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editorial

With December now nearly upon us I'd like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a good New Year.

January 1982 will bring changes to Pennine Link (What! Do I hear you say good?) as it shall be printed instead of the present xeroxed method, which should be a step forward. Many thanks to David Finnis for arranging the xeroxing and to David Brown Tractors for use of equipment.

January also sees the restart of the popular towpath walks, the first arranged by Colin Chadwick West Side Chairman, being on January 2nd - see diary - and future walks I am told are to include the interesting and historic Boat Lane which will take place over two weekends.

I have received a letter from the editor of the Grand Union News, Simon Dowling, hoping we can help him in his search for ghost stories connected with canals, tunnels, rivers etc. If you do have anything suitable please pass or post on to me and I will forward to him.

chairman's remarks

My first canal holiday was on the Shropshire Union and Llangollen canals not many years ago. Passing a canal junction sparked off my interest in derelict canals. I soon realised that I lived within one mile of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal and I became a Society member. Last month at the invitation of Robin and Annette Witter we cruised to that same junction on a Black Prince narrowboat and witnessed the top lock opening ceremony at Welsh Frankton.

I felt proud that our own Tameside Canals Festival had contributed to the restoration costs of this lock and was glad to see Waterways Recovery Group, IWA and British Waterways Board receiving their well deserved accolades from the Trade Secretary the Right Honorable John Biffen M.P.

Next year could be our turn for a ceremony in Uppermill. Last month we reached new depths in Dungebooth Lock! The invert was reached. After six months effort we are down to the last few feet of infill and silt.

We now have official recognition for our project from Oldham MBC with planning permission being granted to excavate the 100 metre culverted section above the Brownhill Centre. The Society now eagerly awaits permission to 'restore' Dungebooth Lock from the BWB in London.

One of our friends retired last month after many many years with BWB working on the Huddersfield Narrow and adjoining canals. I am sure we all wish Arnold Whitwam a long and happy retirement.

Your Society has submitted schemes for restoration of sections of the Narrow Canal to West Yorkshire and Kirklees Councils. Officers of both Councils are well aware of our long term ambition and are looking at ways to improve the canal. A restored lock 42E would tie in very well with the Tunnel End Cottages and a possible Tunnel trip boat.

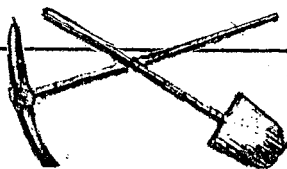
Unfortunately our Urban Aid application for the Stalybridge scheme has not been put forward to the Department of the Environment by Tameside MBC. This is a set back, but many officers and members of the Tameside Council support our cause.

I hope to write of further developments on this front in the next issue.

This summer has been our most successful sales and membership recruitment drive yet. Let us keep up this momentum through the winter - recruit a member and sell our Towpath Guides.

A little premature perhaps but Merry Christmas to you all and a happy restorative New Year.

DAVID SUMNER.



UPPERMILL

Since the last issue or Pennine link progress has at times seemed painfully slow, but at least progress is being made.

Having started this project with no plant and relatively little experience, I think we have achieved a lot. We now have our own barrow hoist, pump (thanks to IWPS Bugsworth for the loan) barrows, barrow-runs, a trailer on which to transport them. We are at present considering the purchase of a Ford A series box van that will solve some of our accomodation problems with the plant. By the time you read this we will have made our decision to purchase or not, and we will have a stock of hand tools.

Our organisation of working parties has been rather awkward owing to the uncertainty of the number of people attending. Attendance has been low and usually only a dedicated few. I realise that it's not everyone's cup of tea to stand nearly up to your knees in mud at the bottom of a 14 ft. chamber digging out the infill.

There are always other jobs to be done, eg. setting up and taking away the plant, clearance of overhanging bushes on the towpath, rebuilding of towpath walls. All these tasks will need to be done sometime and are important. If you feel that you may be able to help in any way please contact any of the organisers.

Progress over the last two months has consisted of complete clearance of the forebay and reasonable progress towards

reaching the invert (we now have approx. 3 feet to go in the centre of the chamber).

What we need to achieve before the winter sets in is to actually reach the invert and then progress from there towards both the top and tail of the lock. We will also need to construct a temporary dam at the tail of the lock to assist in this. Future working parties will start at 9.00 am so that we do not lose out on daylight hours. Also, monthly (to begin with) then fortnightly weekend visits by other groups will be organised. The first of these will be by WRG North West on the 24th/25th October and Leeds University Union Canals Society on the 28th/29th November.

Any groups willing to help, please contact me with available dates.

GRAHAM MASKELL

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DINGHY RALLY AT UPPERMILL

18th OCTOBER.

IWA Manchester Branch arranged a Dinghy Rally at Uppermill which took place on Sunday 18th October.

The day itself couldn't have been better for the time of the year and as usual at Uppermill drew plenty of visitors. The rally began just after two o'clock with ten craft entering, 1 canoe and nine dinghies, rowing boats etc. The course they took was from Wade Lock up to Dungebooth Lock. The afternoon was a success with Stan giving trips up to Dungebooth Lock, and back and the HCS Sales Stand outside the Museum. All the competitors in the rally are to receive a commemorative plaque to mark the occasion.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Friday April 23rd, 1982 is the date decided for the second annual general meeting to be held at the Coach and Horses, Standedge at 8.00pm.

