

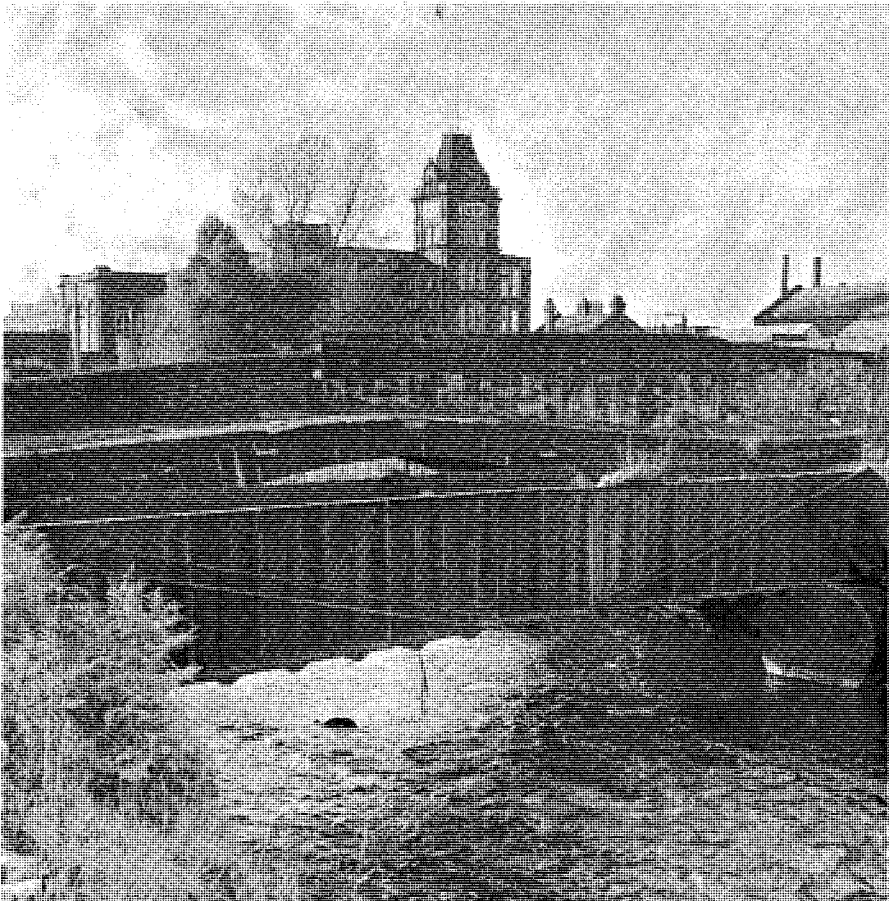


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editorial

May I wish all our members and friends a very happy new year and I am sure we all hope that 1983 is as successful a year for the Society as 1982 has been. Individual events of 1982 that have been seen as successes in their own right are in fact parts of the long-term ground work of the campaign. The campaign which in 1982 secured official permission to restore the Uppermill stretch for our unique waterway. I get the feeling that our ground work is causing somewhat of a snowball effect to our ultimate goal. 1983 is certainly going to be a busy year, lock gates to be fitted at Uppermill, a scheme in Stalybridge to be progressed, another between Marsden and Slaithwaite, our potential armada of trip boats, the cottages, the festival at Ashton which gets bigger, better and more successful each year as a likely annual Toepath Walk will do.

Sue Gibson

On December 2nd I received a letter from Mr David Pyrah, Principal Engineer (North) British Waterways Board. I quote the letter in its entirety.

'Dear David,

I am informed by David Telford that the Board have approved the restoration works at Uppermill, subject to the completion of an agreement with the G.M.C. The lease holder of the adjacent land has terminated his agreement with the Board and, therefore, ceases to be involved in any direct way with the Scheme. You will note that the Board's Fisheries Officer has been informed so that fishing interests can be appraised of these works'.

Restoration of part of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal is now officially recognised by B.W.B. We are on the way! Since the receipt of this letter we have attended a meeting chaired by David Pyrah to discuss the document produced by the Society. 'A proposal for the restoration of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal from Marsden to Slaithwaite'. Officers of West Yorkshire County Council and Kirklees' Council will report back to their respective committees and we shall meet again in early February. The proposals were well received but the thorny question of maintenance cost may prove to be the stumbling block. Greater Manchester Council feel it is a good investment both at Uppermill and Ashton-Stalybridge. Let us hope our councils on the east side share similar views.

We have sent copies of this proposal plus the jobs report — referred to in last Pennine Link to members of WYCC and Kirklees Councils. Both reports are available from the Society for HCS members.

David Pyrah's letter refers to Angling interests at Uppermill. On January 18th 1983 Judith Weston and I will meet the Oldham and District Anglers and Saddleworth & District Angling Association for tripartate talks on mutual co-operation at Uppermill when a full-size trip-boat operates between Wade Lock and Wool Road Warehouse. This meeting will be the first of regular consultations with our angling friends. Between us we shall endeavour to improve the amenity value of our canal in Uppermill.

I stated in the last issue that the next 3 months could be crucial for the Society. Future policy meetings of the Council will be open to **all** members.

