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CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS.

Although a new council of the Huddersfield Canal Society has recently been elected, you will notice very little change to the list which appears on the inside cover of Pennine Link. However, some changes within the council have become necessary, particularly functional ones, more so as the activities of the Society become more formal and diverse. The previous committee spent a considerable amount of time discussing the most efficient means of handling the Society's business, projects and objectives, and so the opportunity was taken with the formation of the new council to review its operations.

It is believed that the Council should be a forum for policy decision, assessing priorities, financial sanction etc. and should not be simply a 'talking shop' concerned with the day-to-day detail of running the Society - there is insufficient time for this! Individual Council members will, therefore, in the future concentrate on specific functional areas and within their own areas have scope for a fair degree of autonomy. This arrangement has existed for some time in the area of Sales, Editor of Pennine Link, etc. etc., but it is considered essential that it is extended to cover major project areas, publicity, campaign etc.

I must emphasize that it is not intended that these functions operate as one man bands, that would be totally against the aims and spirit of the exercise. It is essential that the Council members provide a co-ordinating function and reporting function back to the main committee so that priorities can be assessed, and possible conflicts resolved. To operate satisfactorily each function must have able and willing support from the membership, and the East and West

side groups, particularly those concerned with activities such as the boat, restoration projects etc.

I hope that in future issues of the Link it will be possible to include a profile of each area written by the appropriate Council member so that he or she can explain in more detail, the aims, objectives and workings of the function. I also hope that they will inspire more support from a wider cross section of the membership so that we can continue to maintain our solid progress on a number of fronts. In military terms, it is important to consolidate our position through the winter months and prepare ourselves for the Spring offensive !!

To some extent this brief note is my profile of the Chairman's role within the Society. It is only by providing this opportunity to exploit our resources efficiently that I believe we will continue to prosper and push forward our campaign and efforts to restore the canal. It is my job to make sure that we do just this.

James Crosland, a local artist invites members to see his paintings of canal scenes including one of the working party on lock 1 at Huddersfield Festival in 1977, at Spend & Save Gallery, Byram Street, Huddersfield. (Near the Princess Cinema).

#### HUDDERSFIELD NARROW CANAL CHRISTMAS CARDS.

Earlier this year IWA ran a photographic competition with a view to using the winning photographs as their Christmas Cards for 1980. One of these photographs is a winter scene on the Huddersfield Narrow taken by David Finnis.

Orders for cards to be sent to Jean Buckley - see inside front cover for address - and they cost just 12p each.

Resume of Council Meeting held on 30th September, 1980 at  
the Diggle Hotel, Diggle.

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MATTERS ARISING:

Robert Dewey to be General Secretary.  
Boat Trips at Uppermill very successful  
£58 collection at Mikron performance at Zetland Hotel.

E.G.M. This meeting had gone to plan but over rather too  
quickly. New council elected.  
Jobs allocated - as front cover.

EDITOR:

Congratulations were expressed to Diane Charlesworth on  
her pregnancy. Sue Gibson has offered to take over as  
Editor.

TOWPATH GUIDE :

Diane Charlesworth will complete. W.Yorks want Broad Canal  
included and may rethink 'no grant' decision. They will  
help with the selling also.

TREASURER'S REPORT noted.

Agreed to donate £10 to the Saddleworth Museum from boat  
takings.

15 members have returned completed Covenant Forms.  
Separate accounts are to be kept for boats.

CORRESPONDENCE: dealt with.

UPPERMILL PROJECT:

Waterways Recovery Group have visited the site and forsee  
no problems, we are now awaiting written reply from them.

TUNNEL END COTTAGES:

Planning permission has been applied for.  
Arrangements being made for temporary repairs.

PUBLICITY STAND: Meeting between Secretary & Jacob Kramer  
College, Leeds. To meet students and  
explain about the Canal.

MEETING WITH W. YORKS. COUNCILLORS:

Useful meeting with WYMCC Councillors to discuss their attitude to canal and opportunities for future liason. A useful meeting which clarified both sides' attitudes.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE:

We have been asked to speak on Restoration of Huddersfield Narrow with emphasis on legal and engineering aspects.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Visit by Basingstoke Canal Society 1st/2nd November.