One of the items for discussion at the AGM is the question of raising the subscription rates (for the first time since May 1976) to:

Ordinary Membership:	£2.50
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and to introduce a Life Membership at £50.

SHEFFIELD BRANCH REPORT.

By the time that you are reading this the membership of the Sheffield Branch of HCS will doubtless have downed many pints of real ale at their October meeting at the new venue the 'Fat Cat' - off West Bar, Sheffield. All this and one of Bob Dewey's renowned talks on the restoration of other canals in relation to the Huddersfield Narrow.

We have established good attendance at the last few monthly meetings and also have represented HCS at both the Chesterfield and Sheffield Canal Festivals. The Sheffield Branch also boasted a good turnout for the recent sponsored walk. We also expected plenty of support at the Sheffield Branch Dig at Dungebooth on Sunday 18th October.

Any HCS members particularly those living in the Sheffield area (or those simply interested in sampling the delights of the Fat Cat) are welcome at our next meeting on the 1st December at 8.00pm.

MARION STILES

WASTE PAPER...BOOKS...MAGAZINES

Dave Weston is still finding it difficult to find anyone to take waste paper but asks that you let him have any unwanted books or magazines that he is able to sell. A Charity Stall has been arranged for the day on Saturday 12th December at Stalybridge.

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SPONSORED TOWPATH WALK.

The day dawned hot and sunny on Sunday September 6th and walkers began to gather at Lockside as early as 9.30am. The official starting time was between 10 am and 11 am and by 10.50am, 42 people, 2 dogs and a Diggle had started the trek to Diggle. By 11 am at least six walkers had passed the first checkpoint at the Tollemache Arms while others took the walk a little more gently to coincide with Martin opening the pub doors!

After a somewhat extended lunch break (someone had to clear away the glasses) the walk continued.

Dungebooth Lock was the next checkpoint and the industrious working party managed to down tools to sign sponsorship forms.

At Diggle our two marshals were caught sunbathing in their deckchairs and as the weary hot walkers crawled up the final hill, most of them too, collapsed exhausted onto the grass. Relief, however, was at hand in the form of a refreshing drink of orange squash and in no time at all at least four people were enjoying a game of badminton.

All walkers (and dogs) finished the course and had enjoyed themselves. An estimated £570 has been raised and at least £450 of this will go to HCS.

Very well done - to all walkers, and many thanks from David and myself to sponsors, marshals, Martin and Kath and the staff at the Tollemache Arms, Bill Robbins for photos and Diggle Resident's Association for loaning the Community Centre.

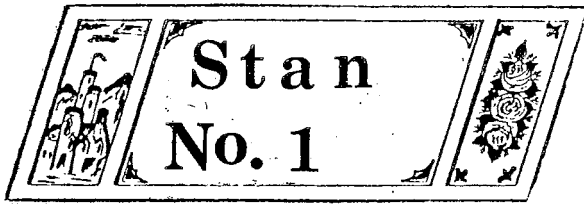
HAZEL MASKELL.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

The IWA Christmas Cards of the Huddersfield Narrow on sale last year are available again this year. As there are only a limited number left it would be wise to place your order now with the Sales Officer-straight away before they've all gone!

FAMOUS LAST WORDS...

'Of course it won't go septic' - Heard at an Uppermill Working Party.



JOHN MAYNARD.

We left Stan last time at Marsden ready to give trips on the top pound between Tunnel End and the top lock at Marsden railway station.

These trips have been undertaken rather spasmodically due to the weather and availability of crews. They culminated with Marsden Festival when the Mayor of Kirklees Cllr. Fred Pickles was given a trip to the Cottages and returned by the steam launch 'Option' who came to join us, two boats on the top pound! The weather was fine for once, and both 'Option' and Stan were kept busy all day giving trips. 'Option' contributed their takings to the Society funds, thank you very much. The sales stand was also on site and did a good trade. All together a very successful day.

On the next Saturday Stan was moved back to Uppermill ready for the Uppermill Transport Extravaganza the following weekend. This turned out to be a bit of a flop due to appalling weather and shortage of manpower; it coincided with the Rochdale Dig.

Stan is now moored at Uppermill and we hope to take part in the IWA Dinghy Rally on the 18th October. We then propose to move her to winter quarters at Slaithwaite on the 31st October.

TOWPATH ACCESS AGREEMENT.

Those of you with long memories may recall that Kirklees were proposing to make the towpath from Aspley Basin to Marsden a public right of way by means of an 'Access Agreement'. After months (or is it years?) of negotiation with BWB the agreement still isn't signed although it is rumoured to be 'not far off'.

On completion, Kirklees will be responsible for certain maintenance works and in return the public will have official access.

The steps at Queen Street South Huddersfield, giving access from the canal to the road will hopefully then be constructed.

ELECTRIC BOAT SEMINAR.

The Lead Development Association organised a seminar at Stratford on Avon on October 6th. I was invited to this due to Stan being one of the few electric boats on the Inland Waterways.

The seminar was chaired by Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, KCMG, President of the IWA. It was attended by about 170 people from boat owners, hire operators, battery manufacturers, other electrical firms and a number of representatives from Electricity Boards.

The seminar consisted of the reading of a number of papers on varying aspects of electric boats by such people as R. Davis - the owner, designer and operator of Electric Blue and Electric Monarch, G. Robert of Chloride, who has given us great assistance with Stan, D. Hutchings, Avon Navigation Trust and many others.

