on Saturday 19th March 2016

NAME(s): (Please print)

ADDRESS:

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I would like to order the following meals:

AM & PM Refreshments	(£6.00 per person)	yes/ no	[how many?]
Buffet Lunch	(£14.50 per person)	yes/ no	[how many?]
Evening Dinner	(£25.50 per person)	yes/ no	[how many?]
	[Vegetarian option req'd?		yes/no]

N.B. If you wish to attend the AGM but not partake of any refreshments or meals, just tick the second box below and send an SAE.

Please ✓ boxes:

- I enclose a cheque for the cost of the meals/refreshments ordered. Cheques are to be made payable to "The Steamboat Association of Great Britain"
- I enclose an SAE for the return of my AGM pack 2 weeks before the meeting itself.
- I might bid in the auction.
- I might be selling some stuff in the auction.