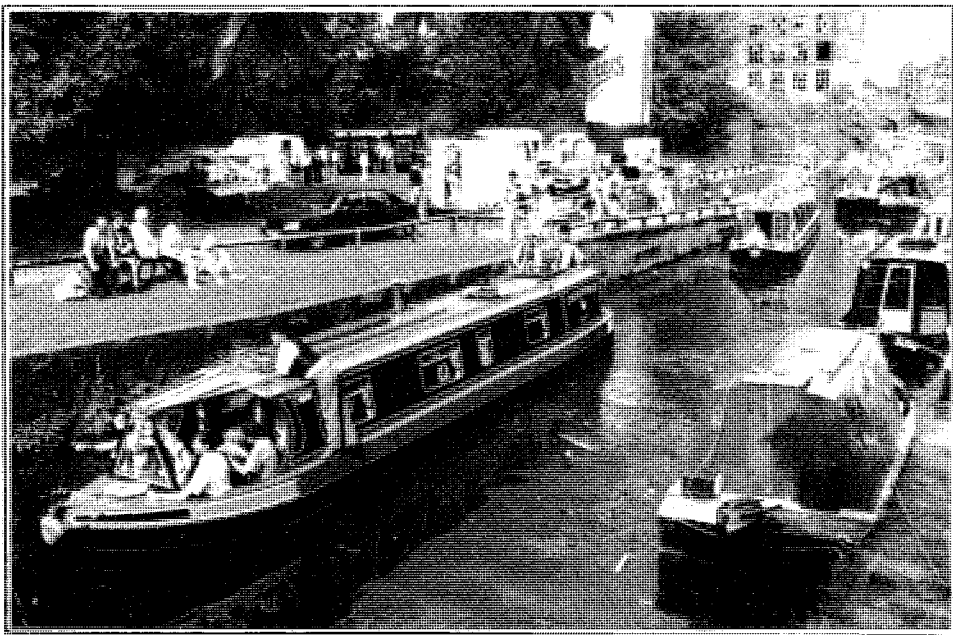




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Front Cover Photo:

*Narrowboat 'Sparrowfinch' approaching Portland Basin on the Civic Cruise,
Ashton Canals Festival, Saturday 13th July, 1991*

Photo Courtesy of: Oldham Evening Chronicle



Well folks, that's another Ashton Festival over and gone (awe!) with the Huddersfield Festival to look forward to (hooray!). Those of you who visited the Ashton will not need telling that it was a record bumper bundle of fun. The good weather we ordered months ago arrived exactly on time, record crowds attended and a good time was had by all! Plans are well under way for opening up the navigation into Staley Wharf and a fundraising drive was launched at the Festival weekend, more about this elsewhere. Boating visitors were a little down on last year, but I think was partly due to a date clash with the Ribble Link campaign cruise. More caravans attended and next year's event is to be publicised at the Caravaners Club to encourage even more. CAMRA had record beer sales which will be good or bad news, depending on your point of view. I don't want to wish my life away, but here's to 1992.

Kirklees Festival is now renamed the Huddersfield Canals Festival, which I think is a more descriptive title, and as I write, I am sure that the Committee is coming up to boiling point as the big weekend approaches. Moves are afoot to instigate the removal of the 'Poly Causeway' sewer pipe blockage below Lock 1E to allow boats up to and maybe through the Stanley Dawson Lock. It is sad news that Stanley recently died and will miss this milestone event. Since the Huddersfield Festival gathers momentum each year, more room is going to be required for boating visitors and along the Narrow is the ideal place.

Mentioning our two 'book end' Festivals brings me around to an accusation of bias in Pennine Link. At the last Promotions Group meeting, I came under a vitriolic, alcohol-turbocharged tirade of abuse because I had decided to hold over some copy I had been given about the Huddersfield Festival for this issue. I had planned to publish it in time for the East Side event, and it seemed the logical thing to do. Unfortunately, this was interpreted as bias towards the Ashton Festival. "Ashton, Ashton, Ashton, we read about nothing but Ashton", was one of the outpourings. Since taking over as Editor I have tried to give a fair cross-section of news and views from throughout the Society. With the West Side restoration being Society led, and the East Side being done by Kirklees Council, I do tend to get more copy submitted from the West, but I have always thought there was a reasonable balance. Do you, the readers, think the magazine

is biased? Let me know your views and I will act accordingly.

I am going to mention one of my major irritations - hydraulic lock gearing. (Go and wash your mouth out with soap and water!) H for Hydraulic, H for Hard work, H for Horrendous, H for Haemorrhaging pipes, H for Handicap, H for Harrowing. I could go on, but I think that gives you a clue about my feeling on the subject. The spark that kindled this outburst occurred at the launch of the Staley Wharf fundraising campaign. The bottom gates of Lock 2W failed during the VIP trip down from Stamford Group Mill. Hydraulics are used because the lock tail bridge is too close to the gates to allow conventional balance beams. Why can't we have simple cranked balance beams like on many other waterways? A fraction of the cost to install, a fraction of the effort to open or close, with the added advantage of being able to swing the gate about to clear rubbish and, above all, a tiny fraction of the down time and repair costs. The same applies at Lock 1W, although only one cranked beam would be required, as the bridge is on a skew, so giving ample room for a straight beam on the offside. Gosh! I feel better now.

There are several more canal events still to come throughout the network this year including the IWA National Rally at Windmill End on the B.C.N. which should be taking place soon after you read this. We have a very full Autumn issue with a lot to report on. More news of restoration progress and pictures of the Huddersfield Canals Festival in the Winter issue. Please try to make it to Huddersfield, and let me have any views or comments on that or any other event you attend. Your letters are always welcome.

