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So this is Pennine Link, new format, new editor. I am hoping that it has all turned out well because by the time that you are reading this I will be on holiday. It is quite an onerous task being the caretaker of this issue but I look forward to your comments in our new regular feature the 'Letters Page'.

In recent years the Society has worn two hats, one the campaign organisation and two being part of the local authority set up. This can lead to a conflict of interests that I hope to try to resolve.

We all want the canal to be restored and all efforts are directed to that end, but we now, more than ever, need to involve all our members in the campaign. We need to win and maintain a great deal of public support in order to continue at the rate we are at present.

Changes in the wind with regard to the MSC (see Keith Gibson's article) and the core of our present activity is about to change.

I know that we can count on your support, but let's hear from you now!

David Wakefield

### 11th Ashton Canals Festival

A very big welcome, on behalf of myself and my committee to the 11th Ashton Canals Festival.

At the time of writing (only 5 weeks before the Festival). I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that NOTHING is going according to plan. We have a breach at Romiley, Construction work adjacent to the basin, which is preventing access to the good work done by Tameside Canals Limited, and a serious shortage of water in the canal!!!

However, we are still determined to make the weekend as successful as ever. So I make this Heart Rending Plea to one and all to join me at the Festival and prove that once again, thanks to the superb efforts of my Committee.

#### The Show Will Go On

Trevor Harvey  
(Chairman Ashton Canals Festival 1988)



View from Slaithwaite

Bob Dewey

A plan to restore the Narrow through the centre of Slaithwaite has been approved by Kirklees councillors.

It was not all plain sailing at the Agbrigg Area Planning Sub-Committee with Tory councillor (including at least a couple we thought were friends of HCS) voting against and saying that there should be a deferment so that even more information could be produced.

Also against was one Liberal, Coun Mrs Heather Swift, who complained about the lack of consultation with the people of Slaithwaite. It was, of course, pointed out to her that there had been considerable consultation including a very well attended public meeting and a public exhibition of plans for the scheme.

One of the biggest talking points was the loss of car parking - the restoration of the canal on the original line will mean it slicing through the existing car park - but planners and Coun. Les Preece, the Development Committee Chairman, said they were optimistic about finding alternative car parking close to the centre of Slaithwaite.

Lots of old ground was gone over again with Coun. Harold Sheldon putting the

point (again) forcibly that restoration of the canal through Slaithwaite can only improve the place.

The plans show that the restored canal will incorporate what is now part of the Carr Lane car park. The two main areas where the use of a base culvert will carry the canal are between Old Bank and Carr Lane in the west, and at Waterside Bridge and the eastern end of the application site boundary.

The scheme will include the removal of a number of trees and shrubs, but the sub-committee was told it was intended to carry out substantial new landscape works - and these would have to be approved in advance by Kirklees.

The approval of the Slaithwaite scheme is regarded as the last major breakthrough needed on the eastern side of the summit. For although the Bates saga continues, planning-wise, there is a clear route from Aspley to Marsden.

The Slaithwaite scheme will cover about 500 yards of infilled canal and is estimated to cost £1.2m. Work, however, is not programmed to start until 1991.

I am pleased to present a review on behalf of your Council of your affairs for 1987 and hopes for the future. I shall review the year with reference to each local authority area beginning with Tameside.

Tameside Canals Limited continued to restore the canal and immediate environs throughout 1987. Towpath works above Mottram Road and the creation of a cycleway on the Old Micklehurst Loop railway line have opened up the valley for more users and brought the countryside nearer to Stalybridge. Navigation from Ashton to Stalybridge through locks 1-3 west should be possible by Summer 1988 and events are planned to celebrate the opening of the first restored stretch of the canal in Tameside.

Three locks below Scout Tunnel in Mossley are now under restoration and new gates will be fitted in Spring/Summer 1988.

#### Oldham

The Society is making good progress at Diggle on locks 31 and 32 west for the fitting of lock gates this year. The canal at Brownhill has been dredged and is now fully open to navigation. The new cut is still under maintenance with the contractors. The Society will take over the lease for the Wool Road warehouse with British Waterways Board from the Saddleworth Historical Society in 1988 for conversion to an interpretative centre.

A Manpower Services Commission project was planned for 1988. This scheme follows the Society's five year plan and is sponsored by Oldham M.B.C. and financed by H.C.S. and the M.S.C. Restoration has begun at Royal George Lock.

After four years of operation at Uppermill, Benjamin Outram has been moved to Marsden to pioneer a new trip facility on the newly restored Marsden-Slaithwaite section. The boat is being refurbished by the Kirklees M.S.C. scheme and will be ready for navigation once the Paving Bill is passed in Parliament later this year. Mr Harold Neild who operated Benji is proposing a new boat, owned by himself, to ply the now completed Uppermill section.

#### Kirklees

The Masden-Slaithwaite section is now completed. Congratulations to Kirklees M.B.C. for a splendid restoration. The length of canal was to have been officially opened in April 1988, but



this will await the Bill in Parliament to restore navigation rights to the Huddersfield Narrow Canal which were withdrawn on parts of the canal by the London, Midland and Scottish Railway (Canals) Act 1944.

We are hopeful that this bill, which the Society has financially supported, will be on the statute books by August 1988 provided there are no objectors.

The Department of the Environment Inspector dismissed Bates and Company's appeal against Kirklees council's refusal to allow infilling of the building which straddles the line of the canal in Huddersfield. We were present at the hearing and Garth Pratt, Michael Thompson and young Craig Watson all spoke eloquently on our behalf.

Further meeting between Bates and Company and the Council have taken place in a spirit of co-operation which bodes well for the future. A scheme to redevelop the Sellers Engineering site involving a retail development and an atrium over the canal was rejected by Kirklees M.B.C. We hope that a future scheme which has a similar imaginative use involving the canal can be accepted.

A public meeting was held to discuss the re-opening of the Canal through Slaithwaite. Chaired by Councillor Les Preece the consensus was for re-opening despite some vociferous opposition from local residents who thought locals would use the restored canal as a rubbish tip. We are pleased to report that the Council has passed the planning application to re-open the cut on the old line and we are awaiting news of the works schedule. Restoration

of the canal below Slaithwaite began in 1987. Progress is impressive despite difficult access and enormous amounts of silt to be removed.

