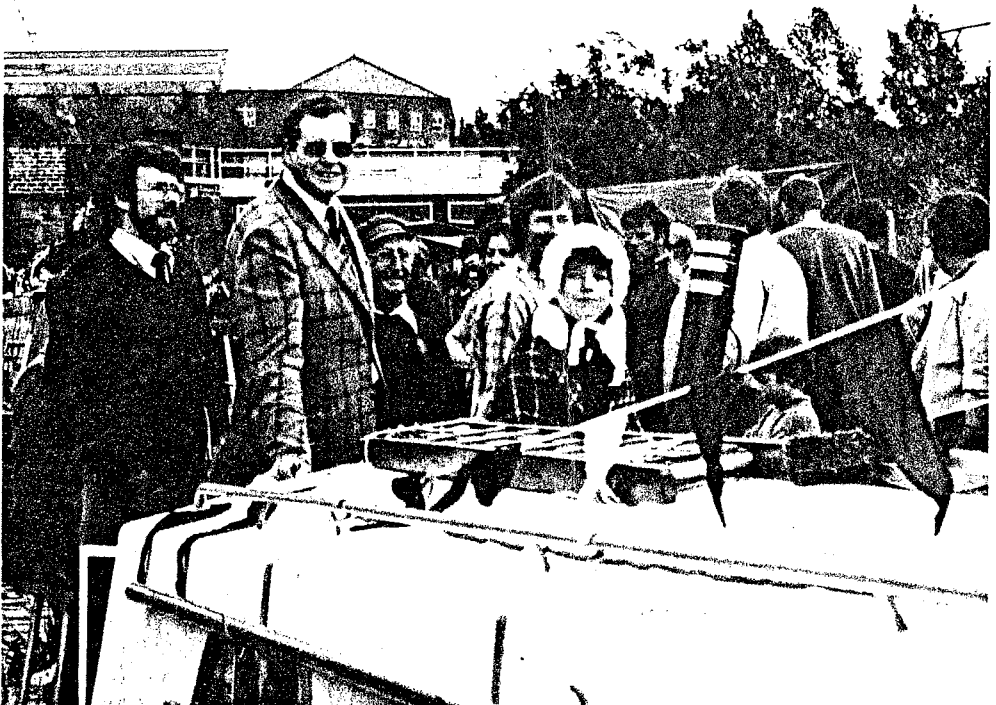


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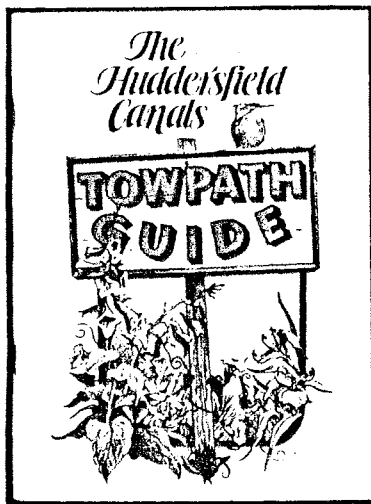
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The front cover shows: part of the Civic Cruise at TCF 81

editorial

Things seem to have been so hectic recently I'm almost looking forward to winter! The Tameside Festival went off well, the weather managed to stay dry for the weekend and as always there was a huge crowd. After the Festival I was away on holiday for a week with the Meltham Mariners - the Milsoms - at the National Rally at Leeds for the weekend, back home for four days and away on holiday again for a week. The National Rally was the first I've ever been to and it didn't quite match up to my expectations although I did enjoy it. Thankyou to all the people who came to the HCS stand and chatted to us and bought things, and especially to the Parker family who carried on merrily selling all weekend with hardly a break. It was after the National Rally that the Milsoms rescued a pig from the River and appeared in the Huddersfield Examiner as the Meltham Mariners! The launch for the Towpath Guide (have you got yours yet?) was during August and was attended by many VIP's and was well received. Pennine Link is late this time because of the delay in receiving articles on time. Congratulations to Val and Bob De'wey on the birth of Rosemary on August 25th.

chairman's remarks

The last two months have been exciting for the Society as I promised in the last issue of Pennine Link.

First, the public meeting at Saddleworth Civic Hall on 20th July. This meeting was extremely well attended by HCS members and other interested parties including Slaithwaite Anglers who spoke up in our support. The Tame Valley Warden Duncan McIlroy summed up the HCS view when he stated that the canal is to be enjoyed by all the community and that he had "heard nothing insurmountable tonight" when referring to the discussion which was impartially chaired by Councillor Birse of the Saddleworth Planning Committee.

Saddleworth Parish Council recommended approval of our Planning Application on Monday August 10th leaving 'legal' approval to Oldham MBC sometime in the future.

Second, our Tameside Canals Festival was again a resounding success. It not only raised its targetted £2,000 but also succeeded in publicising our cause better than ever after a one and a half hour weed choked Civic Cruise to the junction with the Huddersfield. The boat I cruised in picked up a lorry inner tube and a Harris Tweed overcoat around the propellor.

Third, the much awaited and heralded Towpath Guide published and launched on August 22nd. Profits from this beautifully produced and well balanced 80 page book could be considerable and swell the now much needed restoration coffers. I urge all members to buy at least two copies each - it will make an excellent Xmas present!

Fourth, the Society has acquired a barrow hoist, a trailer, better wheel barrows and by the time this issue is published we will have two pumps and a compressor. Our present financial position has enabled plant purchases. We are grateful to Oldham MBC Lotteries for the £500 grant and to West Yorkshire County Council for the interest free loan for the Towpath Guide which has enabled the Society to buy much needed plant and equipment with funds which would otherwise have been tied up in this publication.