I shall chair the January meeting which will be an open forum. Please attend.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Digging for services (water, electricity, gas, septic tank) was followed by heavy rain which made the site very muddy. Despite this, there seems to be every chance of work being finished before the scheduled date in July. Our next concern is the display which we are going to provide in our cottage. We would prefer to base this on a series of objects related to canals/the Huddersfield Canals/Marsden. Anyone who is prepared to loan or donate items, please contact me (see address and phone number inside front cover) with details.

Still at Tunnel End, the Kirklees M.B.C. scheme has erected two of the series of Towpath Information Boards there (full account elsewhere in this issue). I attended the official opening ceremony by the Mayor of Kirklees on 9th November. This was followed by a less official opening of the HCS/Shell Awards-Sponsored Board at Cooper Bridge on 19/11/82 where the festivities were somewhat curtailed by icy winds and heavy showers of rain/hail.

Elsewhere, at the Rochdale Canal Restoration Scheme in Hebden Bridge, the lock gates for Uppermill are on order. (In case any observant person is wondering what this has to do with Tunnel End Cottages, for a variety of reasons, some geographical, but others best left unpublished, I was the most suitable person.) Some of the patterns for metal fittings are already made, and the timber will hopefully have arrived by the time this is in print. The gates should be ready for hanging in the Spring.

TREVOR ELLIS

boats

No. 1. Stan. Trips have now been terminated for this year. Partially due to the end of summer but also due to lack of crews; as I mentioned last time. She is now emptied of all movable equipment and is moored at Marsden for the winter. The motor has also been removed and is to be overhauled during the winter.

No. 2. This boat has had the superstructure removed and turned upside down. The bottom has been cleaned and given one coat of primer. As she is outside, any work is dependent on the weather — so no further work has been possible to date.

No. 3. Little progress has been made since the last issue of P.L. but as you all know by the time you read this the Christmas Raffle will have been drawn and the sum raised by this will go towards the new full-length trip boat. I have only had two replies from my request for names, it is not too late so come on, how about some more. Not Dedge we have had that one! Think about it and please let me know.

John Maynard

Resumé of the Council Meeting held on November 11th at the Diggle Hotel, Diggle.

Policy Meetings: As from January, Policy meetings will be open to all members. Meeting to be chaired by the relevant Council member.

Chairman's Report: Meeting to discuss route through Stalybridge on 12th November. Big Dig Study expected to be completed by end of November.

Boat: Stan now put away for the winter. Boat 2 being painted.

Tunnel End Cottages: progressing well. Towpath Boards were erected on 9th November.

Projects: Jobs Report typed. Marsden-Slaithwaite report written and now at the printers.

Resumé of the Council Meeting held on 1st December at the Diggle Hotel, Diggle.

Policy Meetings: Open Policy Meetings. January — Forum — chaired by David Sumner. February — Uppermill, chaired by Graham Maskell. March — East Side, chaired by Trevor Ellis and Keith Gibson.

Chairman's Report: A valuable meeting took place with BWB re restoration plans.

Uppermill: Dam constructed below Lime Kiln Lock. Still no news re pressure pointing. More visiting groups needed for working parties.

Raffle: Raffle for boat appeal to be drawn on 13th December.

Tunnel End Cottages: Services now laid on to cottages including a septic tank.

General Secretary: AGM to be the last Friday in April. Costings being made for audio projector system.

Treasurer: Les Winnard (resigning because of pressure or work) is to be replaced by Mrs Susan Bradbury. Proposed and seconded she be co-opted onto Council.

Projects: Marsden-Slaithwaite Report now printed and distributed. Jobs Report is now typeset.

advance notice of A.G.M.

The third Annual General Meeting of the Huddersfield Canal Society Limited will be held on Friday 29th April 1983 at 8 p.m. The venue, as last year, will be the Coach & Horses Hotel, Manchester Road, Standedge, Marsden.

The meeting will take a similar format to last year and the detailed agenda and formal notice will appear in the next issue of Pennine Link. It is intended that, after the formal business, an illustrated review of the past year will be presented through films/slides etc., followed by a social for members to meet one another.

Since many of our members live a long way from the canal it is suggested that the following day will provide the opportunity for members to visit the canal and see the results of our efforts. Accommodation is available at the Coach & Horses and members are asked to make arrangements directly with the hotel.

Further details, offers of slides or other material for the review please contact the General Secretary.

Every year several old boatpeople die and with them our direct contact with the canals as they used to be in the days of the working narrowboats. Gradually they are disappearing into legend and our waterways are less colourful for their passing. Since we began waterways touring we have been lucky enough to become friends with many boatpeople and to speak to them at length and hear their stories.

I'm sure many of you remember 'Chocolate' Charlie Atkins who used to live in his boat 'Mendip' until shortly before his death in April 1981. He was always ready to have a chat to people passing on their boats and regale them with his stories about life on the boats.

Here is a rather grisly story he told us:

'There were this chap called Albert Williams. He chainsmoked. He never married. He 'ad one of them little boats they called Trench Boats, about 6' -10" wide. So we were about to go through this tunnel on the Shrewsbury Cut. Albert said "we've got plenty of time" and disappeared... These two gentlemen came walking along the towpath. "How d'you do" and I said "How d'you do" and they turned round and said "You the skipper?" I said "no". "Who's the skipper then?". Albert was asleep in the stern-end on a bag of coal. It were a nice day. We were only carrying five ton to Uffington. "There's two men that want to speak to you". The men went away. "What's up then, Albert?" "We've got to stop 'ere. We've got to wait for the police to come. There's a body missing". I was only about sixteen or seventeen then. I know I'm pretty brave but....