#### The Future

The continuance of a Manpower Services Commission involvement in the restoration of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal is essential to maintain the excellent progress achieved over the past three years. The society sponsors Tameside Canals Limited and has undertaken to underwrite a massive programme of restoration throughout the Tame Valley including the Oldham Scheme. This programme which has been devised by the Society has been endorsed by the Joint Steering Committee and subject to the receipt of additional funding we will see the canal restored from Stalybridge to Diggle within five years except for the Stalybridge diversion. wide from September 1988, and there may well be wide repercussions on our three Manpower Services Commission schemes. The society is investigating the proposed changes and will endeavour to ensure that the continuity and pace of restoration is maintained.

In conjunction with the five year plan the Society has applied for grant aid from the European Regional Development Fund. We have applied for financial support via the Mersey Basin Campaign and we are awaiting the European Commission's decision. We have lobbied officers of the Department of Environment and members and officers of the European Commission and the five year plan and

Progress on restoration over the next few years will depend on how the Society and Kirklees Council can adapt to the ever changing political and economic climate but with half of the locks restored or under restoration and twenty five per cent of the canal navigable we can hope for a fully restored canal in the 1990's.

**The Society**

1987 was the last full year as editor for Mrs Suzanne Chadwick. Sue has produced our excellent magazine for seven years and won many accolades from the Waterways Press. I am pleased to report that Sue's contributions to the Society will continue in other fields.

Fiona Minor has joined the Council as Sales Officer. We are pleased to welcome another Minor (Brian's daughter) and we wish her every success. Please support us and our sales stand at the 1988 rallies especially at the national rally at Castlefield in August this year.

The past year has seen a consolidation of restoration work on the canal to the point where all local authorities and the British Waterways Board are now actively involved. I am particularly pleased with the enthusiastic approach by these bodies and the high level of co-operation between all parties. The Paving Bill will secure the legal status of the canal, we hope, and provided we can maintain a job creation scheme we shall have another year in 1988 of solid progress with the schemes in Tameside and Oldham 'catching up' in terms of achievement with that in Kirklees. The Society's strength has always been due to its professional approach to the restoration challenge. We look forward to another year of continued progress.

Welcome to the Festival Special for the eleventh Ashton Canals Festival. The recipe for the weekend is the same as in previous years - guaranteed sunshine, boats to be admired, lots of real ale (17 varieties) in the CAMRA beer tent and entertainment from tea-time Friday to tea-time Sunday. Friday night has the first visit to Ashton Canals Festival of the popular folk group - The Oldham Tinkers - with their blend of music and wit, supported by local singer, Fiona Simpson.

Saturday night is another first in the visit of top Manchester Trad Jazz group - The Smokey City Seven - with their very talented vocalist. Both these events are priced at £1.50. (Where else in modern times can you have a night-out for thirty bob?) To relieve a certain amount of panic by Hazel, our Treasurer, tickets will be available before the event for £1.00 only. So contact any Committee Member or ring Vince Willey on 330 9810 and save yourself the price of a pint!

The Festival will be opened by that very good friend of all boaters (and Rugby players, incidentally), the Rev Dennis Thomas of Dukinfield. Our President, Mrs Barbara Castle, will, no doubt, give us some eminently sensible thoughts again.

The rest of the weekend will have children's entertainments, brass bands, Morris Dancers and, provided that BWB repair the Romiley breach and send some water down the Huddersfield Narrow Canal, we will have boats aplenty!

One attraction we are delighted to have with us is the Narrowboat TRELYSTAN run by the National Children's Trust where mothers of babies any young children wanting facilities to change or feed their infants will be welcomed. With all the babies I have seen around at past Festivals, I am sure they are going to have a busy weekend. The thanks of the Committee go to the Trust for providing this service.

Well, that's it - if there is nothing happening that you like - well, we can't do anything this year - so join next year's committee and give us your ideas. (Volunteers can contact me in the beer tent and I will supply all details for the price of a pint!)

See you there.

Brian Minor  
Publicity Officer  
Ashton Canals Festival Committee

Sssh.....Keep it quiet, but a much sought after plaque, marking the highly successful (and first) Kirklees Canals Festival at Huddersfield, has gone to a man who didn't arrive by boat.

But HCS officials thought that ex Mayor of Kirklees, Stanley Dawson, was a worthy recipient. For when he was Mayor in 1984-85 he helped to boost the restoration drive on the Narrow Canal by naming HCS as one of his official charities and, of course, the cash raised was used in the canal restoration programme in Huddersfield.

So although copies of the plaques,

strictly limited, were really intended for people arriving at Aspley, Huddersfield by boat, HCS officials decided that in the case of the ex civic head an exception should be made.

The current Mayor, Coun. George Speight, himself a great supporter of the restoration drive and canals in general, was pressed into service to make the presentation to former Councillor Dawson.

Appropriately the hand-over took place at Lock No. 1 on the Narrow at Huddersfield, re-named the Stanley Dawson Lock, in appreciation of his interest in canals.