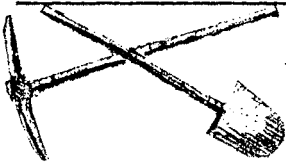
Fifth, in the last few weeks we have approached and in turn have been approached by official bodies for funds and manpower to help our Upper mill scheme. The outlook looks most favourable. We have written to the Secretary of the British

Waterways Board to request changing our 'exploration' of Dungebooth Lock to 'restoration'. When this is forthcoming we hope for more financial aid.

Finally, congratulations to all our members at the Leeds IWA Rally. Judging by the number of 'Restore Huddersfield Canal' stickers seen in Leeds, including at the CAMRA Beer Festival, we have 20,000 new supporters.

More about our membership drive in the next issue.

DAVID SUMNER



UPPERMILL PROGRESS REPORT by LAURENCE SULLIVAN.

Well, the past two months have certainly been eventful if nothing else. It seems that everything that possibly could go wrong, has gone wrong! However, we have made some progress in spite of the problems, and we are now much better equipped to tackle the work that remains to be done.

At the beginning of July things were running quite smoothly. We had broken out most of the capping and made a large hole in the concrete wall at the bottom end of the lock, allowing water to drain out easily. Frank Chadwick, a local member in Uppermill, kindly offered us the use of his garden shed for storing tools. East member Dave Irving joined the organising committee to help run the working parties. David Sumner and Tony Bramwell (of Russwell Boats) were sorting out an HCS barrow hoist.

There was still the nagging problem of finding somewhere safe to store all the plant and equipment. The current arrangement of hiding equipment in various places on site was far from satisfactory. We decided to look around for a trailer so that everything could be taken off the site and stored elsewhere. Shortly afterwards we lost two barrows and a solution to the problem became more urgent.

The Tameside Canals Festival interrupted work for one weekend. WRG - Waterways Recovery Group - came down during the Festival to re-possess their barrow hoist for the Summer Work Camp on the Montgomery Canal. The following weekend I went on holidayto Bugsworth Basin Work Camp (well, it's a change from Uppermill, I suppose). In my absence nearly all the scaffold

planks vanished from the site and no further work was done.

David Sumner had by now acquired a trailer, and Graham and I agreed to have towing brackets fitted to our cars. The following weekend saw the HCS barrow-hoist in action for the first time with some new barrow-runs to replace the lost scaffold planks. However, things went disastrously wrong. The barrow-hoist stand suddenly collapsed bringing the motor and jib crashing down on to the lock side. We were lucky; there were no injuries and only minor damage to the hoist. I dread to think what would have happened if the hoist had fallen into the lock.

A meeting was held to review progress and Ian McCarthy from WRG was invited to give us some advice. Ian was quite pleased with progress on the lock which did much to boost our flagging spirits. We were advised to get a pump and some piling for the bottom end of the lock as water would now become an increasing problem.

After another interruption for the National Rally work began again in earnest with a two day working party. A compressor was hired to demolish the last of the capping and the HCS barrow hoist was back in action again. It was a relief to see things getting back to normal.

We are presently in the process of acquiring a pump on loan from Bugsworth Basin, and Tony Bramwell has located a pump that we can buy. We have four new barrows and WRG should be returning their barrow-hoist soon. With all this equipment we should make better progress but we need plenty of volunteers to make effective use of it. Anyone interested in plant maintenance would be most welcome.

We are looking for a local site to store our trailer. The size is 8ft by 4ft. Any members in the Saddleworth/Mossley area who knows of a suitable site, please get in touch with one of the organisers.

If you wish to help out but are stuck for transport then please contact one of the organisers and we may be able to arrange a lift.

That concludes my report and I am now off on holiday again, well away from canals this time!

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TAMESIDE FESTIVAL.....PORTLAND BASIN.....ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE

The team got together last September, approx. 20 of us for this year's effort and have met at regular monthly intervals since, to check on progress. The real nitty gritty of the work is done whenever it can be fitted in with our other commitments. All the planning is geared so that the event will break even, financially, the night before so that we don't burden the Society with a loss.

Because of the amount of time and effort put into an event of this size, the outcome is awaited with some degree of nervous tension. So how did it go? Very, very well, we did have hitches but then that must be inevitable, like the world championship canoeists not being able to make it from Bala because they had celebrated their huge successes over exuberantly the night before and the emotional arguments voiced by some trades people vying with each other for the best pitches and the manoeuvring problems of half a dozen narrow boats involved in the Civic Cruise, trying to turn round at the end of the Huddersfield Arm, the situation finally resulting in last years Mayor of Stockport going in for a swim. The helicopter accident on Sunday afternoon, when problems occurred in the engine, could certainly have been much worse, but thanks to the pilot who managed to land well away from the crowds, it wasn't.

The weather on at least the three previous weekends would have produced for us a washed out, break-even festival and the three weekends since could have been just too good (CAMRA would have sold out of beer sooner) in view of the crowds we did get and the thoughts of the numbers we might have got. People who came enjoyed themselves and it is a tremendous shop window for the Society's activities. The publicity we have gained from this and the three previous festivals must have contributed enormously to the progress the Society is making.

Financially, the Society's funds will be boosted by something like £2,000.

