

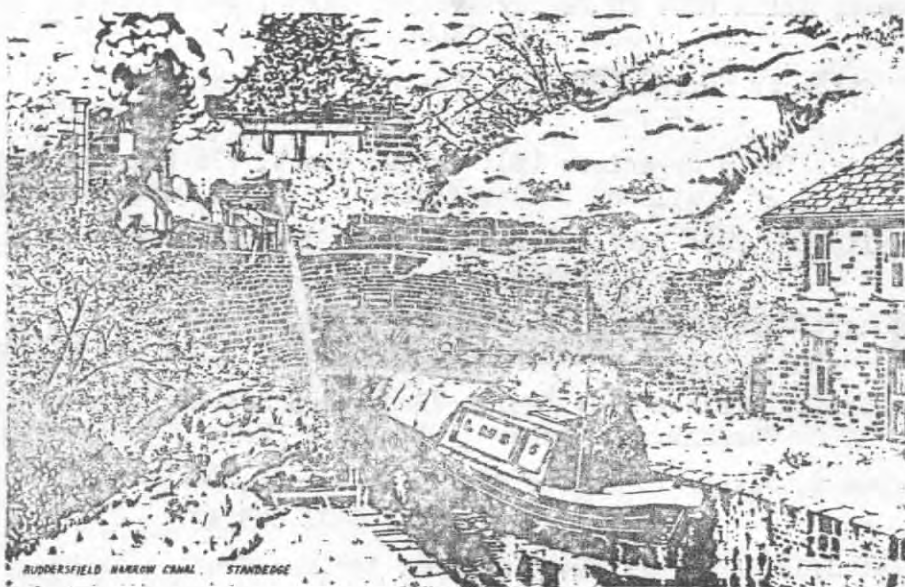
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EDITORIAL - As you can see this is a bumper issue. There was so much which I felt must go into this issue rather than in a later one, consequently, some of the regular items have had to be omitted.

You will note that our Chairman continues to be John Maynard, even though he said he was resigning. We had in fact nominated Derek Walker to succeed him, but due to promotion, Derek is moving to Birmingham, and John was asked to stand again.

Mention must be made of the Marsden Cup which is awarded annually by the North Eastern Region of IWA for outstanding effort/achievements regarding waterways. This year it was awarded to Bob Dewey and Derek Walker; and also taken into consideration was the additional work done by Bob and Derek as site officer and chairman, respectively, of the Festival held at Aspley, last September. Congratulations to you both.

Clodagh Brown, one of our newly elected committee members has recently been in hospital. Best wishes for a speedy recovery Clodagh.

Most of the cartoons featured in Pennine Link are the work of Miss Diana Cooper. Thank you very much Diana.

I am thrilled and proud to be able to tell you that the youngest member of the Huddersfield Canal Society is my younger son, Lee, aged 7 weeks! Thank you very much, Chief Diggle, for your card, on the occasion of my son's birth.

Diane Charlesworth

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - a resume of the one delivered at the Annual General Meeting

A very busy year! I will not report all activities - it would take up too much space.

The caravan we acquired last year has been renovated and has attended many events including the Pennine Show and the Festival at Aspley, Huddersfield. The portable stand was also taken to many events.

The Festival was a success held on the Polytechnic site and opened by the Chairman of the West Yorkshire County Council.

Working Party featured on Lock 1E - Bob Dewey and Derek Walker jointly won the Marsden Cup. We are having much co-operation from The Polytechnic. Wakefield Road Bridge is possibly being re-opened. Tameside Festival is going ahead in July (see diary). Membership continues to improve. The West Yorkshire Structure Plan now includes canals and an interesting meeting on the plan was held in Slaithwaite.

Planning Applications - Bates was granted permission but had to include provision for a tunnel to be built at a later date. Eldon Combing Company submitted a second application of which we await the result.

Tunnel End Reservoir - co-operation with residents to start improvement campaign.

Standedge Tunnel - BWB has cleared the roof falls. I am on the committee concerned with the Kirklees narrow boat.

Pennine Link has had two editors, David Bullock and Diane Charlesworth, if you do not agree with the way it is presented, let the editor know.

Kirklees conducted a survey and produced a report (precis included in the last Pennine Link), on the canal, stating how job creation would be involved. Work has now started.

Through Stalybridge by Boat has been well received.

All Councils have now adopted protection policy, i.e. Tameside, Oldham, Kirklees, West Yorkshire and Greater Manchester.