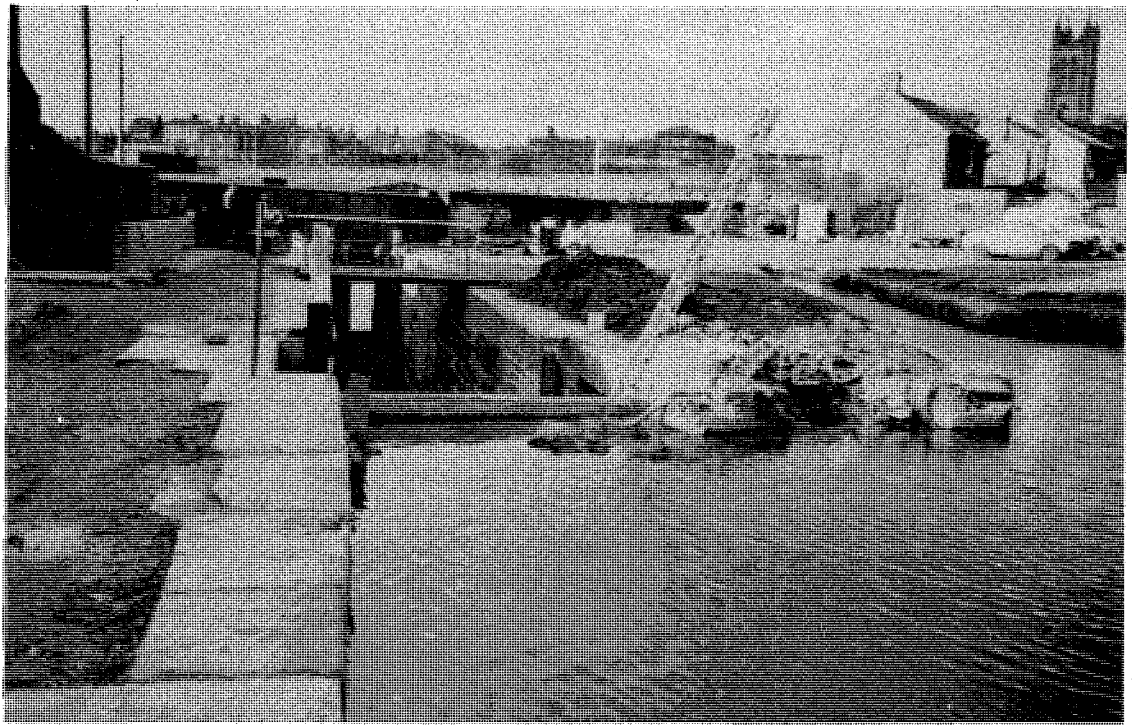


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Lock 1 West

Bob Dewey

# Ashton Canals Festival 1988

## Programme of Events

### FRIDAY NIGHT

FIONA SIMPSON

OLDHAM TINKERS

Admission £1.50

### SATURDAY

1.15pm - 2.15pm

**ADAMSON'S MILITARY BAND**

2.15pm - 2.45pm

**MYSTERY HYN**

2.45pm - 3.15pm

**OFFICIAL OPENING**

3.15pm - 4.15pm

**ADAMSON'S MILITARY BAND**

4.15pm - 4.45pm

**MYSTERY HYN**

2.15pm and 3.15pm  
**MORRIS DANCERS  
ON THE AQUEDUCT**

Admission £1.00  
50p Children

### SATURDAY NIGHT

**SMOKEY CITY JAZZ BAND**

Admission £1.50

### SUNDAY

1.00pm - 2.00pm

**STEEL BAND**

2.00pm - 2.30pm

**MYSTERY HYN**

2.30pm - 3.30pm

**ADAMSON'S MILITARY BAND**

3.30pm - 4.00pm

**MYSTERY HYN**

4.00pm - 5.00pm

**ADAMSON'S MILITARY BAND**

2.00pm - 3.30pm  
**MOSSLEY MORRIS DANCERS  
ON THE AQUEDUCT**

Admission £1.00  
50p Children



The Government have produced a White Paper and an accompanying glossy pamphlet on "Training for Employment" describing the new Adult Training Programme. This will replace all existing Manpower Services Commission programmes for unemployed people over the age of 18, including the Community Programme scheme used on canal restoration, on 5th September 1988.

Decisions will soon have to be taken as to how the three Community Programme schemes on the canal will continue after that date. The Society's main concern must be with Tameside Canals (our subsidiary company operating a restoration programme in Tameside), but we have an interest in ensuring that the other two schemes continue - to ensure restoration does not stop in Kirklees and Oldham and as funders of materials costs for the Oldham scheme.

The new scheme is intended to provide relief for what the Government see as major problems:

- \* The skill shortage causing vacancies which companies cannot fill:
- \* The long term unemployed who lack the skills to get themselves back into the job market.

It is, therefore, very much a training programme. Any work a "sponsor" receives is a by-product of the scheme and not the *raison d'être* of the programme. The programme will have a budget of just under £1.5 billion per annum, sufficient, the M.S.C. say, to provide training for some 600,000 people. Unlike the Community Programme, individuals on the scheme will not be employees paid a wage. Instead, they will be trainees paid a training allowance equal to their current benefits plus £10 per training week with the possibility of other allowances.

The programme will provide "practical" and "directed" training. "practical" training will be training in a working situation through project placements (such as work on the canal) and Job placements with employers. "Directed" or off the job training may be provided by Colleges of Education or other approved educational establishments. Trainees will be expected to progress from one form of training to another as appropriate to their individual needs, and all are expected to have a period of employer based training. At least 170,000 places will be expected to be provided by project based training sponsors such as the canal schemes.

There will be three tiers of organisation in the new programme:

1. TRAINING AGENTS. The role of the Training Agent is to assess over a period of about two days each individual's training needs, and to produce a "personal action plan" for each trainee, then to place the trainees with a Training Manager.

2. TRAINING MANAGERS. The Training Manager receives trainees from a Training Agent. He ensures that the requirements of each trainee's "personal action plan" are met from the resources of his own organisation, or from "subcontractors" - the trainees being divided as appropriate between project placements, job placements and in educational establishments.

3. TRAINING PROVIDERS (or subcontractors) Subcontractors will provide projects to Training Managers, or provide job placements, or educational facilities. They will provide those elements of training which the Training Managers cannot provide themselves and will be paid by the Training Manager - not the ideally, the M.S.C. hope that there will be one Training Agent for each Travel to Work area or Local Authority area depending on local circumstances. Wherever possible these will be independent of any other tier in the structure, but it seems to me that in many places the Local Authority will have to act as both Training Agents and Training Managers.

Unlike the present schemes, payments to the providers of the service from the M.S.C. will be dependant on the number of trainees actually involved in the scheme, rather than on the number of approved places on the scheme. Training Agents and Training Managers will not, therefore, have a guaranteed income. What they receive will depend on the success of the scheme generally and on their own abilities at attracting trainees. National providers of M.S.C. places are asking the Secretary of State for Employment to guarantee a Training Manager a minimum level of funding related to a percentage of filled places irrespective of the number of trainees actually received. I am not confident that they will have any success, but without this guarantee there is a considerable element of risk in setting up the infrastructure required.