To everyone who was involved over the weekend and especially all who were involved throughout the previous eleven months I would like to offer my personal thanks and congratulations for a magnificent job, very well done. COLIN CHADWICK

TAMESIDE CANALS FESTIVAL '82

On the 16th September there is to be a meeting at the Old Hunter's Tavern, Stalybridge to discuss next years festival.
ALL MEMBERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

TO TAMESIDE FESTIVAL - BY FOOT.

By now most local members will know that I walked to this year's Tameside Canal Festival the long way from Huddersfield via the Leeds & Liverpool and a few other canals.

By far the most interesting part of the walk for me was when I 'cheated' and thumbed a lift from Woodlesford to Leeds on 'Humber Jubilee' a 750 ton tanker operated by John H. Whitakers between Goole and Leeds.

The only major problems encountered during the walk were on the Aire and Calder Navigation and the upper reaches of the Bridgewater Canal just outside Manchester. The problems of the Aire and Calder were mainly densely overgrown towpaths and I now realise what Gerry Turner from BWB at Castleford means as 'difficult'.

The problems on the Bridgewater were towpath bridges, or do I mean lack of them, because in general they were non-existent. I was fortunate though because Dave and Val Milsom were taking their boat to the Festival at the same time and I was able to hop on and off it where the bridges should have been.

If anyone reading this has thought about trying towpath walking instead of canal cruising but never managed to get around to it, don't put it off any longer, I can certainly recommend it.

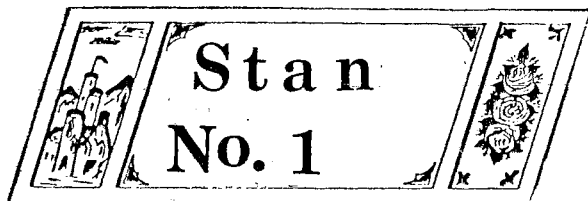
DAVID FINNIS

HCS BONFIRE NOVEMBER 5th

The HCS Bonfire is taking place in Marsden. Please meet at 6.45pm outside (or in) the 'Railway' at Marsden, when the Bonfire shall be lit at 7.15pm. There is to be an informal gathering after the Bonfire at the 'Railway'+ Pie & Peas. We hope you will all come to the Bonfire and it would be appreciated if you would bring fireworks along too. Dave Finnis has asked me to say that nominations for a guy are required so if you have any suggestions please contact him..... for once I'm saying nothing!

GREAT BALLOON RACE

Anyone who bought a ticket and set off a balloon at the Tameside Festival please remember results of the race are to be published in the personal column of the Daily Mirror on the 28th, 29th and 30th September, 1981.



JOHN MAYNARD

A successful series of trips at Uppermill have been completed. On July 19th the boat was moved to Ashton in preparation for the Tameside Festival. It was found to be an easier job than previously due to complete removal of all the ballast and internal fittings before lifting out of the water. During the Festival trips were given both in the morning and afternoon, a long lunch break enabling Stan to get a boost charge. More or larger batteries would have enabled more trips to have been run.

The next weekend the 'heavy gang' were at it again moving the boat to Marsden. Great assistance was given at Ashton by a mobile crane that lifted Stan straight out of the water on to the trailer. I was a little concerned to see her swinging about some six feet up in the air!

Sunday the 9th August saw a party board Stan at Tunnel End and cruise down to Marsden to check on the depth. Some work was then done on this pound clearing weed and digging out some of the shallow sections. Three members found that it was not as shallow as believed, the depth being at least one foot deeper than their waders. *

By the time you read this we should be running trips at Marsden and hopefully have given visitors from the the IWA National Festival at Leeds trips up to Tunnel End Cottages.

Arrangements have been made to charge the batteries at the Railway Hotel, adjacent to the top lock, which will save a lot of humping and enable Stan to have a mid-day lunch. Many thanks to Bob Drysdale for this hospitality to Stan's appetite, I am sure she (and her minions) appreciate it!

*

Editors Note: I was one of the party on board Stan and deeply regret that I didn't have the camera with me.....



MAYOR'S CHARITY WALK

On Saturday 11th July, Sue Gibson, Simon Taylor and I joined the Mayor of Kirklees, Councillor Fred Pickles on Stage 4 of his round Kirklees Sponsored Walk. This stage started at Marsden's Mechanics Institute and proceeded through Marsden by road to Tunnel End where we joined the canal and proceeded to Slaithwaite.

The party included the Deputy Mayor Councillor Stanley Dawson and MP David Ginsburg (Dewsbury), Kirklees Director of Administration, friends and volunteer wardens.

The party all seemed interested in the canal and were horrified at the neglected state of the canal - which I felt looked more untidy and overgrown than I ever remember. Councillor Dawson is a canal enthusiast having enjoyed canal holidays on the Trent and Mersey, Llangollen Canals and the River Avon. When (if?) he becomes Mayor next year we should have a valued ally.

Councillor Pickles wishes to organise more sponsored events connected with transport (he works for BR) and spoke of sponsored boat-trips from Dewsbury Basin. We await developments with interest.

After completing the leisurely 4 miles in drizzle, Simon and I walked back to Marsden to prove that we were (Puff! Pant!) Fit!

BOB DEWEY

CHAPEL HILL, HUDDERSFIELD - ROAD WIDENING SCHEME.

Local members may have noted this work, and may be relieved that the canal interests have been protected. Although originally no work was proposed to the canal bridge recent excavations have been carried out in the footpath which involved removal of the canal bridge arch (quite interesting to see the construction). Your Secretary has been told that a concrete slab will be put back with the bottom of the slab no lower than the keystone of the former arch.