At the last AGM it was agreed to retain the services of Wells. Several meetings were held and Sir George Kenyon, Mark Andrew and David Ellis invited. (The last Wells letter was read out and it was agreed to take no further action for the time being.)

The Committee underwent several changes during the year (see inside covers of Pennine Link).

Everyone has worked very hard. Thank you very much.

John Maynard

Thanks for the return of completed questionnaires go to:-

Mr A. S. Eggleston - Ashton
 Frank Bennett - Duckinfield
 Simon Hodgson - Diggle
 A. Batham - Failsworth Youth Centre
 Miss Margaret Hogan - Stalybridge.
 Mr & Mrs Muir - Mossley

We need to borrow a slide copier attachment to fit on to a single lens reflex camera - anyone who can help - please contact David Finnis.

Eldon Combing Company Application

REFUSED AGAIN! Thank you
 everyone who sent in objections

REPORT OF THE 4TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held on 7 April 1978 at Ashton Town Hall

A good turnout of members bearing in mind the far-flung membership of the society. Over 30 present (10% of Society). A very full report of the year's activities by the Chairman - have we really achieved so much in 12 months? Full accounts by the treasurer lining up to the usual high standard.

We start the year with a full complement of officers and committee. (See inside cover.)

Clearly the west side needs strengthening and we should be happy to co-opt extra help from the west, do come forward, the amount of effort you want to put in is up to you, you will not be forced into anything you don't want to do.

A discussion on the 'Wells Saga' ensued - some newer members may wonder what this is all about! In short, at the last AGM we engaged the services of Wells Management Consultants to set up (as we understood) a study group of all interested parties. We have had a number of meetings but so far the group has not formed. Members asked whether it had been worthwhile, and in short, the committee find it difficult to say yes or no. It has got us forward but not nearly as far as we had hoped. We cannot attribute the failing to anyone. The Company, however, have agreed to continue to advise us. It was therefore agreed to leave matters, for the moment, at that.

Bob Dewey.

P.S. The Hon. Secretary does not get the chance to speak at any AGM, so may I use this opportunity to say thank you to all the members for their support. The fights over the planning applications have only been won because of the efforts of members writing in to the Councils. I have said in the past that although we've won several cases the battle is by no means ended. Don't relax - the opposition won't!

MEET YOUR OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE AS ELECTED AT THE AGM

In an effort to help make your officers and committee appear more real and approachable to you, rather than just names on paper, I have compiled a short profile on each person. Everyone, obviously, is deeply interested in waterways and in particular our Huddersfield Canals, therefore this interest is not repeated. It is interesting to note what diverse talents and interests the officers and committee have. You will also be able to see what job each person does for the society by looking at the front cover. Other jobs still need allocating, so if you watch your front cover, you will be able to note any changes.

Diane Charlesworth.

John Maynard is 57 years of age and is married with a son and daughter, both married, and three grandchildren. John is a Chartered Electrical Engineer and works as the Assistant Electrical Engineer for Kirklees Metropolitan Council. Up to 10 years ago he lived in South East London, since when he has lived in Meltham, for which village he serves on the local council. He is the Chairman of Meltham Cine Club, Chairman of Meltham Scouts and Guides, and is a member of Meltham Civic Society.

Peter Freeman is aged 34 years. He is a Works Study practitioner for Oldham Health Authority. Peter is so heavily involved at the moment with the HCS and the forthcoming Festival at Ashton, that he has little time for other interests, which include railways and cine filming. Previously, he managed a semi-professional group.

David Finnis is aged 23 years. He is at present studying for his Higher National Certificate in Business Studies and works as Company Secretarial Assistant for a firm of tractor manufacturers. David's interests include walking, photography, 'CAMRA' and the Colne Valley Society (although not actively at the moment owing to his other commitments.

Robert Dewey is aged 28 years, married, and his wife Valerie (our membership secretary) is expecting their first child in early September. Bob is a Chartered Surveyor, Chartered Town Planner and holds Diplomas in Estate Management, Transport Studies and Town and Regional Planning. He is employed as Assistant Planning Officer for Kirklees Metropolitan Council. Amongst his other interests are photography and railways.

Miss Clodagh Brown is a Graphic Designer and holds a post-graduate qualification in education. She works as a design consultant for an international company of ship building technologists. Clodagh has many other interests and hobbies including sailing, riding, driving, cookery and embroidery.