Assuming that the three M.S.C. schemes on the canal continue, I assume that Kirklees and Oldham will opt to become Training Managers, and their canal schemes will be one of the project placements they offer to trainees. Up to now the Society has operated the Tameside Canals scheme through Tameside Council's M.S.C. Agency. The choice we now have to make is between operating as a Training Manager, or as a "subcontractor" providing project placements for another Training Manager - presumably



Lock 9 West

Bob Dewey



Tameside Council. There are drawbacks to either choice!

As a Training Manager Tameside Canals would have to provide a full training service including placement of trainees with other types of project work, employer placement with companies, and training at educational establishments. Unless the Secretary of State decides to guarantee payments up to a certain level of filled places, we would have to risk capital on the basis of assumed numbers of trainees to provide:

- (a) a management/supervisory/trainer structure whose salaries we would have to pay;
- (b) administrative and other running costs;
- (c) the equivalent costs of "sub-contractors" providing training opportunities that cannot be provided within the scheme;
- (d) the educational fees of trainees.

We would have to spend a great deal of time and effort on setting up linkages with other project sponsors, with companies and with educational establishments so as to provide the range of training opportunities required.

The big advantage of being a Training Manager is that we would have control of our own finances and of the trainees placed with us (subject to the limitations of their "personal action plans"). The major drawback is that Tameside Canals would have to be an organisation whose primary aim is to provide training - and only a part of that training could directly involve canal restoration. With all of the uncertainties over finance we do not yet know how many trainees are required to act as a Training Manager. It may be that only very large Training Managers with, perhaps, as many as 600 trainees will be viable or able to offer the range of training opportunities required. My initial thought is that it would be very difficult for the Society to operate on this sort of scale.

As a "subcontractor" to a Training Manager we would have to provide a training opportunity. In theory, this would allow us to concentrate on our prime aim of canal restoration. In practice, though it may be better for Tameside Canals to continue with a large "environmental" component to the work offered. There have always been mixed views within the Society about the large "Environmental" programme carried out by Tameside Canals. The Council of Management has taken the view that this is essential work related to the improvement of the canal corridor, and that it did not delay the restoration programme. Also the continuation of the "environmental" work should allow us to fund a suitable management structure, including those essential roles - the Engineer, Landscape Architect and Ecologist.

The big drawback to being a "sub-contractor" is that we will be totally dependant on our Training Manager for finance and trainees. The Training Manager will have his own costs and, therefore, only a proportion of the funding paid to him by the M.S.C. will be available. The Training Manager could, in theory, employ our managers etc. and cover our administrative costs himself, in which case our role would be limited to being the source of the project.

So far Tameside Canal's Board of Directors (composed of Society Council members plus representatives of Tameside Council and the Inland Waterways Association) have briefly discussed the proposed scheme, and the Society's Council of Management will talk about it at the April meeting. Stephen Whitby, our Project Manager, and myself have both given a great deal of thought to where we go from here. We now think that we know the important questions. We need the answers very quickly so that the Society can decide the best route for Tameside Canals to follow in September. There are so many unknown in this new programme, and such a significant element of risk in providing a suitable management infrastructure that I think it will be little short of a miracle if it is in operation by 5th September (although the M.S.C. seem optimistic). I suspect that only the most determined and financially secure voluntary bodies will remain involved in M.S.C. work - at least until others have tried the new scheme. Watch with space for developments!

## Diggle Report

We have continued to be hampered by the wet conditions on site since the last report. Work has concentrated on removal of concrete from the paddle gear of lock 32W, which is proving to be a long, slow job. The paddle gear on the Diggle flight is inclined backwards from the lockside and the paddles are recessed into the forebay wall. The summit pound at the head of 32W being extra deep results in the paddle gear being further back and the concrete thicker.

Our other work recently has been mainly mechanical. We have improved the Jones crane so that it can move itself about the site and use the road which we are building alongside the lock. We are still working on the dumper with a view to making it start reliably, as it will be needed to complete the clearance of the chamber.

We are still intending to scaffold out lock 31W. The likely date for this is now the late May Bank Holiday when we have another visit from the Waterways Recovery Group.

## End of 'Marsden'

Workers with Kirklees Leisure Services Directorate have achieved a remarkable disappearing act, according to their boss, the Director of Leisure Services, Mr Jim Philpott.

He told the Kirklees Canal Sub-Committee in reply to a question "Quite simply the canal boat Marsden is no more." And anybody visiting Tunnel End, Marsden, will be able to see that his words are correct. For the old, dilapidated relic, once a cargo boat of the Narrow, has gone from her last resting place on the bank of the canal outside Tunnel End Cottages.

The boat - or rather the bones of it - was brought from the bed of the canal several years ago. But there were complaints that it was becoming something of a nuisance.

Was it worth preserving? Sub-Committee members thought so and said that Mr Philpott and his lads and lasses should investigate, see if it could be moved and preserved as a part of the history of canal, and report back.

But the Leisure Services lads and lasses went one better. They decided that it would be moved and it was during the removal operation, apparently, that the disappearing act took place.

Where is it now? Has it been consigned to the bonfire or has it found a more utilitarian use? Does it have a pride of place in some ghostly boat yard in the sky?

Who cares? Certainly not the experts of the Yorkshire and Humberside Museums Service. They were called in by Mr Philpott to report on the Marsden and their official view was that the old cargo carrier was just not worth preserving.

## Deeds of Covenant

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Val Dewey  
Membership Secretary

Dear Editor,  
PLEASE DON'T SELL STAN!

I think the H.S.C. should not sell Stan. Reasons why are that we are being disloyal to our first boat which gave us great success in raising money to support the H.C.S.

I myself have known Stan all my life I have painted Stan and driven him at some festivals and enjoyed it. I for one will gladly help in any way I can.

PLEASE THINK OF THE MEMBERS  
AND KEEP STAN!

Craig Watson

Dear Editor,

I strongly suspect that the Minister's decision to provide navigable culverts over the Rochdale Canal at their own expense will be one of the most important planning decisions relating to Waterways for many years.

Firstly the Minister is saying by implication that no obstacles should be put in the way of restoring a canal over thirty miles long with over ninety locks costing £25 million even though it faces horrendous obstacles like two low motorway bridges, a supermarket, a mile and a half of concreted-in canal apart from dozens of smaller obstacles.

Secondly he is accepting the Inspector's case that there are great benefits in restoring the canal for 'environmental, functional, historical, economic and social reasons'.