Mikron Theatre Week; Transport needed.

Colour Photo Process Drum agreed to sell as never used.

David Sumner to talk with NWTB re English Tourist Board's 'Water Theme Year'.

To seek revised quote for Beer Mats

IWA Manchester concerned about East/West split within the Society, agreed to promote a more united front.

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TUNNEL END COTTAGES.

Robert Dewey

Further to the report in the last issue of Pennine Link, two small working parties have been held recently to make the cottages watertight and easy of access.

On the first, stone slates were replaced on the roof, temporary capping put over the chimneys and windows blocked with old lino.

Subsequently a new lock has been fitted to one cottage, rubbish cleared from the inside and the water supply disconnected in an attempt to give the interiors a chance to dry out.

Further work is planned and a small group is being set up to examine longer term proposals.

Anyone interested in helping in any capacity should contact Trevor Ellis (address inside front cover) who has now been appointed organiser of the project.

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I am pleased to welcome the following new members:

- 660 Peter & Pauline Wadsworth, [REDACTED]  
 661 Thomas & Beryl Booth, [REDACTED]  
 662 Dr. M. Essex-Lopresti, [REDACTED]  
 663 Philip & Jennifer Parker, [REDACTED]  
 664 David P. Gibson, [REDACTED]  
 665 Miss Dorothy Robbie, [REDACTED]  
 666 Mrs. Dorothy Gledhill, [REDACTED]  
 667 Dr. Barry Marsden, [REDACTED]  
 668 Carol Calvert, [REDACTED]  
 669 Cynthia Chapman, [REDACTED]  
 670 Simon Jenkins, [REDACTED]  
 671 Dorothy & Derek Marbeck & Family, [REDACTED]  
 672 Mrs. Kathleen Chadderton, [REDACTED]  
 673 H.H. Strangways, [REDACTED]  
 674 Catherine & John Clark, [REDACTED]  
 675 Sarah Jane Wilson, [REDACTED]

Valerie Dewey.

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BOAT TRIP TO BRIGHOUSE.

On Saturday 22nd November, 1980 a boat trip has been organised to go from Aspley Basin, Huddersfield to Brighouse on the Huddersfield Broad Canal.

The trip leaves at 9.30am and anyone wishing to go should contact Brian Badminton - see inside front cover.

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" Slaith 1.10 pm.

arr Marsden 1.16 pm.

Trolley

dep. Hudds. 12.45 pm.

arr. Marsden 1.20 pm.

ALL TRIPPERS are requested to meet on Marsden Railway Station Bridge at 1.25 pm. Please keep good time and so enable a prompt start to be made - a number of the voyagers have to return early for concert work.

If the weather is favourable, it is proposed that those finding it convenient should walk over to Marsden, calling for sandwiches at the Great Western.

Transport from Diggle

Train

dep. Diggle 3.54 pm.

arr Marsden 4.02 pm.

" Slaith. 4.09 pm.

" Golcar 4.13 pm.

dep. Diggle 5.16 pm.

arr Marsden 5.22 pm.

" Slaith. 5.29 pm.

" Golcar 5.33 pm.

BUS

dep. Oldham 5.55 pm.

" " 7.55 pm.

" Bus Stop at Floating Light and Great Western.

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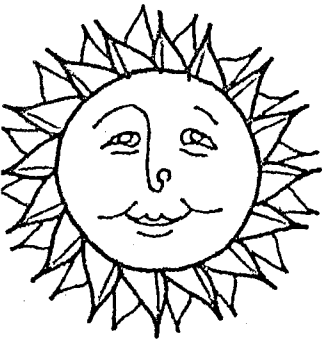
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Did YOU know that Diggles are fastly becoming an endangered Species? Surely we cannot allow these cuddly friends of the Society to become extinct.

Help today by sending a Diggle to:

Jean Buckley, Sales Officer - for address see inside cover.

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In case you are thinking ...how do I make a Diggle, free inside this issue on centre pages is a pattern and below instructions, kindly sent in to us by Miss K. Brookes.