Mrs Diane Charlesworth is 32 years of age and is married with two young sons. Diane is a State Registered Nurse and holds the Certificate in Occupational Health Nursing. She also has a Further Education Teaching Certificate and at present works part-time teaching Nursing and First Aid for the Adult Education Service. Her hobbies include sewing, knitting, crochet, embroidery (for family and home) and she has a keen interest in local history

Trevor Ellis is aged 30 years and is married. Trevor works as an Employment Advisor and has a variety of other interests including industrial archeology, cars, football and speedway as a spectator.

Christopher Farrar is 33 years of age, married with two young sons. Chris has a MA (Natural Sciences), PhD (Metallurgy), and is a Member of the Welding Institute. He works as a Quality Assurance Manager for a company producing high quality pressure vessels and process plant. His other interests include model railways and D.I.Y. eg house repairs and modifications.

Ian Stott is aged 23 years. He works at present as a Planning Technician for Kirklees Metropolitan Council. Ian is particularly clever with mechanical things, and one of his hobbies is engineering. Other interests include snooker and music.

David Sumner aged 32 years is married. He holds a BA in Economics, and is at present studying to become a Chartered Accountant. He works as an Auditor for Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council. David's other interests include the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA), hiking and music.

Stewart Wilson aged 32 years is married and has a son and a daughter. He holds a degree in Biochemistry and works as a Computer Systems Analyst. Stewart is interested in music, industrial archeology and particularly steam pumping engines.

Les Winnard is 24 years of age and married. He is a Chartered accountant. Les' interests include photography, bird watching and walking.

Derek Walker is 33 years of age and is married with one son. He is a Materials Handling Engineer and a senior representative for his company. Derek's main interest is playing the organ and listening to music, particularly cinema organs.

David Milson aged 30 years is married and has a young son. He is a Works Technologist in charge of quality control at a brickworks. His hobbies and interests include reading, walking, transport generally, and camping. David is also a member of Meltham Church Gilbert and Sullivan Society.

The Huddersfield Canal Society is compiling a list of events at which the caravan and display can be exhibited. If you know of an event which the society should attend, please let Leslie Winnard or any committee member know with, if possible, the name of the organiser.

RESUME OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

21 February 1978 at Fold Crescent, Carrbrook, Stalybridge

Discussions: Nominations for committee; Wells; Ashton Festival - possible water shortage; display stands

Correspondence BWB Castleford; IWA West Riding;
received: D. Bennett, Greater Manchester Council;
 Alan West; Saddleworth Historical Society;
 Lancaster Canal Trust;
 (replies sent to above)
 IWMAC

Action to be taken: Nominations for committee to be approached; further information required from Wells - further comments sought re Wells from other societies; final decision re Ashton Festival site to be left to festival committee; Clodagh Brown to be thanked for efforts re Stalybridge display and to be asked to consider designs for outdoor display; diary of events to be attended to be kept; electric typewriter to pass to David Sumner; 1,000 badges (narrow boat) to be ordered; Secretary to lend Stalybridge Library complete set of Pennine Links for copying.

28 March 1978 at Great Western Hotel, Standedge

Report: Treasurer

Discussions: re request for advice for canal-theme room in Shoulder of Mutton, Slaithwaite; committee nominations; West Yorkshire structure plan; Kirklees environment policy; congratulations to Ashton Festival organisers on their publicity arrangements.

Micklehurst residents wish to participate
in IWALK;
Eldon planning application;
Wakefield Road Bridge - David Sumner thanked
re stand in libraries;

Correspondence received: Taneside planning; Civic Trust for NW;
Kirklees adult education; BWB press releases;
S. Wilson; Kirklees Metropolitan Council;
Kirklees libraries; Sir George Kenyon;
Oldham Metropolitan Borough; D. Bullock;
CAMRA; Shelley High School
(replies sent where necessary)

Action to be taken: Approach Keith Willis for old canal photos;
date set aside for working with Clodagh Brown
on display material; write to West Yorkshire
commenting on structure plan; reply to
Kirklees on environment policy;
more pens to be ordered; check prices on
canal maps; Robin Thornber to be asked to
co-ordinate Micklehurst Residents Assoc.
and IWA on IWALK;
send letters to all members re objection
to Eldon Planning Application;
write to West Yorkshire Recreation & Arts
Committee re Wakefield Road Bridge.

EAST AND WEST SIDE MEETINGS - PLEASE COME, WE WOULD LIKE
TO MEET YOU - see diary.