Thirdly by accepting the Inspector's report he is accepting the very trenchant criticisms of the DOT. We may expect considerable internal repercussions as a result of this and the Department is likely to be much more amenable in future where road schemes clash with Waterways restoration.

The implications for restoration are likely to be both very considerable and helpful.

We should not hesitate to bring this result to the attention of local councillors, council officials and their local DOT office!.

Yours sincerely

Michael Handford

Dear Editor,

I have written to Mrs Dewey regarding the following two points and she suggested I write to you.

1) Regarding the rise in subscriptions I suggested that the fee for O.A.Ps should remain as at present. I am a member of the Keighly Worth Valley Railway and also the North Yorks Moors Railway and both these have special rates for the over 65's.

2) I think the PENNINE LINK could well be issued Quaterly (again to match the two above society's without any

loss of news and interest to members. Things do not move all that quickly and the Railways Society's have found that to issue a report (via the Mag) is sufficient and I think all members are in agreement with this policy.

It could of course contain a few more pages as needs be and would merely save a great amount of money to the Society with a field no loss of interest.

Yours sincerely

S. Bradbury



Whiteland Road from Ashton

Bob Dewey

The letters printed here do not necessarily represent the views of the Huddersfield Canal Society. Please feel free to write to the Editor if you have a particular point to make. The Editor reserves the right to edit all letters without consultation with the writer. It's your Magazine - Let's hear from you.

Main topic for today's sermon is Benji - The Pride of the Fleet, looking a little forlorn at present and acting her age.

It is the Society's intention that our trip boat will ply for hire on the newly restored Tunnel End/Slaithwaite section of the HNC as soon as possible. To all those lovely people who have volunteered their services as crew, I can only apologise for not yet taking up the offers. There are two reasons for this, the first being the progress of the Paving Bill through Parliament. We are deliberately keeping a very low profile until the Bill is passed. To give the impression that it is a foregone conclusion could upset all sorts of people. The second reason is mechanical. The driving force behind Benji is an elderly 2.4 BMC Diesel and up to now -

John Morley has had a go  
Fred (BWB Marsden) has had a go  
(in his own time, I hasten to add)

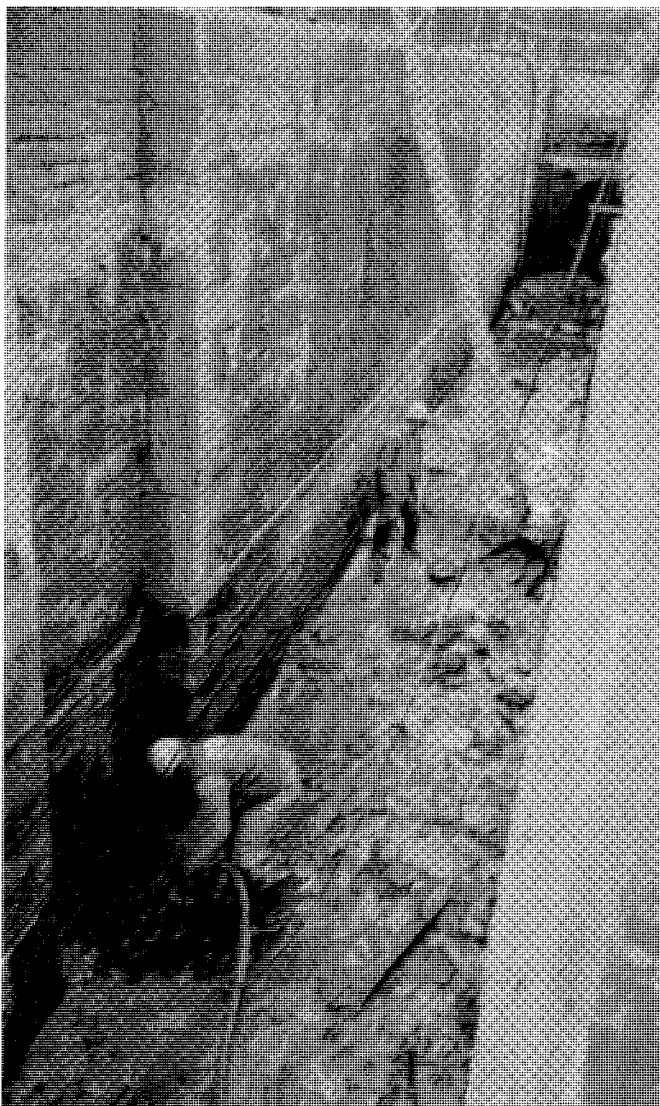
Ian France has had a go  
Stuart Tewson has had a go  
I have,  
David Wakefield and a host of Valley Wardens has given advice but to no avail. The engine refuses to run. We had a 'proper man' from a garage down one day. He kicked the engine, pressed the button and the swine ran like a two year old! "Nowt wrong wi' that" said the professional, disappearing in a cloud of dust towards Linthwaite. But it still refuses to function for us. In fact, we flattened two batteries last Sunday and got about 30 seconds of actual engine running!

However, from now on there will be a working party at Tunnel End most Sundays until we get everything right. We need painters as well as mechanics. If anyone out there fancies themselves as a signwriter, please step forward. We could also do with a few houseproud ladies to 'bottom out' the interior which is looking decidedly shabby.

STAN

Again needs repainting and any volunteers will be eagerly snapped up. Alwyn (The Battery) Ogborne is trying to obtain new batteries for Stan at very economical rates and we should be able to use the boat at festivals as a floating advertisement for the Society.

Brian Minor.



**THE "THREE LOCKS TO STALYBRIDGE" RALLY**

To celebrate the re-opening of Locks 1-3 West on the Huddersfield Narrow Canal, the Huddersfield canal society in conjunction with Tudor Cruising Club invite you to join the boaters gathering at Stalybridge on the weekend of 20/21st August and be one of the first up (and down!) the start of the Huddersfield Narrow canal.

The locks start a few hundred yards from Portland Basin, Ashton-under-Lyne, the junction of the Peak Forest and Ashton Canals.

For those of you without diaries handy, this is the weekend BEFORE the National Rally at Castlefield which is nine miles and 27 locks downhill!