ALWYN OGBORN

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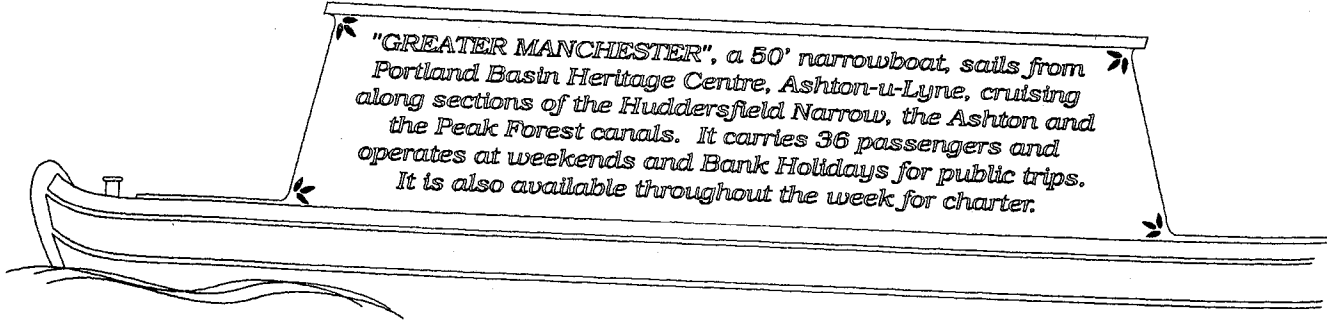
Malcolm and Alison Allcard

on running their 2,000th trip with the restaurant boat 'Four Seasons'
on Wednesday 31st July 1991

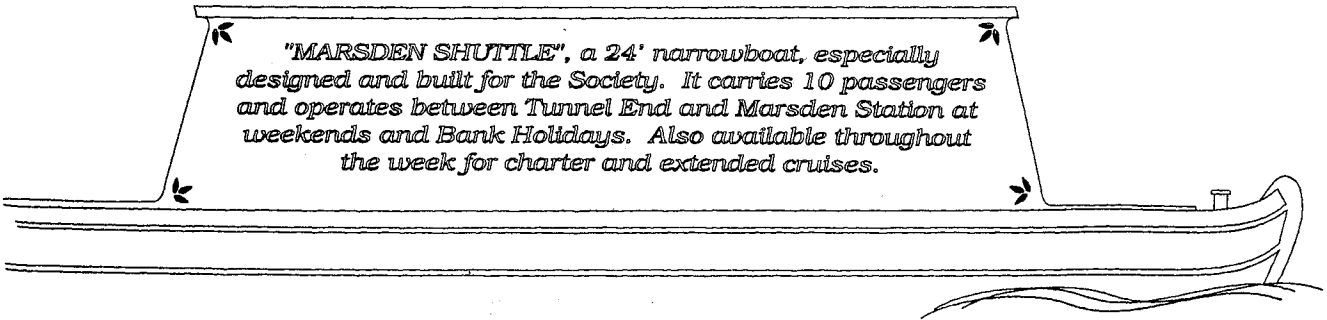
HERE'S TO THE NEXT 2000!

BOATS

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"GREATER MANCHESTER", a 50' narrowboat, sails from Portland Basin Heritage Centre, Ashton-u-Lyne, cruising along sections of the Huddersfield Narrow, the Ashton and the Peak Forest canals. It carries 36 passengers and operates at weekends and Bank Holidays for public trips. It is also available throughout the week for charter.



"MARSDEN SHUTTLE", a 24' narrowboat, especially designed and built for the Society. It carries 10 passengers and operates between Tunnel End and Marsden Station at weekends and Bank Holidays. Also available throughout the week for charter and extended cruises.

Both boats are available for charter Monday to Friday and weekends by arrangement. Discount rates are available to educational and O.A.P. groups. Why not come along and have a trip?

For further details, contact the H.C.S. office in Ashton



CONGRATULATIONS to Vince Willey and his team for a very successful and enjoyable Ashton Canals Festival. The Festival this year provided a perfect platform for the Huddersfield Canal Society's aims of keeping the restoration of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal in everyone's minds. Prior to the official opening, of which more later, the Society hosted a campaign cruise down the three locks from the Stamford Group's headquarters by the Huddersfield Narrow

in Stalybridge, to link up with the civic cruise at Eli Whalley's Wharf, and to cruise on to the Festival site.

The campaign cruise involved an invited party of industrialists including representatives from I.C.L., Manro, Senior Service, Dolans Containers, Jones & Brother, NatWest Bank, Heathcotes, Unicon Holdings and, of course, the Stamford Group. Mr Neville Kenyon, Managing Director of Stamford Profiles Ltd, has been closely involved with the Society over the past twelve months in our efforts to restore the canal, particularly in Tameside, and Neville's assistance and sponsorship of the Festival have been invaluable.

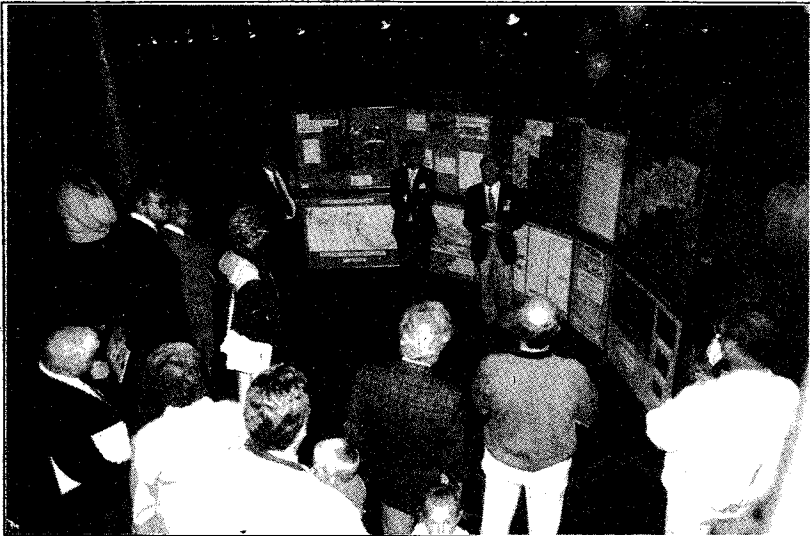


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Neville Kenyon (right) of Stamford Profiles Ltd addressing local industrialists

This year, the invited party, after assembling at the Museum in Portland Basin, were transported by vintage bus to board three boats outside the well-landscaped car park at the Stamford Group; not fifty yards from the Tame aqueduct. The three boats looked superb. Robin Whitter's Little Gypsy, Tinkerbell, owned by Mr Bill Heyes who visits the Festival every year, and Mr Kevin Wadsworth's day boat, Burley. The purpose of the cruise was to meet local industrialists, explain what we are doing, show them how the canal had been restored and describe to them the benefits that the restoration of Staley Wharf would bring to Tameside.