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### Materials

White Nylon Fur Fabric

15mm Joggle Eyes

12mm red hemi-spherical button noses

12 inch felt squares for waist coats

Pink Felt for ears and hands

Black Felt for feet

Small buttons for waistcoats

Black embroidery cotton for mouths and eyebrows

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### Instructions

Detach these centre pages. Trace around the pattern pieces (so as not to cut up the instructions) paste pattern shapes onto cardboard. Cut a 40 cm length of fur fabric with pile running up/down length. Cut into strips 11cm wide for each Diggle. Cut out a number of hands, feet and ears. Make holes in centre of eyes and nose on Diggle pattern.

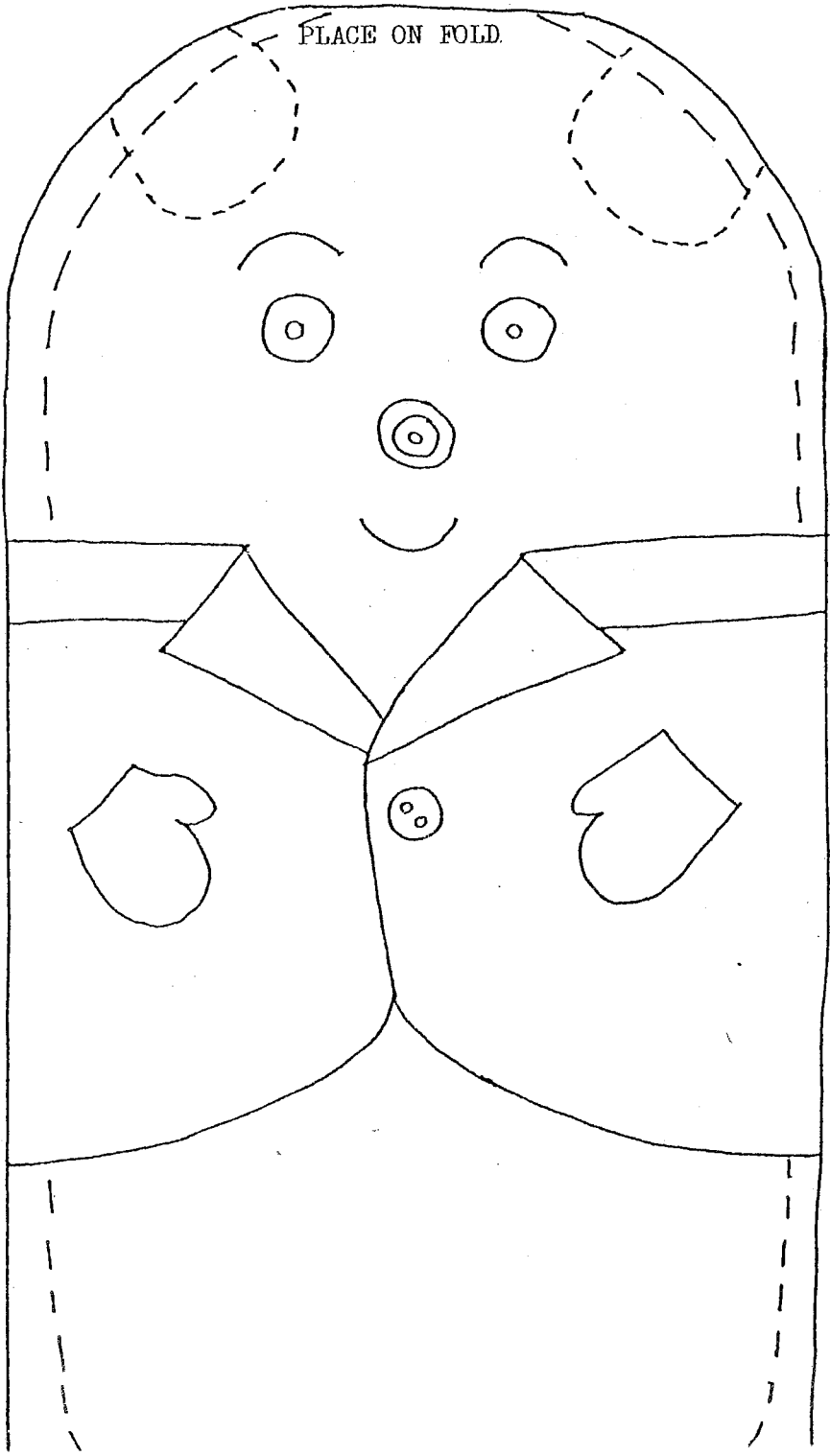
### Method.