Entry Fee - £6.00 (including Superior Commemorative Plaque)

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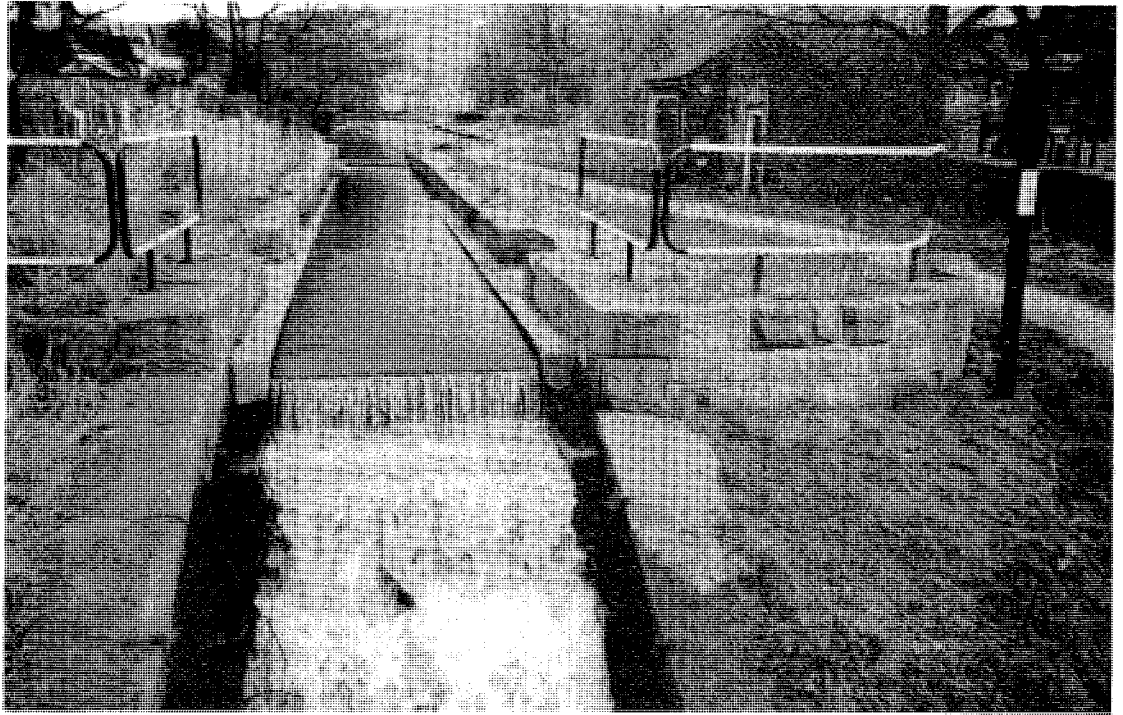
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To help those travelling to the National immediately after this event, would you please give the following information and time for leaving will be allocated to avoid serious congestion on the Ashton Locks.

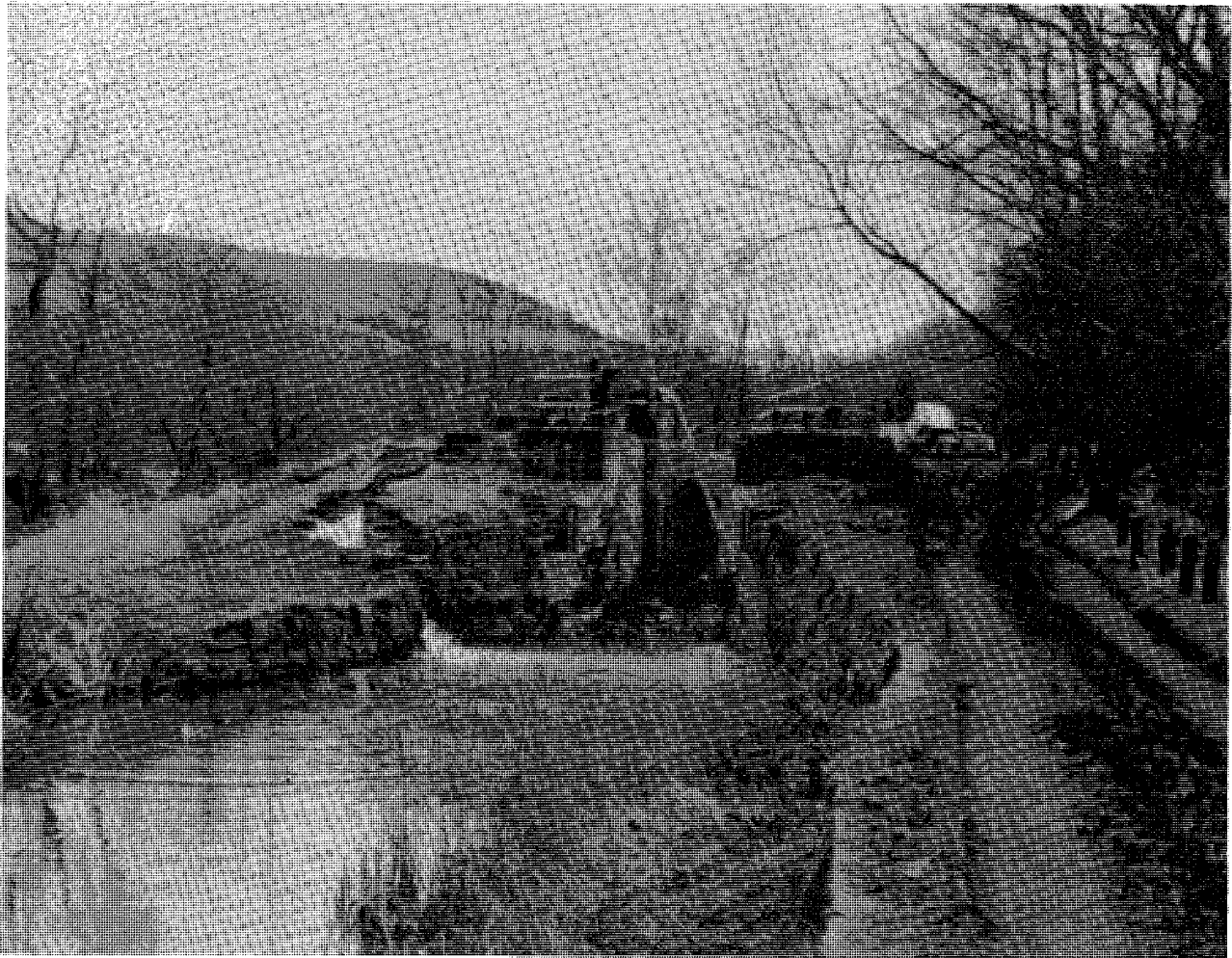
I will/will not be attending the National Rally and will/will not need to leave Ashton on Sunday, 21st August 1988. \_\_\_\_\_

**PENNINE LINK**



Royal George Lock Towpath Closure

Bob Dewey



Lock 9W Tameside Canals Limited advancing up the Valley.



