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editorial

Here's another fun-packed issue for you to cast your eyes over. Still lots of events happening, with the Tunnel End Cottages opening over the Festival Weekend 10/11th September, Toepath '83, the official lock(s) opening, a diggle dance and even a scrumptuous pancake evening.

Many thanks for your kind support with the TCF raffle tickets, and it was so nice to see so many of you over the weekend.

Help is still required for the finishing off jobs at Uppermill, so if you can possibly help please do, you'll be made most welcome. There are still the mundane tasks left, even though now we've got both locks gated.

Hope I'll be seeing lots of you at the National Rally over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Let's hope the weather's an improvement on last year.

Sue Gibson

Congratulations to Vince Willey and his team on the success of the 6th Tameside Canals Festival. This event serves two valuable purposes: fund-raising and broadening public awareness of the recreational value of restored waterways. The Festival was held for the first time on upgraded cruising waterways — less than a mile from the Huddersfield Narrow Canal. A Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council-inspired working party is now discussing the route to Stalybridge and beyond and we are pleased to note that the Ashton arm is scheduled to be dredged by BWB later this year.

Discussions and work on the Huddersfield Narrow Canal this year is progressing at a hectic pace. By now both sets of lock gates will be installed and operational at Uppermill and you will read elsewhere that Stan has navigated up through Dungebooth Lock to the tail of Lime Kiln Lock. Physical restoration by volunteers of the HNC will continue but the hectic pace I refer to has been the plethora of meetings in Leeds, Manchester, Oldham, Huddersfield and Tameside between Councils, BWB, other National organisations and the Society. Your Council is pursuing all avenues for public and private funding for restoration projects. Decisions are to be taken shortly on the major east side project.

The key to a fully restored canal is the opening of Standedge Tunnel and the exploitation of its tremendous tourist potential associated with the fascinating early engineering and transport history of the above-ground sites on Standedge. How many people know that a very early turnpike built by Blind Jack Metcalf of Knaresborough can be seen quite clearly a few hundred metres from the Standedge summit of the A62? The history of transport and the coming of the canals to the Pennines will form part of our display at Marsden Tunnel End Cottages. The opening of these cottages at the tunnel mouth on 10th and 11th September will be another landmark for the Society. We shall have a Society headquarters and the chance to prove to all, the interest shown in the canal by attracting tourists to our unique information centre. I urge you all to attend this opening and support the associated Marsden Festival.

Equally exciting will be the formal opening of our two locks on Saturday 15th October. Details of this ceremony should appear in the press and again I urge you all to come along to the first celebration of the restoration of the Huddersfield Narrow.

I look forward to meeting you at Marsden in September and on our "Toepath '83" on 2nd October.

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Photo shows a lockgate being manoeuvred onto the work punt.

After all the various delays we've had over the fitting of the lock gates, I'm pleased to be able to give some good news.

The lock gates arrived on site on Monday 20th June, and much fun was had floating them up the canal to Dungebooth Lock, nearly sinking our newly-acquired work-punt on one of its first jobs. The operation went smoothly after that, using 45 gallon oil drums for buoyancy (thanks to Brian Grant for supplying them).

The following Sunday was spent getting the two top-gates into the lock chamber so we could replace the stop-planks and so able to pump the chamber out. This was achieved by using a Tirfor winch and some persuasion. In Bob Dewey's absence we found a perfect stand-in Tirfor driver in Tony Bayford, (it must be something they put in the water in Holmfirth). Seeing him stood on the gate whilst winching it up is something that ought not to be missed! Wednesday evening was spent erecting the gantry and setting up pumps etc., and Thursday and Friday were spent hanging and fitting the gates. A slight measuring problem had occurred on the bottom gates, in that they were too big. This was rectified by the careful application of a chain saw (a scene I hope will not have to be repeated). This left Dungebooth Lock with gates fitted, and the gates for Lime Kiln lock in the bottom of the chamber. The barrels were re-fastened to these, the lock filled and the gates floated up ready for their journey to Lime Kiln. This took most of Sunday due to the problem of getting the top gate under the bridge at the tail of the lock. This completed, the site was cleared (thanks to Vince Willey for providing transport) and we all departed for a well-deserved rest.

The gates for Lime Kiln will be fitted August 11/12th so by the time this issue hits your doormat both locks on the Uppermill section will have brand-new gates fitted, the first on the canal for about 40 years.

Much work still remains to be done, pointing of the chambers, painting of gates etc., and of course dredging and landscaping, so make a note of the working party dates:— **September 3/4th, October 1/2nd, October 29/30th and November 26-27th**. If you're coming please try to bring a paint brush or trowel with you.

Graham Maskell

tunnel end cottages

Some four years ago, at a time when the Society seemed to be at a crossroads, a group met to discuss opportunities for positive restoration action. One suggestion was the scheme that has now materialised at Uppermill, while another was to save the derelict Tunnel End Cottages at Marsden. Several other options were considered, but these two were thought to have the best potential for further development. If we pursued both, then one might succeed.

The attraction of the Tunnel End idea was that the cottages formed part of the most famous view of the Huddersfield Narrow — a place that attracted visitors even in a derelict state to see Standedge Tunnel, one of the "Wonders of the Waterways" and the highest level on the canal system. It seemed a good point to contact people and from which to develop our campaign.

A draft lease was obtained in December of 1979 and we started work on the buildings, sheeting over the windows, clearing the interior and "bodging" the roof. It rapidly became apparent that we had a major project on our hands, and that in addition Uppermill would go ahead, dividing our workforce. Fortunately at this time the West Yorkshire Countryside Rangers were on the lookout for premises in Marsden and decided to join with us in the restoration. After some delay a Manpower Services Commission scheme was approved and work began.

Now the cottages are almost ready. Finishing and decoration should be complete by September. Our exhibition to introduce people to canals, and the Huddersfield Narrow Canal as the most important canal, is being printed, and we have at least some of the exhibits we need.

Already our involvement has started to pay off in the form of Local Authority interest in towpath boards, picnic sites and now the Marsden-Slaithwaite scheme. We hope to develop this towards the re-opening of Standedge Tunnel. Four years may seem a long time, but such results will be well worth it.

I hope to see you all at Tunnel End Festival on 10th and 11th September when the cottages are to be opened and we have the chance to make an even bigger impression on the people who matter!!

Tunnel End Festival ***Marsden***

10th/11th September

in association with

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to commemorate the re-opening of

TUNNEL END COTTAGES

Mikron Theatre Company

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Display by American Civil War Society

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Brass Band — Model Boats

Morris Men — Clog Dancers

Barbecue Boat Trips

Canoe Events Jazz Band

Further details from Huddersfield 846087/844105

It is only twelve months ago that the physical work on refurbishing Tunnel End Cottages was started. You will be able to see for yourselves how these two derelict cottages have been transformed into a magnificent 'showpiece' Exhibition Centre for HCS and the West Yorkshire Countryside Ranger Service when you attend (which I sincerely hope you will) the Festival on the 10th/11th September.

We have arranged a full programme of entertainments for the weekend and will have on sale many souvenirs to remind you of your trip to this fantastic centre. Souvenirs include plates, mugs, mirrors, tea-towels and a special brochure with articles on the tunnel, canal, countryside, etc., which I am sure will serve many people as a source of reference for many years to come.

This will be our first major festival 'east side' since 1977 so please come along and support us. I have already had enquiries from people living in Hampshire — so come early.

Further details from David L. Finnis, Tel: Huddersfield 846087.

