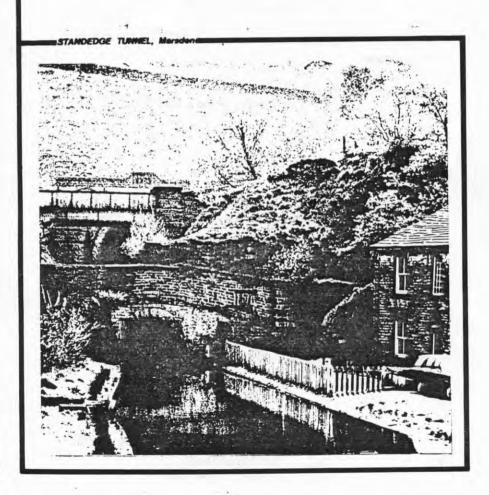
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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

May I start by wishing all members and friends of the society a very happy new year - I hope that you will achieve what you set out to achieve.

A new year is a time for looking forward but also a time for a guarded look over the shoulder at the year just gone. As a society, what can we look forward to, and what have we got to learn from last year?

In 1977, the Huddersfield Canal Society will celebrate its third birthday what progress have we made? I believe that we have made a great deal of progress in the last six months. Some of this is unquantifiable. Membership continues to grow - certainly not as fast as it ought - there are many hundreds of people in Huddersfield who support what we are saying. Let us make a big effort to recruit more support this year. Please try and think how you can help - remember there are still people who don't know of our existance. Letters to the paper are one way of telling people - read the letters others write, read the articles and comment on them.

We start the year with a challenge - the Eldon Combing Company's planning application. If we win this it will certainly be a turning point. We will have proved that the society has a case and that those in Page 2 authority believe in it too. If you haven't written to Kirklees, its high you did so. Remember, the future of the canal is in YOUR hands - if we fail, the canal is doomed for ever. But even if win, the canal is not saved as the threat to the Montgomery Canal (see page 9 shows.

On the cheerful side, I am certain that by the end of 1977 part of the canal will be restored and in use. Where? There are several

possibilities - keep watching.

I look forward to meeting you on a society function or somewhereelse on the waterways. Please make yourself known to me or anyone on the committee. Good luck.

REPORTS WEST (West side sub-committee)

Meeting: November 2nd. Discussed posters for advertising the society; proposed installing the publicity stand at Uppermill Museum; proposed working parties on the canal from the spring to draw attention to the canal and the society, to involve people and generally improve the canal area; survey of canal required to find suitable areas: Diggles design for tea shirts required; sales officer contacting manufacturuers for promotion ideas proposal of distributing leaflets to premises near the canal - good time would be just before a working party; idea of 'canal week' involving events along the canal, visit by Mikron Theatre Group: Probably to tie in with the Aspley Festival; agreed to ask the main committee if any advantage in society registering as a charity.

Meeting: November 25th, Oldham.
West committee had gained Les Winnard of Oldham but temporarily lost Brian Beagley due to his work with Peak Forest Canal Society; awaiting lsit of members in Oldham/Tameside/Manchester to recruit more support; need for someone to monitor Ashton/Saddle-worth newspapers; Working party survey - one section visited so far; tee shirts - sales officer following up local centact re short runs; sales officer

arranging art work and manufacture of narrow boat badges; suggested selling Diggle Kits for people to make their own; agreed to publish details of councillors and MPs to encourage members to write. Greater Manchester had written to Les Winnard about canals in their area agreeing that the future should not be prejudiced by allowing development along the line of the canal. Letter also says that it was not always possible to get the same approach from areas outside Manchester.

NEXT MEETING: 7th February, 8pm Tollemache Arms, Mossley.

REPORTS EAST (east side sub-committee)

Meetings 21 October & 9 November

Decided to meet in pubs along the canal, changing venue to advertise the cociety, membership leaflets to be left on the bar; agreed to investigate wider publicity for the society by newspaper articles; write to schools offering to talk or to display the satud at events; discussion on the W Yorkshire Structure Plan - canal not mentioned: suggested that West sub-committee look into Greater Hanchester Structure Plan: David Finnis investigating idea of programme on Yorks TV. Leaflet drop considered - vast numbers would be needed.