**Ashton - 8th-10th July**

The programme for the Ashton Festival weekend is now almost complete. Friday night will be the first visit to our Festival of the Oldham Tinkers - well-known in the area for their Lancashire humour and songs. The Committee is very happy to invite these gentlemen to perform as their act fits in so well with the atmosphere of beer, boats and nostalgia.

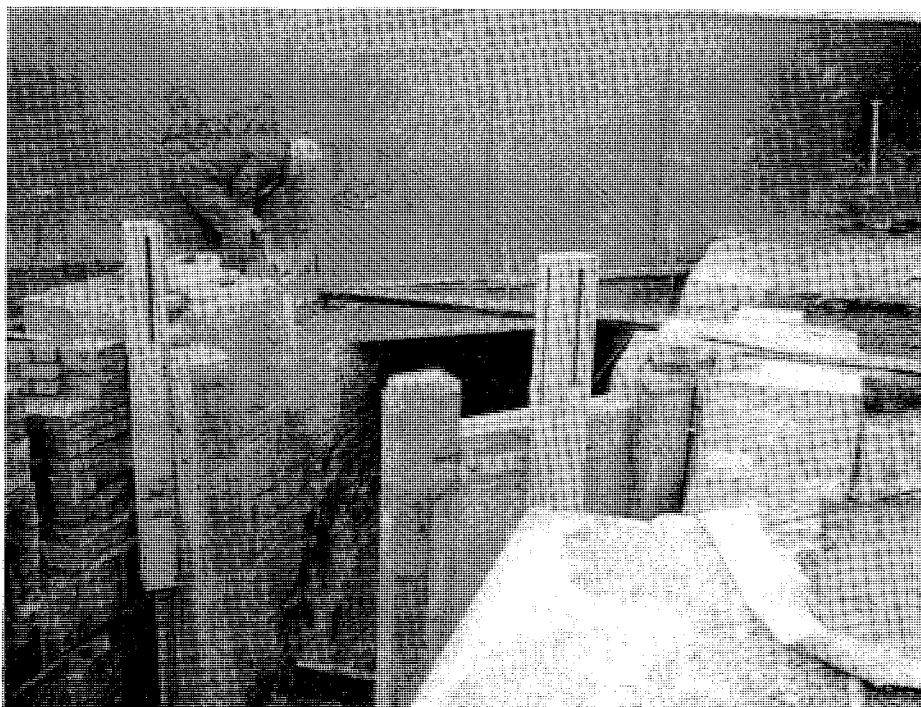
On Saturday night another first - first time at any Canal Festival - for the Trad Jazz group, Smokey City Seven. This is without doubt the best band of its style in the North West and normally their fee would be outside our budget but Jocelyn H did some fast talking on our behalf and swung the deal for us.

hierarchy, notabilities of the waterways world and local industrialists. We have the makings of a Brains Trust capable of answering any questions!

Once again, can I make the annual appeal for help in selling raffle tickets. The six Fridays before the Festival are spent in visiting pubs in Tameside and selling raffle tickets. Last year we had the best year ever; the party was the biggest we have had each evening and everyone enjoyed themselves. We have found that, generally speaking, the young ladies in the party are the best sellers. So without sounding as though I am running a white slave racket, if there are any pretty girls reading this who are doing nothing on Friday nights in June, give me a ring! (to add to the attraction,

and we are worried that the blockage caused will not be cleared in time. The plans are that it will but I always worry about building deadlines.

We should have a roof over our heads for the Rally HQ and CAMRA are willing to run the bar. Boat entries are already coming in fast and Tudor Cruising Club have the canal mapped and measured to cater for an avalanche of boat arrivals.



Saddleworth Morris Men will not be coming but Malcolm has contacted the Mossley Men who have a slightly different form of this very macho dancing. We are having problems with Brass Bands due simply to the fact that many of the local bands have moved up a division and their fees have gone up accordingly. However, we cannot have a Canal Festival without Brass Band Music and this problem will definitely be resolved.

We have invited our old friend the Rev Dennis Thomas to officially open the Festival this year. As Dennis has his own personal 'hot-line' to 'HIM upstairs', this should guarantee us good weather. The platform party will be a mixture of politicians, BWW

last year Janet had one proposal and at least four propositions and Ruth received enough offers for her 'T' shirt to finance the restoration of at least one lock!) Those last remarks should make your husband/boyfriend say "You are not going out on your own. I'll come with you" and the party has another salesman. It's good fun, most of the pubs sell decent beer and, anyway, it's always nice to go out for a drink with a rosy glow of self-righteousness for doing your duty while enjoying yourself.

**Stalybridge - 20th-21st August**

Slight problem over this Rally is ASDA are having a store built over the Huddersfield Arm of the Ashton Canal

After last year's Canals Festival, I understand that I was seen wandering aimlessly around the site (following an earnest conversation with the Fun Monkey) muttering things like "where's the trestle tables?", "what's happened to the bus?", "Get some money from the ice cream man", etc etc. Garth Pratt was announcing to one and all "A triumph!". Alec Ramsden added a thousand onto the crowd every time someone asked him how many had been (the combined population of Yorkshire and Lancashire had probably been through the site by closing time). The staff at the Baltimore Diner had turned into zombies. Draught beer at the Polytechnic Bar had run out. A hectic two months had turned into a mega-hectic weekend and I would never be the same again.

After taking the tent and the market stalls back to their rightful owners on the Monday morning, I retired to my bed, only emerging to struggle into the office on Tuesday. Hardly had my aching back had time to come to terms with my chair, the telephone rang a chirpy voice from our Tourism Development Office congratulating me on the success of the 1987 Festival, and wanted to know when the next one would be! I gritted my teeth, looked in my diary, and the Kirklees Canals Festival 1988 was born.