P.S. If you have a transportable boat that could come to the festival — a canoe, or dinghy etc., please contact me as soon as you can.

David L. Finnis



Attention all you out there in the wonderful HCS land. I'm sure some of you know about Tunnel End Festival. For those of you who don't know I'll let you in on the fact that it's going to happen on the weekend of the 10/11th September at Tunnel End Cottages, Marsden, and it's going to be big, as they say in the movies. If you'd like to get in on the act — because make no mistake, this is going to be big — it might even be the event of the decade — I'll be only too glad to hear from you. Please don't be shy; I wasn't and look where it's got me.

The Festival will be on a fantastically sunny Saturday and Sunday and will be open each day from 11 a.m. The official opening of the cottages is at 12.00 on Saturday by the chairman of West Yorkshire County Council.

There's to be a beer tent open from 11 a.m. — 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. — 11 p.m. (Sat.) and events going on throughout the day ending with an evening's entertainment which includes a performance of Mikron's 'Over the Top' at 7.30 p.m.

Sunday has the nostalgia for dads and kids with the American Civil War Society's battle re-enactment at 2.15 p.m., followed at 4.00 p.m. by a performance of Mikron's show 'Still Carrying'.

I won't beg you to come but if you want to be seen with the best people and the not so best I'll see you at Tunnel End on 10/11th September.

Come on, give the video a miss, call for some friends and give Tunnel End your support.

If any of you want to buy shares in Tunnel End Festival just ring Stuart Moreton on Huddersfield 844105 or even David Finnis on Huddersfield 846087.

P.S. Don't be shy. We can only work you to death!

Stuart Moreton

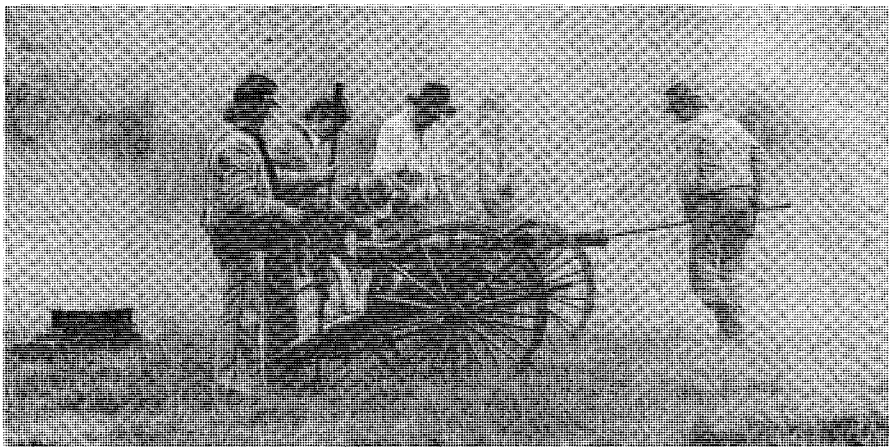


Photo shows members of the American Civil War Society staging a display as part of the weekend's celebrations.

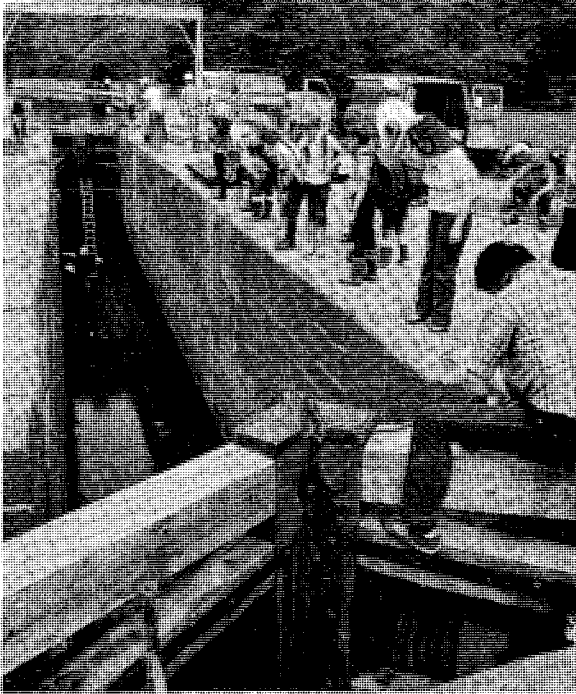


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hcs publicity

Quite a lot has been happening during the last few months on the publicity side of the Society. We have been fortunate in receiving coverage of all our events by most of the local press and, on occasions by the nationals – well, Daily Telegraph – thanks to Stanley Goldsmith of their Newsdesk.

Of course our most dramatic event recently was the installation of the lock gates at Dungebooth Lock and, although I was not present I understand it all went well, eventually!

Looking ahead, we will have a four-page article in the September issue of 'Waterways World' and a two-page 'backward glance' article in the September issue of 'Canal and Riverboat'.

Members may recall that in a previous issue of Pennine Link I suggested forming a Promotions Group to tackle the whole aspect of HCS Promotions and due to the response from that suggestion I am calling a meeting of all interested at the Railway Hotel, Marsden, on Monday 19th September at 8.00 p.m. Will all interested **please** attend. If you are unable to attend please forward your ideas so those present can discuss them.

David L. Finnis

A Personal Look at the Huddersfield and Ashton Canals

...And If The Earth Had Piles, Would They Be In Stalybridge?

Many of the magazines produced by canal societies tend to be very parochial affairs, full of trivia and in-jokes. An exception, and from what I have seen a rare one, is "Wey — South" produced by the Wey & Arun Canal Trust. Early this year their editorial team visited, by boat, the BCN and part of the Cheshire Ring. Part of their comments are worthy of repetition: "...We were looking forward to seeing canals restored by volunteers i.e. Ashton and Lower Peak Forest Canals. Having navigated them I confess to wondering why the volunteers bothered — what sacrilege! We Southerners are always being told that we are detached, reserved, insular, and if we go to the North we will experience true goodwill and friendliness. Not around Manchester! The people there are as dull and hostile as their surroundings. I know the restored canals are an important part of the Cheshire Ring, but why this pre-occupation with going in circles? Our cruise was a there-and-back, and it would have been definitely enhanced by leaving off the part to Ducie Street and turning at Marple Aqueduct instead.

There were exceptions — generally the pubs made us welcome and, paradoxically, Droylsden (sic), whose local authority was the strongest voice in opposition to restoring the Ashton Canal, seemed an excellent place. Worst of all, however, was Stalybridge. This town has expanded itself over the Huddersfield Narrow Canal, along which we walked. When the Huddersfield Canal Society restore their canal we have two suggestions — either keep to the original line and eliminate Stalybridge with a large bomb, or as I think they intend, bypass it with a new channel, using the river, but ensure they go as far as possible from Stalybridge!..."

What's the point? (1)

And so the Tameside Rally is over for another year. Doubtless, on other pages of this magazine will appear the standard articles of self-praise heaping congratulations upon those responsible for the organisation of this event. Whilst not wanting to take any credit away from these people who obviously burnt much midnight oil, I wonder if, like the Marple Rallies of over a decade ago, the campaigning aspect has now been missed.

Consider, as I did, what the uninitiated visitor saw around mid-day on the Saturday. He would have paid 50p to enter the site where no attempt was made to sell me a programme. (This presumably spelt out the aims and objects of the rally). Perhaps he would have wondered what possible significance the jangling early 1960's guitar music, which blasted out all over the area, could possibly have. This was, however, not as bad or as loud as the din (music?) emitting from the stand supervised by some hospital radio people. (At this hospital, presumably **all** suffer from deafness).