Fold fabric strip in two, fur side out, and using Diggle pattern round off sides of head. Turn to wrong side and mark position of eyes and nose. Cut out the marks made for the eyes to make a tiny hole to receive the eye stubs and fix with washers. Work the eyebrows and the mouth and sew on the nose with 3 strands (half thickness) embroidery thread.

Turn to the wrong side, and inserting ears on inside, sew up the sides of Diggle, curving stitching round to base. Turn right side out and then stuff. Sew up base with an invisible stitch, turning in raw edges. Sew on feet.

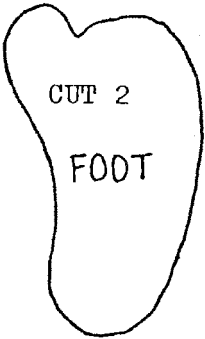
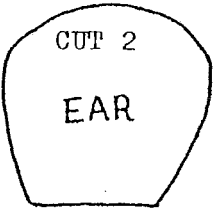
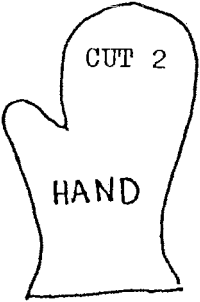
The instructions for the waistcoat and the hands are on the other side of the pattern.

PLACE ON FOLD.



PLACE ON FOLD.

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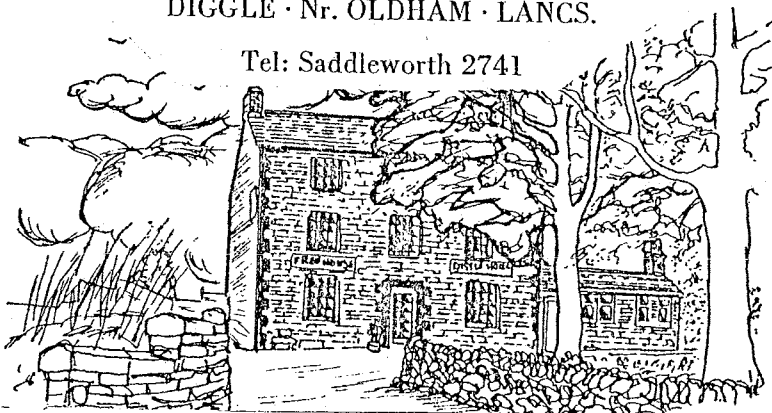
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Cut out waistcoat and check for fit. Turn down 1cm collar and tack at the back of neck. Turn down about 5cm lapel and sew down. Cut slit near point of lapel at 45° to top, to fit wrist. Fix in hand by tacking on wrong side. Fasten waistcoat with button and fit onto Diggle.

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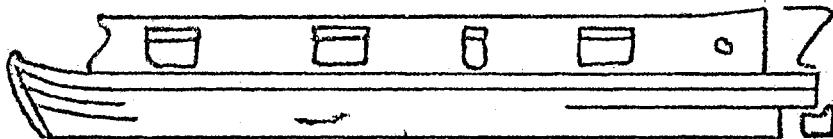


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The Standedge portion of the canal - the Tunnel section - was begun in 1794. The work was done by pick, shovel and gunpowder. On the Marsden side all the diggings were tipped into a small valley, and on these 'Tips' are built the dwelling houses known as New Delight. The waterway was opened to traffic on April 4th 1811.

The dimensions of the Canal Tunnel are:

length	3 miles 171 yards
Width	9 feet
Height	17 feet
Depth of Water	8 feet

Other items of interest connected with the Tunnel are:

436' above the canal level at Huddersfield

656' above sea level

480' waterfall, from Redbrooke Reservoir, enters the tunnel and feeds the canal at the rate of 27 gallons a minute.