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THE OLD WAREHOUSE, HUDDERSFIELD POLYTECHNIC.

For many years the Polytechnic appears to have neglected this attractive Grade II Listed Building adjoining the canal. The Society has expressed its concern on a number of occasions and indeed in the past offered to lease the building for use similar to that now proposed for Tunnel End Cottages. (We never even received a reply to this offer!) The Polytechnic have now applied for listed Building Consent to demolish the Warehouse. The Society has lodged an objection and it is understood that officers of the Kirklees Council's Technical Services Department are very concerned at the proposal.

If the Council's Planning Committee are against the proposal, this still leaves the warehouse standing (unless there is a successful appeal to the Department of Environment) and deteriorating. If the Council supports the demolition the Department of Environment will have to decide whether or not to grant permission - a public inquiry seems likely in that event.

The building is probably one of the oldest buildings alongside the canal. It is the last of a large number of canal buildings which formerly occupied the Polytechnic site, including wooden warehouses (similar to those recently demolished at Dewsbury Basin) canal offices, stables, hostel etc. It would be a tragedy for the building to be lost simply because the Poly feel unable to refurbish it. Repair/rehabilitation schemes have been drawn up in the past proving it can be done.

More details in future issues. Members may like to make comments to Kirklees Council's Director of Technical Services or make suggestions as to the future of the building to the General Secretary.

Old Canal Warehouse, Wakefield Road.

Listed Grade II building circa 1780. Two storeys coursed rubble warehouse with gable end to the canal. Attic Warehouse door on each floor with wooden balconies and a sash hoist on the first floor windows. The side elevation has central projecting gabled wing with warehouse door on each floor round-headed to the attic. To the left and right there are two three-light stone mullioned windows on each floor. The warehouse is well preserved for the period and was probably built in connection with the construction of the extension into King's Mills of Sir John Ramsden's Canal in 1780.

M I K K R O N

MESSAGE

MIKE LUCAS

In my last message I was lamenting the sad state of the waterways, the bad state of the weather and the chronic state of the boat hire business. While the canals continue to crumble, the weather has improved (we now have a few days of sunshine followed by a few days of rain) and a few more hire boats have ventured out. However, in the meantime, our north eastern commercial waterways continue to live and change. Some traffic may have ceased but others have replaced them and there are large barges waiting to carry on the modernised South Yorkshire Canal when it is completed in 1983.

A quote from the log of our journey on these waterways this year may serve as an illustration.

August 5th - Tranship at Stoke Bardolph Lock on the River Trent onto Leeds and Liverpool short boat 'Lune' in order to travel to the National Rally at Leeds without going round the Trent Falls, and in order to cross the Pennines where the locks are only 60' long.

August 6th - Travel to Newark. River deserted. Unfortunately very little commercial traffic comes this far up the Trent, particularly since the Stoke Bardolph closure. Nottingham could be and should be an excellent inland port.

August 7th - Onto the tideway. Rain. See our first large traffic loading at Besthorpe Wharf. The flood tide beats us at Gainsborough and we tie against the Spiller's Wharf. Gainsborough is a busy inland port and small coasters bring in grain, fertilizer and other packaged materials, and take out grain, scrap iron and general cargo. Lock into the safety of West Stockwith Basin.

August 8th - Heavy rain. Back onto the tideway for journey to Keadby. Coaster tied up at Guinness Wharf.

August 10th - Onto the Aire and Calder. This is a very busy waterway and Geoff Wheat ties 'Lune' up very carefully at Rawcliffe Bridge.

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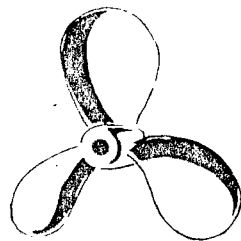
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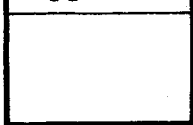


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August 11th - Woken at 4 am by 'Lune' bashing the side as the 700 and 500 ton tankers dash past on their way to Leeds. Down to Goole Docks. What a pleasure it is to watch the activity at the locks. Two large coasters penning out having unloaded timber, several Whitaker tankers carrying petrol and oil from Immingham to Ferrybridge, Woodlesford, Wakefield and Leeds. (20 lorryfulls at a time being taken to the centre of Leeds. That's what commercial waterways are all about). They had to open the other lock as there was a queue of barges and coasters.

August 12th - An exciting journey from Goole to Wakefield in brilliant sunshine. The scenery is not much to write home about but there's plenty of traffic. Apart from the tankers, there are sand-barges to Knottingley, coal by barge and push-tow, to Ferrybridge from several collieries, shee nuts to Rawcliffe Bridge, steel to Rotherham and strange general cargoes, like cotton linters carried by BWB or other barge-carriers.

So next time someone says to you that water transport is a thing of the past, tell them about our North-Eastern waterways. If you want a closer look, why not organise an HCS Holiday on 'Lune'. It's fitted out as a camping boat for 12 (although she carries coal in the winter!) It's a great boat to travel on much more spacious than a narrow boat, not only on the commercial waterways but across the Leeds and Liverpool, probably the most magnificent canal in the country (apart from the Huddersfield Narrow of course).

Geoff Wheat can be contacted at 36, Warren Drive, Swinton,
Manchester.

BROADWAY BIG DIG 26th/27th SEPTEMBER, 1981.