It was impossible to pass many stalls without being pressured to buy raffle tickets: first prize — one cuddly toy, second prize — two cuddly toys. There also seemed to be a glut of third-hand books and general junk on sale. At this point I should declare an interest (or non-interest). My contribution to this rally, apart from 50p, was nil. However, if there is to be such an event next

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year I should urge the organisers to seek all available means to make it perfectly obvious to the public **why** a rally is being held. Obviously the money raised is invaluable but without the message being transmitted loudly and clearly (and I don't mean the music!) much is lost. ...But at least there were no bloody helicopters flying around this year!

What's the point? (2)

I was amazed to note that the leaflet published by Kirklees Metropolitan Council earlier this year on the Huddersfield Narrow Canal made no mention whatsoever to the proposed restoration of the canal. Neither did the Press Release which accompanied it when sent to newspapers.

Next Month

1001 Things To Do In Mossley (surely some mistake here — Ed.)

John Greenway

My Friends the Fishermen

"...If Mr A. B. Marriot, who seems to write as an angler, really needs evidence of torment of fish, he should get one of his friends to imbed a fish hook in the roof of his mouth with line attached and ask his friend to tug on it for a few minutes while he pulls in the opposite direction without touching the line with his hands..."

From a letter in the "Daily Telegraph" (12.7.83)

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I suppose the next best thing to boating on a canal is walking on the towpath. The 'Narrow' is an ideal canal for the walker (if not for the boaters yet!) and all our members will have the opportunity to sample it's delights once again this October.

From near and far people will be flocking to Slaithwaite on October 2nd for the start of the 'Toepath '83'. Many groups and societies have pledged their support using the 50% share scheme, but what we really need to turn the Toepath '83 into a big success is a tremendous commitment from within the HCS itself. One of the greatest assets to this year's event is the accommodation and entertainment which we can supply on the Saturday evening. This will give the distant members a chance to travel on the Saturday, enjoy an evening's 'do' and then walk the cut the morning after, amongst the glorious Autumn sunshine (??) Local members from Marsden, Longroyd Bridge and Milnsbridge will be able to start their walk at any checkpoint and have a gentle stroll out and back, so come on everyone, have a day out, maybe a weekend, and raise 'a bit of brass' into the bargain.

Just think, if just 30% of HCS members raised, say, £7.50 each, we would have enough for a set of Lock Gates.

P.S. If anyone 'travelling in' intends to use the accommodation, please contact Brian Badminton (address on Sponsor Form) for details.

Ian Mitchell



First the bad news! Great difficulty was experienced in finding a Land Rover to move Stan to Tameside Festival but eventually this was done. No-one turned up to load and unload so the obtaining of the Land Rover and collecting the trailer was a waste of time and effort, and the trailer was returned unused and apologies made to the friend who supplied his time and Land Rover — and he was not even a member! The result as many of you may have noticed was that Stan did not attend the Festival. She is still at Uppermill, now awaiting transport to Marsden.

The good news is that negotiations are still progressing regarding a full length trip boat for Uppermill. As a number of decisions still have to be made and various arrangements finalised I cannot say more at present. Hopefully the whole story can be told in the next issue of Pennine Link.

John Maynard

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Dear Lady Editor,

Two amazing instances lead me to write to you. Firstly, as I meandered past the lock adjacent to the field that I normally frequent, I espied a copy of your periodical 'Pennine Link' and I was rather taken aback may I say modestly, by a particularly excellent portrait of my good self taking my weekly bath, although I was not too taken by the account of my supposed escapade, described quite inaccurately.

Secondly, the following day I was contemplating a refreshing dip in the canal when a newspaper called the 'Huddersfield Examiner' floated past and something there caught my eye, after I had thrown it back I followed the paper along the **Toepath 83** yards, and realised that what I had seen was a photo of this rather bulky chap with this rather nice looking lady who were doing a sponsored swim for canal funds (you should make a few bob off what he carries) and it was HIM. The same fellow who had helped my master, Farmer Giles wreck my usual weekly enjoyment.

Therefore, I would like to put the record straight about Mr Grant's misguided report. Whilst I coyly admit that I about to become a mother, I really was in no danger at the time described.

What Mr Grant did not realise was that although I was in the trough I was also in a position to see all that really transpired when Farmer went to seek unnecessary assistance for my removal.

There was this surprised boatman (I've seen hundreds and he was the worst) coming out with all these boating terms to his obviously capable crew, while he nearly succeeded in ascending the top gate, without the use of water. After a short conversation, he disappeared below deck, then reappeared with a decrepit camera, lumbered off the boat, struggled over the five bar gate, caught his foot in the top bar and crashed to the ground in an untidy heap, head first into a liberal amount of cattle leftovers. He scrambled to his feet, and approached my bath telling Farmer this 'Hen and Cow' story about getting knocked down by his defenceless little camera which he then used to take that pinup shot of myself.

Then they started the pushing and shoving. Can you imagine ladies, the embarrassment caused by two chauvenist males trying to evict me from my bath — naturally I resisted — even when that young rope twirling boatman joined them, Mark they called him. I thought I'll mark him if he touches me with those ropes. Anyway they tied the lines round my head and commenced to pull at me but I would not budge. Then I decided to relax, what a lovely move, they all landed in fantastic style, flat on their backs in the mire with David Bailey at the bottom. They tried again, but there was no way I was going to complete my ablutions till I was ready, then, that expert boat lady Wendy appeared and obviously supporting my cause, started taking the rise out of those fallen weaklings.

At the same moment as I decided to vacate the trough, Wendy took hold of the lines and I thought 'this is one for liberated women' and giving an excited bellowed warning to her, I leapt straight out, catching the menfolk by surprise

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and giving my female friend credit for the success of Farmers unneeded mission, and just for fun I dragged farmer about for a while, while that stupid boatman (huh) was wrongfully taking credit for my release. I followed my friend Wendy to HER boat, and of course HE took charge again, and as he bounced the boat off the gate, his poor crew grabbed for the safety of the handrails and anything else to hit him with. I registered my disgust in the way described in the previous article.

Yours creamingly,
Mrs Friesan Cow

P.S. Please find enclosed my cheque for £2.50 in payment for membership of your canal society. I request number 1100 because if you place a 'V' between the two number ones, it will read Moo which is rather fitting don't you think?

presentation of the toepath '82 prizes

Frances Sheard — most money collected by a junior

Roy Meakin — most collected by an adult

Rebel — most sponsored dog

Brian Badminton Toepath '82 Treasurer (Toepath '83 Chairman)

John Willis — Representative of Colne Valley High School — most collected by another organisation



Photo: Robert Carter

mikron message

By the time you are reading this we shall have finished our 1983 Waterways Tour. People are now saying to us what a great summer for weather it has been. Don't they remember May and June (I believe in some places the wettest since records started)? However, despite 36 days of continuous rain, our audiences still turned up and we crammed them into the small bars of pubs. By mid-June we had performed outside three times!

The sun has shone a lot since then and we've had some of the hottest weather since 1976 (the famous year of the drought when 'Tyseley' had to be lifted out).

It was on one of those steaming hot July days when our major disaster (for this year!) struck. We were moving up the tidal Severn from Gloucester towards Tewkesbury when, without warning, we discovered we had no thrust from the propellor. The engine was sounding perfect but we had no reverse and about one eighth M.P.H. movement forward.