It was not an uneventful journey and the fact that we spent three quarters of an hour dismantling the hydraulics on Lock 2W to enable the gates to open and then close did not mar the event, in fact it proved an excellent talking point and gave the Canal Society members who accompanied the party the opportunity to describe how locks, paddle gear and the canal work (or not as the case may be!). We joined the tail end of the civic cruise and arrived at the Festival site unfortunately at the closing part of the official ceremony. I heard Glynn Ford extolling the virtues of the restored canal, briefly made my acquaintance with the Mayors of Tameside, Oldham and Kirklees, and gave a short speech emphasising the private sector support that the restoration scheme is now receiving. I presented Mr Neville Kenyon with a Corporate Membership pack and I urged all members of the Society who have access to companies willing to help our 'green' movement to contact me or Mr Neville Kenyon at the Stamford Group. We will explain how companies can help the Society through Corporate Membership and in return receive a membership pack, including a framed certificate, a print of the canal lock at Dungebooth, our video and, of course, the Pennine Link magazine.

I was disappointed to observe the amount of rubbish in the canal which is obviously thrown in by the public and very disappointed that we were forced to dismantle the hydraulic gear, in front of all our guests and Alec Thompson from British Waterways, in order for us to make a passage through. Once the Staley Wharf Project is complete and boats over thirty feet in length can travel up beyond Bayley Street, I hope the public will be more responsible in treating the canal as a navigation and not as a dumping ground and that the canal and the locks receive the maintenance they deserve; particularly when high usage is

expected at rally weekends.

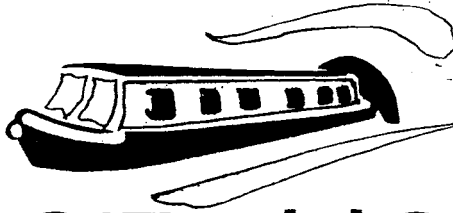
I was very pleased to observe our membership stand at the main entrance to the Festival site and to note that Jo Young recruited a large number of members and received some welcome donations from the public. The organisation of the Festival was very professional and a credit to the Canals Festival Committee, and I am sure the combination of the Tameside Festival of Leisure along with the Canals Festival created greater publicity and no doubt contributed to the fact that the beer ran out on the Sunday before closing time! Festivals such as these, run by volunteers, rely on co-operation from adjoining land owners, the local authority, British Waterways and others, and it is only by a combination of help from all these organisations that the best use of a restored waterway will be achieved.

I look forward to the Huddersfield Festival at which we hope to launch the appeal for the removal of the Polytechnic causeway on the Huddersfield Narrow. The Huddersfield Festival's profile has been raised and it is becoming a well known part of the Summer calendar in Kirklees and I hope that the Marsden Festival, which was well attended and visited by senior members of Kirklees Council and the Colne Valley MP, will also become a regular part of the summer festivities. I look forward, in the not too distant future, to a rally and festival around Staley Wharf. We all enjoy canal rallies. They are important in our campaign. There is no finer sight than seeing dozens of well decorated boats on the water, especially in the urban environment, and I was pleased to see Mr David Stevenson, National Chairman of IWA, attending our rally.

It doesn't seem long since 1977 when we held the first Ashton Festival. It's aim then was to campaign for restoration; it's aim this year was to do likewise and I am sure, when we realise how much we have achieved in those fourteen years, a large share in the success of the restoration is due to the publicity and fundraising that the Ashton Festival has provided.

DAVID SUMNER

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PROGRESS on Lock 32W has accelerated amazingly, with work being carried out by both volunteers and HCS Restoration Ltd staff in recent weeks. Generally better weather has contributed as well, of course.

I described in the last issue, how the full-timers had placed the towpath-side quoins. They have since carried on building the straight part of the chamber wall, with our volunteers backing up in concrete on working weekends.

We have also done some work on draining the towpath between the locks and laid foundations for the tail wall and return.

Late in June, the new gates were delivered and these have now been installed, together with some more of the unique paddle gear which has been stored in the container for several months. The gates look very large indeed compared to the usual 'Huddersfield' gates; the bottom gate being single rather than the usual pair, and the top gate being unusually deep because of the extra depth in the summit pound. The gates were supplied by British Waterways Stanley Ferry workshops, who thus become the third supplier of gates to our volunteer sites - not bad in only four locks!

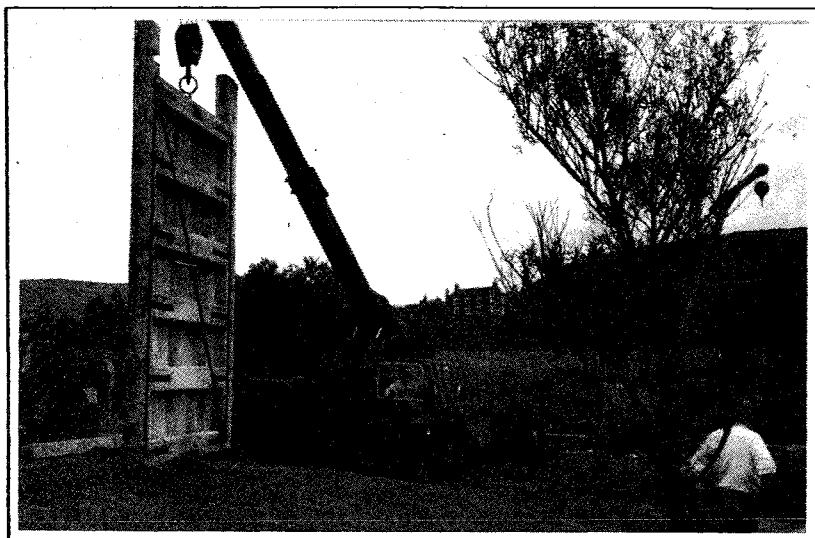


Photo: Mr & Mrs Adams

Delivery of the new single tail gate at Lock 32W

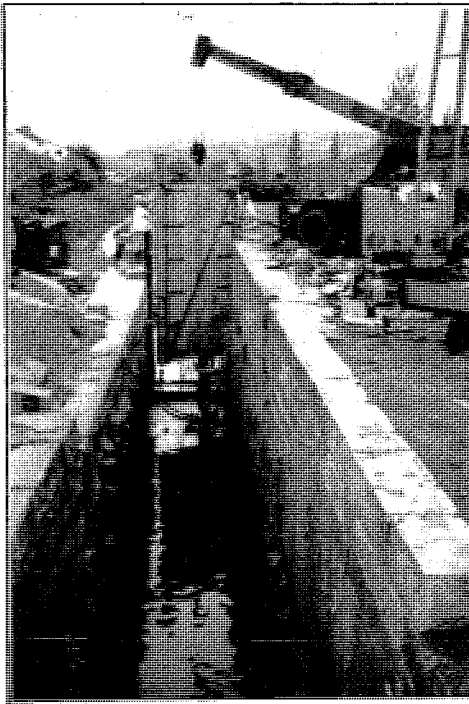
The immediate priority is to try and complete the building work on the towpath side of Lock 32W this Summer. With our drainage works, this would also permit the restoration of the towpath from the tunnel to Ward Lane. Somewhere along the way, a bottom gate needs to be installed on Lock 31W, which has always been a difficult lock to work on due to problems in draining the chamber. This could well be another job for the full-time workforce.