The Rochdale Canal Society and WRG have arranged a Big Dig clearing the abandoned length of canal at Broadway on the weekend 26th/27th September. This clean-up has been arranged to smarten up the area where it is hoped the proposed motorway will allow navigation underneath. Should navigation not be allowed under, it will obviously jeopardise the canals existence.

If you feel you would like to come along and work on the Rochdale Canal instead of the Huddersfield Narrow for a change please do. Arrangements can be made for accomodation etc. and information can be had from Mrs. J. Glover, The Bungalow, Ladyline Ltd., Lymm, Cheshire.

Children are welcome although they must be accompanied by an adult and are not covered by their Insurance Policy



Dear Editor,

I feel the need to respond to the letters in July and August's Pennine Link from John Maynard and Paul Rigby.

I was very disheartened when I read these comments on Mike Lucas's article. Surely this is a time when we must all think positively about the Society and its aims. After many years of fighting, restoration is at last underway.

Mr. Maynard's response was, I felt, excessively defensive, the attitude that we can never expect any more than a handful of supporters depressing and similar to the attitude of so many people I meet both in the Huddersfield area and elsewhere - the 'It Can't Be Done' Brigade.

If we can't expect the support necessary to raise large sums of money then I do not think that the Huddersfield Narrow will ever be restored!

In reply to Mr. Rigby I should say first of all that the Sponsored Pub Crawl was not a failure. How can an event which raises £400 be construed as such? However, it was supposedly one of the major fund-raising events of the year. If everyone is quite satisfied that £400 is as much as we can hope to raise then the fund raising potential of such an event will never be realised.

Mr. Rigby may not approve of Sponsored events, however something which everyone involved in the Pub Crawl realised was that not only was there tremendous fund-raising potential but that such an event conducted in a relatively sober and enjoyable way can, from a publicity angle only help relations between the locals and the Society.

In my experience people do not have to be 'conned' in order to support a fund raising event providing it is put across as a worthwhile and beneficial cause.

Finally, if a major fund raising event had been supported in the way I believe it should and could have been then there would be no need to 'preach' to the converted.

Sarah Wilson, 29, Warehouse Hill, Marsden, Huddersfield.

PEOPLE

My parents and I together with a friend of my parents and David Finnis met at the Bay Horse Inn at Snaygill for lunch on a wet March lunchtime. To say it was wet was an understatement. It was bucketing it down. Still, at least we were going to get away from it all. We had booked a 50ft 6 berth narrow boat from Snaygill Boats called Chervil, she was excellent - brand new, she had only arrived from Hucker Marine 10 days previously. David meanwhile had not forgotten that he is a member of HCS Ltd. he had come prepared with membership forms, car stickers and lists of events - anyway it did not take much to persuade the owners of Snaygill Boats to display these in their canalside shop. Anyway back to the L/L Canal - we set off the rain got worse, as did the wind but with this new boat came a watercooled Leyland diesel engine, so we could not only feel the rain and wind, but we could hear it as well.

That night it snowed and the countryside the following morning looked superb and even the sun put in an appearance. We cruised on to East Marton where we stopped at that famous hostelry the Cross Keys. We turned around to head back towards Skipton because David had to return home. At Bank Newton we got the first idea what this lack of money is doing to BWB because apart from the occasional missing paddle gear, the by-washes were half blocked causing no small degree of flooding on the nearby road. When oh when is HM Government going to realise the true and proper value of our canals and rivers? The following day we were getting very wet again so we went back into Skipton to buy some waterproofs because oh boy it was really raining. After spending the first three nights at Anchor Lock we moved on to pastures new. We stopped at Foulridge before going through the tunnel. The following day we went through Foulridge and down to Barrowford, stopped for lunch turned round and picked up enough nylon rope to hang all those who want to infill our canal. We got going eventually and made our way to Salterforth for the night. That night I became known as 'Diggle' because of my HCS Sweatshirt.

We trundled back to the Anchor at Gargrave, had a days shopping in Skipton to round off the week, before we went back to Snaygill. By the way, we didn't really intend to go that way, that's why David came with us, we were going to do the Bingley 5 Rise but couldn't, the locks were alright but there was this breach of the bank near Keighley.....anyone for designing a 50ft 6 berth centrally heated hovercraft/narrowboat?

DUDLEY TUNNEL TRIP AND VISIT TO BLACK COUNTRY MUSEUM

Mentioned in the last issue of Pennine Link, this trip is now confirmed and will take place on 10th October, 1981. The coach will leave Huddersfield St. George's Square at 9.00am prompt and will proceed to Dudley via Slaithwaite, Uppermill, and Oldham - the pick up points to be the same as for the Ellesmere Port trip.

The cost will be £5.50 for adults and £3.50 for children - this includes the coach fare, Tunnel Trip fare and the admission into the Museum (if it is not possible to get the Museum opened - it does NOT open Saturdays - there will be a refund).

Would all people who are interested in this visit please contact me, Keith Parker as soon as possible. First come - first served. Please state where you would like picking up. It is envisaged that the coach will return back to Huddersfield at about 9.00 - 9.30pm.

Keith Parker, 19, Thistle Close, Birkby, Huddersfield
Telephone Huddersfield 35669.

CELEIDH AND PIE AND PEA SUPPER.

NOV. 7th

On Saturday 7th November another Celeidh evening has been arranged. The Fiddlesticks Celeidh Band has been booked and there will be as usual, a Pie and Peas Supper. Starting at 8.00pm at the Friezland Hall, Greenfield, tickets are available from Miss Jean Wrigley (061-303-9027) priced at £1.50. As there is always a tremendous demand for tickets please make sure you get your tickets before it's too late! All members and friends are invited to what I'm sure will be a very enjoyable evening.