There were no boats or people about at all. Mark immediately 'volunteered' to go for help. We threw him over the side and he swam to shore and disappeared into the trees.

About twenty minutes later the large BWB tug 'Severn Active' appeared. They offered to tow us back to Gloucester but we said we'd rather go the other way — towards our venue! A boat did arrive and tried to tow us but 'Tyseley' was just too heavy for her. Fortunately they had a radio on board; he radioed the tug, the tug radioed Gloucester Docks who told them to come and fetch us immediately as there was a four foot tide due up in thirty minutes!

So we did end up being towed back from whence we had come — Gloucester Docks. Mark had also been in touch with them and was waiting for us. BWB were very helpful — both the tugmen and the lads in the docks who set about trying to discover what was wrong.

A few hours later we knew — it was a sheared crankshaft. We weren't going anywhere.

A few quick phone calls arranged us transport to Tewkesbury for that night's venue. We contacted Paul Lorenz who looks after our engine for us and he made many phone calls but by the end of that evening he had located a complete National crankshaft in somebody's living room in West Drayton.

Paul said he would drop his other work and come down and join us and strip the engine and put in the new crankshaft while we were moving, if necessary!

'Tyseley' had to become a 'butty' while all this was happening but what was going to pull us?

We hitched another lift with 'Severn Active' up to Upton; a hire-boat firm used one of their boats to take us up to Worcester. In the meantime the Narrowboat Cinema Boat, 'Duke', owned by John Thornycroft and Susan Spivey had set off from Birmingham at seven o'clock at night and boated 22 hours non-stop (including all 58 locks on the Worcester and Birmingham) to reach us at the Camp House, Grimley, the following day.

John and Susan then gave us the use of 'Duke' for as long as 'Tyseley' had no engine and she pulled 'Tyseley' up the Staffs & Worcs and up the Shroppe.

In the meantime Paul Lorenz worked in the engine-room (helped by Mark when he wasn't performing!) and on the morning of our performance in Gnosall, a week and two days after that morning on the River Severn, we were approaching the tunnel — suddenly the engine burst into life and we travelled the last few hundred yards of that journey under our own steam! It was a great moment and only achieved by the incredible help we received from so many people.

Don't forget to come and see us during our seven week South Pennines Tour. Our shows will be:

* OVER THE TOP — the last opportunity to see our show about transport over, under and round the Pennines.

** STILL CARRYING — the story of our own boat 'Tyseley' from the day she was built in 1937 to the present (yes, including the broken crankshaft)

*** Our new show, as yet untitled — which will be a hilltop view of the working mill village with all the usual music and humour.

Mike Lucas

SOUTH PENNINE TOUR

mikron itinerary

OCTOBER

- 3 Mon. Holywell Inn, 249 Stainland Road, Holywell Green, Nr Halifax. 8.00 p.m. ***
- 4 Tues. Church Inn, Uppermill. 8.00 p.m. *
- 5 Wed. Rising Sun, Golcar. 8.00 p.m. **
- 6 Thurs. Four Horseshoes, Milnsbridge. 8.00 p.m. ***
- 7 Fri. Trades Club, Hebden Bridge. 8.00 p.m. *
- 9 Sun. Olive Branch, Marsden. 8.00 p.m. **
- 11 Tues. Church Inn, Uppermill. 8.00 p.m. **
- 12 Wed. Station Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne. 8.00 p.m. *
- 13 Thurs. Four Horseshoes, Milnsbridge. 8.00 p.m. **
- 14 Fri. Almondbury Working Men's Club. 8.00 p.m. ***
- 15 Sat. TBA
- 16 Sun. Olive Branch, Marsden. 8.00 p.m. ***
- 18 Tues. The Nook, Holmfirth. 8.00 p.m. ***
- 19 Wed. Barge & Barrel, Elland. 8.00 p.m. **
- 20 Thurs. Travellers Rest, Meltham. 8.00 p.m. ***
- 21 Fri. Honley Community Centre. 8.00 p.m. ***
- 22 Sat. Birchcliffe Centre, Hebden Bridge. For details phone Hebden Bridge 844450/844804.
- 23 Sun. Boat & Horses, Chadderton. 8.00 p.m. **
- 25 Tues. Mechanics Institute, Peel Street, Marsden. 8.00 p.m. *
- 26 Wed. Mechanics Institute, Peel Street, Marsden. 8.00 p.m. *
- 27 Thurs. Mechanics Institute, Peel Street, Marsden. 8.00 p.m. **
- 28 Fri. Mechanics Institute, Peel Street, Marsden. 8.00 p.m. ***
- 29 Sat. Mechanics Institute, Peel Street, Marsden. 8.00 p.m. ***
- 30 Sun. Farrars Arms, Grasscroft, Saddleworth. 8.00 p.m. *

NOVEMBER

- 1 Tue. The Nook, Holmfirth. 8.00 p.m. **
- 2 Wed. Holywell Inn, Holywell Green, Nr Halifax. 8.00 p.m. *
- 3 Thurs. Travellers Rest, Meltham. 8.00 p.m. **
- 4 Fri. Rose & Crown, Stalybridge. 8.00 p.m. **
- 5 Sat. TBA

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6 Sun.	Boat & Horses, Chadderton. 8.00 p.m. ***
8 Tues.	Packhorse, Slaithwaite. 8.00 p.m. ***
9 Wed.	Rising Sun, Golcar. 8.00 p.m. ***
10 Thurs.	TBA
11 Fri.	Scissett Community Centre. 8.00 p.m. ***
12 Sat.	Brighton Street Community Centre, Heckmondwyke. 8.00 p.m. ***
13 Sun.	TBA
15 Tues.	Lord Nelson, High Street, Luddenden, Nr Halifax. 8.00 p.m. **
16 Wed.	The Cross Keys, Delph. 8.00 p.m. *
17 Thurs.	TBA
18 Fri.	Club Room, Meltham Carlisle Institute. 8.00 p.m. ***
19 Sat.	Railway Hotel, Station Road, Marsden. 8.00 p.m. ***

photo caption winner

silly old moo

The winning entry for the photo caption competition was:

"These latest E.E.C. Hygiene Regulations are just too much"

this was sent in by John Tomlinson of Den Lane, Uppermill, Oldham. Well done! £5 will be on its way to you.

Other entries were:

"If only I could get the udder foot in"

"You put the left foot in, you put the left foot out"

"Bullocks"

"If I can just...reach that darned soap..."

"Anyone seen the hot dog man?"

This is what comes of falling asleep in the bath"

"Did you see that? Pulled out right in front of me!"

"Salt and vinegar on your chips dear?"

"I'm sure I dropped the soap this end"

"I knew Shropshire tub boats were small but..."

"Now I know how mum feels in that tin of corned beef"



council perks

"A trip to Birmingham to collect a boat!" What fun — HCS Council members get all the perks! "Oh, by the way, it's by road". Ah well, perhaps the perks aren't quite what they seem. David Finnis arrived one Friday tea-time with a borrowed Landrover (many thanks Huddersfield Land Rover Centre) and a

borrowed trailer (thanks Sovereign Garage) leaving them parked in our driveway until the following morning. Spent most of the evening trying to understand how to wire up a trailer plug/socket which didn't work. Then bright (?) and early drove to collect David and thence down the M1/A38 and, apart from some minor navigational errors (by me) we arrived at Malcolm Braine's yard at Norton Canes (on the A5 for the road bound or the end of the Cannock extension for the canal minded).

