

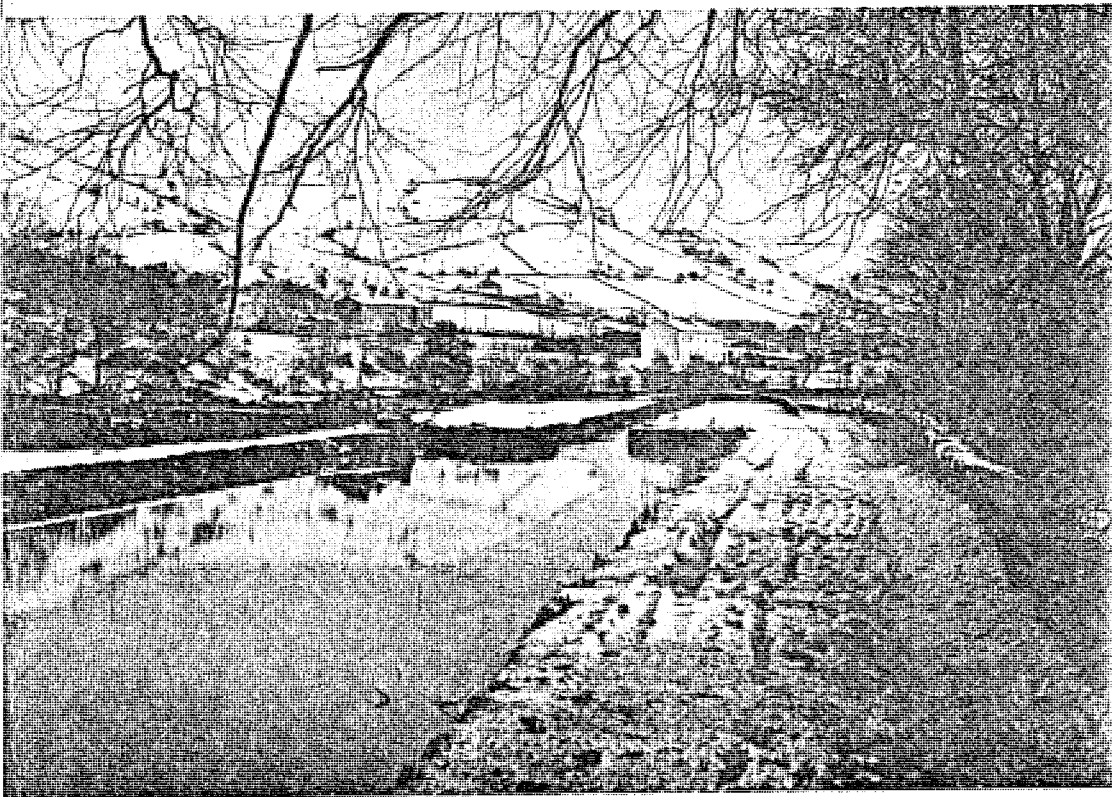
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FAREWELL TO PENNINE LINK.

This is the last piece I shall write in an Editorial capacity for Pennine Link as I am handing over to Sue Gibson, after three years plus, as Editor. I intend continuing working for the Society in a more limited capacity by completing the Tow Path Guide and investigating Boat Lane (as and when possible) which is as much as I can cope with along with my varied and domestic commitments; as my third child is due in March.

I have seen a lot of changes since I went on the Huddersfield Canal Society Committee, just before becoming Editor, with the Society working out slowly, and sometimes painfully, the way to progress towards the ultimate goal of restoration. Some results are now being seen and I am a little sorry at having to relinquish my post at an exciting time like this; however, as I shall be in contact with several council members I shall keep up to date with events.

Although the last issue of Pennine Link had my name on it, in fact Sue did more work than was given credit for. Will you please send all further items for inclusion in Pennine Link to Sue, her address is now on the front cover, and I hope you will help and encourage her in the job that she's taken on.

Thank you for your support in the past.

Diane Charlesworth.

Huddersfield Broad Canal TripBrian Badminton22nd November, 1980.

It was a fine mild November morning when members of the Society together with invited guests assembled at Aspley at the head of the Huddersfield Broad Canal to undertake a trip down the Broad Canal and up the Calder and Hebble navigation to Brighouse.

An earlier inspection of Anchor Pit Lock confirmed my suspicions that the trip may have to be curtailed due to the fact that the river Calder was in flood due to the heavy rains the previous three days, but we were not however to get that far as will be seen later.