JOINT MEETING AT THE GREAT WESTERN, STANDEDGE

SEPT. 24th

On September 24th there is to be a joint East/West meeting at the Great Western, Standedge starting at 8.00pm. Mike Haworth, Chairman of the Tameside Transport Society will be giving a talk and slide show entitled 'Road Transport, the First 40 years of the Twentieth Century'. All members and friends welcome to attend.

CHEESE AND WINE AND 'FAMOUS NAMES SECONDS' PARTY.

There is to be a cheese and wine and a 'Famous Names Seconds' Party at the Uppermill Museum at 8pm on November 16th.

Something there for everyone! Contact D. Weston 061-303-7881.

I.W.A.A.C. RETAINED

It was learnt on the 16th July that the Government had decided not to proceed with the proposed abolition of IWAAC (the Inland Waterways Amenity Advisory Council). The news of the retention of IWAAC, a quango costing the Government only something like £30,000 last year I'm sure was greeted by all waterway bodies with great relief and delight.

SLAITHWAITE CARNIVAL

At the Slaithwaite Carnival on 4th July the HCS float decorated by Brian Badminton and Simon Taylor won 2nd Prize, £3.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The IWA Christmas Cards of the Huddersfield Narrow that were on sale last year, are available again this year. For any new members or anyone who didn't see the card it is a photograph taken by David Finnis at Marsden which won a photographic competition run by IWA. It is a lovely winter scene and proved very popular last year. As there are only a limited number of cards available, now is probably the time to contact Jean Buckley, Sales Officer to order yours. The price of the cards is 12p each plus postage.

STAMPS

I would like to thank the following people who have given me stamps after my appeal in the last issue of Pennine Link: David Finnis, Les Winnard, Stan & Cathy Driver, Paul Forshaw, Robin Witter, John Maynard, Sarah Wilson and special thanks to Mrs. B. George who, as well as sending me stamps, has sent a book of First Day Covers. Many thanks too to Mary and Roland Hilton who have given the Society 5,000 cigarette coupons, and thanks too to anyone whose name I've missed. Whilst I'm on the subject of stamps, I wonder, is there a philatelist who would like to come and have a look through the stamps just in case we have any valuable ones? It has been suggested that the unusual stamps could be sold on the Sales Stand, what do you think?

HAVE YOU HEARD THE ONE..about the ex HCS Chairman who's two young children were told by their father they could choose just one more thing to have a ride on at the Tameside Festival before returning home. Five minutes later having had a look round the elder child said 'We've made up our minds Dad, we'd like to have a ride in the Helicopter'.

UPPERMILL PROJECT.

Grateful thanks for the following donations towards the Project:

Oldham Official Lottery
I & J.M. Evans
R. C. Witter
G. R. Brearley
R. S. Barratt

Robin Witter has asked the people at talks he gives to make a donation towards the Project. The first of these was the Mickle, Trafford & District W.I.

The trip to Ellesmere Port produced a profit of £25 which has been applied towards the Project. Also we are receiving a steady amount via the donation tin at the side of the lock.

Donations: Please send any donations large or small to the Treasurer or it can be paid direct to the National Westminster Bank, Uppermill Branch (Code 01-08-99) for the credit of 'Huddersfield Canal Society Ltd - Uppermill Project' Account No. 84219262.

Fund Raising.

The Towpath Guide has now been published. It now needs to be sold. Volunteers are required to sell the guide to friends, relations and local shops or in fact any other-outlet.

If you are prepared to act as the 'retailer' please give the Treasurer a ring on 061-633-2690. (Commission negotiable!)

Remember if we sell all the guides we can make £4,000 profit. Please try and help.

For a trial period we are being agents for Oldham Official Lottery. If you feel you can sell tickets (25p) among your friends or workmates or would like more details please contact the Treasurer.

BRIEF NOTES ON GIFTS TO THE SOCIETY1. What can you give the Society?

Basically anything at all. Of course, money is the best, but the Society will accept investments and assets of any description. Remember, gifts to the Society, because it is a Charity, are free of Capital Transfer Tax and Capital Gains Tax.

2. What will the Society do with the gift?

The gift will normally be used for the general funds but if requested, it will be applied to a particular project or purpose.

3. Can an interest free loan be made?

Certainly the Society will accept an interest free loan of a minimum of £100 and a minimum of 2 years.

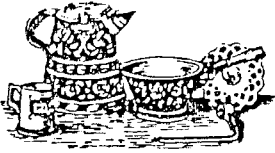
4. Can a lump sum be used for a deed of covenant?

Rather than pay amounts under a deed of covenant annually, it is possible to pay all the amounts due in one lump sum. All that is needed, is a letter authorising the Society to reduce the lump sum each year by the amount of the sum due under the Deed of Covenant.