East Side held at The Railway, Marsden on 8 March; and at
The Star, Slaithwaite on 12 April

Note: Owing to the same topics being discussed, a resume
of the last two meetings has been integrated.

1. Mr. Johnson, the Head of Engineering and Site Services
at Huddersfield Polytechnic would like a report on the
condition of the two cranes, and also the work and equipment
needed to restore them to their former glory.

2. Discussions are still being held between the Society and West Yorkshire County Council, regarding the reopening of Wakefield Road Bridge.

3. It was noted that the 'Job Creation' works are improving the aesthetic value of the canal.

4. The fabrication of lock gates using reinforced concrete was discussed and it was decided to look into the idea further.

5. The matter of the Tameside Canals Festival arose. A return journey by boat from Huddersfield to the festival site was suggested; Bob Dewey volunteered to quote "Have a Go". Would anyone be prepared to accompany him on this journey? If so, please contact Bob Dewey.

6. The general feeling of people present at the meetings was that a working group should be organised, to bring together all parties concerned and involved with the Huddersfield Narrow Canal, so as to thrash out problems and queries which the parties concerned may have.

7. Once again, the re-opening of Standedge Tunnel was discussed. The possibility of running trip boats also arose, together with renovating the cottages at Tunnel End and using them as HCS headquarters and museum.

8. There then followed discussions on canals in general.

Ian M. Stott

JOB CREATION - Work started at Lonroyd Bridge, Huddersfield Lock 4E was cleaned out, at least of the worst rubbish, and the towpath improved. Water levels were lowered to enable removal of some rubbish and walling stone. Work progresses speedily upstream. A press report states that the Leader of the Council (who went to see the work) was saddened to see that rubbish is still being dumped in the cleared sections. Perhaps boats passing would help?

MEMBERSHIP

I am happy to welcome the following new members to the Society.

- 380 Jean and Ronald Buckley and family, [REDACTED],
Werneth, Oldham.
- 381 David Dyson, [REDACTED]
- 382 Colin Chadwick, [REDACTED]
- 383 Robert Griffiths, [REDACTED]
- 384 Victor Crossdale, [REDACTED]
- 385 Rinette Nelson, [REDACTED]
- 386 Harry Fisher, [REDACTED]
- 387 Margaret Hogan, [REDACTED]
- 388 John Unwin, [REDACTED]
- 389 Muriel and Robert Muir, [REDACTED]
- 390 Frank Bennett, [REDACTED]
- 391 Arthur Eggleston, [REDACTED]
- 392 Anthony Grinshaw, [REDACTED]
- 393 James Fairfoot, [REDACTED]
- 394 Helen Lowe, [REDACTED]
- 395 Dr R. Sandling, [REDACTED]
- 396 Barbara Clark, [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- 397 Simon Hodgson, [REDACTED]
- 398 Failsworth Youth Centre, [REDACTED]
Manchester
- 399 J. B. France, [REDACTED]
- 400 Alexander and Suzanne Haigh, [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- 401 Joseph Kirby, Manor House, [REDACTED]
- 402 Audie Kinnear, [REDACTED]
- 403 Winifred May, [REDACTED]
- 404 P. B. Whitefoot, [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]

Valerie Dewey

HCS Team wins barrel race - On Good Friday our society was represented by two teams in the annual barrel race at Diggle. The event consists of rolling steel drums from the Diggle Hotel along the canal, around a field and back up the canal. Whilst our male team wheezed and splashed through the mud, Audie Kinnear and Jean Buckley bowled in to wind the ladies team prize, and a silver sup.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTFOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1978RECEIPTS

BALANCES B/FWD			
CASH		3 15	
BANK A/C		79 28	
DEPOSIT A/C		109 93	
		<u> </u>	192 36
SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED			513 00
SALES			808 54
SALE OF INSTANT LOTTERY TICKETS		105 00	
LESS: PRIZES DISTRIBUTED	44 70		
PURCHASE PRICE OF TICKETS	16 30		
STATUTORY REGISTRATION FEE	10 00		
	<u> </u>	71 00	
PROFIT			34 00
DONATIONS RECEIVED:			
ORDINARY		17 83	
FOR WELLS MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS		400 50	
		<u> </u>	418 33
BANK INTEREST			11 30
REPAYMENT OF LOAN BY HUDDERSFIELD CANALS FESTIVAL 1977			50 00
50% OF PROFITS FROM HUDDS CANALS FESTIVAL			226 51
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PAYMENTS