REPOPTS MAIN (full committee)

Meeting 12 November - Marsden
More funds are required, members asked to consider ideas.
Resignation of Chris Griffiths & Tim Noakes (to WRG(NW))
and Denis Brondbent (pressure of work) noted; correspondence
included one to Waterways World informing them that Standedge
was the highest pound, two letters relating to the problems
with the Huddersfield Polytechnic, Agreed AGM should consider
rule that committee members allowed only a certain number of
absences from meetings. Agreed not to renew membership of
Medlock & Tame Valley Conservation Committee. Chairman said
no overall advantage in becoming a registered charity.

Meeting 6 December - Diggle
Draft Huddersfield Diversion Study considered and approved.
Tactics for opposing the Eldon application were considered
Agreed to hand out leaflets to public in Huddersfield. The
stand needs renovation and new material urgently.

A letter has been received from Slaithwite Anglers as reproduced below. A full reply is being prepared but as the accusations are so inaccurate it is difficult to know where to start:

December 8th 1976

Dear Sir.

My committee have instructed me to inform you that after giving our renewal of affiliation to the Huddersfield Canal Society careful and detailed consideration, we feel that we can't renew our subscription. We were very anoyed (sic) that we were not consulted earlier this year when your society cleaned out a length of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal at Slaithwaite. Our water secretary Mr R.H. Wade asked your officials to leave some cover for the fish and not to leave the banks devoid of vegitation, but you chose to ignore this request and we are left with very little doubt that our interests on this waterway would receive the same consideration on future projects.

Notwithstanding the above and notwithstanding the fact that we have not beeb been (sic) consulted or informed of your intentions with any work you have in mind for the waterway, leaves us with very little scope for enhancing the canal as a fishery for our members, and I must point out that our association are the only body paying for liesure(sic) amenities to British Waterways Board, and although we wish to see the canal restored to its former potential as is your aim, but we as an angling club must protect our own interests.

Yours faithfully

A. Bamforth. General Secretary.

Just a brief reply is called for here: The society did go to a lot of troublr to try and consider the Angler's point of view. Much vegitation was left and that cut down was not treated with killer and has resprouted. Deep roots under the stone-work will destroy the banks.

INLAND WATERWAYS ASSOCIATION - MANCHESTER BRANCH

for immediate attention of members.

Montgomeryshire Canal

The future of the Montgomeryshire Canal is now in greater danger than at any time since 1968. The Welsh Office has revived plans to build a non navigable road crossing at Arddleen, over part of the canal which is even now being restored. Although these plans have existed since 1968, the full details were not discovered until June this year.

Restoration is now in full swing on the 7 m mile stretch between Welshpool and Maerdy Bridge the cost of £340,000 has been met by the Variety Club of Great Britain. The I.W.A. has undertaken to restore the $4\frac{1}{2}$ mile section between Queens Head and Welsh Frankton and has spent large sums of money on a survey.

Despite this it appears that the Welsh Offi Office is ready to commit an act of official vandalism and prevent the effective restoration of a beautiful waterway. They have already admitted that no engineering problems are involved with a navigable crossing being included in the bypass plans. But, they claim, they must press on with the 1968 proposals because the bridge at Arddleen is unsafe and the plans to include a navigable crossing would cause excessive delay.

There seems to be no legal appeal against the 1968 permission and so we ask you to write to your own MP, drawing attention to the farcical situation. It is also suggested that you write to the undermentioned.

The need is great, time is limited, let these people know of your resentment. A massive lobby may not succeed in itself but it will have an effect. (continued....

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IWA Letter....

Yours sincerely C.K.Potter, Chairman.

MPs Mr John Biffen, & Mr Emlyn Hooson QC Secretary of State for Wales: Mr John Morris Gwydir House, Whitehall, London SW1 The Minister: Mr Peter Shore, Dept of Environmt Marsham St, London SW1.