Cost of Tunnel £123,803

Contractors Nicholas Brown, Outram & Clowes.

Cost of Huddersfield Canal more than £300,000

The Canal's busiest period was from 1811 to 1845, but a large traffic was maintained throughout the 19th century.

The Leeds/Manchester Railway bought the Huddersfield Canal in 1849.

The last case of "moonraking" (fishing or grappling for contraband dropped overboard by bargees) was brought to light in an Excise prosecution about 85 years ago.

Probably the strangest cargo carried through the Tunnel was the boat load of foundling children brought from London to work at Haigh's Mill, Warehouse Hill. The complete journey took some 3 weeks to make.

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Brian Badminton

NARROWBOAT 'STAN' STAR OF RADIO, NEWSPAPERS AND TELEVISION.

Having undergone proving trials - see September Pennine Link - the time had now arrived to present 'Stan' to the General Public, and by doing so maximise on publicity for the Society.

It was decided to coincide the official naming ceremony with running of trips for the public on the top pound at Marsden as part of the annual festival being held in the village on Saturday 30th August.

Storm Clouds gathered over Standedge as hardy Society volunteers struggled to erect the tent and stand in what seemed like gale force winds and rain. One thought crossed their minds as they struggled against the elements and that was to fulfill the promises of Radio Leeds broadcasts on the previous three days that the canal would once again provide a passenger carrying service.

As the tent was succumbing to desperate efforts the boat was being readied for the naming ceremony. The first job was to cast off from the moorings and in the wet grass thoughts of having an early cold bath were uppermost in my mind as I scrambled down the steep banking and on a semi-submerged log to detach the mooring lines. The next job was to bow-haul 'Stan' to Tunnel End in order to install the batteries which against the strong head-on wind was by no means an easy task.

Having fitted the batteries, wined 'Stan' (literally) in the tunnel mouth and successfully freed the propellor from the submerged hull lurking in the depths, we arrived at the top lock with no further mishaps save for a very wet cold feeling in the nether regions. By that time an equally hardy crowd of pressmen and television crews had arrived with looks of disbelief that anyone should want to go boating on a day like this.

Mr. Richard Wainwright M.P. for the Colne Valley arrived and the naming ceremony was performed in front of the assembled audience and press. An interview by the B.B.C. was taken with D. Finnis for Look North and the inaugural trip was launched for the benefit of the T.V. cameras albeit

without Mr. Wainwright who had a surgery to open in Huddersfield. The first trip went very well and judging from the pictures broadcasted on Monday on both ITV and BBC 'Stan' looked splendid with R. Dewey at the helm in period costume.

Once out of range of the TV cameras, several members of the party alighted due to the fact that the propellor had become entangled with weed (possibly due to the dredger being out of action that week?) and the strong headwind was making ground on us and at one time succeeded in reversing our progress. Once the load was lightened progress was once again restored and our arrival some twenty wet minutes later was recorded by a very soggy looking ITV cameraman, whom for his benefit we had all boarded 'Stan' again.

It was the general concensus of opinion that we called the remainder of the day a washout as anyone queueing up for trips on a day like this would be as daft as we were, and as very little activity was seen down in the village in the main Festival arena we decided to split up into two groups and take the now saturated tent down and moor and secure 'Stan' in front of the Tunnel End cottages. Having done all this the public telephones were very busy organising husbands and wives to run nice hot baths and the Society's participation in the Marsden Festival was over for another year. (If at first you don't succeed try once, try twice and go home and plan next years attempt Third Time Lucky!)

The main thing to arise from the above saga is that although the elements were against us, the publicity gained for the Society was invaluable, and brought the aims and aspirations of ourselves into the homes of the general public, not only through the more usual newspaper reviews but also through radio and perhaps more spectacularly through the enormous influence of television.

The following day 'Stan' was transferred to Uppermill where trips for the public are now being run at weekends adjacent to the local History Museum.

God Bless Stan And All Who Sail In Her.

Following on from the article written by Jonathan Sparks aged 11 years in the last issue, comes this letter from his father, R. H. Sparks re the Scouts Canoe Trip along the Huddersfield Narrow Canal.