DONATIONS PAID			5 50
SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID			4 00
PURCHASES			551 14
PUBLICITY & SUNDRY EXPENSES			229 66
CARAVAN EXPENSES			35 00
PENNINE LINK			170 00
EXCURSIONS & SOCIAL		99 75	
LESS RECEIPTS		<u>84 00</u>	
			15 75
NAUTICALIA LIMITED			65 32
BANK CHARGES			6 03
WELLS MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS LTD			540 00
INSURANCES			25 00
INVESTMENT IN PREMIUM BONDS			10 00
LOAN TO TAMESIDE CANALS FESTIVAL 1978			50 00
BALANCES C/FWD			
CASH		12 00	
BANK A/CS		434 64	
DEPOSIT A/C		<u>100 00</u>	
			546 64
			<u> </u>
			<u>2,254 00</u>

FRAENKEL REPORT IN BRIEF - as it applies to the
Huddersfield Canals

Thanks are due to David Bullock for supplying the necessary information from the Report, from which I extracted the following points.

Editor

On 31 December 1974 there were no pleasure-craft available on Huddersfield Broad (this was recently altered - see elsewhere). The Report summarises numbers of licensed craft, moorings, anglers, clubs, and two path users; also amenity use of reservoirs.

Water abstractions and returns 1974

Huddersfield Broad: Water abstracted 846 Ml (per year (?))
Water returned 473 Ml " "
Customers - 8 on rent roll, 3 on meter
- no user over £5,000 per annum

Huddersfield Narrow: Water abstracted 3319 Ml (per year)
Water returned 2913 Ml " "
Customers - 15 on rent roll, 4 on meter
- one user over £5,000 per annum.

' The group of reservoirs feeding summit level of Huddersfield Narrow used in 1974 to give supply to YWA subject to a total reservation of 1273 Ml per annum which is passed into Huddersfield Broad for BWB.

There follows a brief history of Standedge Tunnel -

' The tunnel, without a towing path, is lined with brick or brick arches founded on rock for only about two thirds of its length; where unlined not only is the rock surface very rough but the tunnel profile very irregular. At one point the width is reduced to only 2.3m, in other places where dangerous and weak rock had to be removed large rebates were formed. As originally intended the tunnel was to provide four 5m wide passing places with a through passage 2.7m wide by 2.74 high and a depth of water of 2.44m.

We were able to make a general inspection of the whole length of this tunnel which revealed that the condition

'of the lining
'some of which was installed as late as 1945, is fair, but it was found that attention is required in at least two unlined rebates where excessive spalling of the roof has given rise to a potential collapse situation. These falls which are at present blocking the canal, should be cleared to provide a clear passage of water through the tunnel.

(BWB has now cleared these roof falls.)

The Report continues by giving capacities for present reservoir and original of all reservoirs, plus catchment area. All the original reservoirs are still used, except Little Black Moss.

Huddersfield Broad Canal (a cruising waterway)

arrears of maintenance:

Bank protection	£112,000
Dredging	5,000
Structures	33,000
Other items	<u>17,000</u>
Total	£167,000

Arrears of Maintenance - special items

Huddersfield Narrow - Tunnel End Reservoir

remedial works to discharge - £300,000

Remainder Waterways - individual costings

Huddersfield Narrow Canal

26.8 Km discontinuous unnavigable water channel.

Present function: water feed to adjacent canals, water sales, land drainage, amenity.

Developments: all but 5 locks cascaded, some bridges culverted. Proposals for amenity development.

Most economical treatment - water channel

ELIMINATION NOT FEASIBLE

- 'Special Items: a) Standedge Tunnel - clear falls and reline; underpin buck arch ribs to make safe; estimate £86,000 (included in £145,000 arrears below).
 b) Tunnel End reservoir - inspecting engineers' estimate for works to outfall £300,000 (not included below).

'Annual Accounts

1974 receipts - sale of water	£20,400	
- amenity	200	
- other	1,000	<u>Total £21,600</u>
expenditure - engineering	£30,200	
- development	400	
- overheads	15,800	<u>Total £46,000</u>

Deficit - £24,88

In future retaining as water channel.

- 'Arrears of maintenance are £145,000 (including (a) above. Future deficit (after arrears cleared) is £21,000 per annum. Value of land drainage function is £13,500 per annum. Using "net present cost/value" basis
 cost of retaining is £309,000
 value of land drainage is £130,000

'Of the 26 bridges on the Huddersfield Broad, BWB is responsible for 11: 3 public roads 8 accommodation.