B.W.B. MEETING WITH H.C.S.

As reported in Pennine Link 13, a meeting took place with representatives of the society and British Waterways Board on November 4th in Leeds.

Present:

B.W.B. J.Freeman. Area Engineer, Wigan
R.Straughton. Princip Amenity Officer
K.Dodd. Amenity Assistant, Wigan.

H.C.S. John Maynard Bob Dewey Derek Walker

First of all, I think we should thank our three friends from B'B for the meeting and Mr Dodd and Mr reeman in particular for coming over to Leeds from Wigan.

Discussions took place over a period of about $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours and we now feel that we have a much better understanding of each other and sincerely hope that our relationship can develop along amicable lines.

bviously, we discussed restoration. The main

dcubts expressed by BVB were:

Water Supply:
At present only ½ million gallons per day (lock holds 28,000 galls) some water is diverted to Scammonden Dam for drinking etc. It is questioed whether the YWA could extract further down the canal.

No of Boats:
How many people will use the canal apart from the adventurous? The Leeds & Liverpool lower reaches are under used at present. A reduction could lead to problems of reduced maintenance,

Cost of Maintenance: If the canal were restored, it is unlikely that there would be extra cash available. Restoration would be detrimental to other canals. It was pointed out that the £8M subsidy BUB receive is less than the amount spent on the upkeep of two parks in London. There's something to lobby your MP with!!

Working Parties:

It was suggested that we plan our work and submit a yearly programme for BW and Union approval.

The Tunnel:

A long discussion here. The report mentioned in BW Annual Report (Pennine Link 11 p11) on the tunnel is confidential. However we were told that a lot of money is required to put it to rights. It was made quite clear that BWB would under no circumstances permit volunteers into the tunnel even with signed indemnities. Maybe we could help by raising money towards the restoration of the tunnel? Perhaps this would get us permission to organise trips in an approved boat in the future? It seems unlikely that the tunnel will be open for trill boats in the near future.

Marsden Conservation Area:
Kirklees have contacted BV about the possibility of making Tunnel End a Conservation Area. This might lead to the retention of the cottages. If this were achieved, the possibilities are immense - museum? workshops?

The above is a brief account of some of the items disussed We have now opened the lines of communication - we must keep them open. There seems no reason why HCS and B B should not work together to each other's and the general public's benefit.

Landscape Proposals

We have been approached by Kirklees Landscape Architects asking which canal-side sites we consider would be suitable for clearing up using job creation schemes (Manpower Services). These schemes are unlikely to affect the canal itself but will be concerned with pockets of derelict land.

AT LAST THE POLYTECHNIC REPLIES ... WELL ALMOST!

30 November 1976

Dear Mr Dewey.

Thank you very much for your letter of

7 November.

I am very grateful for your remarks and I can assure you that the Polytechnic will reciprocate your cooperation to the full. There are however a number of points of omission in your letter which should perhaps be understood to keep the record straight.

It was in my view made clear to Mr Maynard on the telephone, and definite assurances were given to Mr Wilkinson verbally during private discussions, that the Polytechnic was progressing all the matters raised in your letters of 31 May, 11 June and 13 July.

It was also explained to them at length that the governors were responsible for decisions on the matters, that few governors' meetings were held during the summer period and that we could not therefore progress more rapidly. In each case Mr Maynard and Mr Wilkinson (twice) accepted these verbal explanations as being a most satisfactory interim reply to your letters, and we were taken by surprise by the subsequent adverse publicity.

I confess that I personally felt a little nonplussed at the time to find your colleagues dealing with your letters, but since everythin was discussed in a friendly and understanding manner I believe that Mr Maynard and Mr Wilkinson were acting on your behalf and

would convey the true position to you.

With regard to Polytechnic formal views on these matters the position was that we at the Polytechnic were acting on your behalf and expediting to the best of our ability your requests through our governing body and its sub-committees. Apart from this we are not in a position to do more, as we are bound by the governors in these matters.