One copper got in the hatches kneeling down. The tunnel were low. Two got in the middle of the boat with Albert, see. They'd only got two torches aside our storm lamp. Every so often in the tunnel they'd say, "Woah, something 'ere". It was a bit of weed. About half way, "Woah, something 'ere". Another bundle of weeds. Another boat's length, "Woah" — this policeman is leaning on the hatches side, y'know — "woah, woah, woah". I got the storm lamp and shone it down the side. And I could just see the back of his shoulders. Oh dear, talk about stink. "Trouble 'ere, trouble 'ere". How were they going to get 'im from there? His one arm was missing and 'is ear'ole. One copper were sick. The smell. Oh dear, oh dear. I said, "Tie 'im to the stern rope". But you couldn't. Every time you touched 'im he fell to pieces..... "Has anybody got an empty bag?" We soaked it in the cut, see and then tied the four corners round what was left of him.

We gets 'im out of the end of the tunnel. Oh, the smell. This one copper, 'e were white.

One side of his jacket was left and all that was in 'is top pocket was two three-cornered files, a little saw and a snuff box which was empty. He was a saw-setter. He'd been missing about three months. When they said that I 'ad some funny thoughts. Shoving the boat through the tunnel all those times. He'd been in there. Jumped in from the air-hole.

They put 'im in the stables outside the tunnel. Our 'orse were in there. What we did that night we shifted the boat farther along. Cor, the smell!

But comin' back empty, I wasn't going to shove that boat through there. I know I'm brave but....

And everytime I went through after I thought about it. I thought I could smell it.

Mike Lucas

Editor's Note. Many apologies to Sarah Wilson of Mikron for missing off her name from the article she wrote for the last issue.

1958 trip through Standedge Tunnel

Idly leafing through some yellowing cuttings, Canal Society member, Alec Ramsden, of the Yorkshire Post, unearthed an interesting example of his journalistic art (or otherwise) when employed on a less august periodical, and was amazed to find that next year it will be twenty-five years since his first trip on a canal boat — and that was through the Standedge Tunnel.

In 1958 he was so ill-informed about waterways that he had the affrontery (or ignorance) to describe a narrow boat as a barge (ugh!) but he thought that Pennine Link readers might be interested in what the tunnel was like nearly a quarter of a century ago.

“As we drank hot, steaming coffee and nibbled biscuits in semi-darkness, there was the steady splash of falling water and the distant echo of express trains thundering past.

A strange place for the mid-morning break. But we thought little of this strangeness, or of the fact that we were 500ft below ground, in the heart of the Pennines.

The coffee was welcome in the clammy confines of the canal tunnel which runs for 3 miles 267yds, from Marsden to Diggle. And the stillness was pleasant after the thunder of the huge diesel motor-pump that had propelled our long slim barge to the halfway stage in the two-yearly inspection of the now disused tunnel yesterday.

For Children's Hour

We were a mixed party. There were sixteen eager school-children with their teacher, watermen and officials of the British Transport Commission, BBC commentator Michael Barton, who was making recordings for the Children's Hour feature, “Over To You”, and canal enthusiasts who had travelled long distances to embark on this strange cruise.

As the entrance from the Marsden end of the tunnel shrank to a pin-point of light the powerful headlight was turned on. We were in a 7ft wide corridor, hewn out of the solid heart of the Pennines between 1794 and 1811.

Eleven men lost their lives in this fight against nature, and still visible in the rocks are the marks where workmen's chisels hacked a way for the loaded barges.

The last load was carried through in 1921.

The “Leggers”

One thought of the “leggers” — the men who lay on their backs and with their feet against the roof, thrust the barges along the waterway by the strength of their legs. For five hours they were committed to this task, now mechanisation has brought the time for the journey down to less than three hours.

We gazed at the bricked-up arches, peered into the dark crevices which marked a way through to the adjacent railway tunnel; looked with interest at air-shafts, iron rings, the slimy walls and water holes.

Looking on with an experienced eye was Mr C. P. Weaver, of Coventry, an expert on inland waterways. He has scoured the British Isles in search of information on his pet subject and the Standedge tunnel is no stranger to him.

Yet he always finds something different and says that there is nothing quite like it in England.

“Water Ahead!”

At intervals there was the shout of “Water ahead”. That was the signal for everyone to scamper for shelter—although there was little on the open barge. And coats were quickly soaked as moor water cascaded down in a steady stream.

Some of the youngsters had come unprepared for this deluge. But some accepted it with pleasure, like the small boy in the football jersey which looked in danger of shrinking.

There was the stop for coffee, when Mr Barton took the opportunity to quiz the children, and then it was forward on the last leg.

More rock caverns, miniature waterfalls and bricked-up arches and then faint but becoming more clear was a patch of brilliant sunlight.

Three-Hour Trip

The engine was stopped and the barge was “legged” the last 50 yds into the open air. Waiting were a battery of cameramen and a bus to take the children back to school after their novel lesson.