'Water of the Broad is derived from the Narrow and from the River Colne at Aspley Basin.

'BWB is responsible for 40 of the remaining 75 Narrow Canal bridges, including 18 public road bridges.

'The primary purpose of the (Narrow) canal is for the conveyance of water to the adjoining waterways. 8 reservoirs feed the summit pound, the principal 3 being Marsh Haigh, Redbrook and Swellands with storage capacities of 240, 245 and 182 Ml respectively; the remainder have in all a further 180 Ml. With the exception of Diggle these feed the summit at the eastern end of Standedge Tunnel, by-passing Tunnel End Reservoir

' which is badly silted. Most of the supply is intercepted and fed to the Scamondon Reservoir of the YWA, who have an agreement with BEB to allow the canal about 1275 Ml per annum

'Most of the water is supplied to the Lanashire side and a substantial amount is passed to the Ashton canal for industrial use. Much remedial work is required to vandalised drystone walls.

The rest of the report deals with remainder waterways in general. The main points have been picked out that affect the Huddersfield Narrow.

' Practical alternatives for treatment of remainder waterways are listed.

(and as elimination is not feasible on the Narrow only three apply)

- ' 1) restore and maintain as a navigable waterway with the aid or contributions from other parties (only feasible if contributions are made);
- ' 2) maintain its present function as a navigable waterway (under agreement), or as a water channel;
- ' 3) convert a navigable waterway into an open (or partly open) water channel.

'Unchecked weed growth reduces channel capacities much more rapidly than does siltation.

'For the maintenance of water channels the following guidelines have been used in costing the Report:-

- a) kept free of weeds
- b) 900 mm of water for maintenance craft (if locks usable)
- c) no erosion of side banks and minimum freeboard of 300mm
- d) locks (if retained) in safe working order
- e) weirs, sluices, stop gates and planks to be maintained
- f) tow paths to be maintained for access or use as public right of way
- g) fences, ditches and vegetation controlled
- h) bridge, tunnels, culverts, aqueducts (where required) to be maintained to cruising waterway standards.

'High security fencing cannot be made completely child-proof and would delay possible rescuers - no wholly satisfactory solution has yet been found.

'All BWB waterways provide services to the community in accepting land drainage, acting as temporary storage reservoirs, etc - financial recognition of the full economic value of these services would effect a considerable reduction in the Board's trading deficit. - there thus seems to be a case for evaluating canals as economically useful drainage channels rather than purely loss - making transport and amenity systems.

'One increasing use of the lengths of remainder waterways is in providing linear moorings away from the main navigable channel.

'The whole of the remainder waterways have a net present drainage value of £34,550,000. The net present cost of eliminating the 467 km that could be eliminated is £22,635,000 and the net present cost of arrears of maintenance and continuing maintenance on the rest is £11,800,000. The total net present cost of these remainder waterways is therefore almost the same as their net present drainage value.

You can now hire a narrow boat from Aspley Marina on the Huddersfield Broad

David Lambert of Helmcliffe Avenue, Taylor Hill, Huddersfield, owned two narrow boats which he hired out from a base at Nottingham, and another one from Sowerby Bridge. He wanted a base in this area and BWB offered Aspley wharf. Mr. Lambert accepted. One cannot help wondering about BWB's motives in doing this - greater use of the 'Broad' can only be good - so let us be optimistic and hope that they are also looking to the potential future of the 'Narrow'.

Before its Time? - A Manchester newspaper reported on 18 March that a Vice Admiral had sailed down the Hudds Canal in a barge at Ashton-under-Lyne! Despite this report, the Narrow is still closed, and has not been widened to accommodate barges.

GREATER MANCHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPORTS

Some time ago, the secretary and Peter Freeman met Planning Officers of the GMCC to discuss a report on the "Northern Ring of Canals". The draft recommendations were not what we dreamed of, but did form a valuable step forward, agreeing to protect the line of the canal and to promote restoration for recreation and amenity. No mention of through navigation though. The report at least clearly shows the green light even if it is some way off yet. The blow was that the Rochdale Canal was given the 'thumbs down' by allowing the Manchester Ring Road to be constructed without navigable headroom.