I always had my doubts as to whether the boat would fit on the trailer with its 'sticking up' wheel arches. Measurement with a piece of string said it would be close but would fit, measurement with a steel tape said the reverse.

Malcolm Braine's yard is a real treasure trove, just like it appeared in BBC TV's 'Atlantis' if you saw it. Smoothly and expertly the boat was lowered onto the trailer by a mobile crane with two steel hawsers — with me at one point being lifted into the air, thankfully I was allowed out before it got too high. The boat was on the trailer now bent at an angle because the measuring tape was correct the piece of string wrong. After safely securing with rope we set off back to the M6 for the long voyage north (sounds like Arctic explorers). Thanks to David's expert handling (it was that and not just luck wasn't it) we avoided catastrophe on several occasions when the trailer decided it wanted to take over the Landrover. Back to Uppermill in pouring rain to meet a group of wet navvies who were persuaded to help launching. In fact this was delayed until the following morning when, by the time honoured expedient of putting the trailer to the canal edge and pushing, the boat was launched.

The boat (a punt) as yet unnamed, has proved very useful already, being used to carry dredgings, lockgates, and other items along the canal to Dungebooth, and had the honour to be the first boat through a Huddersfield Narrow lock for many decades. Many thanks to all concerned.

Bob Dewey.

say what you mean

The Brecon Canal must surely be one of the most beautiful in the country, but since it now has no link with any other waterway, you either trail a small boat, belong to a boat club on the canal, or hire a boat.

Lucy was not a very young lady, but I thought she might appreciate the scenery, so I arranged to hire a small cruiser, about 25ft long, and took Lucy with me. She knew nothing at all about boats or boating, but she liked the mountain scenery, the River Usk rushing down the valley below us, and the pubs. I locked the boat up single handed, to the head of the canal in Brecon where it is fed from the Usk. On the return run I felt that Lucy should learn at least a little about boating and since we were looking down, provided we kept off the cill, nothing could go wrong — could go wrong — could go wrong.

The locks are about 60ft long by 10ft wide, so our little boat could float about a bit, but there were side chains to hang on to. I put the boat about central in the first lock and said "Hang on to the chain Lucy". Quite clear instructions I thought, and raised the bottom paddles. The boat was settling gently, so I turned to admire the view.

Suddenly a small voice called "Ron, Ron". There was the boat, well down in the lock, but nosing the bottom gate, and Lucy was desperately clinging to the chain, with her feet just above the water. I managed an impossible leap down on to the boat and shoved it back under Lucy's feet. She was quite indignant and accused me of giving insufficient instruction, but "Hang on to the chain Lucy" always springs to mind when I see a chain dangling in a lock.

R. North of Alrewas.

sponsored slim



Photo: Pete Freeman

Huddersfield club stewards Wendy and Brian Grant seen in the photo decided they needed to lose weight so thought they'd do it the HCS sponsored way. The official weigh-in on 8th June: Wendy and Brian both 15st 7lbs. The weigh out of 4th August saw Wendy at 14st and Brian at 13st 9lbs. Well done you two. Glad to hear you've enjoyed your slim and thank you for raising approx. £200.

restoration prospects

As I said in the last issue, things are really coming together on the restoration front now, with two projects apparently certain to go ahead, and others being discussed either within the Society or between the Society and the local authorities.

The proposal that the canal be restored between the mouth of the Standedge Tunnel at Marsden and the centre of Slaithwaite by means of a Manpower Services Commission Community Programme scheme has been approved in principle by both the Kirklees and West Yorkshire Councils. Members and Officers of the two Councils are working enthusiastically towards the scheme starting as soon as possible. However, certain difficulties have arisen in discussions between the Councils and the British Waterways Board which could have serious repercussions both for this and other schemes. Whether these can be resolved satisfactorily remains to be seen; we are hopeful though.

Our proposal that the canal be restored from Stalybridge to Portland Basin, Ashton where it connects to the navigable water of the Ashton and Peak Forest Canals has also been favourably received by the Tameside and Greater Manchester Councils. A working party of officers of the two Councils, British Waterways Board and HCS is to be set up to progress the scheme.

The smaller project to restore the short stretch of canal between Queen Street and the Polytechnic in Huddersfield is also making progress. This section of canal is an eyesore near to the centre of the town, and restoration can only be for amenity purposes at present because of the obstructions to navigation at each end (Bates' factory extension and Wakefield Road Bridge). This is, however, a very worthwhile project because without restoration there will be no reason to find ways of getting around the obstructions, and because of the substantial environmental improvement the project can make. Whether work can start by volunteers on clearing out the two locks involved here when work is completed on the present phase of the Uppermill project depends very largely on obtaining the agreement and approval of Kirklees and West Yorkshire Councils, the Huddersfield Polytechnic (to whom a part of this stretch of canal was sold several years ago) and the British Waterways Board. We are hopeful that these agreements will be forthcoming and continue the spirit of co-operation which is being built up between the Councils, the British Waterways Board and the Society.

We are also looking at other projects which could be carried out in various ways, whether by volunteers, MSC schemes or from other sources of public funds. A small group of members is looking at another possible volunteer project to follow on from Uppermill as the Society's main restoration effort and there are other possible schemes to follow on later which have been discussed by the Society's Council of Management and, informally, with officers of the various Councils. Provided we can keep our own eyes and those of our friends in the Local Authorities and the Waterways Board focussed on the undeniable benefits and logic of restoration, we are going to see the Huddersfield Narrow restored to its former glory much sooner than we thought possible several years ago.

Keith Gibson.

the joys of being tcf chairman

A year ago I was told I would have to write an article for Pennine Link after the festival. Of all my too few talents this was the one thing I was most apprehensive about. Gone are the mundane worries of organising a festival.

For example to be told Wednesday night at 8.30 p.m. that the licensing hours were not long enough and should we cancel half the beer? Two telephone calls and 15 minutes (dressed up) in Tameside Magistrates Court Friday morning sorted that one out! Or could you imagine our surprise when on Thursday at noon after waiting with at least 36 barrels of beer in the sun, the beer tent turned up, the size of a circus tent! The site plan religiously marked out and worked to for six months, cable lengths and trade stand layouts all gone to pot — alteration time 5 minutes. Or the kind words of conversation that passed between committee members on Friday at 3 p.m. when the

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message came that the 50 tables arranged to be loaned from Hyde Town Hall turned out to be 5. Two hours later we had borrowed the tables from three different sources that were unknown to us 2 hours and 10 minutes before. A little difficulty was caused later on Friday night by an HCS member on gate duty that this was too long (we ignored this completely, who does David Sumner think he is anyway?)

On Saturday things did get better. A telephone call at 1.30 p.m. from the Toll Point Pub told us that Mrs. Barbara Castle had arrived safely and was enjoying her shandy — but where was the vintage car? We only had the Mayor, M.P.'s, BWB and IWA officials wilting in the sun. As the TCF committee stood and prayed (silently) the morris men impromptly came dancing down Portland Street only to be followed by a vintage car (with radiator full of water) complete with Mrs. Castle.