Their subterranean tour, lasting more than three hours, was over and comments varied from “smashing” to “wasn’t it spooky”.

The crew, however, had another long stint taking the barge back to home waters.

And the results of the inspection, made with the beams of powerful torches? According to Mr C. Corless (District Engineer) there was little in the tunnel which needed attention—a tribute to the skill of the men who hewed it 147 years ago”.

Motorists crossing Alderley Edge in October were somewhat startled to see lines of fairy lights bobbing across the road and into the black woods beyond. Closer inspection would have revealed a troupe of worried HCS members and friends, resplendent in hard hats and caving lamps.

The original trip to Alderley Edge Copper Mine had proved so popular that a second visit had to be arranged. Over fifty turned up, including members from Huddersfield and Sheffield. Led by John New, a member of the Derbyshire Cave Rescue Team, we wended our way to the well-hidden entrance of the aptly named Wood Mine. We explored the three levels of the mine, most of the fun coming from the transitions from one level to the next. At one stage there was great excitement when we thought we'd discovered a new family of Cheshire diggles. But the wierd furry things turned out to be the remains of a 1979 Derbyshire Caving Club party. Funny things happen to beefburgers in the dark and damp.

The tour proved to be far more exciting than generally bargained for. Cries of "Urgh — the water's just poured out of my boot!" as one young lady wriggled head-first down the lowest level. But the only catastrophe was missing last orders at the Moss Rose on the first trip. Despite a few wet feet, the overall response was so enthusiastic that we are hoping to arrange a repeat visit next year. Many thanks to John New and friends from the Derbyshire Caving Club for organising such an enjoyable trip.

Bob Hindley

sheffield branch on trent & mersey

In September, following a kind invitation to the Sheffield Branch by David and Janet Boyce, nine society members and two dogs spent a day on David and Janet's 45' narrowboat 'Lapwing'. The day started at 10 a.m. with the nine of us meeting at Stenson Marina on the Trent & Mersey Canal. Originally the intention had been to go to Shardlow and back, however, due to the collapse of Swarkstone Lock, the only remaining alternative was to go the other way to Burton-upon-Trent. The day was very enjoyable, even though it was nearly ruined by a group of children using us and the boat for target practice, (fortunately the stones did no real damage).

Lunchtime found us partaking in an ageless practice involving the use of a friendly hostelry, from which we all emerged to the total discredit of the Sheffield Branch...completely sober!? On the homeward leg, about a mile from Stenson Marina, the inevitable happened, it started to rain, drenching everyone to the skin and producing a familiar end to an Autumn day on the canal.

In addition to providing a group of society members with a day on the canal, it was decided that the society itself should benefit by using the event to raise money. A donation of £2.50 was given by each person, raising a total of twenty pounds which was given to the boat fund.

Phil Calverley

report of the west meetings

August 11th A somewhat unusual meeting, in that most of the Summer Work Camp lads from WRG also attended. (I suspect Trevor's good ale at The Tollemache being more responsible for their attendance than me!) Every time I nervously opened my mouth, another half dozen bods arrived through the door until every inch of space on seats and floor was full. Luckily David Sumner was there and gave a super and informative talk on all the recent happenings within the society. 'Big Mac' of WRG fame also talked to us about WRG and provided amusing anecdotes as usual. The meeting wound up soon afterwards to enable everyone to get down to the serious business of drinking! So in spite of my red-faced stutterings it was an enjoyable meeting as it was nice to meet people from all over the country with the same basic interests as ourselves. Also I sold lots of T-shirts that night, as I try to wear my other hat as often as possible!

September 18th We had booked a Mr Cassidy to give an illustrated talk on Local Canals. Nothing could be simpler, I thought, just sit back after introducing everyone. Arrived at Fox Tavern, Stalybridge, at 7.45 to learn that Mr Cassidy was in hospital — panic — as lots of strange faces appearing for talk. D. Finnis had brilliant idea of sending for Laurence Sullivan around the corner for slides and projector — he then gallantly gave an impromptu show for us with difficulty due to a loud guitarist/singer next door and lots of regulars sticking their heads around the door to see when they could have their tap room back (our usual upstairs room was being decorated!)

October 13th This time the venue was far from our usual haunt being at 'The Cheshire Ring' in Hyde (one time Navigation) we thought we would try moving right away to see what happened. 18 people turned up, several from the Stockport area, one couple joined the society, two chaps volunteered to dig the following weekend. I had an offer of help to run the stall at Copley Recreation Centre on Sunday. Nice to see new faces at a meeting, even if some of our other regulars didn't make it that night, Bob Hindley also finalised arrangements for the Copper Mine trips. I was unable to go on one of these but I believe it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience and I'd like to thank Bob for taking the trouble to arrange these outings. He is hopeful of repeating the exercise next year.

November 10th 18 attended and were shown strange photos of people in very strange headwear at Laurence's birthday party which led to further discussion on emphasising 'fun' as part of HCS, chairman pointed out, that as we are all volunteers there has got to be some fun mixed in with the hard work! Nice to see our new members from Chorley keep turning up, plus faithful Robin who comes to every meeting from Kidsgrove. So come on all you shy members who live near enough to attend, we do enjoy our meetings, we'd love to meet more of you.