At 9.30 am a total of 25 adults, 5 children and 1 dog were ready to commence the trip on 2 narrow boats kindly supplied by Mr. Lambert. After pausing for publicity photographs by the local newspaper, the entourage set off in convoy down the canal, and the first obstacle to be encountered was of course the Turnbridge lifting bridge. All went smoothly for the remainder of the top pound until we reached Red Doles Lock. Because the canal had an excessive amount of water due to the heavy rain, water was cascading over the top gates and great difficulty was experienced in achieving a bottom level in the lock, due mainly to the fact that after the recent work undertaken by BWB, one of the lower gate paddle spindles was missing and therefore with only one paddle in use it was quite impossible to achieve a level and it was only after the herculean attempts of members of the party together with a helping pull from the boats that bottom gates opened and we were on our way once again.

The remaining 8 locks on the canal were passed through without any further difficulty except for the excess water over the top gates. At approx. Lock 4 the BWB Section Inspector arrived and informed us that under no circumstances could we leave the Broad Canal at Lock 1 and enter the River Calder as the flood waters were in fact 6'4" above normal level at Brighouse and the river was running very strongly indeed, and so with this in mind we had to change our plans and terminate the journey at just above Lock 1 where the boats were winded and moored up whilst members of the party went to the local hostelry, fish and chip shop, etc., for their lunches.

After suitable refreshments, the return journey up the canal was made, and, with the help of young lock-wheelers the journey was achieved in less time than the downward trip. The only difficulty being encountered again at Red Doles Lock where with a little help and a push from the bows of the narrow boat, the bottom gates were opened against the level in the lock, a practice which should not be utilised but, the prospect of being marooned below Red Doles Lock until a new spindle arrived, did not appeal to most people on the boat and therefore necessity was mother of invention.

We arrived back at Aspley at approx. 4.00 pm. still blessed with very mild weather and after mooring the boats up in front of the culvert leading to the Narrow Canal (a mooring that will certainly have to be changed when the narrow canal re-opens) we all bid our farewells to a most enjoyable and successful outing and returned home to find our photos published in the local paper even before our return home from the trip!

Further trips during the Spring of 1981 may be possible and anyone interested are only too welcome to contact myself where I will be pleased to arrange future trips not only for members of the Society but hopefully for members of the general public, as several enquiries have been made following the publication of our trip in the paper, and if such trips can form an introduction to the canal for people who otherwise would never have the opportunity of travelling on a canal, especially in local surroundings, then this surely must be a good thing for the canal and our Society.

TREASURE HUNT.

A Treasure Hunt has been arranged for Sunday 8th March, 1981. Beginning at 9.30am at Canker Lane/Leeds Rd. Car Park, and finishing at the destination with pie and peas. The course isn't difficult (so I'm told) and no-one will need a Rally Car to do well.

This will obviously be a popular event so it's important that you enter early, especially because only 12 cars (by law) are allowed to take part.

To take part all you have to do now is to write to:
Simon Taylor, 10, Talbot Avenue, Edgerton, Hudds.

See you there!

In the November issue of Pennine Link, our Chairman Dr. Chris Farrar included in his Chairman's Remarks a profile of how he sees the Chairman's role within the Society. Included now in this January issue are the profiles of four more Council members: Boat Project Manager, Campaign Officer, Exhibitions Officer, and Sales Officer.

Boat - Project Manager

John Maynard

Project Manager - Responsible to the Council for maintenance, repairs, modifications and running of the boat(s).

He should make all arrangements for storage, transport and moorings and take all decisions regarding minor repairs and modifications without reference to the Council; to expedite the above he shall be authorized to spend up to £50 to be refunded from the Society's funds.

Any major repairs, modifications or expenditure, over £50, shall be approved by the Council. He shall be authorized to delegate the above powers to others at his discretion.

He shall arrange to hand the boat over to an "Operator" who shall be responsible to him for the day to day running of the boat. The Operator shall be responsible for the boat and the provision of qualified steerers. The Project Manager shall have power to reject any steerer, appointed by the Operator, that he considers unsuitable. Any dispute shall be referred to the Council for arbitration.

The Operator shall not carry out any repairs or modifications to the boat, or allow any other person to do so without authorisation of the Project Manager. Except for emergency repairs, which shall be reported to the Project Manager at the first opportunity.

Work to be done during Winter 80/81.