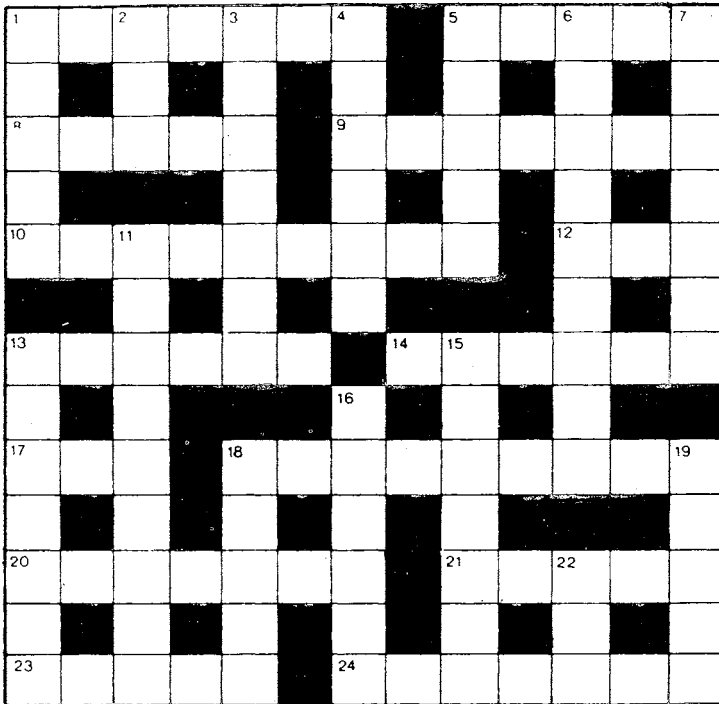
We had weather over the weekend that ranged from three Camra men suffering sunburn on Friday to us all being nearly drowned on Sunday. We had wet morris men, warm beer, angry traders, broken lift bridge, rain, rain and more rain. Problems which were admirably overcome by my committee — apart from the rain.

Seriously though everything went well, with the visitors seeming to enjoy themselves. It was the weather that just wasn't kind to us on Sunday between 12 noon and 2.30 p.m., thus washing the icing from the cake and profits will only be around £1,500, a sum which cannot reflect the amount of hard work that my committee put in. We had a successful festival from every other point of view, 66 boats, good entertainments, the VIP's were very impressed — Mrs Castle joined HCS — the mayor brought his son on an unofficial return visit on Sunday.

I cannot thank everybody personally in Pennine Link. The few I do list are the larger organisations. The Officers of Tameside M.B.C., the lads from BWB (keep on dredging) Mike Meadows, the officers and all the cadets from Tameside company of the Army Cadet Force, Jean and Des Phillips and Jean (keep brewing), Tom Lord and Camra (hope the sunburn's better) Tame Valley Wardens, Rev. Thomas and St. Marks and St. Lukes, Bob, Ron, Neil and all Tameside Transport Collection. Anne, Felipe, Martin, Colin, Guy, John, Dave, Graham, Bob, Tom and all of you.....I'm going to bed now its 1 a.m.! I've been writing this for the last 4 hours (I even missed my pint) let alone Pennine Link press date — that was 2 days ago, so goodnight, god bless and thanks.

Vincent Willey.

P.S. See you at TCF '84.

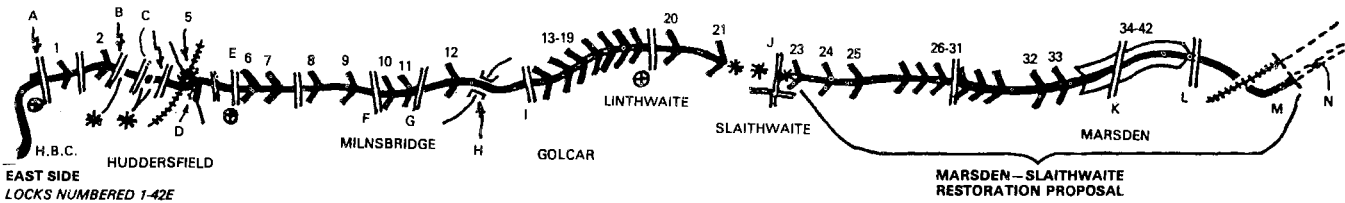


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- 1. Very Particular (7)
- 5. Ethical (5)
- 8. Correct (5)
- 9. Support strut (7)
- 10. Canals etc. (9)
- 12. Water rodent (3)
- 13. Rousers (6)
- 14. Without (6)
- 17. Our standby (3)
- 18. Old time 'carrier' (9)
- 20. Bank Deterioration (7)
- 21. All the boats get these (5)
- 23. At a certain spot (5)
- 24. Guided the boat (7)

DOWN

- 1. Threaded shaft (5)
- 2. Culinary standby (3)
- 3. The meantime (7)
- 4. Deadly (6)
- 5. Much needed for our aims (5)
- 6. May replenish a canal (9)
- 7. Restricted (7)
- 11. Canal boats could solve many problems of this (9)
- 13. Fishers (7)
- 15. Restored canals would do this for our area (7)
- 16 Tea-timers (6)
- 18. Worked between points (5)
- 19. Made simpler (5)
- 22. Impair (3)



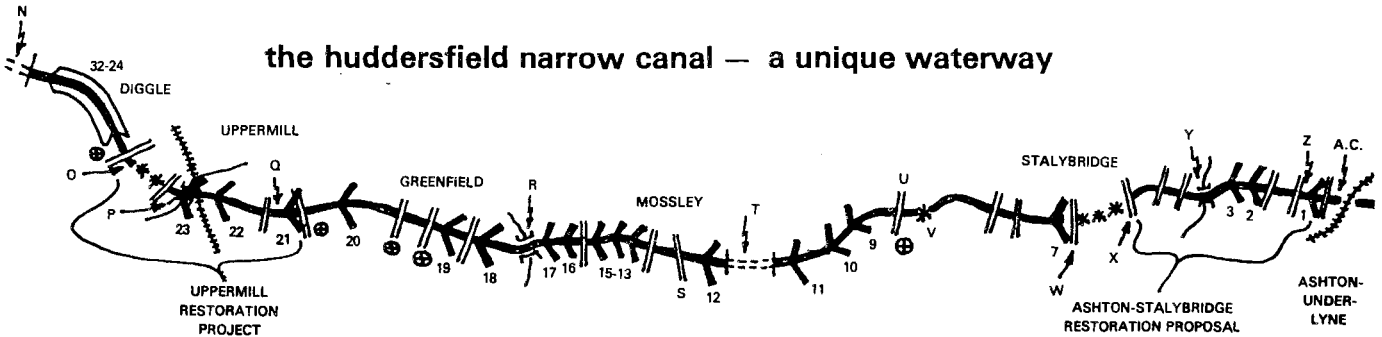
EAST SIDE
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The Huddersfield Narrow Canal — built 1793—1811. Engineer: B. Outram. Closed: 1944. Last recorded passage across Summit: 1948. Restoration began 1981. Length: 19⁷/₈ miles. Summit pound: 645 ft. above sea level through Standedge Tunnel — 3 miles 418 yards long.