During a break for lunch we were all invited to inspect and ride on three electric boats; R. Davis's 57' electric narrow boat 'Electric Monarch', Rear Admiral Gick's Marina Work Boat and a small aluminium dinghy powered by a Barrus electric outboard. All these were of great interest and performed very well.

A great deal of discussion took place between sessions and we all learned a lot about other industries problems and requirements.

I learnt a lot, I hope, of how to overcome some of Stan's problems and will be trying to put some of them into practice this winter ready for next season.

JOHN MAYNARD.

TAMESIDE CANALS FESTIVAL 1982.

Following a meeting on the 16th September, TCF '82 formally got under way. I have got the Chairman's job, though how I came by it is still a mystery to me! Joking apart, I am proud to accept this post and pleased to have an enthusiastic and energetic committee behind me. The provisional date is 10th/11th July, 1982. This has now become an established event in Tameside and I am sure that the 5th Festival will be just as successful as its predecessors.

LAURENCE SULLIVAN.

TUNNEL END COTTAGES.

Work has not started on the cottages despite a contractor having been appointed and the Manpower Services Scheme approved. The reason is that one or two amendments to the lease which we need before work can go ahead have proved very difficult to obtain from BWB Estates Department. The main problem is a financial one, as towards the end of the year the local authority will be looking to reallocate unspent funds.

It is interesting to note that none of the schemes put forward by Kirklees for Tunnel End have started either, so that at least we are not suffering alone.

TREVOR ELLIS.

DUDLEY CANAL TUNNEL TRIP. 10th OCTOBER, 1981.

On a cold but fine Saturday morning at various pick up points along the way, 44 people set out to explore the wonders of the B.C.N. and, of course, the Tunnel. In amongst the party were not only HCS members, but also members of C.N.S. and the Colne Valley Society (hopefully all are members now!). We got to sunny Smethwick and tried to find a pub that took children and did sandwiches and finally we found the Red Cow who specially catered for us - a big thankyou to the landlady. Refreshed by lunch we were lead by our intrepid tow-path leader - Trevor Ellis - we walked along the new main line to Galton Tunnel and then up the bank to the old line and back to the coach (having walked under the M5). We then set off to get to the tunnel where we were greeted by the Chairman of the Dudley Canal Trust and the boat 'Electra'. A very interesting tunnel, if you could see it - some of us found out how hard legging is! A good tunnel - but not as good as ours! Back to Huddersfield and a good trip was over. The trip raised about £50 towards the Uppermill project.

KEITH PARKER

PRESS DATE

10th DECEMBER.

PRESS DATE

The January/February issue of Pennine Link will be the first issue to be printed rather than xeroxed. As the firm of printers require 10 days for printing it will now be necessary to have Press Date earlier in the month, as I shall still aim to have the issue out at the start of the month following.

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ROCHDALE CANAL TALK.

It's always pleasant to realise that one's own problems are not far worse than anyone else's: such are my own feelings about the Rochdale Canal Society. As many of you will know, the Rochdale has big problems - I still believe that they are worse than ours - but then that's subjective!

Brian Holden's talk - Brian being the Honorary Secretary of the Rochdale Canal Society - started on a strange note.. what do you make of a man who tells you he's a Latin master and therefore boring? I've heard Brian before so I didn't leave straightaway and I'm glad I didn't.

The parallels between the Rochdale and the Huddersfield are striking - 9 locks navigable, big problems at each end ('they' have the shallow water section in Manchester and Sowerby Bridge road junction) but with a wealth of beautiful scenery in between. (They have no tunnel (worthy of that name) and more locks).

The Rochdale Canal Society has had invaluable help on the restoration from Government schemes - Job Creation etc., which, judging from the beautiful colour slides have made a beautiful feature of a previously disgraceful eyesore.

Brian obviously knows how to sell the idea of restoration to even the most sceptical and I for one had my dream of navigating the southern Pennine Canal Ring brought more real by his talk.

ROBERT DEWEY

THE OLD WAREHOUSE, HUDDERSFIELD POLYTECHNIC.

The Kirklees Planning Committee met to consider the proposed demolition of this listed building but have deferred making a decision to ask the Education Committee to explain the justification for the proposed demolition.

ROBERT DEWEY.

PRESS CUTTINGS

If you have any press cuttings please send or give them to Miss Jean Wrigley, 44, Stamford Street, Stalybridge.

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BUSES, TRAMS AND TROLLEY BUSES.

"We rarely get to meet any of the members from over the other side of the hill" said someone at a recent West Meeting. "We may" he continued "have difficulty understanding their accents sometimes but this shouldn't put us off from trying to get to know them better". So, working on the principle that the most interesting decisions are of the instant type we set a date for a Joint Meeting at the Great Western on the top of Standedge, and to approach Mike Haworth to give us a slide show.

Mike is Chairman of Tameside Transport Collection, a society who gave tremendous support to this year's Tameside Festival and who are building up a collection of restored and unrestored passenger transport vehicles. Mike limited his topic to the development of passenger road transport in the Manchester area during the first 40 years of this century. We were reminded of such names as Belsize, Crossley, and Karrier and given an insight into some successes and failures of various technical developments such as the sprag, a device slung underneath a vehicle and dropped at the rear if the vehicle ceased to make upward progress on a hill. The sprag simply dug into the road surface to prevent the vehicle rolling back down the hill.