1. To find suitable accomodation.
2. Modify motor drive to 2:1 or 1:1 gearing and remount.
3. Ballast the whole area of passenger compartment. (House Bricks)
4. Drill holes in cross members to allow free drainage to stern.
5. Fit new floor. Creosoted and removable.
6. Fit new seats. Removable and possibly back-to-back in centre.
7. Provide cover to stern well.
8. Seal hatch and cabin.

Later work: provide cover for passenger compartment.



Campaign Officer

Robert Dewey.

In the past I believe that there has, at times, been a real danger that the Society was falling into a rut. Oh yes we were still moving forward, but along the same old track, same festivals, attending the same events/galas, doing the same sort of things.

This has of course brought us success, don't get me wrong, but it has often been felt in Committee that we could be doing more, that we were unclear of our route to our target.

Just for example of the difficulties we could face, I ask you some questions:

1. Should we raise the money to buy a new excavator in the future, or should we buy a defunct one now and rebuild it? (or should we rely on Waterways Recovery Group/Contractors)
2. Is it better to raise £10 per week at a village fete, or £500 at a major boat rally?
3. Should we have a membership drive?

Perhaps we need a more co-ordinated approach, such that our activities are more directed in a co-ordinated plan.

To this end, I arranged a meeting of members who I thought could offer experience (in fields outside the Society - e.g. local politics - as well as inside the Society). Of the 14 I invited only 2 turned up and 2 more sent apologies - where were the rest of you? Anyone who would like to help (mainly through discussion meetings) please get in touch.

Exhibitions Officer

Colin Chadwick

To collect together the existing exhibition material and stand and take any necessary steps to refurbish the material. To attempt to reorganise the exhibition in a more easily maintained and assembled manner. To investigate the acquisition of new exhibition material with regard to content, presentation, quality, quantity and cost.

To liaise with the Society membership for the booking of exhibition venues and to keep a diary of exhibition dates. To periodically revue the condition, content, and quality of the exhibition material and to make any necessary proposals for change.

Sales Officer

Jean Buckley

I see the position of Sales Officer to the Society as having at least two objectives:

- a) to sell goods at a profit, thereby boosting the funds of the Society and
- b) to publicize the Society when we attend any event with the sales stall.

If I can achieve both of these aims in one fell swoop as in the case of selling HCS Sweatshirts, T shirts, pens, badges etc., then the job is doubly rewarding.

When I decided to apply for the position as Sales Officer, I determined that I would try my best to attend as many events as possible with the sales stall, rather than just being responsible for ordering stock, as I believe that is the correct way to assess what is a good and popular line in goods and also by taking a real personal interest in the stock and by usually packing and unpacking it myself, the goods are really taken care of as they should be. Damaged and dog eared books, chipped pottery and soiled garments are no use to anyone.

I would like to see more society members buying goods from stock and to receive more postal enquiries for goods through the courtesy of Pennine Link, so I hope to put in a frequent Stock List in the hope that this may happen. May I thank the brave and willing crowd that often turn up to events, helping to transport tent, stand, stock (and me!) and the members and I'm pleased to say that we are all good friends, who stand about in all kinds of weather in all kinds of places and who willingly erect the tent, help lug the endless boxes about and sell the goods and chat happily to all comers (hopefully about the Society) !

CANALS CONFERENCE 1980.

John Maynard.

Leeds University Union organised a conference on Saturday 15th November at Castle Grove Hall, Leeds. This was an all day event starting at 9.30 and finishing at 5.30. Eight speakers addressed the conference on varied aspects of the waterways ranging from conservation problems on the Broads to commercial carrying. Contributions included reports on the progress and status of the Rochdale, Huddersfield, West Riding and East Riding canals and finished with a talk about the IWA Rally 1981.

It was a pity that such a well organised and interesting event with such a varied number of speakers was not better attended only 30 - 40 people being present.

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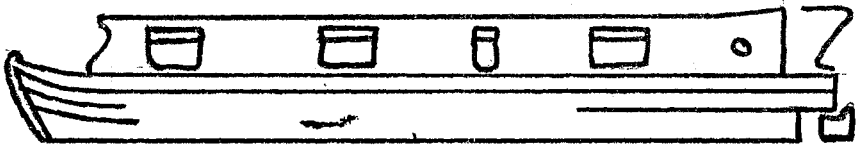


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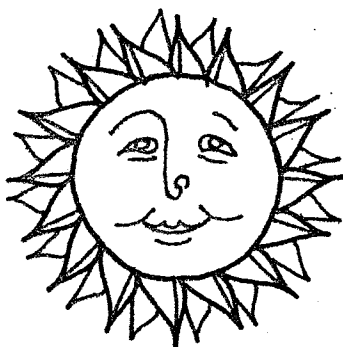
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We have in stock a few remaining Diggle Sweatshirts in light blue or navy blue priced £7 each + 50p p&p

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LOCK FLIGHT

Peter Freeman.