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

- G..... Morley Lane
- H..... Golcar Aqueduct
- I..... Golcar Swing Bridge
- 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 Sag)
- Q..... Uppermill Museum
- R..... Royal George Aqueduct
- S..... Egmont Street
- T..... Scout Tunnel
- U..... Grove Road
- V..... Hartshead Power Station
- W..... Mottram Road
- X..... Bayley Street
- Y..... Stalybridge Aqueduct
- Z..... Whitelands "Tunnel"
- *..... Infilled sections
- +..... Culverted or lowered bridges

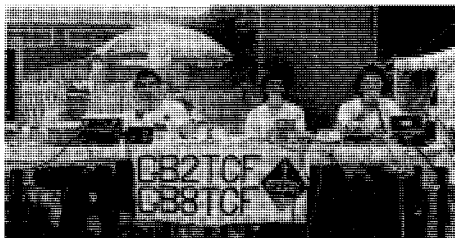
the huddersfield narrow canal — a unique waterway



WEST SIDE
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A new feature at this year's Tameside Canals Festival was an amateur radio station. It was run by Peter Buckley and friends from the Oldham Radio Club. Using the special event call signs GB2TCF and GB8TCF they made 105 contacts covering 21 countries. News of the festival and of HCS went as far as Finland, Russia, Tenerife, Luxembourg and Houston. Frequencies were 14 MHz on HF, 144 MHz on VHF and 430 MHz on UHF. QSL cards are being printed. These will be swapped with those of the contacts. The photo shows (from left) Ted Wellman, Peter Buckley, Alec Butterworth and Stuart Peel.



Well it had to happen sooner or later. We have had five festivals so far, all with excellent weather. But this good run ended dramatically on Sunday afternoon, with a deluge which was timed perfectly to coincide with the peak period of the festival. Ashton Brass Band played on resolutely, to thunderous applause from the skies and from a captive audience watching from the distance of the craft tent. The bran tub got a little bedraggled. However, the storm blew over after an hour and the festival drew to a close with something like its usual bustle and atmosphere.

Mind you, we had been warned about the break in the weather. Those of us who were camping on site had to keep well clear of our aluminium tent poles during an incredibly violent thunderstorm in the early hours of Sunday morning. Alex Crippa discovered that the HCS tent roof wasn't quite capable of supporting a hundred gallons of rainwater. It was spectacular but there were no major calamities. Only Dave Irving managed to sleep through everything blissfully undisturbed.

Friday and Saturday had in contrast gone very well. The warm evenings brought good audiences to the open air concerts and business in the CAMRA tent was brisk. Possibly because of this there were a few "morning after the night before" expressions at breakfast time. This was a shame because, for some of us at least, Mrs. Phillips' excellent breakfasts are the highlight of the festival. One of the boats which took part on the civic cruise on Saturday afternoon was "Still Waters" — the newly completed narrow boat for the disabled. It is very pleasing to report that this year we were host to more boats than we've ever had before. And we were able to welcome more new members than ever before — including Barbara Castle.

An inevitable consequence of the down-pour on Sunday is that takings are disappointing — particularly in comparison with last year. But we did have a few things to smile about and now we are all looking forward to the festivals at Mossley and Tunnel End.

Bob Hindley.

HCS Pancake Do at the Dutch Pancake House, St. Peters Square, Manchester, 8.00 p.m. Thursday 29th September. £3.75 a ticket for pancakes beyond your wildest dreams (including sweet and coffee). Specially recommended by Theodore van der Diggle of the Amsterdam Canal Society. Tickets from Jean Wrigley — 44 Stamford Street, Millbrook, Stalybridge (061-303 9027) or Jean Buckley — 37 Edward Street, Oldham (061-624 4881). Family and friends welcome.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This event is definitely considered not suitable for participants in the HCS sponsored slim.

hcs bonfire

Most members will be aware that it has become customary for HCS to organise a bonfire on November 5th. We are fortunate in having two Marsden members Phil and Doris Dyson, who have a suitable field to hold the event and they don't mind us going back year after year.

This year's bonfire is to be organised by Stuart Moreton who, I am sure will welcome any offers of help or suitable materials to burn. If you would like to help this year in any way please contact Stuart on Huddersfield 844105.

David L. Finnis.

**GRAND
DIGGLE
DANCE**



Make a note in your diary now. Saturday 3rd December at the Friezland Hall, Greenfield for the HCS Christmas Diggle Dance. Featuring the excellent Rose Tree Ceilidh Band. Plus (subject to successful outcome of negotiations) the fabled HCS All Stars Cabaret. Definitely not an evening to be missed. Tickets only £2.50 including supper. Further details in next issue or phone Jean Wrigley (061-303 9027) or Bob Hindley (061-483 9144).

the sheffield branch at tcf '83

In past years, new memberships resulting from the Tameside Canals Festival have been rather low. In an attempt to reverse this trend the Sheffield Branch turned their efforts in this direction. It was decided, that probably the most important factor to be considered, if we were to be successful, was to provide instant membership, thereby 'striking whilst the iron was hot'. This was achieved with the co-operation of the Membership Secretary and the Editor who between them provided membership cards, letters of welcome and extra copies of the current Pennine Link. We also considered it essential that there should be a membership stand, making it absolutely clear where those interested must go. To this end, we designed and produced a banner, from which we displayed the words 'JOIN HERE' in bold red letters and erected the aforementioned at the top of two very heavy (I know 'cos I carried 'um!) twelve foot scaffold poles.

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Our efforts were not in vain. Despite the disastrous downpour on Sunday our eventual tally, was twenty new members and two renewals. This may not appear many to some, however it's a 700% increase on the previous year. Naturally this can be improved even more, which we as a group hope to tackle next year.

In addition to issuing, and encouraging new membership, we put up an exhibition stand giving basic information about the Society including details of the current restoration reports which were available there for anyone interested.

Our takings over the weekend, were £55 membership and £38 from donations (thanks to Bodicea Diggle), selling reports and a lucrative little sideline in home made preserves.

Finally, before you all drop to sleep, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who spent many hours, both in preparation for and assistance throughout the weekend, thereby making our effort successful.

A draw took place with the chance to win £5 between the twenty members joining at the festival. The winner was no. 1070 Mr. George Minor, 45 Gorton Street, Peel Green, Eccles. Well done Mr. Minor — joining HCS brings instant success to some eh?

Joyce and Phil Calverley.

eastern promise

Here's a little note to let you all know some events about to happen on East Side. It's time again to raise some brass!! Isn't it always?

Firstly, on 10th-11th September we have Tunnel End Festival, and on 2nd October there will be 'Toepath 83', our Annual Sponsored Walk. We do hope you will come along and support these events with your presence and your money.

Looking forward to 1984 (the year the world is supposed to end, remember) we never say die, so mark these dates in your diaries for 3rd May next, when John Gagg will be along to speak to us on 'Remoter Wanderings' and on 5th July we will have Anthony Burton as long as he is not called away to foreign places for filming. We are looking forward to these and would like lots of support from you and your friends to make these very successful.

Anne Crosland.