November 17th Mr R. Shaw, chairman of N.W. Inland Shipping group, had agreed to give an illustrated talk on his groups aims and ideas. Last minute panic by me trying to get hold of projector and screen. Chris Potter kindly agreed to come from Poynton with these, as Mr Shaw is a friend of his.

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Unfortunately Mr Shaw arrived and glumly explained that he had no slides as they were lost in the post! However, he did agree to give us a talk. He gave us an insight into another aspect of Waterways, their use and restoration. This group are fighting for greater use to be made of our large waterways, Severn, Trent, Humber, Weaver, etc., and for far greater tonnage to be carried by water. There was a surprisingly good turnout, for this was a very cold foggy night.

December 2nd A group of eight went out for a meal at The Dutch Pancake House in Oxford St., Manchester. Those who didn't come missed a smashing night out!

December 8th 14 attended. David Sumner came and talked to us, bringing us up-to-date on progress made with BWB and with local anglers (at last). All good encouraging news. Graham is pleased with progress at the locks but they need a 'tea-lady' (or man) for brewing. How about it, if you're not up to digging?

uppermill progress report

Our objective of clearing Lime Kiln lock before Christmas has just about been achieved. This deadline was set so that there was sufficient time for the manufacture of gates. Timber and paddle-gear castings for Dungebooth lock are on order and will be fitted Spring/Summer 1983, no definite date as yet because we want gates for Lime Kiln lock to be made and fitted at the same time.

Our re-arranged working parties have been a success, it being more efficient to work a full weekend, plus the benefit of having a weekend rest in between. We have again, as at Dungebooth, had to construct some means of water control at the tail of the lock. We tried a sandbag dam, not as successful as at Dungebooth, this could have been due to the water temperature, it's not much fun standing up to your knees in water at this time of year, the last time it was June. From that we graduated to stop-planks in channelling. The pipe through the lock chamber had to be extended to clear these planks, and so we worked an extra weekend to complete these two jobs. I would like to thank Ian Mitchell and Vincent Willey for their assistance with materials for this.

We still have the forebay to clear and the concrete 'top gate' to remove, our two tipping sites have to be landscaped, the pounds to be dredged, to name a few of the jobs still to be done. So I think there is plenty to be done in 1983.

Don't forget the dates:—

January 22-23rd

May 14-15th

October 1-2nd

February 19-20th

June 11-12th

October 29-30th

March 19-20th

August 6-7th

November 26-27th

April 16-17th

September 3-4th

Do please write or phone me *as soon as possible* if you want to come on any of these weekends, don't leave it all to the regulars, because the sooner we finish in Uppermill the sooner we can start restoring other sections. And that's what we are here for, isn't it?

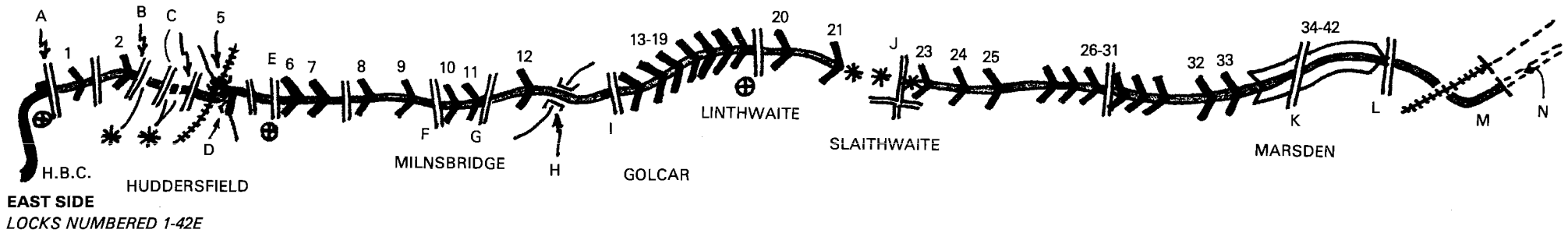
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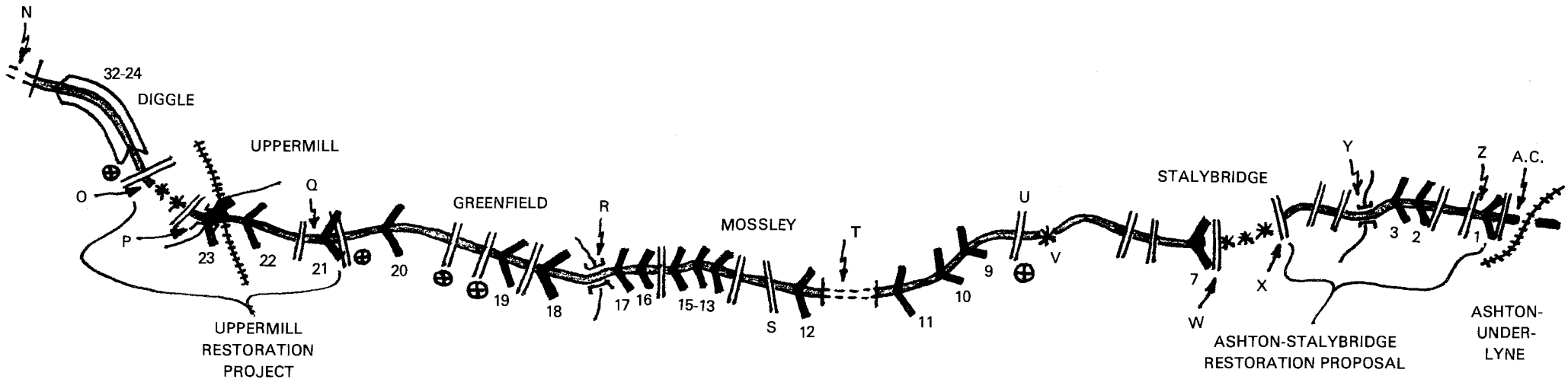