Customers at the canal side Tollemache Arms, Mossley were puzzled. They were looking at the photograph of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal appearing on Inland Waterways Association Christmas Cards. (See front cover). It was taken by our very own David Finnis. But whereabouts on the canal was it?

Resourceful lot at the 'Tolly'. "We set off along the canal to look for it" said Trevor Booth who runs the pub with his wife Margaret. "It didn't take long in the helicopter."

One of the regulars an HCS member owns a helicopter !

PRESS BOOKS now held by Jean Wrigley, 13, Ambleside, Stalybridge.

Anyone with press cuttings about this canal or Society please pass them to Jean for inserting in press books.

CANALS OF THE PEAK DISTRICT.

News has just come in about a residential course for canal enthusiasts at Losehill Hall, the Peak National Park Study Centre at Castleton.

The course is from Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May, 1981 at an all inclusive cost of £73. The course program has been arranged to give everyone a chance to visit canals in recreational use, those being restored by local canal societies and a canal with projected use by industrial traffic.

For further details, booking form etc., please write to: Peter Townsend, The Principal, Peak National Park Study Centre, Losehill Hall, Castleton, Derbyshire, S30 2WB. Telephone Hope Valley 20373/20693.

BRITISH WATERWAYS CALENDAR 1981.

BWB's Calendar for 1981 contains 12 full colour pictures, each displaying a different type of craft to be found on BWB's waterways today.

The Calendar\$ are priced at £2.50p plus packing & postage (50p) and are available from the Information Centre, BWB, Melbury House, Melbury Terrace, London NW1 6JX.

Cheques/Postal Orders made payable to British Waterways Board.

H.C.S. International.

A recent visitor to these shores came to sunny Oldham. Frank Crippa, from Brazil, unwisely expressed interest in his daughter's activities as a member of H.C.S. The resulting flood of information and indoctrination, including a visit to see Mikron Theatre Co. perform 'Where's our Cut' finally had their effect and a stunned Frank found himself signing a membership form.

He has now returned to Brazil, an ardent convert, ready to spread the word. A letter received from him recently had an orange HCS Sticker on the envelope. Imagine the number of people who must have handled it and read our message.

Today the North West, tomorrow the World !

WINTER QUARTERS FOR STAN

Saturday the 6th December found a number of enthusiastic members assembled at Uppermill to help with the transfer of Stan to winter quarters.

Stan was first divested of its' tarpaulin and plastic sheet and then bow-hauled down to Wade Lock. Having then removed all portable gear, the procedure was to winch Stan out of the water and across the top of the capped lock and up on to the trailer. This sounds easy when written down but was hard work, in spite of the use of lengths of telegraph poles as rollers due to the slight up-gradient and the soft ground - I don't think we did too much damage! The time was then 12.00 and in spite of the Project Manager's insistence that we carry on with transfer and unloading, the gang mutinied and retired to the Great Western for liquid refreshment.

After lunch a reduced force arrived at Longbottoms Mills in Slaithwaite and manoeuvred the boat into its winter quarters. This again sounds simple but took a lot of hard work due to the very close tolerance - 2mm - and the negotiation of a bend and avoiding demolishing a pillar that held the roof up. (What happened to the volunteers from the East Side Meeting?)

Moral, more notice of a move next time so that we can get more help.

Stan is now dry-docked and a lot of work requires to be done before next season starts. Volunteers please.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Longbottom for the generous use of the accomodation, Mrs. Farrar for the loan of the land-rover and driver and Sovereign Garage for the loan of the trailer.

STICKERS - 'RESTORE HUDDERSFIELD CANAL'

With this issue of Pennine Link you will find four orange coloured self adhesive badges 'Restore Huddersfield Canal'. Please make use of them to spread the word. If you can make use of extra ones please contact a member of the committee there are still a few left.

We also have a few of the original car stickers available and some new ones, same wording, for sticking inside glass.