For anyone wishing to either join in or see the work in progress, the future dates for volunteers at Diggle are as follows:-

August 25th September 8th & 22nd
October 13th & 27th November 10th & 24th

Sorry that the dates leap about a bit - various people have organised trips, festivals, sponsored walks etc. around September/October which limit the choice.

Further information from:- Trevor Ellis (0484 534666)



Lowering the new tail gate into position at Lock 32W.

It seems fitting that the highest Lock in Britain should sport a single gate, as opposed to the usual pair of tail gates; a unique waterway indeed!

Photo: Mr & Mrs Adams



Photo: R.F.Gough

ALTHOUGH the Society relies on 'hard cash' for the bulk of its restoration work, help in kind is just as useful. In this vein, a local finance company, H.T.Greenwood Ltd. of Ashton-under-Lyne, has printed our 1990 Report, completely free of charge. Pictured above is H.T.Greenwood's Doug Salt (right) presenting a copy of the Report to Society Chairman, David Sumner, at Lock 1W. The printing of a thousand copies of the Report has saved the Society almost £1,500 and we are grateful to H.T.Greenwood for their valuable support.

Help of this nature frees more of the Society's resources for use at the 'bricks & mortar' end of the restoration programme and we are always pleased to hear of any way in which local businesses can help our efforts, directly or indirectly.

DONATIONS UPDATE

Applications to Charitable Trusts - grants as of 31/7/91:

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| Mercers Charitable Foundation | £1,000 | Lock 13W |
| Bass Group | £250 | |
| David Knightly Trust | £2,000 | Towpath, L19W to Division Bridge |
| Hamamelis Trust | £2,000 | |
| Lady Hind Trust | £500 | |
| Rotary Club of Oldham | £50 | |

The Huddersfield Canal Society expresses its thanks to these bodies for their generous donations to the restoration programme.



THE Chief Executive of Kirklees Council, Robert Hughes, went underground on a fact-finding trip into the Standedge Tunnel - and emerged as a firm backer of the Narrow restoration scheme.

"We must nominate repair and re-opening of the tunnel as a flagship project," said the council's top official. *"It was a fantastic experience and one which other people should be able to enjoy."*

Robert had let slip that he wanted to go into the tunnel and Councillor Les Preece, Chairman of the Narrow Canal Joint Committee, did a Jimmy Saville, and fixed it for him (courtesy of British Waterways).

Others on the two hour trip into the tunnel on British Waterways 'flat bottomer' were Councillor Terry Tordoff, Chairman of Kirklees Planning and Economic Development Committee, Kirklees Executive Director, Dan Sequers, and Joint Committee member, Councillor Harold Sheldon, who had enjoyed the tunnel experience before. Those who hadn't, emerged as converts to the restoration cause, although the through cruise, from Tunnel End to Diggle, wasn't, of course, because of blockages, possible.

The tunnellers went in by boat and came out by van, having seen sections of the adjoining railway tunnel, including the towering, highly impressive "Cathedral".

Said the Chief Executive:

"We found it an amazing experience. We should explore all avenues of funding to get the tunnel re-opened for public cruising as soon as possible. This remarkable engineering feat has the potential to become one of the best tourism features in the country and I have no doubt that there would be major spin-off benefits in the shape of new commercial ventures and jobs."

Backing also came from Councillor Tordoff, who, as his friends know, is not given to extravagant statements.

"It was a fantastic experience and very worthwhile. I was surprised how well the tunnel has been preserved after so many years of disuse. In some parts it was apparent that little work needed to be

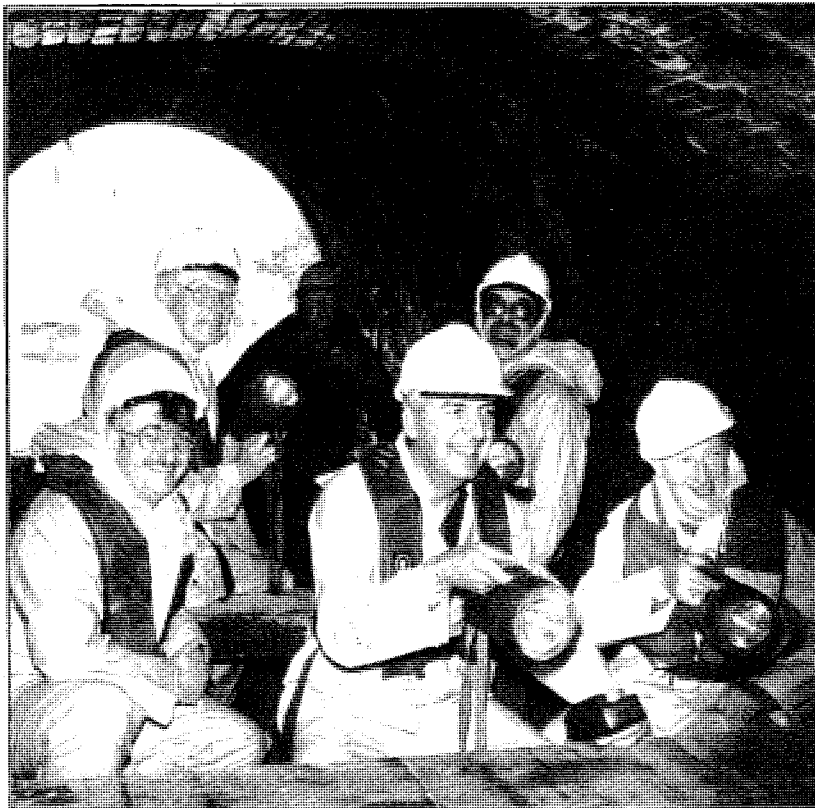


Photo: Huddersfield Daily Examiner

Seeing the light. On his journey into the unknown, Rob Hughes (centre front) is flanked by Councillor Les Preece (left) and Councillor Terry Tordoff (right). At the back are Joint Committee member, Councillor Harold Sheldon and Kirklees Executive Director Dan Sequera.

done. It is a tribute to the dedication and ingenuity of the engineers who built it," he said.

After a quick clean up, the party of tunnellers was persuaded to delay lunch to view the video "The Impossible Restoration" at Tunnel End Cottages. They were impressed with that too.