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- H.B.C..... Huddersfield Broad Canal
- A.C..... Ashton Canal
- A..... Wakefield Road
- B..... Queen Street South
- C..... Manchester Road
- D..... Paddock Foot Aqueduct
- E..... Stoney Battery
- F..... Market Street

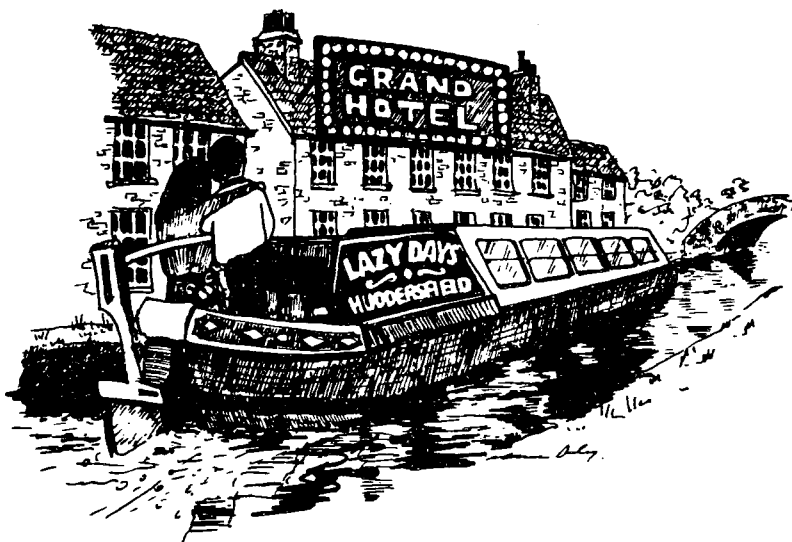
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- J..... Britannia Road
- K..... Warehouse Hill
- L..... Station Road
- M..... Tunnel End Cottages
- N..... Standedge Tunnel
- O..... Wool Road Warehouse and Brownhill Visitor Centre
- P..... Saddleworth Aqueduct (old Sdy)
- Q..... Uppermill Museum

- R..... Royal George Aqueduct
- S..... Egmont Street
- T..... Scout Tunnel
- U..... Grove Road
- V..... Hartshead Power Station
- W..... Mottram Road
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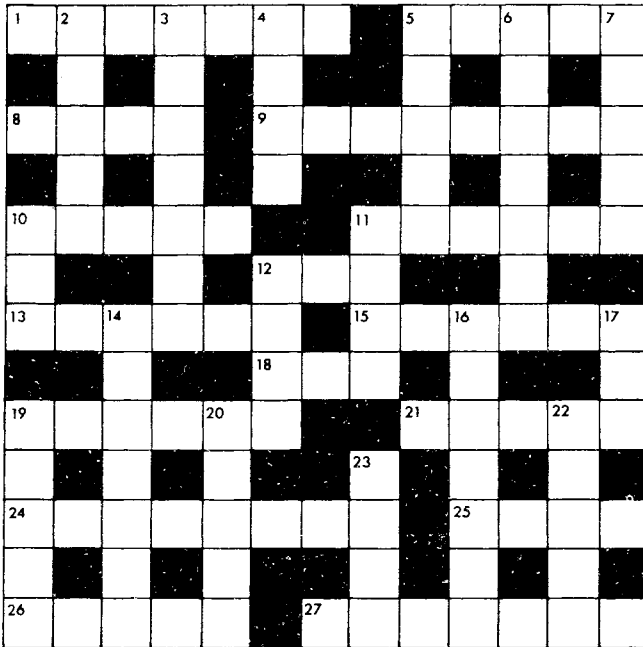
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10. Discolour (5)
11. Quick Dash (6)
12. The Space between (3)
13. Squib (6)
15. Smoothed (6)
18. The Local (3)
19. Get Back (6)
21. Dish Up (5)
24. Not on the Ship (8)
25. Wheel Spindle (4)
26. Punch (5)
27. No Movement (7)

DOWN

2. Automaton (5)
3. Taking Notice (7)
4. Franchise (4)
5. Soak (5)
6. Viewpoint (7)
7. Use 4 down for this (5)
10. Under (3)
11. Rotate (4)
12. Smirk (4)
14. Nullified (7)
16. Protective Garment (7)
17. Owing (3)
19. Perch (5)
20. Hard White Substance (5)
22. Worth (5)
23. Auxiliary Tunnel (4)

Please. If you took part in Toepath '82 and were sponsored, please see that all monies are paid in as soon as possible.

toepath '83

Would any members be prepared, or simply 'like', TO JOIN the 'Toepath '83' committee. IF SO, there will be a meeting at The Railway public house in Marsden on Tuesday 22nd February 1983 to discuss this year's event and select a new committee.