I trust that by now you have received an official reply from the acting Clerk to Governors. (No. 8/1/77) I understand there was some slight delay in the reply owing to the absence of the Clerk who normally deals with the governors' resolutions and correspondence. (continued ... I sincerely hope we have now cleared the air, if not yet completely the canal; please do not hesitate to contact us if you think we can help further.

I am quite certain that we have common objectives.
Yours sincerely

... Dr J Patterson. Assistant Rector.

secretary's comment:

At least we've been forgiven for accusing them of 'discourtesy' in the Press. Still no answers though - to think we thought six months was enough notice for a working party. (In May we suggested October).

After the recent David Hutchings' talk in Oldham, the Yorkshire Post published a long article about the Narrow Canal and David Hutchings' views on its restoration. He appears to think we are being unduly pessimistic in calling it a ten year project'. Following this, the society received a phone call and letter from a firm called Wells. A meeting has been held (see 1. below) The following was then received:

Wells, 1-11 Hay Hill, Berkeley Sq, London w1x 8da. 16 December 1976

Dear Mr Maynard,

Huddersfield Canal Society

May I please thank you and Mr Dewey for a long and interesting discussion on Tuesday evening.

I have written to my Chairman, Mr F.H.Wells, to give details of the Society and its aims. I have told him that you may wish to have a discussion with him after you have obtained the views of your committee members on 19 January.

May I please confirm the usual procedure by which a voluntary organisation, such as your Society, and Wells come together to develop a possible working relationship.

- 1. An informal initial discussion takes place between a Wells man and one or two officers of the voluntary organisation.
- 2. A further discussion takes place between the Chairman or Managing Director of Wells and the Committee of that organisation.

Both these discussions are without obligation to either Wells or the organisation and (Continued page 12....

NEWSLINK...NEWSLINK ...NFWSLINK...NEWS

-An exhibition of old photographs of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal is on show at the Huddersfield Local History Library. (On the first floor of main library) This is WELL WORTH a visit. Includes an old post card of Slaithwaite before they filled it in. Also photos of Aspley old warehouses....
-who reopened the tunnel? The gates at Diggle were opened some weeks ago and the boat formerley chained to them has disappeared presumably into the tunnel....
- Thanks to all members who sold raffle tickets, we sold 75 books. Did anyone win? Can we run our own raffle next year?....
-The Countryside Commission and Civic Trust want to convince people that the Tame Valley is worth a visit. Over £15,000 is to be spent to "rid the valley of its stigma and neglect"....
- Bradley Fold, Stalybridge. This is where the Mottram Road crosses the canal (lock 7W). Sailing, fishing and boat building facilities will be provided for older children by Tameside Council. Parents would take part. Non swimmers would not be allowed on the water. We phoned Tameside and understand that a hut will be built on the bank to house the facilities. The Country-side Commission and BWB have been involved. Some dredging will presumably be required....
-Watch the Sunday Times. They produced an article on Trans-Pennine Canals, and subsequently asked for details of our plans....
-Harecastle Tunnel is to reopen on 1 March for the season but will close for next winter from the end of October....

....A group of members handed out leaflets about the society and the Eldon Planning Application on Saturday 18 December in Huddersfield. 5000 leaflets were given out and many people stopped and asked for details. A picture of Derek Walker and the secretary appeared in the Huddersfield Examiner....

...."Increased leisure craft coupled with increased commercial craft will very much increase the turbidity of the canals and it is this very kind of turbidity that has caused the decline of the canals in the north west." Secretary of NV Region of National Federation of Anglers commenting on proposals to move household rubbish by canal from Salford to Wigan. Could someone remind me why canals were built?....

.... Congratulations to MR And Mrs Sandiford on winning an IWA Silver Sword on their boat Crystal Bell. The society also wishes to extend grateful thanks to the Sandifords for a generous donation to society funds....

....The IWA/HCS Aspley Festival plans are going ahead. It is hoped to use market stalls along the canal banks for displays. It is also hoped that WRG(NW) will accept the challenge to restore lock 1E in the weekend. (For those who don't know, the lock is basically intact and has gates in position.)....