ALEC RAMSDEN

RIVERSIDE AT HUDDERSFIELD

THE high-profile Riverside scheme at Huddersfield, aimed at creating a much more attractive environment - and hopefully jobs - is to get more financial help from Kirkles Council.

The scheme, launched in January, and enthusiastically supported by HCS officials, covers 320 acres stretching out from Huddersfield Town Centre and taking in the River Colne and the Huddersfield Broad and Narrow Canals.

The council is to pump another £250,000 into moves to facelift buildings in the area. This is on top of grants already given to firms to improve industrial, commercial and retail premises. The results of this work can already be seen with decades of smokey grime having been removed from historic buildings, many of them on the banks of the two canals.

And there is no doubt that the Riverside scheme is already getting considerable support from outside concerns. Council officials estimate that the five development projects already completed, or on the way to being finished, will cost about £8m.

A further four schemes have been given planning permission, the most notable being a new 88,000 sq. ft. supermarket for the Sainsbury Group, scheduled for completion late next year. A total of sixteen sites, or premises with potential for development or re-use, have been identified in the Riverside strategy, and the council reports that virtually all of these have been the subject of development interest.

At Folly Hall Mills there is a proposal for a £25m leisure scheme, which will include a multi-screen cinema, ten-pin bowling, offices and tourist attractions. Another major scheme is expected for the 150,000 sq. ft. former Lawton's Mill on Firth Street, which has recently been sold to a developer.

And work should start soon on what HCS officials regard as one of the priorities - the cleaning up and improving of a stretch of the Narrow Canal from Lock 1 to the Bates' blockage. How long before the Polytechnic causeway is removed, Lock 1 restored to workable standard again and a boat is able to cruise (yes, we know it would only be a few hundred yards or so) the start of the Eastern section of the Narrow?

ALEC RAMSDEN

ENVIRONMENT SPOKESMAN VISITS TUNNEL END

WHILST on a visit to Marsden recently, to open the new library in the refurbished Mechanics Institute, Bryan Gould MP, the Labour front bench environment spokesman, was 'whisked away' with Councillor John Harman, the Leader of Kirklees Metropolitan Council, by HCS's Dave Finnis, for a whistle stop tour of Tunnel End.

At Tunnel End, Dave Finnis took the opportunity to explain the HCS campaign to date, dwelling on the potential for restoring Standedge Tunnel and then showed Mr Gould around the Canal & Countryside Centre. During conversations with Mr Gould, it appeared he was impressed with the work to date and expressed a wish for a return visit for a trip into the Tunnel.

To remind Mr Gould of his visit to Tunnel End, Dave Finnis presented him with a framed picture of the Tunnel End area, which was originally painted by Wendy DeRusset on behalf of the now defunct West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council.

OBITUARY

A firm supporter of the Narrow Canal restoration scheme and a former Mayor of Kirklees, ex-councillor Stanley Dawson, has died suddenly at his home in Yews Hill Road, Lockwood, Huddersfield.

Stanley, a former engineer who enjoyed canalling, was Mayor in 1984-85, and during his term in office named the Canal Society as one of his official charities. His interest in the restoration work was reflected later when Lock 1E on the Narrow Canal was named the Stanley Dawson Lock.

A jovial character, Stanley was involved with a large number of local organisations, together with his wife Doris, and they celebrated their golden wedding last year.



Stanley Dawson

TOEPATH '91

PLANS are steaming ahead for the return of 'TOEPATH', which will take place on Sunday 6th October 1991. The 20 kilometre route will follow the length of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal towpath between Longroyd Bridge at Huddersfield and Tunnel End at Marsden, with the official start/finish point in Slaithwaite.

The basic aims of 'TOEPATH '91' are quite simple. One is to introduce you to the spectacular beauty, wildlife and potential of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal, the other is MONEY - not just money vital to help complete the restoration of this truly magnificent waterway, but money for other bona fide groups taking part, as we are prepared to donate back 50% of funds raised by other participating groups to their own organisations.

Continuing our theme of community involvement, we have managed to 'sub-contract' the catering at three check points to other organisations - Marsden Community Association will look after Tunnel End, Slaithwaite

Community Association will be in Slaithwaite and the Scouts will look after Longroyd Bridge.

We have been assured by Kirklees Metropolitan Council that the canal will be restored to Longroyd Bridge by October, so this will give you an ideal opportunity to come along and inspect/view the restored waterway.

Help is still required to marshal the event, so if you would like to assist, please contact Richard Bussey, c/o Tunnel End Canal & Countryside Centre, Marsden or telephone him on 0484 607668. Richard will also be pleased to forward you sponsor forms.

For anyone who will not be on the walk, but would still like to sponsor someone, there will be an opportunity to sponsor a DIGGLE, which will be walking on the day.

DAVE FINNIS



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| 11803 | J. Pugh | Food Hamper |
| 14053 | Virginia Scott | 2 Tickets for Tameside Theatre Panto |
| 7733 | E. Pennine Towpath Group | Traditional Painted Bucket |
| 14371 | Peter Bennion | Marks & Spencer Voucher |
| 11661 | V. Roberts | Pair of Bedside Lamps |
| 14218 | C. Berry | 2 Tickets for Tameside Theatre Panto |
| 14002 | Penny Weir | Dayboat 'Daydream' for a Day |
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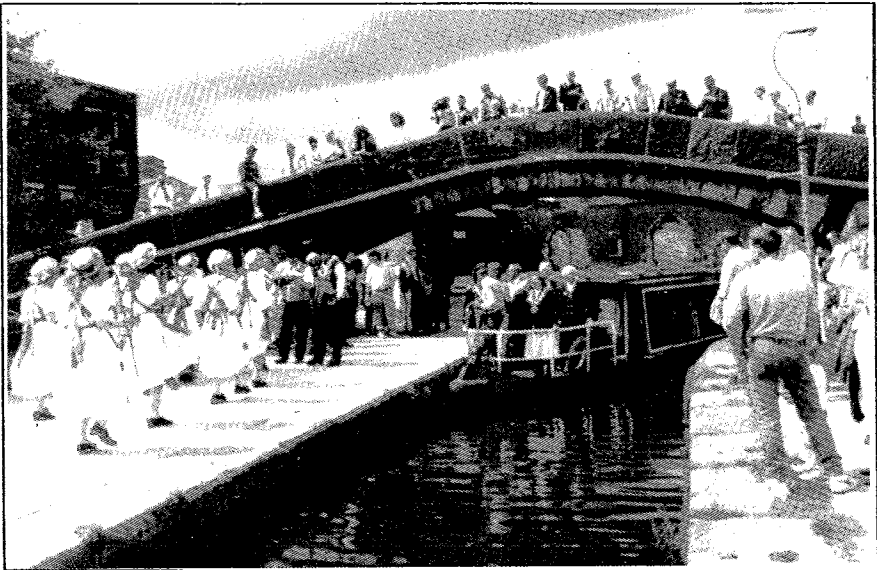


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Civic Cruise dignitaries disembarking at the aqueduct



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John Taylor from Macclesfield on his decorated boat, GIMLI



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Boats on the Peak Forest looking towards the Festival Site



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Far from the madding crowd; the Editor rises above the occasion for these views of the Main Site on Saturday



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John Young with membership forms helping wife Jo on her 'Join Here' stall; sorry Jo, it's your stall but I haven't got you on film!