Regretably, certain elements of the press seemed to seize on the paragraphs which stated that through navigation was not possible in the foreseeable future, at least they agreed to the protection policy and the desirability of restoration for recreation on a limited scale. I personally cannot see that the latter does not almost imply the former as soon as some pounds are cleared out and used it almost seems inevitable that they will be linked together.

The Stalybridge report has been agreed by the County Council but with two added resolutions by councillors:

1. to instruct the officers to ask BWB whether the Huddersfield Narrow Canal can be up-graded to 'cruiseway' standard. (This may seem ludicrous to enthusiasts when the Ashton and Peak Forest are still 'remainder waterways' BUT think what the **councillors** obviously view as the Canal's future!)
2. to set up a technical working party to work out the cost of restoration.

In my opinion extremely valuable progress is being made here. Let us hope West Yorkshire follows suit.

Bob Dewey

Stalybridge Report - Apologies to anyone who ordered and has not yet received a copy. It is temporarily out of print but will be available again soon from Peter Freeman and Bob Dewey.

WALK

The western half of the Huddersfield Narrow will be walked on Sunday 11 June from Mottram Road to Diggle, an approximate distance of 8 miles.

Robin Thornber of Micklehurst Resident's Association is the organiser.

We must have a good turnout, the walks will have National publicity. We need marshalls, walkers and sponsors.

Please contact Robin at 5 Miller Hey,
Mossley,

Telephone 04575 2067, or any west side committee member for full details.

Trip across Morecambe Bay

On Sunday 10 September 1978, Combined Northern Waterways are organising a trip across the Bay. Traverse ancient 'rights of way' with official guides across treacherous quicksands of Morecambe Bay.

Various alternatives are possible on the return journey, e.g. Carnforth, Levens Hall, Morecambe or Trough of Bowland or Glasson Dock, Blackpool illuminations.

For further information, write, phone or call -
David D. Higgins, 72 Street Lane, Roundhay, Leeds,
West Yorkshire, LS8 2AL Tel: Leeds 663623

More ideas wanted for fund raising - please contact David Finnis.

Have you any stamps? Stamp collecting is going well but we do need many many more.

NEWSPAPERS -- THANK YOU!

For a Society like ours, publicity for our cause is vital. At the time of writing, the Reporter group of newspapers (Taneside) has mentioned the canal or the society for about nine weeks, every week. Often reporting our activities ~~vs~~ the Oldham Chronicle. We have also received much publicity from the east side newspapers, notably The Yorkshire Post and The Huddersfield Examiner. Thank you, to these newspapers for giving our proposals and activities a public airing.

MAGIC LANTERN

We have now received the itinerary for the Magic Lantern Narrowboat Theatre. We were very impressed with the lantern and cinematograph show when we saw it at Chester last winter. If you think lantern slides are boring, you are in for a big surprise, when you see Doug and Anita Lear's show. Recommended.

24 April to 21 May, Farners Bridge, Birmingham
 30 May to 2 June, near Red Lion, Stoke-on-Trent
 6 June to 3 July, near Ring O'Bells, Marple
 14 July to 12 August, bottom Frodsham Street, Chester
 23 August to 30 August, National Rally, Birmingham
 7 September to 20 September, Anchor Inn, Dig~~by~~
 24 September to 7 October, Gloucester Docks
 31 October to 25 December, Little Venice.

The show generally starts at 8 pm. At times you can contact them by Radiophone 33633, giving approximate boat location.

Talks/Slides

The Huddersfield Canal Society has a slide/tape show which can be put on to spread the word! Alternatively, a speaker can be provided for large meetings if required. Are you in a group who would like a speaker/talk for next winter?

Enquiries to Bob Dewey.

TAMESIDE CANALS FESTIVAL

Plans are going well so far. The main problems have been difficulty in replacing a site officer after our first officer changed his job, and a shortage of capital.

† Because British Waterways asked us not to invite boats (shortage of water), we have no income from boat bookings which could have been over £400. Sales of raffle tickets and donations or advertising income is therefore vital. Entry to the site will be by purchase of a brochure (stickers for children) in order to off-set expenses.

Anyone wishing to help please contact Tony Shilliday, Wayfarer Narrowboats, Welbeck Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

Returns from the raffle are very good. Many thanks to Ted and Eveline Sandiford, Maisie Woods and staff of a certain mail order firm for sales of tickets and donation of prizes.

Raffle ticket counterfoils and cash are to be returned to Leslie Winnard as soon as possible, together with requests for more tickets. You have until July to sell these chances of winning a fantastic canal holiday for four.