"The County Council recognise the important contribution which the Canal System of the County makes to the transport and amenity of the area. Furthermore the authority is concerned that the full potential of the system should be exploited with the resources which are or may become available consistent with other requirements. Such matters are to be reviewed but in the meantime the County Council will look carefully at any proposals, either of their own or other developers, which in a way impinge upon the system and will generally be disposed against any proposal which does not maintain the status quo."

A prize is available to anyone who can interpret that! The policy did not result in an objection to Eldon's....

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involve the organisation in no cost.

- 3. If it seems that Wells could be of help, the Chairman of Wells submits a proposal to the organisation setting out the terms of reference and details of a Feasibility Study, to be carried out by Wells and an ad hoc Study Committee composed of members of the organisation and other key people who should be involved. (In your case, it would be necessary to include representatives from British Waterways, the Local Authorities etc). The proposal would state the fee to be paid to Wells for the Study usually a minimum of. £1,500, dependent upon the time and work involved, but sometimes varied in special circumstances.
- 4. The organisation accepts or rejects the proposal.
- 5. If the proposal is accepted, the study proceeds usually for a period of 3 6 months.
- 6. The conclusions and recommendations of the study as agreed by the ad hoc Study Committee, set out the proposed future courses of action by the organisation for approval by the organisation's Committee.
- 7. The chosen course of action may involve Wells in providing further services for the appropriate fees such as:

(a) the assignment of a resident project director to organise a fund raising programme for an agreed period:

(b) the assignment of a resident project director, followed by the selection, recruitment, training and employment of a full-time Development Officer to organise a long term or open-ended fund raising programme.

R.N. Hickling, Special Projects Director.

Does any member know anything about this company? They have worked for Ironbridge Gorge Museum. Should we proceed?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

65, Whingate, Leeds 12.

Dear Editor.

Some years ago I belonged to the Dudley Canal Tunnel Preservation Society. Their publicity was rewarding both financially and in the number of people reached. They took many school parties, youth club groups through the tunnel asking for a small donation at the end. For the kids it was an adventure to travel through that subterranean watery passage, a trip they would never forget. To run this service meant having a group of volunteers prepared to give up one or two evenings per month; however there were many like myself who, once going through with a youth club, were then sold on the performance and repeated it many times.

With the Standedge Tunnel this Society ought to have a winner. If thatwere opened and trips were organised, enthusiasm and publicity would, I am sure, be comparable with the Dudley

venture.

Might we have some success if we pressed BWB on this item alone, for the fliffuse pressure exercised by a small Society for a long and complex waterway has not been rewarded with much success to date.

Martin Hanes

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Secretary's comment: I hope the notes of the BW meeting show that we are most concious of the tunnel's potential. Sadly it appears that the tunnel is not in perfect condition - was Dudley Tunnel clear? Perhaps someone from Dudley could outline their campaign beofre Mr Smallshire comes to talk to us in Marc I would add that to neglect the rest of the canal could have disasterous results as the crop of planning applications shows. n t n t n t n t

SITUATIONS VACANT

1. Artistic? - as we are extending our commercial activities into the field of specially designed articles for sale at rallies etc, we require someone to produce the artwork for submission to manufacturers. The work will vary and will be occasional only. It might involve copying from photos, lettering etc.

Please ring Stewart Wilson (061 969 3888) to discuss.

2. Enthusiastic? - everyone is welcome to turn up to the East or west sub committees (see pages 2 & 3)

FROM THE SOCIAL SECRETARY (Peter Freeman)

On November 21st our treasure hunt took place. It started at about 9.45am from Slaithwaite and competitors wound their way from clue to clue along the general line of the canal to Mossley. Competitors now know how many railings there are at the entrance to Standedge Tunnel! The Tollemache Arms at Mossley put on a welcome pie and peas — some people even had two helpings. The winning team Bob & Val Dewey.

In the last issue of Pennine Link we reviewed the Saddleworth Historical Society's Local Interest Trail on the Huddersfield Narrow Canal. We wrote to the Historical Society asking permission to insert a copy of our membership form in copies of the Trail.