For the last five years, local artist Sylvia Whittall has donated to the Festival, a beautiful watercolour painting of a local scene. The painting has been given as a prize to the boat with the most remote home mooring.

The picture shows Boats & Moorings Officer / Pennine Link Editor, Alwyn presenting the painting to Sadie Dean of the narrowboat 'Straw Bear' with a mooring near Welches Dam Lock on the Middle Level. A water distance of 255 miles away.

Sylvia accepts commissions and can be contacted on 061-336 8649.



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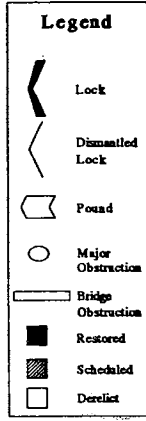
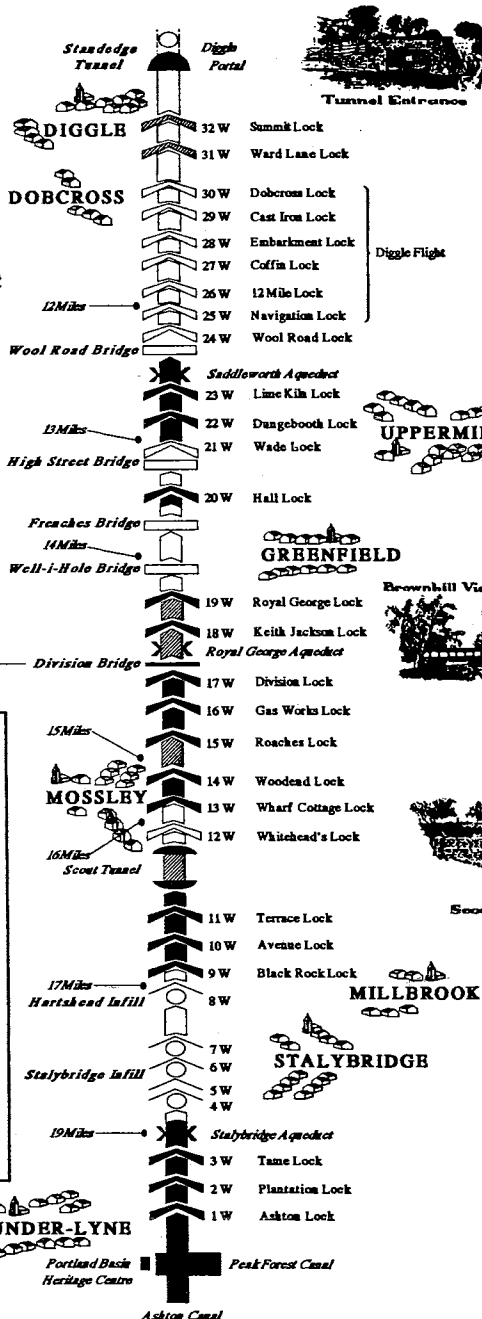
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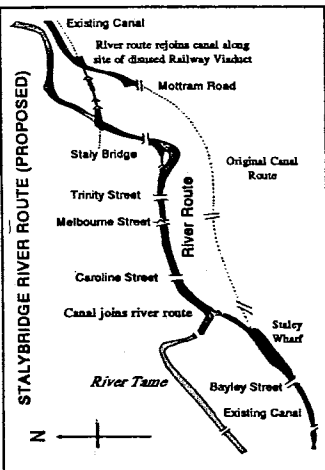
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



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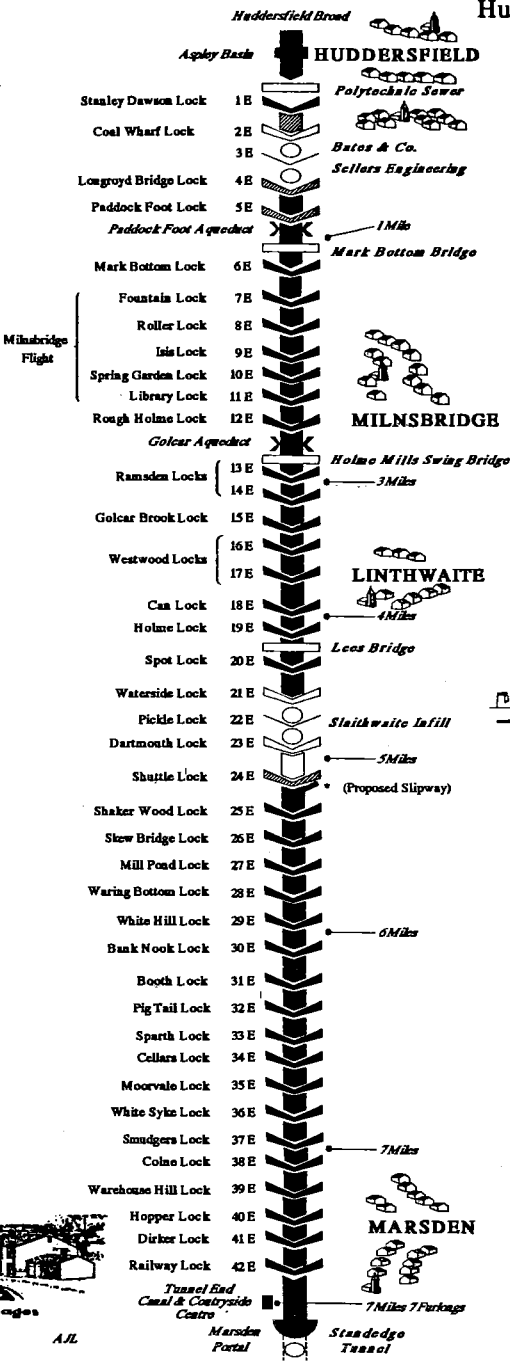
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Huddersfield Narrow Canal East Side Restoration Progress August 1991

Legend

-  Lock
-  Dismantled Lock
-  Pond
-  Major Obstruction
-  Bridge Obstruction
-  Restored
-  Scheduled
-  Derelict



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Facts & Figures

- Built: 1794 - 1811
- Length: 19.75 Miles
- Engineer: Benjamin Outram
- Standedge Tunnel Length: 3 miles 409 yards
- Height Above Sea Level: 645 ft

“Great Expectations” (with apologies to Mr C. Dickens),
or a preview of the Huddersfield Canals Festival,
A.D. 1991 Aug. 31 - Sept. 1

THE Festival, as most people knew it, was called the Kirklees Canal Festival. This year the committee has decided to change the name to the Huddersfield Canals Festival. The decision was taken due to the area of the Festival activities encompassing both the Huddersfield Broad and Narrow Canals.