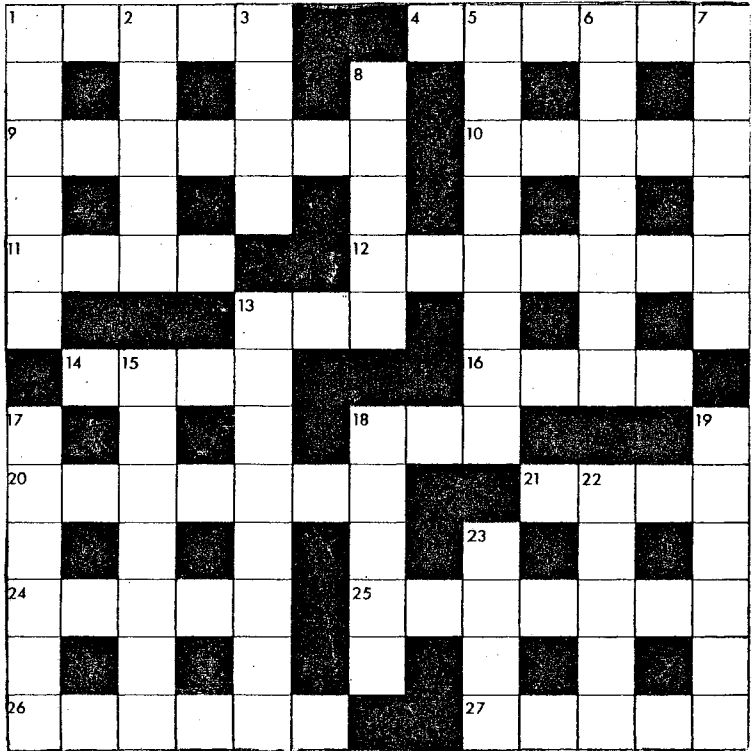
If you would like to discuss any of these points with the Treasurer or would like advice about any other similar matters, he can be contacted on 061-633-2690.

RESULTS OF THE RAFFLE DRAWN AT THE TAMESIDE FESTIVAL BY MR. HUGH POTTER, EDITOR OF WATERWAYS WORLD.

1st Prize Canal Holiday for Four	J. Mander Ticket No. 48297
2nd Prize Champagne Meal	E. G. Teasdale Ticket No. 74335
3rd Prize Bottle of Whisky	S. Hartley Ticket No. 16003
4th Prize Bottle of Whisky	Nicholson Ticket No. 75720
5th Prize Bottle of Whisky	P. Garvey Ticket No. 34986
6th Prize Bottle of Whisky	G. Wildes Ticket No. 16423
7th Prize Tea Set	S. R. Kennedy Ticket No. 21868
8th Prize A Picture	A. Reese Ticket No. 44136
9th Prize A Plant	C. H. Clucas Ticket No. 51134



CROSSWORD



PENNINE LINK CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO.3.

CLUES ACROSS

1. All kinds of boats here (5) 4. Floodgate (6)
 9. Eluding action (7) 10. One may have this now and then (5)
 11. Dines (4) 12. Rascal (7) 13. Winter hazard on the canal? (3) 14. Mimics (4) 16. Want (4) 18. Beer (3)
 20. Propels in water (7) 21. Ale (4) 24. Distribute (5)
 25. Must not be written about our canals (7) 26. Glitter (6)
 27. Vegetables - sounds like boat trouble (5)

CLUES DOWN

1. Heavy oil (6) 2. Boats (5) 3. Propel oneself aquatically (4) 5. One may well need this if you do not 3 down well (8)
 6. Ape or copy (7) 7. Power producer (6) 8. Dishonest person (5) 13. Separator (8) 15. Lots on the towpath (7)
 17. Spread oneself out (6) 18. Possession of value (5)
 19. Normal bridge form (6) 22. Exult (5) 23. Account (4)

This crossword has been sent in by Mr. James Crosland of Birkby
 Many thanks!

SALES

Orders to the Sales Officer: Mrs. Jean Buckley.

HCS Logo Sweatshirts Small & Large	£7 + 50p p&p
Tich, Bodicea & Napoleon Diggle	
T Shirt	£1.95 + 25p p&p
20" - 30"	
32" - 40"	£2.50 + 25p p&p
Diggle Badges	40p SAE
'I've Been on Stan' Badges	30p SAE
Wide Selection of hand-painted canalware	Various prices
Pennine Link	2nd class postage
Tunnel End Postcards	10 for £1 inc.p&p
Various Coloured Postcards	7p each SAE
<u>SPECIAL OFFER</u> Tameside Festival T Shirts	
a limited number - last chance..	£2 + 25p p&p

BOOKS AND MAPS

Short History of HNC	30p	15p p&p
Filled't top wi'rubble(Mossley Report)	75p	15p p&p
The HNC (Green Report)	50p	15p p&p
Through Stalybridge by Boat	60p	15p p&p
The Rochdale Canal	95p	15p p&p
Good Beer Guide	£1	25p p&p
Nicholsons Guides N & Midlands-new edition	£1.95	25p p&p
Stanfords Map	£1.25	15p p&p
Imrays Map	85p	15p p&p
Waterways Quest - a super little book for spotting items seen along canals, similar to 'I Spy' book	75p	15p p&p
Spier Book of Knots	95p	15p p&p
Cheshire Waterways	£1.60	25p p&p
Yorkshire Waterways	£1.60	25p p&p
Lancashire Waterways	£1.75	25p p&p
Green Roads Through The Pennines	£2.75	25p p&p
Countryside in Winter	£1.20	15p p&p
Countryside in Spring	£1.20	15p p&p
Countryside in Summer	£1.20	15p p&p
Countryside in Autumn	£1.20	15p p&p
Birds of Hedgerows...Mountains...Inland Water and Gardens	each 85p	15p p&p
Wild Flowers of Waterways	85p	15p p&p
Ladybird Book Of Canals	50p	15p p&p
Old Lancashire Recipes	90p	15p p&p
More Old Lancashire Recipes	90p	15p p&p
Yorkshire Recipes	90p	15p p&p
The Ashton Canal	90p	15p p&p
NOW IN STOCK..HUDDERSFIELD CANALS TOWPATH GUIDE.	£2.50	40p p&p

council meetings

RESUME OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9th JUNE, 1981 AT THE COACH AND HORSES, MARSDEN

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Chairman to meet Saddleworth Parish Council Chairman.