Nine HCS members hired a 56' narrowboat 'Pascalis' from Stretton Stop on the North Oxford Canal last October.

On our first day we set off north, turning up the Ashby Canal. The hire company had supplied a useful leaflet prepared by the Ashby Canal Association. Following a friendly evening in the Lime Kilns Inn, the next day we visited Bosworth Field where Richard III lost his crown. It was touching to see a fresh white rose lying where he was killed.

Whilst winding the boat at Market Bosworth we caught an abandoned fisherman's keep net and some overalls around the propellor. Taking on water seemed to be taking a long time - no wonder - a pipe was disconnected below the deck and we were filling the boat instead.

Along the north Oxford Canal again to Fazeley where we encountered strong winds, which during a lunchtime stop tore out our mooring pins. Progress was a battle against the wind, until a car tyre entwined itself around the propellor. After much difficulty it was removed and we posed with it for photos in the wind and rain.

Evening pub stops were hilarious because we kept changing the rules of our card game as we played. This seemed to considerably confuse the other customers who were trying to work out our game. After the climb up Farmers Bridge Locks we called in the Long Boat pub at Birmingham for lunch, somewhat scruffier than the other city customers. It was annoying to find it was almost impossible to reach the road from the canal at Farmers Bridge.

After a brief diversion around one of the old canal loops, we set off for Kings Norton and the North Stratford Canal. At a pub we appeared to get involved in a local dispute. The licensee said we could moor by his pub but a local resident threatened us, saying the towpath was his right of way and we couldn't moor. For peace, we moored overnight in a wide bridge hole.

At Lapworth our boat collided with a lockgate and we were alarmed that the beam detached at one end. Gingerly we opened the gate with a rope around the post. Reporting this to a BWB man a few minutes later he simply shrugged his shoulders.

Reaching the Grand Union Canal we moored at Shrewley Tunnel. The separate towpath tunnel brings one up like a rabbit out of a hole in the nearby village.

We ran a points system, the person with the most points would get free drinks at the end of the week. Points were for 'entertainment value' e.g. Knocking down the boat chimney with a bridge. One girl made a delicious pizza and was unanimously given 20 points, but then lost 5 points when we found it came out of a packet! Another scheme was 'Laurence Time' named after its originator. The idea was that we put our watches on 1 hour. This was supposed to help us get up early in the morning, whilst pubs would appear to be open until 11.30pm. At this rate I feared we would pass through some sort of time warp or meet ourselves coming back.

Kath and Dennis Brookes reluctantly left us after the first week, but David Finnis and Bob Cripps had now joined us as we headed towards Oxford. Moored on the remote summit level of the South Oxford Canal two of our party set off for a nearby village. They were away a long time. When returning along the public footpath they had found it obstructed by a herd of bulls.

There seemed to be a different type of boater on the Oxford Canal. Several beer-can endowed boats sped past with radios playing loudly. "You've lost your water-skier" said someone sarcastically as we wallowed in the resulting wash.

After a pleasant visit to Oxford we turned to make our way back to Stretton Stop. The weather became cold and it poured down. We had anticipated shallow water on this canal. In our case water was everywhere, fields flooded and water pouring over weirs. This did not detract from a super holiday with a really nice group of people on an excellent boat.

The cost of two weeks for everything except beer was £80 per person. We hired the boat from Rose Narrowboats.

CANAL SOCIETY SOCIAL EVENING

CELEIDH AND PIE & PEA SUPPER

Saturday 31st January, 1981 we are holding a pie and pea supper and celeidh. The Fiddlesticks Celeidh Band are playing there and it promises to be an enjoyable evening. It begins at 8.00 and it's being held at the No. 2 Conservative Club, Corporation Street, Stalybridge. Tickets are £1.50 each. Give Jean Buckley a ring or drop her a line to get your tickets. Quick before they are all sold!

Resume of Council Meeting held on 22nd October, 1980 at the Coach and Horses, Near Marsden.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Co-option of Sue Gibson onto Council next meeting

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman to put summary of Chairman's role in Pennine Link.

TREASURER'S REPORT : noted.

CORRESPONDENCE : dealt with

UPPERMILL PROJECT : David Sumner absent. Chris Farrar reported on meeting with David Sumner. Timescale for project read out.

TUNNEL END COTTAGES

Written reply awaited from YOPs following meeting. Repairs to cottages are in progress. Planning permission progressing.

EXHIBITIONS

Colin Chadwick requires all material collected for assessment.