For those who are not familiar with the site of the Festival, let me describe. The wet part is Aspley Basin, surrounded by a marina, with an eating house by the name of Ramsden's Landing, and an arc-shaped footbridge. On the other side, over the main road, is the Festival site. Here is situated a huge building. In this building, for two thirds of the year, stream hordes of young personkinds, who, it is hoped, with education, will solve the World's Problems. (Attributable, perhaps to the title “Great Expectations”). This building is known as the Huddersfield Polytechnic, the Festival site.

We have a full line-up of entertainment to cover the Saturday afternoon, evening and Sunday. The programme will include martial arts displays, brass bands (including our own Steve Whitby), model railway, punch and judy, clown, magician, a children's fairground, at least two bouncy castles and, of course, the now well known Duckrace. To fill in the gap between the end of the Saturday afternoon's entertainment and the evening entertainment, there will be an open air barbecue; so there's no need to go home to have tea and not be back in time for the evening's event.

This brings me nicely on to the evening's entertainment. This will be held in the 'Poly' starting at 8.00pm and is entitled “The Aspeys at Aspley”. Gary and Vera Aspey are a well known folk/comedy act from the Northwest who have appeared at the Royal Albert Hall, as well as releasing seven albums. They are also regular guests at folk venues nationally. Having restored a wooden narrowboat, which is now residing at the Black Country Museum, they are well versed in the canal scene and have offered a full evening of canal-style repertoire. Having seen their act before, I can recommend them, so make it a date.

To encourage the young people of today into appreciating the waterways

network, we have decided to devote the weekend to the 'Waterways for Youth' campaign. Having seen the enthusiasm of the young people at the I.W.A. National Trail Boat Rally, Hebden Bridge, last year, when they ran the same scheme over the weekend, I was very impressed and am glad that this Committee has decided to adopt the theme. The young people will be encouraged to have a go at rescue, first aid, rowing, use of a J.C.B., including balloon popping and bucket work, canal appreciation and wildlife identification.

Everyone who takes part will receive a prize and there will be special awards to be drawn at the end of the event. Entry is free, but entrants are advised to book in advance from: WFY, c/o 7 Ashfield Road, Birkby, Huddersfield, HD2 2XG;

******ENTRY IS LIMITED TO 500 'PASSPORTS' ONLY******

As an experiment, we have decided to hold a photographic competition this year. This is open to everybody except Committee members and HCS employees and their families. Photos must be taken over the Festival weekend and accompanied by an Entry Form (maximum of five entries per person). Entry Forms will be available on site or from the HCS office. The photos can be black & white, colour or transparencies. All entries will be on show at Tunnel End Cottages about three weeks after the Festival. Photos will be judged by a professional photographer, who will award the prizes; and there are lots of runner-up prizes. So why not have a go? If you run out of film, don't worry! HCS sales stand carries a wide range of Kodak films for sale.

Now a Canal Festival cannot be a Canal Festival unless there are boats. If you can get there by boat, whether it be by canal or trailer, please make the effort. We would like to see as many boats as possible. There will, of course, be a boat offering public trips.

This year we will be offering traders a choice of covered accommodation in a marquee, as well as covered market stalls. So it is hoped that there will be more craft stalls and similar traders this year. As per usual, the Polytechnic will be providing the catering during the day, where meals, light refreshments and alcohol will be on sale.

The Festival is being supported by Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Cultural Services under the banner of a "Heritage Weekend", and coincides with a Heritage Fair on the Saturday and a Vintage Car Rally on the Sunday.

As a post script, it is hoped that we will have a 'star' celebrity to open the Festival. However, to date, we have not heard back from Michael Caine, Julio Iglesias, Madonna or Sam Fox; but Dolly Parton has shown an interest when told the name of the Festival Chairman!

To sum up, we hope to make this up-and-coming Festival as good as, if not better than, previous Festivals. With your help and support, we can achieve this. Help us to make this truly HCS Festival a success.

STEVE QUILTER

FESTIVAL PUBLICITY OFFICER

Festival Programme

| <i>SATURDAY</i> | <i>SUNDAY</i> |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1.00 Slubbing Billy | 1.00 Hartshead Morris |
| 1.20 Alan Kee (Clown) | 1.30 Alan Kee |
| 1.50 Slubbing Billy | 2.00 Boat Prizes |
| 2.10 Official Opening | 2.15 Dobcross Brass Punch & Judy |
| 2.15 Alan Kee | 2.45 Hartshead Morris |
| 2.45 Dobcross Youth Brass Punch & Judy | 3.15 Golcar Youth Brass Alan Kee |
| 3.15 Martial Arts | 3.45 Duck Race |
| 4.00 Slubbing Billy | 4.00 Dobcross Brass Punch & Judy |
| 4.20 Dobcross Youth Brass Punch & Judy | 4.30 Majorettes |
| 4.30 Barbecue | |
| 8.00 The Aspeys at Aspley | |

TUNNEL END SUMMER FAIR '91

GLORIOUS Summer weather over the weekend of 29/30th June really made this event a truly memorable one. Organised jointly between the Huddersfield Canal Society (HCS), Marsden Community Association (MCA) and Kirklees Countryside Service (KCS), we certainly managed to put Tunnel End on the map for the many thousands of visitors who attended the event.

Following a short 'Civic Cruise' on BWB's 'Termite' and 'No. 2' for various local dignitaries, including the local MP, Graham Riddick, Councillors Preece, Tordoff & Harman, the official opening was ceremoniously performed by Smiley Miley from BBC Radio One, during a whistle stop visit on his way to Ireland.