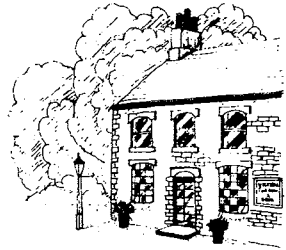
tcf '83 raffle prize winners

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1st Prize Holiday for four	J. Forde (Stretford)	No. 2827
2nd Prize Champagne meal	J. Dawson (Rochdale)	No. 12125
3rd Prize Whisky	S. Jackson (Dukinfield)	No. 14549
4th Prize Whisky	E. Hodgson (Disley)	No. 18676
5th Prize Whisky	P. Doherty (Oldham)	No. 2961
6th Prize Whisky	B. Wrigley (Horwich)	No. 11073
7th Prize Pomagne	D. Austwick (Wakefield)	No. 19556
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HCS Ties — Maroon, Brown and Blue	£2.95	25p p&p
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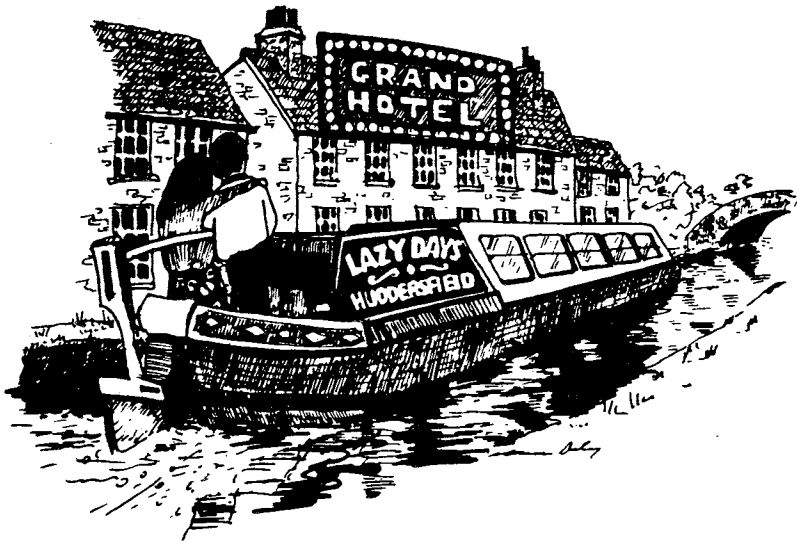
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The North Eastern Region Branch of IWA have awarded HCS the Society Cup – I quote ‘a trophy awarded annually to a canal society within the region for, in the opinion of the committee, the most meritorious contribution to the waterways cause by a regional society’. The Society Cup was awarded to HCS, ‘to mark the restoration of Tunnel End Cottages, their work on development of manpower services schemes within West Yorkshire and, although the work itself is outside the region, their restoration of the Uppermill length.

tcf plaques have you got yours yet?

TCF Chairman Vince Willey has still a few Festival Plaques available at £2.50 each. To reserve yours please contact Vince on 061-330 9810.

stamp collection

Once again many thanks for the stamps. They’ve come in from Gordon Bennett, K. Brooksway, Joyce Calverley, Brian Eastwood, Bob Hindley, A. Carter, Roger Glisten as well as several anonymous donations, many of these at Tameside Festival. The new slim Brian Grant has agreed to take over the stamp collection, and hopes to be taking some of these to the bric-a-brac stall he and his wife Wendy run for HCS.

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 winners are Les and Jill Wood of Glossop.

press cuttings

If you see anything mentioning the Huddersfield Canal or the Society in newspapers, magazines, etc., please could you cut out and send to Dave Finnis, 12 Chapel Hill, Linthwaite, Huddersfield, who is now the HCS Press Cuttings Officer.

solution no.13

Across: 1 Gangway. 5 Canal. 8 Anti. 9 Restored. 10 Slate. 11 Groove. 12 Air. 13 Tunnel. 15 Outset. 18 Egg. 19 Angers. 21 Cabin. 24 Cottages. 25 Stem. 26 Toddy. 27 Reptile. **Down:** 2 Annul. 3 Glisten. 4 Aire. 5 Cater. 6 Nervous. 7 Ladle. 10 Sat. 11 Grog. 12 Ales. 14 Negated. 16 Transit. 17 Tin. 19 Ascot. 20 Ready. 22 Ideal. 23 Isle.

car stickers

Once again many thanks to Pearlan Decals Ltd. for the new delivery of free car stickers.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

- 1024 Nichola Bullis, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- 1025 Paul and Janet Webley, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- 1026 Margaret C. Powell, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- 1027 Lt. David M. Cousins, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- 1028 Philip Bradley, [REDACTED]
1029 Dr. D. Chapman, [REDACTED]
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- 1030 J. M. Chapman, [REDACTED]
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- 1031 Kevin Watson, [REDACTED]
- 1032 Lee Sims, [REDACTED]
- 1033 Malcolm Dougherty & Sandy Downsborough, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- 1034 Graeme Weaver, [REDACTED]
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- 1035 David Hindson, [REDACTED]
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- 1036 Bill and Dorothy Bone, [REDACTED]
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- 1037 Eric and Alma Bayford, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- 1038 Robert Booth, [REDACTED]
- 1039 Cathryn S. Burrow, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- 1040 Jean and Roy Burrow, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- 1041 Paul Worthington, [REDACTED]
- 1042 Brenda and Ray Apsley, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- 1043 Miss Hilary Nelmes, [REDACTED]
- 1044 Mrs Eve Prugar, [REDACTED]
- 1045 Miss Irene Schofield, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- 1046 Rita Hopkins, [REDACTED]
- 1047 Tony and Mary Nobbs & Family, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Val Dewey — Membership Secretary. Address inside front cover.

diary

- 10/11th Sept. Tunnel End Festival, Marsden. Further details from
starts 11 a.m. Stuart Moreton on Huddersfield 844105.
- 20th Sept. 7.45 p.m. Open discussion on Festivals at the Diggle Hotel,
Diggle. Come along for a chat. Your chance to air
YOUR views.

- 22nd Sept. 8 p.m. Illustrated talk 'The Tame Valley' by the Tame Valley Warden Service at The Cross Keys, Uppermill.
- 28th Sept. 8 p.m. Sheffield Meeting at the Grapes, Trippet Lane, Sheffield.
- 29th Sept. 8 p.m. Pancake Party at the Pancake House, St. Peter's Square, Manchester. Tickets £3.75 from Jean Wrigley. 061-303 9027 or Jean Buckley 061-624 4881.
- 1st Oct. 8 p.m. Social at the Packhorse Hotel, Slaithwaite. Day Star Theatre Co., performing both their shows and an HCS Slide Show.
- 2nd Oct. Toepath '83. 20 kilometre sponsored walk in the Colne Valley. Further details from Brian Badminton on Huddersfield 45779.
- 6th Oct. 8 p.m. Social Meeting at the Shoulder of Mutton, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield.
- 12th Oct. 8 p.m. Social Meeting at the Diggle Hotel, Diggle.
- 15th Oct. Lock Opening 1 p.m. from Brownhill Visitor Centre, Dungebooth Lock at 1.30 p.m.
- 15th Oct. 8 p.m. Uppermill Museum, Waterways Quiz and Auction, in aid of Chairman of Saddleworth Parish Council Charity and HCS. Tickets £1.50 from D. Finnis or Jean Buckley.
- 18th Oct. 7.45 p.m. Open Discussion on Pennine Link at the Diggle Hotel, Diggle. Come along for a chat. Your chance to air YOUR views.
- 26th Oct. 8pm for Sheffield Meeting. Waterways Quiz. 6 teams entered. Onlookers are most welcome. A spectacular HCS Trophy to be awarded to the winning team.
- 3rd Nov. 8 p.m. Illustrated talk on Ellesmere Port Boat Museum by its director Tony Hirst at the White Cross, Bradley, Huddersfield.
- 5th Nov. 7.30 p.m. Bonfire in Marsden, near to the Railway. Further details from Stuart Moreton on Huddersfield 844105.

WORKING PARTY DATES: 3rd/4th SEPTEMBER, 1st/2nd OCTOBER, 29th/30th OCTOBER, 26th/27th NOVEMBER.

FUTURE EVENTS:

- 3rd Dec. 8 p.m. Grand Diggle Dance, featuring the Rose Tree Ceilidh Band at the Friezland Hall, Greenfield.
- 3rd Dec. HCS Flag Day, in Huddersfield Town Centre. Help needed with collecting tins etc.

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