I may not be very bright, but I learn from my mistakes (and fast!). This year, the small but enthusiastic organising committee is comprised almost entirely of Canal Society members (ably chaired by Ian France), with the Council definitely taking a back seat. Kirklees is helping with publicity, bookings, and the loan of items and equipment, but the emphasis is that it is **YOUR FESTIVAL!**

The Polytechnic Governors have kindly loaned the use of the site, and Festival arrangements are now well advanced. Indications are that this year's event will be even bigger and better than last year.

Bookings made to date include:

- Peter Petulengro (Famous palmist)
- North Stars Steel Orchestra (Smash hit of the 1987 Festival)
- Lockwood Brass Band (Top Rated)
- Cragg Vale Gamelan Orchestra (massed xylophones)
- Grinnigogs (Fire eating, stilt walking)
- Marsden Pride Mixed Morris
- and more bookings are still to come!

In addition, there will be the popular craft fair, society stalls, the all important Boat Rally, and exhibitions in the Polytechnic Bar which, as last year, will be serving drinks and snacks all day. Children will be well catered for

by the fun monkey, the Huddersfield Small Locomotive Society's Miniature Railway, and roundabout rides. Special events include a canoe race from Red Doles Lock on the Broad Canal to Aspley Basin, and an evening event on the Saturday featuring Mikron Theatre Company (Tickets available soon).

Last year's events set the standard, and the healthy reaction to the Society's requests for sponsorship shows that the reputation of the Festival as a major event has spread. Already sponsorship deals with the Baltimore Diner, Selwoods (Plant Hire), Safety Equipment Centre, Tetleys and Bass have been made, with the possibility of more to be confirmed. Make no mistake - this is going to be a **BIG EVENT** - and here is your chance to become involved.

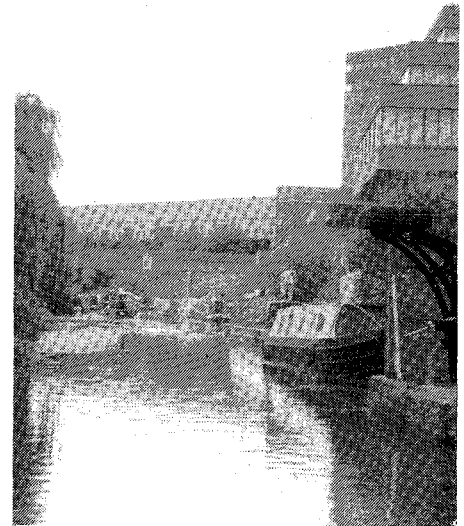
Show your support for your Festival by giving us an hour or more of your time over the weekend. We need members to be Stewards, or to help with specific jobs (eg look after the Fun Monkey - he doesn't bite!). Find out more at the special 'Meet the Restoration Team' social at Huddersfield Sports Centre on the 8th of June (Wednesday) at 7.30pm.

If you've ever wondered how the locks are rebuilt, what it takes to shift thousands of tons of silt, or how to make a lock gate, now's your chance to find out. Ian Preston (Principal Engineer) and his assistant, John Terry, together with myself (and possibly others) will be there to satisfy your curiosity about canal restoration. At the same time, you can volunteer your services as a member of the Festival Committee, who will be happy to tell you how you can help.

Come on, East Side Members, don't let Brian Minor and the Ashton Mob have it all their own way! Help us to make the Kirklees Festival **THE** Society Festival of 1988!

Want to help? Then Contact Ian France  
0484 655406

Eric Woulds



## Romance on the Cut

The observant amongst you will have noticed the name of our Sales Officer has changed. No, it is not another face at Council Meetings, just that Fiona has taken the plunge and got herself married! (You would have thought her parents would have talked some sense into her!)

Her address is still the same, the house suits them both. Fiona can look out of her back bedroom and watch progress on the canal. Stuart, who is a railway buff, can look out of the window and watch the new diesels on the Leeds line!

Both of them will be manning the Huddersfield Canal Society sales stand at several events this year - now, that's togetherness!  
Congratulations and best wishes to them both from everyone on the Council.

## Peter Freeman Wins Computer

Ex Chairman Peter Freeman - one of the Society's many unsung hard workers who, on his computer churns out P.L.'s address labels, altering addresses, printing reminders etc, has won a Thor £1,000 computer in a competition.

The competition in a computer magazine, with a staggering 3,000 entries, was won by Peter with a witty slogan to a cartoon drawing. The Thor computer now being fed up with the relevant HCS information should, Peter hopes, be printing in the near future. Well done Peter!

**KIRKLEES**



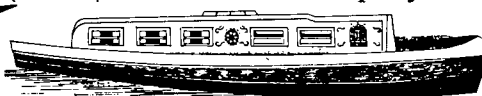
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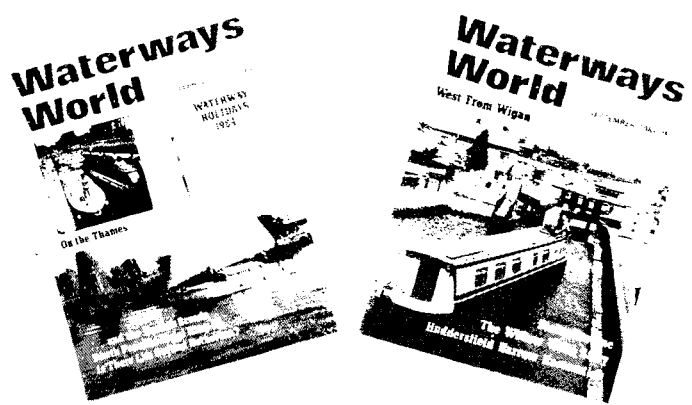
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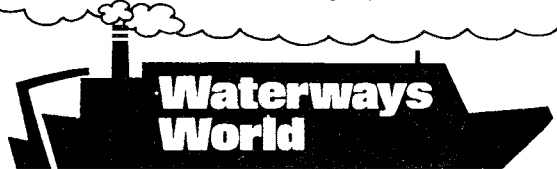
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