BOAT

Winter store is required. Various suggestions considered.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

West Side express concern about tow-path between Tolley and Royal George.

Boat Trip: Huddersfield Broad Canal : 9.30am prompt.

Resume of Council Meeting held on 26th November, 1980 at the Great Western, Standedge.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Letter received from Peter Freeman resigning from Council.

Agreed to co-opt Sue Gibson onto Council.

Basingstoke Canal Society visit cancelled.

BOAT OFFICERS REPORT

Boat to be moved from Uppermill to Slaithwaite. 6th Dec.

TREASURERS REPORT : noted

CORRESPONDENCE : dealt with

CAMPAIGN OFFICER'S REPORT

Letter sent out to members inviting them to a meeting to discuss campaign matters and set up sub-group.

COMPANY SECRETARY'S REPORT

Jean Buckley now officially registered onto Council.

UPPERMILL PROJECT OFFICER

Written report not ready yet. Meeting with BWB before Christmas. Planning permission required for culverted section.

TUNNEL END COTTAGES

Planning permission has now been granted for the change of use. Repairs progressing well.

NEW MEMBERS.

I am pleased to welcome the following new members:

676 Mr. James Crosland,

677 Mr. Derek Hewitson,

678 David A. Hoyle,

679 Clive A. Todd,

680 Ken Dalton,

681 Brian & Janet Eastwood,

682 B.D. Moriarty,

683 Andrew S. Broadbent,

684 Frank A. Crippa,

685 Colin P. Drabble,

686 Geoff Brown,

687 Louise Horrocks,

688 Alan, Val & Katie Johnston,

689 Sue Marriott,

690 Unicon Marine Ltd.,

691 Stephen A. Kent,

692 Frances B. McSweeney,

Thanks to all of you who have completed Covenants and Bankers Orders. If you do not wish to covenant (perhaps you do not pay Income Tax!) it would help the administration if you would complete a Bankers Order, for any number of years that you like. Many people have covenanted more than their subscription which is much appreciated by the Society.

Secondly, an apology for those of you expecting a new membership card with this Pennine Link. These are being reprinted in accordance with the Company Rules and will be sent with the March issue. If you receive a reminder but have recently sent your payment or completed a Bankers Order, please bear in mind that it takes a while to process these things.

Valerie Dewey
Membership Secretary.

D I A R Y

- Jan 8th 8.00pm. East Meeting. The Commercial, Slaithwaite. Talk & Slide Show on HNC by R. Dewey
- Jan 9th 8.00pm. IWA Manchester Branch. Rusholme Conservative Club. Dr. David Owen on Manchester Ship Canal.
- Jan 14th 8.00pm. West Meeting. Station Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
- Jan 24th 10.00am Tow Path Walk. Diggle Tunnel End Car Park. Destination will depend on weather.
- Jan 28th 8.00pm. Joint Meeting PFCS/HCS Oldham Community Centre 'The English Triangle' by Mrs. E. Boon
- Jan 31st 8.00pm. HCS Social Evening. Peas & Pie Supper. Fiddlesticks Celedh Band at No. 2 Conservative Club, Stalybridge. Tickets from Jean Buckley priced at £1.50 each.
- Feb. 5th 8.00pm. Film Show by BWB at Four Horseshoes, Milnsbridge. Three Films: The Water Highway, Maritime Link, Narrow Boat Art.
- Feb. 6th 8.00pm. IWA Manchester Branch, Rusholme Conservative Club. 'The Irwell Saga'
- Feb. 11th 8.00pm. West Meeting. Tollemache Arms, Mossley.
- Feb. 25th 8.00pm. Joint Meeting PFCS/HCS. Oldham Community Centre 'Early local Canal Carriers' by J. Hunt.
- March 5th 8.00pm Travels of Mikron Theatre Co. by Mike Lucas Four Horseshoes, Milnsbridge.
- March 8th 9.30am Treasure Hunt. Meet at Canker Lane/Leeds Rd. Car Park.
- April 4th - 19th Art Exhibition at Saddleworth Museum. Pictures on canal theme. These pictures will come from a competition held among local schools.
- April 10th 8.00pm A.G.M. of Hudds. Canal Society Ltd. starting at 8.00 prompt at Slaithwaite Town Hall.
- July 25th/26th Tameside Canals Festival, Portland Basin.
- Aug. 15th/16th IWA National Rally, Dock Street, Leeds.

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