The impression was certainly conveyed that passenger transport was more of an adventure a few years ago than it is today. Thank you very much Mike for a most interesting evening.

Following this successful trial Joint Meeting perhaps we should try the formulae more often, so if anyone is willing to give a short talk or slide show or knows anyone who would, or would especially like to hear someone please let me know.

COLIN CHADWICK.

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MIKROW MESSAGE

SAM LUCAS

On every morning I get up at the time that the boat leaves, about 8.30am. I have a fried breakfast and then I have a wash.

I help with the locks and sometimes I steer the boat. It is fun. I play with my toy cars; then we stop to do some shopping and have lunch in a pub.

Then we go again through locks, bridges, past boats, villages, towns and then to the venue. We tie up and then sometimes I play football. I do my schoolwork when we are travelling. Then we have our tea. Then we set up in the pub. A few days ago we went past the place where Black Beauty was filmed. It is on the Grand Union Canal and saw the field that Black Beauty lived in. Today I saw the boat we went on tour on (in 1974) called Flower of Gloucester. It is a wooden narrow-boat.

My favourite canal is the Huddersfield Narrow Canal and the Trent and Mersey Canal.

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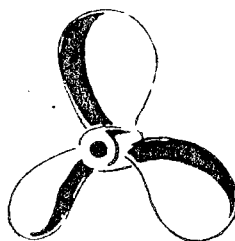
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SOCIAL EVENT AFTER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The AGM next April will be a change from previous years as it is to be held in a public house and followed by a social event.

I have been requested by Council to organise the 'social event' and was wondering if you the members, have any preference as to what type of event you would like to attend.

One possibility I am considering at present is some form of slide quiz or photographic competition but I am open to any other suggestions.

Please let me have your ideas before the end of December to enable me to make the necessary plans, publicity arrangements etc.

DAVID FINNIS.

CARNIVALS AND FESTIVALS 1981.

During the course of this year a vehicle has been seen around the streets of Huddersfield that spread the message of the Society to more of the local population than perhaps ever before, it was of course the Society's float.

This fine looking vehicle was the result of many hours of preparation by two members of the Society, along with valuable assistance on the Parade days. We made our debut at the Mayor's Parade and, although there was a poor turnout of supporters we managed to put on a fine show of working navvies and Diggles, the latter being the subject of much amazement of the public and not least a Police motorcyclist who very nearly fell off when being confronted by this spectacle. Music was provided by Mikron Theatre being played through a public address system which gave the Carribean float behind us a run for its money. It was all very well for the public as we went by, but having listened to 'Mud in Your Eye' and 'Where's our Cut?' continuously for 1½ hours bouncing off the town centre walls one gets a little tired of it, even though it was Mikron!

It is worth mentioning here for the benefit of the passengers of this first journey that yours truly was driving the wagon had never in fact driven one before and negotiating

the gates into Greenhead Park was the climax of the whole parade.

This did not deter us entering the float in the Slaithwaite Carnival and with a fine turnout of supporters, a by now experienced driver prepared for the narrow Slaithwaite roads, and the addition of a commentator Diggle we certainly made a big impression on the people there, not to mention the fact that we actually won second prize. This prize was given in the best float in the 'trade' class - a fact that puzzled us somewhat but with three entries in the class, we did beat someone and the £3 prize came in handy.

Next was the Marsden Festival and with a new wagon due to mechanical failure of our regular vehicle, we again presented a fine show of our Society's aims to the local people. This brought us to the end of the year's Festival Parades and our presence in force on the streets. Our float must have been seen and heard by thousands of local people and must surely have brought to their attention our existence and with perhaps a little more effort next year we may once again bring HCS to the street in fine style.

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking all the people who helped with the preparation and turnout of the float and special thanks to Walker Reclamation Services of Birkby and Squire A. Radcliffe of Mirfield for their kind co-operation in loaning the wagons.

See you all next year on the HCS float.


BRIAN BADMINTON.

STAMP COLLECTING

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Many thanks to you who are collecting stamps for the HCS collection. I appreciate it takes quite a time to get enough to fill an envelope. Amongst those this month who have sent stamps are: Kath Brookes, Ruth Horrocks, Phil Molyneux, Mrs. B. Grainger, an anonymous donor from Bradford Infirmary, John Maynard, First Day Covers from Roy Meakin, Dave Weston, Sarah Wilson, Hazel Maskell and apologise if I've left your name off the list. Peter and Susan Grimes have sent me thousands of cigarette coupons and some Green Shield Stamp Books. Many thanks to you all.

SUE GIBSON.



Dear
Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to add my support to Sarah Wilson's letter in the last 'Pennine Link', and make some comments as a result of John Maynard's and Paul Rigby's earlier letters, concerning fund-raising.

I am a member of the Wey and Arun Trust and our chief breadwinner is our Annual Sponsored Walk. In 1979 it raised £5,000, in 1980 over £6,000 and our 1981 total is also expected to exceed £6,000. Would Mr. Rigby now like to repeat his remark that sponsored events are 'a completely barren method of fund-raising?' Reflect on over £17,000 being raised in THREE years by ONE method. Our 500 or so walkers (and their sponsors) many of whom return year after year, are obviously not "disenchanted".