Thank you,
P. R. Burton

membership competition

Again there is a chance to take part in the membership competition. All you have to do is enrol a new member to the Society and on the form where it says 'I heard about the Society from....' they must fill in your name to be eligible to enter the competition. Please remember the membership is now £2.50 both for an individual or a family membership. The lucky winner receives £5. This issue's lucky winner is Dave Irving.

press date

Articles for inclusion in the March/April issue of Pennine Link must be received no later than the 10th February.

stamp collection

Again many thanks for the stamps. I have recently received stamps from Dave Finnis, Roy Meakin, James Crosland, G. K. Eckersley and John Maynard.

Remember any stamps can be accepted. If you have access to stamps do leave roughly ¼" of envelope bordering the stamp so as not to damage it (unless of course you'd like to soak them off!)

uppermill project

— Thanks to all who have contributed to the Society's funds. However, we still require more help especially as the coming twelve months will be critical in the Society's future. So please send your donations direct to the Treasurer or pay 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.

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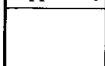
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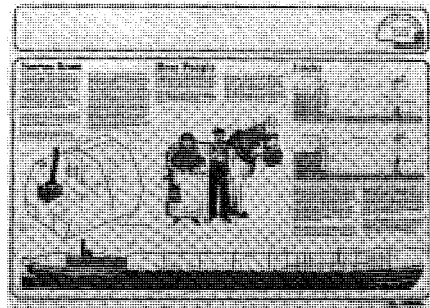
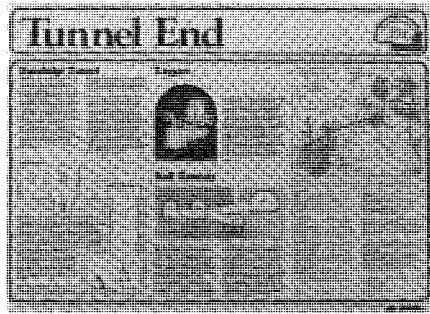
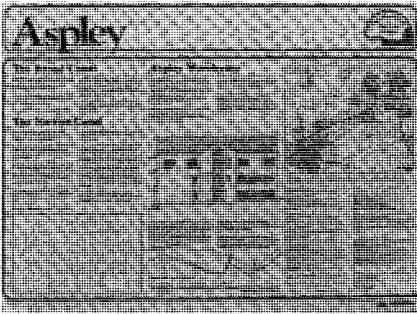
County Cllr. Speight, behind — John Miller, John Sully, Kirklees' Mayor Jack Wood seen with some of the workers on the Community Enterprise Programme.

The Mayor of Kirklees, Cllr. Jack Wood, helped to erect the first of a series of information boards at Tunnel End, Marsden, recently.

Eleven boards have now been erected at various points along the canal in Colne Valley and one board prepared on our behalf has been erected at Cooper Bridge. The boards highlight the history, wildlife and archaeology of the Colne Valley and have been produced by a team working for Kirklees Council under the Community Enterprise Programme.

In a press release issued by Kirklees they said that 'The narrow canal is a focal point for leisure and tourism in the area stretching from the Pennine Way near Marsden to the centre of Huddersfield. The canal tunnel at Standedge, the longest and highest in Great Britain, is known as one of the Seven Wonders of the Waterways and passes underneath an area of impressive moorland bordering the Peak National Park'. 'This area, with the valley textile towns of Marsden and Slaithwaite was described by Tony Burton in an article in the 'Illustrated London News' as 'where I would come for the real heart of Yorkshire'.

Kirklees are also developing a series of canalside picnic sites through the Colne Valley. At last I think they have begun to realise the potential the Valley has to offer.



To link the picnic sites and information boards together they have produced a very glossy leaflet about the canal with brief details on its history and how to find it. (The leaflet is available from Huddersfield Information Centre, priced 10p). Unfortunately though, they have omitted to mention anything about the Society which I feel is a great shame. Perhaps we have not fully made our presence felt — yet. However, we hope that this will be the beginning of Kirklees' involvement with the canal and eagerly await news of any other schemes they may start — who knows restoration could be next. Members who have been with us for a while may remember that the Society received a 'Shell Award' for a similar scheme back in 1979. At that time we did not fully realise what was involved with such a scheme and are very pleased that Kirklees have been able to initiate one of our ideas. The money we received for the 'Shell Award' has been used to help Kirklees create the board they erected for us at Cooper Bridge.

David L. Finnis

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The Witters of Chester support restoration of the Huddersfield Canal — and would like all Diggles to know that at their canalside factories they make very good canoes, paddles, helmets and trailer towing brackets.

Once again November 5th gave many HCS members a chance to flex their muscles and join in the traditional bonfire building at Marsden. The majority of this years timber was provided by a Bradford building company and transported to Marsden courtesy of Mr & Mrs E. Crosland. Thank you Ann and Eric!

We were pleased that Phil and Doris Dyson consented to letting us use their field and that Phil entertained the crowds with a wonderful firework display, a spectacle that was only surpassed by his gymnastic retreat after lighting the blue touch-paper.