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'I spent the weekend driving the Scout bus, collecting and delivering scouts, food, canoes; setting up and dismantling camp etc. Unfortunately I was not able to see as much of the canal as I would have wished and therefore cannot add much to these (Jonathan's) notes. I can however say that the Scouts enjoyed the weekend and will be very willing to undertake the same trip next year. Perhaps you could inform me of the date as soon as it is fixed to enable us to arrange a stronger team.

I understand that the portages caused by the destroyed locks and bridges etc., caused very little problem but that the weed filled stretches were found to be most exhausting with the difficulty of forcing the canoes through the weeds and then having to portage for quite long distances.

I would suggest that this is a very good and interesting route for canoes and suggest that the Society investigate the possibility of organising local Scout Groups and canoeists to clear a channel through the weeds just sufficient to permit the passage of canoes. The Scout Association encourages groups to assist in the restoration of canals, the clearing of derelict sites, rubbish filled streams etc., and this work constitutes part of the conservationists badge.

I suggest that a telephone call to the local Scout and Guide shops on both east and west side may enable you to establish contact with the group Scout leaders who may be interested in taking a part on a rubbish and weed clearing exercise. If you are able to get anything organised along these lines please contact me and I will endeavour to raise some support from the Sheffield area. '

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TRIP BOATS 1980.

Graham Maskell.

Further to my article in January Pennine Link regarding the wooden boat salvaged from Portland Basin, I am sorry to say that the condition of the main frames was far worse than anticipated and therefore she has been duly laid to rest.

However, now for the good news....I am pleased to report that our week-end trips at Uppermill during the month of September, aboard narrow-boat 'Stan' were an overwhelming success. Crowds flocked and queued to get aboard, most of the trips being sold out in the first hour.

Our crews expertly handled and manouvered the boat past overhanging trees and through the obstacle ridden water.

The trips were run for a trial period this year and it is hoped that 'Stan' will run for some of the summer in 1981 at Uppermill.

Many thanks to all crews and particularly to Saddleworth Historical Society for allowing the mooring and charging of the boat.

A donation has been made to the Uppermill Museum.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS...

Jean Buckley and Des Phillips are busy arranging a pie and pea supper which is to take place sometime during January. Full details in January Pennine Link.

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TAMESIDE CANALS FESTIVAL 1981

A committee has now been formed to organise a 4th Tameside Canals Festival for 1981.

Anyone who is interested in helping on the committee or in any other way please contact Colin Chadwick or Hazel Maskell.

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COOPER CANAL BICENTENARY. (cont.)      by Mrs. Ivy Lodge  
The Sir John Ramsden (Broad) Canal.  
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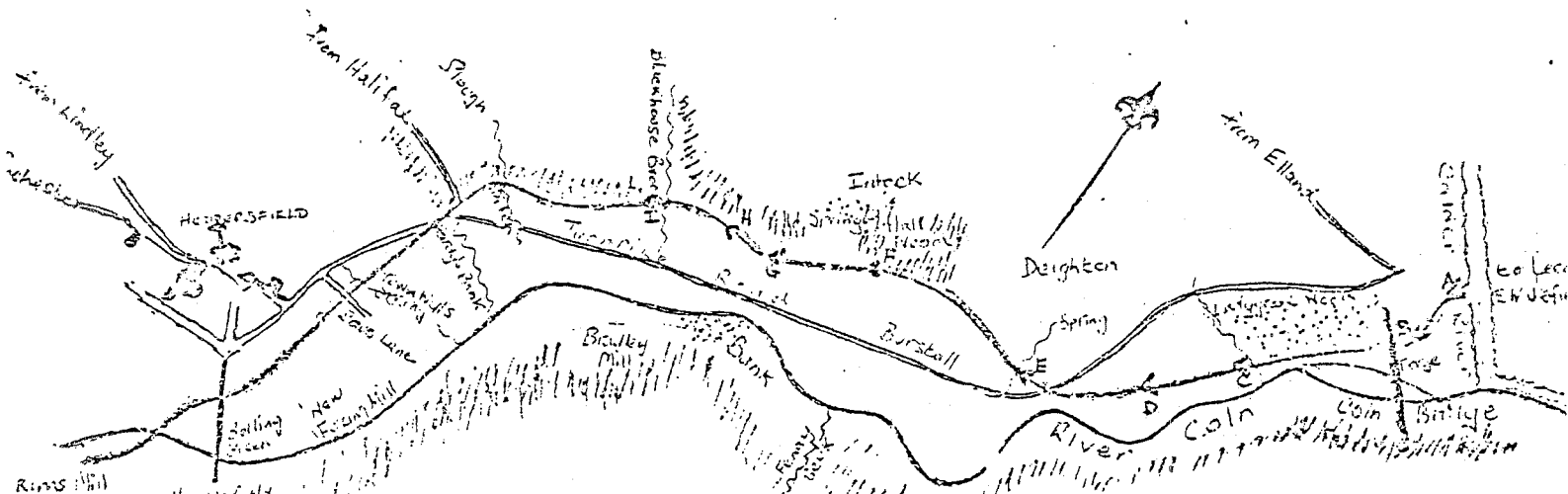
HUDDERSFIELD TOWN CENTRE PLAN