† NB Following ^{for} meetings by IWA and BWB representatives the Festival Committee were advised that unless there is a drought it should be possible for some boats to come. The current proposal is that 50 boats be invited.

Up-to-date information available from Leslie Winnard.

Have you any flags, bunting or other decorations suitable for our Festival? Please send details to Peter Freenan.

Standedge Tunnel - A press report in the Daily Telegraph states that John Heap (IWA) has recently been through the tunnel. Enquiries of BWB reveal it to be true. How long before we're invited?

* Bob Dewey is now site officer.

D.I.Y.

We have been asked to decorate a room in the Shoulder of Mutton Inn, Slaithwaite, in canal style.

The pub, standing in the centre of the town, would be a good and useful way of putting our message over in a more permanent way.

Woolroad Warehouse - Work has now started to restore the warehouse by the A670 crossing between Diggle and Uppermill. The warehouse is being rented by Saddleworth Historical Society who would be glad of any help.



LETTERS*****

From West Pennine Bridleways Association
 Honorary Secretary: Jean Tennant

Horse Lane over Standedge

We were interested to read your article in the November edition of Pennine Link. We too are interested in any old routes across the moors and would like to get together with you on this matter. "Boat Lane" which leads from Diggle towards the cutting, is a definitive right of way but is impassable at the moment because it was washed out by floods several winters ago.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

I subsequently telephoned Mrs Tennant and a meeting is to be arranged, taking maps we have at our disposal. I am also following up other possible contacts from the Colne Valley Society and Saddleworth Historical Society.

Editor

From CAMRA
 The Campaign for Real Ale
 Jack M. Hopwood

On behalf of the Committee of the South Manchester Branch of CAMRA, I wish to thank Peter Freeman and Les Winnard for coming to our branch meeting on March 9 and giving us a most interesting and enlightening lecture about the Huddersfield Canal Society. The slides and commentary were really excellent and the event was received with enthusiasm by all present and it further proved who the real vandals are.

Good luck to the HCS and its aims. We look forward to coming to the Tameside Festival in July.

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- 11.5.78 8.00 pm East Side Meeting - Shoulder of Mutton,
Slaithwaite, Huddersfield.
- 20.5.78 Mossley Carnival
- 20 & 21.5.78 Rochdale Rally - Dale Street.
- 24.5.78 8.00 pm Joint Social Meeting with Peak Forest Canal
Society - Oldham Community Centre,
Greaves Street.
- 30.5.78 8.00 pm West Side Meeting - Tollemache Arms,
Mossley.
- 8.6.78 8.00 pm East Side Meeting, 4 Horseshoes,
Milsbridge, Huddersfield.
- 24 & 25.6.78 Working Party Lock 1E Huddersfield -
for further details contact Ian Stott
(see front cover for address).
- 4.7.78 8.00 pm West Side Meeting - Old Hunters Inn,
Acres Lane, Stalybridge.
- 29 & 30 7.78 Taneside Canals Festival
- 26 & 27.8.78 IWA National Rally, Birmingham.
- 10.9.78 Trip across Morecambe Bay (combined
Northern Waterways) further details
elsewhere in Pennine Link.

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! Society Members Triumph Again!

Application No. 78/62/0105/83

Town and Country Planning Act
1971

Town and Country Planning General Development Order
1973

REFUSAL OF PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT

DECISION
- 2 MAY 1978
ISSUED

To Eldon Combing Co. Limited.,
c/o Armocrete Development's Limited.,
Kensington Works
Siddal
Halifax

In pursuance of its powers under the above-mentioned Act and Order, the Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council (hereinafter called "the Council") as Local Planning Authority hereby refuses to permit Filling in of canal and erection of wool warehouse at Colne Road, Huddersfield

in accordance with the plan(s) and application submitted to the Council on the 23rd
day of February 19 78

The reasons for the Council's decision to refuse permission for the development are:-

1. The proposed development is contrary to Council policy which requires that no further encroachment upon the Huddersfield Narrow Canal between Waterfront Road, Aspley, and the Standedge Tunnel, thereby prejudicing the development of its recreational and amenity potential or its ultimate return to navigation, should be permitted. In the council's view in this particular case, the loss of this potential outweighs any advantages that might accrue from the provision of the proposed warehouse particularly when it is considered that amendments to the proposals could take place to allow a satisfactory compromise between the various interests.

DATED the 21st day of April 19 78

Signed *Paul Vane*

(Address to which all communications should be sent.)

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