We received the following reply:
"It is felt that since we do not promote our own
Society in this way, it would not be appropriate
to enclose HCS leaflets...we will arrange to
display your handout in the (Saddleworth)
museum for general information.."

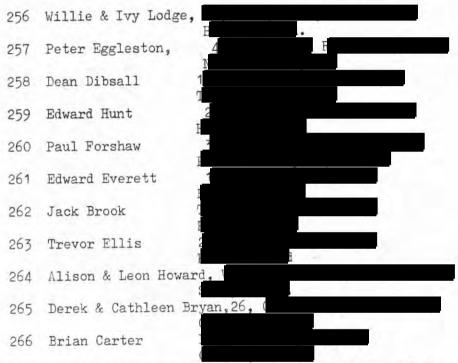
On December 10th our Christmas social took the form of a quiz - mainly identifying location of a wide variety of slides. A most enjoyable evening was had by all and we would like to thank Chris Potter for all the time and effort he had obviously put in.

A comprehensive programme has been arranged and is shown in Diary. Please try and support these events they are organised for your benefit. Spread the word amongst friends and enthusiasts in your area.

Towpath Agreement
Kirklees are understood to be considering entering into a 'towpath agreement' with British Waterways.
This would effectively make the tow-path a public footpath but would put the costs of maintenance onto Kirklees shoulders.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY - (Valerie Dewey)

I am pleased to welcome the following members who have joined the society since the last issue of Pennine Link.



We hope that these new members will join in some of the ventures www we organise and we look forward to meeting or hearing from you.

Two Pennine Links were returned by the post office last time. If you move, please tell us.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of:

Mr & Mrs A Harrison - formerly of Ripponden
J. Farrell - formerl y of Horsforth

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THE DIGGLES ARE ALIVE AND WELL ..

The Editor Pennine Link West Portal Standedge Tunnel Diggle Manchester.

Dear Sir.

Could I please crave a small section of your publication to emphatically refute the current rumours

recarding my associates.

At no time has Paddy O'Diggle (a direct descendent of the late lamented Napoleom Diggle) been seen or heard around Huddersfield a) Inquiring of the whereabouts of Bates or b) asking where he can purchase a second hand used W.D. gunpowder boat.

These rummers are completely fake and can only have been

put about by our enimies.

We Diggles are a harmless rabble and peace loving people.
Sincerely yours

Chief Diggle.

P.S. sorry about the spelling but its very dark in here.

THE HOUSE OF DIGGLES

Standedge Tunnel Marsden, West Yorkshire. 6th December 1976

Dear Sir.

On my annual womble on the eastern section of the canal I was surprised to see the new 'promenade look' that BWB have given to the embankment of the Sparth feeder reservoir.

I suppose some credit must be given to BWB for the excellent job they made of this extravagant project but I wish the cash could have been put to a worthwhile project like repairing my HOUSE!

Yours faithfully (Wombling Willie) A Wombling Diggle

Secretary's note: Both letters were received by post, the first postmarked Wakefield and the second Dobcross. No one has seen either of the authors at a society meeting.

"A NEW CANAL FOR HUDDERSFIELD"

At last the follow-up to the first Feasibility Study is now published. It is entitled "A New Canal for Huddersfield" and is priced at 25p (postage 8p extra) Copies available from Derk Walker or the secretary.

The study was undertaken as part of the Society's objection to the planning application by Eldon Combing Company which you were asked to object to by letter a month or so ago.

The report examines the section of canal between Wakefield Road (Aspley Basin) and Longroyd Bridge Lock 4E in Huddersfield. Its main concern is with the three infilled sections namely Bates, Sellers and Haighs and with the site now owned by Eldons. Whilst not wishing to reproduce the whole study here, (why not buy your own:) I think it should be said that the proposal in short is to demolish existing lock 2E tunnel under Bates site and rebuild lock 2 to the west of Bates. The tunnel would be cut-and-cover system using a precast box culvert 13 feet wide by 12 ft 3 ins high. This would provide an eight foot channel with a towpath cast inside.

Lock 3E is similarly moved to the west of Sellers.