Kirklees have recently sent us a copy of the 200 page report of options for their Town Centre Plan. Robert Dewey is working through it to pass the Society's comments.

It seems that the Council have completely ignored the canal as a canal apparently hoping that their "duck-pond policies" will satisfy us. (The only canal policy refers to hoped-for improvements to the canal side environment by the existing watered sections in the 'plan area' (best planning jargon!). They even suggest promoting new access to the isolated section between Chapel Hill and Bates! I think we know the only satisfactory access to that section - through Bates!

Members may like to write to Mr. Hunter or Mr. Driver at Kirklees Technical Services, Civic Centre, Huddersfield, expressing their disappointment at the non-inclusion of the canal policy adopted previously. What was the point of Kirklees approving the future canal tunnel under Bates' if the plan for 10 years makes no mention?

A PLAN of the Navigable Canal now making from COOPER BRIDGE to HUDDERSFIELD,  
in the COUNTY OF YORK.



Places of Locks

- A Cooper Bridge
- B Coln Bridge
- C Lady Grave
- D Longlands
- E Turnpike Road
- F Riding
- G Fieldhouse Green
- H Falls
- I Red Dole

Place	Rise		Length of Cuts		
	F	I	M	A	Chains
A	6	3	-	1	2 50
B	6	3	-	4	- 87
C	6	4	-	1	8 -
D	6	4	-	2	5 80
E	6	4	-	3	7 -
F	6	4	-	1	7 20
G	6	4	-	-	8 -
H	6	4	-	2	- 50
I	6	4	1	5	1 30

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| Nov.1st  | 8.00pm. | Mikron Theatre Co. The Railway, Station Rd. Marsden. 'Mud in Your Eye'   |
| Nov.6th  | 8.00pm. | East Meeting. Four Horseshoes, Milnsbridge. Illustrated talk by G.Wheat 'Canal Carrying'   |
| Nov.12th | 8.00pm. | West Meeting. Tollemache Arms, Manchester Road, Mossley.   |
| Nov.22nd | 9.30am  | Boat trip on the Huddersfield Broad Canal to Brighthouse leaving Aspley at 9.30 am. Anyone interested please contact Brian Badminton (see inside cover). |
| Nov.26th | 8.00 pm | PFCS/HCS Joint Meeting, Community Centre Union Street, Oldham.   |
| Dec.4th  | 8.00pm. | East Meeting. Royal Oak, Chapel Hill, Huddersfield.  |
| Dec.10th | 8.00pm. | West Meeting, Tollemache Arms, Manchester Road, Mossley.   |
| Jan.8th  | 8.00pm. | East Meeting, The Commercial, Slaithwaite. Talk and slide show on Hudds.Canal by Bob Dewey.  |
| Feb.5th  | 8.00pm. | Four Horseshoes, Milnsbridge, Film Show By BWB.  |
| Mar.     | 8.00pm. | East Meeting. Travels of Mikron Theatre Co. by Mike Lucas.   |

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