UPPERMILL: Agreed to purchase a barrow hoist

TOWPATH GUIDE: Will be ready in August.

PUBLICITY: Postcards ready soon..8p.

TREASURERS REPORT: Noted

COTTAGES: W.Y.C.C. agreed sum for roof works.

Applications to be made for Shell Awards.

GENERAL SECRETARY: New members last month 33, all time record.

RESUME OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30th JUNE, 1981 AT THE OLD HUNTERS TAVERN, STALYBRIDGE.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Discussion re Saddleworth Meeting 20th July.

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT : Post Cards - Tunnel End -now ready.

Mayor of Kirklees Sponsored Walk - 11th July.

REPORT OF POLICY MEETING: Various ideas had been put forward.

Agreed to have regular policy meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Noted

CORRESPONDENCE: Dealt with.

COTTAGE OFFICER'S REPORT: Attended meeting with Kirklees re access agreement - Roof awaits WYCC appointing contractor.

TOWPATH GUIDE: will be launched at Colne Valley Museum, Golcar

RESUME OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 5th AUGUST, 1981 AT THE GLOBE, SLAITHWAITE.

UPPERMILL PROJECT: Rate of progress discussed and concern expressed. Need for further equipment etc. to be discussed at special meeting 11th August.

FESTIVALS: Tameside Festival a great success.

Guidelines sought for TCF '82.

BOAT: New complimentary licence received for Stan. More batteries needed to increase trips.

TOWPATH GUIDE: Official launch to be at Colne Valley Museum, Golcar on 22nd August, 1981. Copies will be available for IWA National Rally.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Noted

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Agreed to purchase a trailer to move equipment on/off site at Uppermill.

membership

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

- 752 Joan & Evelyn North, [REDACTED]
- 753 Ian Fletcher, [REDACTED]
- 754 Tegwen Warren, [REDACTED]
- 755 Mr. & Mrs. John Kilmister, [REDACTED]
- 756 Margaret A. Jarney, [REDACTED]
- 757 Ian C. Hordern, [REDACTED]
- 758 Robert N. Pringle, [REDACTED]
- 759 Adrian Briggs, [REDACTED]
- 760 David L. Holder, [REDACTED]
- 761 Mr. & Mrs. M. Stringer, [REDACTED]
- 762 Mr. & Mrs. Docherty, [REDACTED]
- 763 Miss Anne Rudsdale, [REDACTED]
- 764 Mr. Michael Rudsdale, " " "
- 765 Mr. W. Mallalieu, [REDACTED]
- 766 Mr. Richard Holland, [REDACTED]
- 767 James E. Dormand, [REDACTED]
- 768 Lee Glossop, [REDACTED]
- 769 David J. & Ann Wakefield, [REDACTED]
- 770 Fred Brear, [REDACTED]
- 771 Nigel A. Downs, [REDACTED]
- 772 Noel Berrington, [REDACTED]

May I apologise for any delay in dealing with membership in August and September due to the expected birth of my second child. Reminders have been completed early so please just ignore them if you have already sent your renewal.

VAL DEWEY

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO.2 by Christine Johnstone

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DIARY

- 3rd Sept. 8.00pm. Illustrated talk on the Rochdale Canal by B. Holden @ Commercial Hotel, Slaithwaite.
- 6th Sept. 10-11 am start Sponsored Walk. Stalybridge to Diggle.
- 9th Sept. 8.00pm West Meeting. Stamford Arms, Mottram Rd. Stalybridge.
- 12th Sept. Marsden Festival
- 16th Sept. 8.00pm TCF '82 Meeting. Old Hunters Tavern, Stalybridge.
- 24th Sept. 8.00pm. Sheffield Meeting. White Lion, Sheffield.
- 24th Sept. 8.00pm. Joint E/W Meeting. Illustrated talk 'Road Transport, the first 40 years of the Twentieth Century' by Mike Haworth, at the Great Western, Standedge.
- 26/27th Sept. Rochdale Big Dig.
- 1st October 8.00pm East Meeting. Illustrated talk on the Aire and Calder Navigation by Fred Andrews. White Cross Inn, Bradley, Huddersfield.
- 10th Oct 9.00am prompt Trip to Dudley Tunnel, Black Country Museum.
- 14th Oct. 8.00pm. West Meeting, Diggle Hotel, Diggle.
- 15th Oct. PRESS DATE.....PRESS DATE....
- 18th Oct. 2pm Dinghy Rally, Uppermill.
- 5th Nov. 7.15pm Bonfire - see inside for details
- 7th Nov. 8.00pm Ceileidh with the Fiddlesticks Ceileidh Band @ Friezland Hall, Greenfield.
- 11th Nov. 8.00pm. West Meeting, Old Hunters Tavern, Acres Lane, Stalybridge.
- 16th Nov. 8.00pm. 'Famous Names Seconds' party & Cheese & Wine @ Uppermill Museum
- 3rd Dec. 8.00pm. Illustrated talk by Robin Witter 'Canal Tunnels' at the Four Horseshoes, Milnsbridge.
- 9th Dec. 8.00pm. West Meeting. Tollemache Arms, Mossley.

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