It might be said that the W & A are an exception. Perhaps at the moment we are, but it NEED NOT be so. As with most other canal societies there is a merry handful of members who seem to get lumbered with everything, and our Sponsored Walk Committee is no exception - they all have at least one other Trust 'job'. But they are still prepared to put in the tremendous effort involved to organise our Walk.

Concerning fund-raising in general, another big earner for the W & A is waste paper. This is another field in which many think that the money earning potential has burnt out. Our sales of scrap newspaper are expected to top £1,800 for 1981. Yet again, organising the collections and disposals of the paper falls to some of the 'merry handful' because £1,800 is not the kind of sum you can ignore.

The HCS Council Members might well be fed up at times with having to run the whole show, and may well feel that another job is too much. But wouldn't it be worth it for something like £6,000? The Council of any Trust or Society has to be its chief motivating force and if they are seen to adopt a nonchalant, maybe even defeatist attitude such as Mr. Maynard's to the Sponsored Pub Crawl, then the HCS will never get the support needed for large scale fund-raising. Like it or not, Council Members, the onus will always fall on you to take the initiative.

Finally, please do not put these comments down to idle boasting on behalf of the W & A, because I hope someone

will use them constructively to benefit the HCS. Since our successes owe such a lot to past experience, any HCS member who is now feeling suitably inspired would be welcome to 'pick our brains'. If I can't answer your questions myself I will find another W & A member who can.

So come on, think positively towards fund-raising, and think BIG. 1982 is not far away, so start planning your WALK NOW!

Sally Butcher,
Press Officer,
Wey and Arun Trust Ltd.

ANOTHER SPONSORED PUB CRAWL.

Following the success of the Pub Crawl held in March I have received Council's permission to organise a similar event and this will take place over the same 'course' as before in Marsden on Saturday 5th December, 1981. Diggle suits, traditional costume and fancy dress are optional.

The Pub Crawl will leave the Railway Hotel at 11am and make its way to Tunnel End, up on to Standedge before returning to the Railway before 3pm. There are ten pubs on the route and the amount of sponsorship will be based on the number of pubs visited as every participant is expected to have at least one drink (which need not be alcoholic) in each pub.

I am aware that many people think that this type of event is just an excuse to 'drink a lot' but that is not what is intended. It is an opportunity to both spread the word about our campaign and to raise much needed finance. I hope that we will be able to raise over £1,000 on this occasion and trust that I will be able to count on your support either through participation or sponsorship if you are unable to attend.

An HCS Social with the usual Pie and Peas, darts, pool, domino games is planned for the evening at the Railway, Marsden, so why not come along and enjoy yourselves?

Further information and sponsorship forms are available from me, David Finnis at 7, Ned Lane, Slaithwaite, Hudds.

ROCHDALE CANAL 'BIG DIG'26th/27th SEPTEMBER.

Perhaps the only thing 'Big' about this 'Dig' was the rainfall statistic. The Rochdale Canal Society has marked up 1981 as the year in which rain fell on almost every single one of its outdoor activities in contrast with the Tameside Festival blessed yet again with a glorious weekend.

But we shall carry on undeterred and our gratitude for the number of HCS members who turned up to defy the pouring stair-rods remains undiminished. You dug, you picked, you shovelled and you drove dumpers and anything else that was lying around with great enthusiasm and we hope that when the time comes we shall be as keen to do the same for you.

The aim of the weekend was to clear the towing path between Broadway Bridge and Hollinwood Bridge so that the path called public footpath number 23 would be better to walk on and probably to drive motorbikes at high speed on, but in the longer term to enable land-based dredging machinery to work from. The canal was in a pretty disgusting state as we said prior to the event and it still is!! But as this was the first major effort on the Rochdale Canal in Chadderton it was important that some attempt should be made to persuade the Electricity Board to shift a couple of pylons from the bed of the canal and their co-operation together with that of Ferranti Ltd., resulted in one of the offending steel giants being pulled down by a deadline just two weeks before the big working party. This achievement obviously created a big impression with local residents who had wanted them removed before, but had not yet tackled the job. Certainly, it made the job of finding sleeping accommodation for London W.R.G. a good deal easier. Local churches and a scout group tended not to wonder who the Rochdale Canal Society were, but rather to express muted admiration for the pylon shifters.

Now, admittedly we made an appalling mess. The mud was as deep on the site and on the towpath as it would have been if we had drained the canal itself. Motor vehicles were getting stuck all over the place. The car with the evening disco music could not reach the marquee. There were breakfasts, dinners, teas and a bar in the other of the two marquees, there was a site office in the caravan, walkie-talkies seemingly everywhere, oilskins of all the colours of the rainbow, eight dumpers running about all over the place, first aid caravan, toilet caravan and even a boat which could hardly have been used on a canal

so filled with weeds. Rubbish skips there were in a serried rank and one of these was nearly filled with a derelict wreck of a car. Everything seemed to arrive in the right place at the right time with one exception - the rain which would have been better if it had not arrived at all.

In spite of the rain the chauffer-driven ABU 1 arrived on time bringing Oldham's chief citizens and the Mayor in John's wellies and even the Mayoress in Celia's wellies, just a fit! tramped about in the mud for an hour and a quarter instead of the half hour they had allowed for the visit. "There isn't just one mad" they thought "there's hundreds of them". Then in marginally better weather on the following day an inspection committee from Shell U.K. Oil Ltd. came to decide whether we were worth one of their Inland Waterways Awards. Surely we deserve one for sheer guts, if not for achievement. The place was like a battlefield and schoolchildren had to be officially warned off on the Monday, although predictably that was the day the weather improved.