The Eldon site occupies the length of canal not at present filled in by Chapel Hill. It is intended that new lock 2 is built on this section.

The application has not yet been decided. Judging by the number of letters I have received, massive number of objections has been sent. If you haven't written please do so, the decision is not made yet.

The society has got permission to display its stand in the pedestrian precinct by the Huddersfield Library on Saturday 15 January to further publicise our case. The new study will be on sale. Your support will be most welcome.

It is hoped to tackle the Stalybridge Study soon!

WHO CAN I WRITE TO ??

When you next have a spare $6\frac{1}{2}p$ stamp and a piece of paper perhaps you'd like to write to someone to express your reasons for your enthusiasm about the canal, why not give the following lady and gentlemen your attention.

Ashton: Herbert Davies, 133, Princess St, Hurst, Ashton. (GMC Policy & Planning Ctees)

Oldham: Arnold Tweedale, 19, Belgrave Rd, Oldham (GMC Policy & Planning Ctees)

Granville Whitehead, 26, Featherstall House,
Featherstall Rd South, Oldham
(GMC Personnel & Planning ctees)

Ellen Brierley, 28, College Ave, Oldham (GMC Arts & Recreation Ctee)

Dukinfield: Wilfred Birtwistle, 240, Cheetham Hill Rd,
Dukinfield. SK16 5JY
(GMC Highways Ctee)

Stalybridge: Kenneth Rae, 55, Knowle St, STalybridge. (GMC Transportation ctee)

More names next time. Of course, your local councillor is the best person to contact - you elected them to serve you. (I think)

BHASS PLATES

The society is having a quantity of brass plates 11" x $2\frac{1}{4}$ " (28cm x 5.7cm if you prefer) inscribed:

HUDDERSFIELD NARROW CANAL

They are suitable for display on cabin doors (carry the banner for the Huddersfield Narrow) as domestic decoration or simply as a beautiful investment (consider the price of horse brasses both genuine and reproduction)

The plates, cast in solid brass, polished and lacquered are priced at £3.80 incl of VAT. Postage etc 70p. This offer may be unrepeatable at this price.

For further details or orders contact Stewart Wilson.

Society stand on display in Huddsfd 15 January All offers of help read 'Canal Carrying in Manchester' -21 January talk by John Abbott. 8pm Astley Arms, Crescent Rd Dukinfield. take Hyde turn from Ashton E-W bypass, 1 mile south at top of hill. 'River Cruising' & 'Early days on the 26 January Leeds & L'pool'. Peak Fst C S. 7.45. Dldham Cmty Cntre, Union St. West Sub Ctee, Tollemache Arms, 7 Feb Mossley, 8pm East Sub Ctee, Olive Branch, between 8 Feb Marsden & Slaithwaite, Manchester Rd Canal Films, Alderman Bancroft group 23 Feb 7.45 Oldhma Cmty centre, Union St. 'Duke of Bridgewater & His Canal' 10 March (City of Manchester Cultural Service) Wythenshawe Central Lirary 7.30pm 'Dudley CanalTrust' - V. Smallshire 23 March 7.45, Oldham Cmty Centre. A.G.M. April Mr John Freeman on 'H.N.C.' in 27 April Oldham (prov 7.45, Cmty Centre) TRIP TO DUDLEY CANAL & TUNNEL May Details still to be arranged Frances Pratt talk. 15 June (prov at 4 Horseshoes, Milnsbridge near Huddersfield.

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PRESS DATE FOR PENNINE LINK: 19 FEBRUARY.

PS Sorry this is so late, we've been very involved in the 'anti Eldon campaign. I hope you'll forgive us.

PPS Do we have a typewriter mechanic in the house? Our electric machine (not this) is rather ill.

The opinions expressed in Pennine Link are those of the contributors, and not necessarily those of the Editor or the society.

we need members....

Make an effort to enrol a new member - the more support we have, the easier our task becomes.

Membership... Junior 50p

Full £1.50

Family £2.50

Corporate £7.50 (minimum)

Associate £5.00 (Voluntary Societies)