

61/67BOAT RALLY

They came from all the waterways of southern England, some of them from even further afield, to meet at Aylesbury for the National Rally of Boats. Many there live afloat; many go aboard for their week-ends and holidays. The oldest inland-sailer at the rally was Mrs. Victoria Sharp, a sprightly 95, no intention of dropping anchor yet awhile. The youngest was Selena Herafall, 13 weeks.

The Mayor of Aylesbury reviewed the Fleet, as proudly as if they'd been the Royal Navy at Spithead. More and more people every year are finding out that in these days of car choked roads, if you want to get to know the real country you can't beat the canals.

It's grand for human beings, but the donkey, nay...Finally, Neddy was persuaded. He prefers to have four feet on terra firma. For the rest, it's a great life.