The weather for most of the evening was reasonable but as at 9 o'clock the rain began to fall it was time to conclude the evening by retiring to the warmth and comfort of The Railway public house. By 11 o'clock I could safely say that a good time was had by all.

Thank you to all who attended and hope to see you next year.

Paul Burton



HCS Bonfire photo: showing Sam Lucas (left) and James Milsom.

The sixth Tameside Canals Festival will be held on 15th, 16th and 17th July 1983 at Portland Basin in Ashton. The format that has emerged over the past 5 events ie: providing family entertainment combined with one of the main fund-raising efforts of HCS, is already being formulated.

I am going to introduce you to the committee of which I am chairman:
 Secretary: Hazel (It's in the minutes — why haven't you done it?) Maskell.
 Treasurer: Kath (You want to spend how much?) Brookes.
 Site Officer: Ricky (I have not got the key to the toilets) Richardson.
 Entertainments: Laurence (Can you sing?) Sullivan.
 Trade Stands: Jean (Hot-dog sellers where) Wrigley.
 Press Officer: Betty (Are you from the Times?) Rushton.
 Local Promotion: David (15th, 16th and 17th July '83) Weston.
 HCS Promotion: Sheffield Branch of HCS HCS HCS HCS HCS HCS.
 Raffle: Margaret (You want to buy a ticket) Sumner.
 Brochure: Tom (You want an advert) Rushton.
 Manning: Bob (You're volunteering) Hindley.
 Civic Cruise: Sue (Can we start in Dungebooth) Willey.

So why don't you make a date to meet us all in that new diary, tell your friends, come and partake, help if you wish — but most of all enjoy yourselves.

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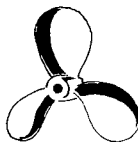
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946 Ray & Julie Bispham, [REDACTED]
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968 Robert H Alderman, [REDACTED]
969 Alison & Dave Fisher, [REDACTED]
970 Mossley Civic Society, [REDACTED]
971 Carol Ann Churm, [REDACTED]

Val Dewey – Membership Secretary. Address inside front cover

diary

- 6th Jan. 8.00 p.m. HCS Quiz, Great Western, Marsden.
7th Jan. 7.30 p.m. 'The Restoration of the Rochdale Canal continued' by Brian Holden. Manchester Branch IWA Rusholme Conservative Club, Manchester.
11th Jan. 8.00 p.m. HCS Talk and Slide Show by Bob Dewey at Brownhill Information Centre, Dobcross.
12th Jan. 8.00 p.m. West Meeting. King William, Chew Valley Road, Greenfield.
20th Jan. 7.30 p.m. HCS Talk and Slide Show by Bob Dewey at Astley Cheetham Art Gallery, Central Library, Stalybridge.
20th Jan. 8.00 p.m. Illustrated talk on River Volga, Cross Keys, Uppermill.
22/23rd Uppermill Working Party.

- 26th Jan. 7.45 p.m. Policy Meeting. Open Forum chaired by David Sumner, Diggle Hotel, Diggle.
- 26th Jan. 8.00 p.m. Sheffield Meeting. Grapes, Trippet Lane, Sheffield.
- 29th Jan. 8.00 p.m. Calder Navigation Society & Brighthouse Boat Club. ceillidh with 'Cock of the North Band' at the Dyers Club, West Vale, Elland. Tickets £1.50. 75p Children inc. Supper.
- 3rd Feb. 8.00 p.m. East Meeting, Railway Hotel, Marsden.
- 4th Feb. 7.30 p.m. 'Boaters and Anglers — Friends or Foes?' by the City Socials Angling Society of Manchester. Manchester Branch IWA Rusholme Conservative Club, Manchester.
- 9th Feb. 8.00 p.m. West Meeting. Old Hunters Tavern, Stalybridge.
- 13th Feb. 10 a.m. Towpath Walk. Slaithwaite—Marsden return. Lunch at Railway, Marsden. Pie and Peas. Setting off Old Bank Car Park, Slaithwaite.
- 17th Feb. 8.00 p.m. Talk by Mike and Sarah Lucas. Cross Keys, Uppermill.
- 19/20th Feb. Uppermill Working Party.
- 23rd Feb. 8.00 p.m. Illustrated talk by Mike Spick on Canal Architecture. Grapes, Trippet Lane, Sheffield.
- 23rd Feb. 7.45 p.m. Policy Meeting on Uppermill, chaired by Graham Maskell. Diggle Hotel, Diggle.
- 3rd Mar. 8.00 p.m. Members' Slide Show, Commercial, Slaithwaite.
- 9th Mar. 8.00 p.m. West Meeting. King William, Chew Valley Road, Greenfield.
- 13th Mar. 10.30 a.m. Towpath Walk. Uppermill—Diggle. Lunch at Diggle. Setting off Uppermill Museum car park.
- 19/20th March Uppermill Working Party.
- 29th Apr. 8.00 p.m. AGM. Coach & Horses Hotel, Manchester Road, Standedge, Marsden.

Forthcoming Events

Times and venues not mentioned, to be announced later.

- 8th April Cheese and Wine Evening.
- 24th April HCS Treasure Hunt.
- 15/16/17th July Tameside Canals Festival, Portland Basin, Ashton-under-Lyne.

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