BRIAN HOLDEN

INTERESTED IN COLLECTING CANAL POSTCARDS?

The CCCC better known as the Canal Card Collectors Circle is a fairly new society which, as the name implies deals with the buying, selling and whatever else one does with postcards. They produce a quarterly Newsletter named 'Gongoozler' which keeps all the members up to date, giving information on unknown cards, reports on card-meets, articles covering many canals, competitions (with very enviable prizes) amongst other interesting things. The CCCC is a national society and anyone interested in the Huddersfield/Ashton area please contact: Mrs. M. Ives, 94, Dryclough Rd., Beaumont Park, Huddersfield. Tel: Hudds. 641740, or the Membership Secretary: Mr. D. Clough, 12, Wellstead Gardens, Westcliff on Sea, Essex.

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO. 3 BY JAMES CROSLAND.

ACROSS: 1. Docks 4. Sluice 9. Evasion 10. Fling 11. Eats
12. Villain 13. Ice 14. Apes 16. Need 18. Ale 20. Paddles
21. Beer 24. Allot 25. Epitaph 26. Lustre 27. Leeks

DOWN: 1. Diesel 2. Craft 3. Swim 5. Lifeline 6. Imitate
7. Engine 8. Knave 13. Isolator 15. Puddles 17. Sprawl
18. Asset 19. Arches 22. Elate 23. Bill.

ARNOLD WHITWAM RETIRES.

Arnold Whitwam the BWB Section Inspector on the Manchester to Huddersfield section retired at the end of October.

Arnold's career began way back in 1946 when he worked as a carpenter for the LMS Railway Co. at Huddersfield Railway Station, moving on in 1947 to the canal in Marsden following a breach in the canal.

He was involved in 1948/9 in the making of lock gates at Diggle, which would seem to have been a waste of time and effort as the last recorded passage from Huddersfield to Ashton was also in 1948, the lock gates being removed in 1950/1.

1958 brought changes for Arnold, becoming a Foreman on the Huddersfield to Ashton section where he worked until 1962 before moving on to Skipton working now for the British Waterways Board.

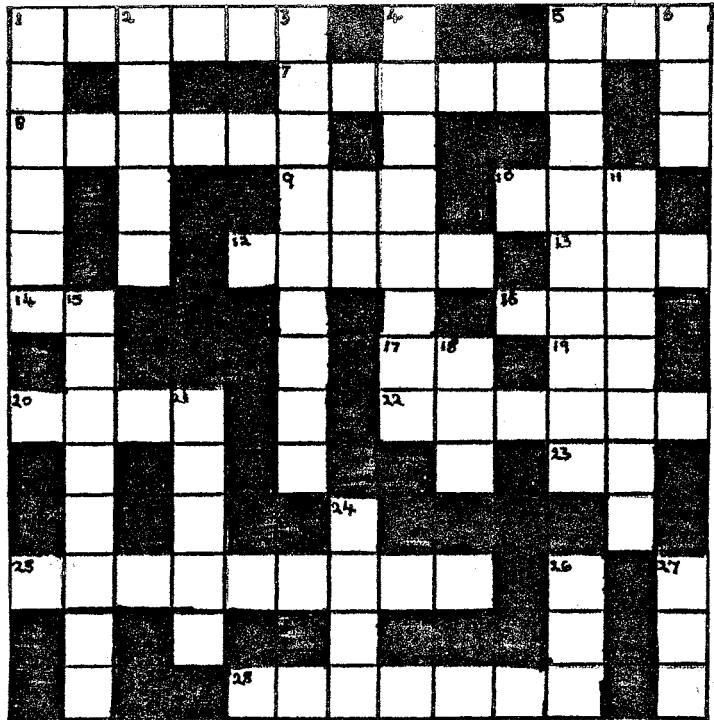
In 1970 he took up the position of Section Inspector on the Manchester to Huddersfield section and in his words: "thought it would be a nice job to end my working days". He has remained as the Section Inspector until his retirement, and is now looking forward to devoting more time to his hobby of DIY and being able to spend more time with his wife Jenny.

May we take this opportunity of wishing them both a long and happy retirement.

CANAL TRIP TO SOWERBY BRIDGE.

Another in our series of boat trips has been arranged (courtesy of Calder Cruisers) to take place on Saturday 21st November. The trip will leave Brighouse Basin at 9.30am and travel up the Calder and Hebble Navigation hopefully as far as Sowerby Bridge, depending on the time taken and keeping in mind the lack of daylight much after four o'clock. Numbers are restricted to 50 persons and anyone wishing to go should contact Brian Badminton on Hudds.45779 as soon as possible. The cost of the trip is £2.50 for adults and half price for children. This is a suggested maximum price and any increase in profits will be donated to the Uppermill Restoration Fund. Please book early as past experience has proved these trips to be very popular; would all who come on the trip please remember a packed lunch.

CROSSWORD



PENNINE LINK CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO. 4.

CLUES ACROSS: 1. Once used extensively on canals (6)
 5. Lock at Middlewich (3) 7. A Hole in a Hill (6)
 8. The best method of steering (6) 9. Navvies nourishment (3)
 10. Some canals suffer from a lack of this (3) 12. Useful
 canalside item (5) 13. 'Navvies' Initials (3) 14. Some
 councils answer to restoration (2) 16. Don't drop a drill
 on it (3) 17. A map of this type is always useful (2)
 19. Initials of HCS Canoeing expert (2) 20. Short rise
 lock (4) 22. A good pint is like this after Uppermill! (6)
 23. We are initially on either side of canal (2) 25. Used
 on the Calder & Hebble (4-5) 28. Don't forget them on
 a dig! (7)

CLUES DOWN 1. Twenty-one locks (6) 2. Leeds '81 for
 example (5) 3. 'Superhutch's Baby' (9) 4. Only canal lift
 in Britain (8) 5. Closed Tunnel (9) 6. 'Noddy Boat'
 material (3) 11. Canal in Notts. (7) 15. Type of engine (8)
 18. One hopes that locks are in this state when one arrives
 (3) 21. Sometimes found at staircase locks (5) 24. There
 is one in every lock (4) 26. Ourselves (3) 27. Nasty
 boating weather (3)

Many thanks to Dave Irving for sending in this month's crossword.

TWENTY ONE
SALES

ORDERS TO THE SALES OFFICER: MRS. JEAN BUCKLEY.

	P+P
HCS Logo Sweatshirts Small and Large	£7 + 50p
Tich, Bodicea & Napoleon Diggle T Shirts	
20" - 30"	£1.95 25p
32" - 40"	2.50 25p
Diggle Badges	40p SAE
'I've been on Stan' badges	30p SAE
Wide selection of hand-painted canalware	Various prices
Pennine Link	Postage @2nd class
Tunnel End Postcards	10 for £1 inc.p&p
Various Coloured Postcards	7p each SAE
HCS Logo T Shirts White/Blue	£2.50 25p

BOOKS AND MAPS

Huddersfield Canals Towpath Guide	£2.50	40p
Short History of HNC	30p	15p
Filled't top wi' rubble -Mossley Report	75p	15p
The HNC - Green Report	50p	15p
Through Stalybridge by Boat	60p	15p
The Rochdale Canal	95p	15p
Good Beer Guide	£1	25p
Nicholsons Guides N & Midlands-new edition	£1.95	25p
Stanfords Map	£1.25	15p
Imrays Map	85p	15p
Waterways Quest - a waterway I spy book	75p	15p
Spier Book of Knots	95p	15p
Cheshire Waterways	£1.60	25p
Yorkshire Waterways	£1.60	25p
Lancashire Waterways	£1.75	25p
Green Roads through the Pennines	£2.75	25p
Countryside in Winter/Spring/Summer/Autumn ea.	£1.20	15p
Birds of Hedgerows/Mountains/Inland Water/ Gardens	ea. 85p	15p
Wild Flowers of Waterways	85p	15p
Ladybird Book of Canals	50p	15p
Old Lancashire Recipes	90p	15p
More Old Lancashire Recipes	90p	15p
Yorkshire Recipes	90p	15p
The Ashton Canal	90p	15p

council meetings

RESUME OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 2nd SEPTEMBER, 1981, AT THE DIGGLE HOTEL, DIGGLE.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Have asked BWB for permission to restore locks. Suggested HCS bought van, Colin Chadwick to investigate.

SALES OFFICER'S REPORT: HCS Christmas Cards to be once again on sale. Towpath Guide now selling through newsagents shops.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Noted

CORRESPONDENCE: Dealt with

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Letter sent to Kirklees re the proposed demolition.

COTTAGES: Still awaiting union clearance for Job Creation Scheme to start. Exhibits needed for Museum.

BOAT PROJECT MANAGER: Organising manning boat a problem. Boat to be generally refurbished over the winter.

EXHIBITIONS & FESTIVALS: Council agree in principle to a TCF'82.

RESUME OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 7th OCTOBER, 1981 AT THE ALBION HOTEL, HUDDERSFIELD.

UPPERMILL PROJECT: Discussion re progress. Agreed 9am start. Planning permission granted for Dobcross excavation.

EXHIBITIONS & FESTIVALS: Exhibition at Information Centre Huddersfield, then moving to Tolson Museum. Festival Chairman TCF '82 to be Laurence Sullivan.

AGM: AGM to be held on 23rd April, 1982. Venue to be the Coach and Horses, Standedge. Agreed to have social after.

BOAT: Stan to be moved to winter quarters on 31st October.

COMPANY SECRETARY/TUNNEL END COTTAGES: Problems with BWB Estates and Lease.

PUBLICATIONS: Graham Maskell agreed to become manager of the working parties at Uppermill.

EDITOR: Various quotes received re the printing of P.L.

GENERAL SECRETARY: Launch membership competition. 44 new members this two month period.

CORRESPONDENCE: dealt with

TREASURER'S REPORT: Noted

SALES: Agreed to sell HCS Ties. Christmas cards now available.

UPPERMILL PROJECT.

Out of the donations received to date the Society has purchased a trailer, a barrow hoist, a pump and several small pieces of equipment.

Since the last report donations have been received from Hazel Maskell and the collecting tin at the side of the lock. In addition the towpath walk held in September should produce over £400 which is to be allocated to the project.

Please send all donations 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

Giro Account

The Society has opened a National Girobank Account (NUMBER 609 2357). Members wishing to pay their subscriptions or Covenants by Giro Standing Order please contact the Treasurer. 061-633-2690.

LES WINNARD.

LOXVEND LIMITED TRADING AS H.C.S. SALES.

The Society has recently formed a new company with the name 'Loxvend Ltd' for the purpose of carrying on the Society's trading activities. It was hoped to have the name 'H.C.S. Sales Ltd' however a company with a very similar name already exists and we therefore accepted our agent's 'readymade' company with the unusual but appropriate name. In addition we registered as a business name 'H.C.S. Sales'.

The reason for the new company? A charity such as the Society is only exempt from tax on investment income. Trading income is subject to tax but with small amounts of income this was not a problem. However, with larger amounts of income coming from sales (Towpath Guide etc) the imposition of tax could reduce income by 40% (the rated tax for industries). However, if the sales are carried on through the medium of a company which covenants its profits to the Society the trading income escapes tax in the Company and the Society's income is now investment income exempt from tax.

LES WINNARD.

membership

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

- 773 Keith & Jill Noble & Family, [REDACTED]
- 774 Ivor & Elizabeth McFarlane, [REDACTED]
- 775 R. Gerrard, [REDACTED]
- 776 David and Janet Carter, [REDACTED]
- 777 Christopher R. Taylor, [REDACTED]
- 778 Mr. & Mrs. Allan Rayner, [REDACTED]
- 779 John Denton, [REDACTED]
- 780 Philip Molyneux, [REDACTED]
- 781 Miss Fiona Whitaker, [REDACTED]
- 782 Mrs. P. Oliver & Family, [REDACTED]
- 783 Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Harrison & Family, [REDACTED]
- 784 Roger Davies, [REDACTED]
- 785 Ian N. MacDonald, [REDACTED]
- 786 Anthony Lyon, [REDACTED]
- 787 Mrs. Barbara Watson, [REDACTED]
- 788 Reginald A. Jessop, [REDACTED]
- 789 Patrick Moss, [REDACTED]
- 790 Michael Golds, [REDACTED]
- 791 Sally Wilson, [REDACTED]
- 792 D. Singleton, [REDACTED]
- 793 Graham Lowe, [REDACTED]
- 794 Mr. & Mrs. Watson & Family, [REDACTED]
- 795 Alan Platt, Dove Cottage, [REDACTED]
- 796 Mr. J.A. & Mrs. J.M. Beaumont, [REDACTED]
- 797 Geoffrey & Carole Hurst, [REDACTED]

membership

798	Mark Strickson,	
799	Thea Bennett,	
800	Geoff Wheat,	
801	J. Geoffrey Tilley,	
802	Roger Pearce,	
803	John & Lorraine Howlett,	
804	Robert Jones,	
805	Robin Edward Blake,	
806	Frank & Judith Lamb,	
807	Mr. K. Ayling,	
808	Richard Winrow,	
809	Gurmukh Singh,	
810	Mary Ann & Keith Ball,	
811	Sandra G. Baty,	
812	Gary Thomas,	
813	Michael P. Barber,	
814	Richard B. Cook,	
815	Graham & Hilda Heap & Mathew,	
816	Chris J. Litherland,	

MEMBERSHIP COMPETITION

It has been decided to organise a membership drive (although as you will see from the list of new members things are already going well) and to further push this along, a competition is being arranged. Full details will appear in the next issue of Pennine Link. Briefly the idea is: any member of the Society can participate, all you need to do is persuade people to join and to write your name on the membership form where it says 'how did you hear about the Society'. For each new member received by the Membership Secretary your name will be entered into a monthly draw. A prize will be awarded. Start your persuasive talking now, the competition starts with the next issue of Pennine Link.

DIARY

3rd November	8.00pm	Sheffield Meeting at the Fat Cat, Off West Bar, Sheffield. Illustrated talk on canal restoration by R.A. Dewey.
5th November	7.15pm	HCS Bonfire. Meet outside Railway Hotel Marsden at 6.45 pm Bonfire to be lit at 7.15pm. Informal gathering after at 'Railway' with Pie and Peas Supper.
7th November	8.00pm	Ceilidh with the Fiddlesticks Ceilidh Band at the Friezland Hall, Well-i-hole Greenfield. Tickets £1.50
11th November	8.00pm	West Meeting at the Old Hunters Tavern Stalybridge.
16th November	8.00pm	'Famous Names' Clothes and Cheese and Wine Evening at Uppermill Museum. £1, inclusive.
21st November	9.30am	Boat Trip on the Calder and Hebble Navigation. Leaving Brighouse Basin at 9.30 am.
21st November	2pm	CNS walk along the Huddersfield Narrow including visit to Colne Valley Museum Meet at 2pm at Longroyd Bridge.
3rd December	8.00pm	Illustrated talk by Robin Witter. 'Canal Tunnels' at the Four Horseshoes, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield.
5th December	11am	Sponsored Pub Crawl. Starting from the 'Railway Hotel', Marsden.
9th December	8.00pm	West Meeting. 'Tollemache Arms', Mossley.
17th December		Sponsorship Collection Night. "Railway" Marsden
2nd January '82	10.am	Towpath Walk. Meeting at lockside, Mottram Road, Stalybridge -- to Mossley.
7th January	8.00pm	East Meeting at the Commercial, Slaithwaite.
13th January	8.00pm	Talk by Ian McCarthy 'How not to restore canals'. The Cross Keys, Uppermill.

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