As the Diggles had vacated Standedge Tunnel on their Summer break, touring the speleological delights of Derbyshire, a waxing of Ninja Turtles stepped into the breach to supply heroic photo-opportunities for the younger visitors.



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Support for Canal Restoration at the Tunnel End Fair; the Turtles give Radio One's 'Smiley Miley' a lift, COWADUNKA say the Diggles

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A whole range of events then took place during the rest of the afternoon, including: craft and Society stalls, boat trips on 'Stan' (until it broke down!) and 'No. 2', paddle boats, Morris dancing and folk singing.

Saturday evening saw a re-run of the 'Golden Oldies' disco with HCS member Peter Fairhead from Classic Gold Radio at the Parochial Hall in Marsden.

Sunday continued with all the craft and Society stalls etc. and entertainments including Marsden Junior Band and Colonel Custard. Throughout the weekend, HCS and MCA members did a fantastic job providing catering for the hungry thousands who attended. A special vote of thanks must be given to the catering team, not only for their hard work but also for their budgeting and pre-planning - all the food had gone just minutes before the end of the event!

Although the figures are not yet available, it is anticipated that the weekend should raise just over £1,500, which will be split between HCS and MCA; HCS's part going towards the continued restoration of the Narrow Canal, whilst MCA's part will go towards the refurbishment of Marsden Mechanics Institute, another well deserving cause.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved with the event, especially the organising committee under the leadership of Stuart Moreton, Kirklees Countryside Service for financial and moral support, and last, but not least, BWB who do as much as they can for us throughout the year; often unnoticed. Thank you.

DAVE FINNIS

P.S. The date for the Tunnel End Summer Fair '92 has been set for the 27/28 June 1992 and will be another joint event with HCS, MCA and KCS. I believe this must be the way forward in bringing back community involvement with the Canal and its restoration/use. If you want to become involved with Tunnel End Summer Fair '92, drop me a line c/o Tunnel End Canal & Countryside Centre, Waters Road, Marsden, HD7 6NQ.

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THE WEST GROUP

A few words about the West Side social meetings. Thanks to the generosity of John Bradbury and the enterprise of Steve Quilter, the boat trip on 'Pennine Moonraker' at Uppermill was a great success. John was determined to reach the limit of navigation and Moonraker's bow touched the culvert at Wool Road for the first time, before reversing to turn for its return journey.

It was great to see the many familiar faces attracted by the cruise and once again inspect the first lock restoration at close quarters in Dungebooth & Limekiln.

Hopefully you will read this before the August West meeting, programmed for Wednesday 14th August. The evening is scheduled for a gathering of members (and friends) at 8.00pm, Gasworks Lock (16W), adjacent to Manchester Road Bridge and the Tollemache Arms in Mossley. Having persuaded Steve Whitby to talk us through some of the restoration problems in the area, a 'stroll of inspection' will be undertaken prior to retiring to the Tollemache Arms for refreshment.

September and October will see general discussions and meetings as advertised; at the Railway Hotel, Greenfield and the Tollemache Arms, Mossley, commencing at 8.00pm. The Staley Wharf project should, by then, be available for serious discussion.

The 13th November sees us again at the Cross Keys Inn at Uppermill, for an 8.00pm lecture evening. The talk, with excellent slide presentation, will be given by a long-standing Wheelton Boat Club colleague, Cyril Rutter, of the 1985 IWA's visit to Canada, to tour the ancient (O yes!) and modern waterways around the Canadian / American border.

The December meeting is again at the Tollemache Arms in Mossley, for more Christmas canal chatter. See you at the meetings.

JACK CARR

FOLLOWING the Spring Issue's call for a pilot and craft to take aerial photos of the Narrow Canal, we were delighted to hear from Mr Peter Garside of Slaithwaite who offered, free of charge, a flight in his helicopter! The resulting photos provide fascinating views of the Narrow Canal; giving a unique aspect on many of the Society's past and future projects. The photos opposite give a bird's-eye view of the major blockages at Stalybridge and Huddersfield.

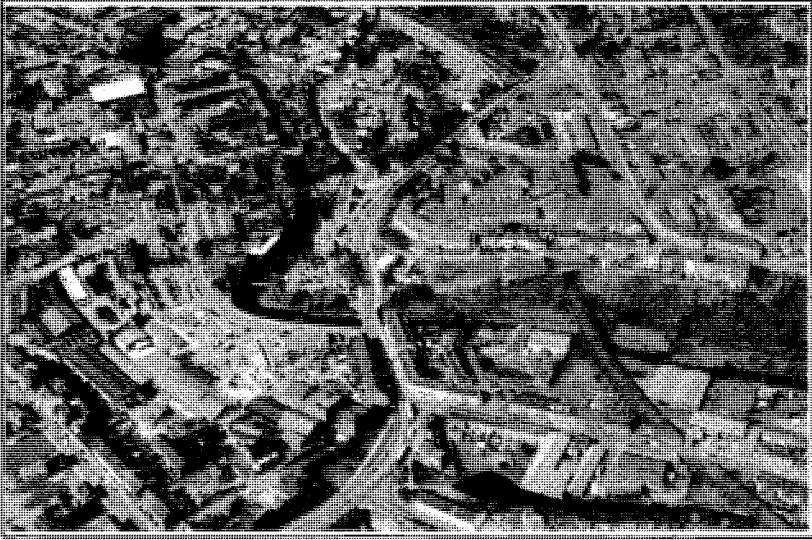
The majority of the prints have been mounted into West Side & East Side displays together with large scale Ordnance Survey base maps. Visitors to the Ashton Canals Festival will have had the opportunity to 'see the Canal from the air' as part of the Staley Wharf Project display mounted at the Heritage Centre. It is planned to repeat this display at the Huddersfield Canals Festival (31st August - 1st September).

Copies of the photos, at various enlargement sizes, are available for sale, with all proceeds going to the restoration programme. If you live near the Narrow, who knows, your house may be immortalised 'in print'!



Photo: R.F.Gough

Certainly not the Narrow, but plenty of water and locks! Where is it?



Stalybridge (above) & Huddersfield (below).....
No Through Road for the Huddersfield Narrow?



PHOTOS: R.F. GOUGH

EAST SIDE MEETINGS

THESE reports are becoming almost superfluous, at least as far as the good people of Huddersfield are concerned!! Numbers attending the East Side meetings are steadily increasing, so this narrative is for those of you who live further afield [and the few of you locals who have yet to frequent The Wheel (James Street, Golcar) on the 2nd Thursday of the month].

Rich Fee of Ledgard Boat Fitters, Mirfield was our guest in May. As a couple of us helped him to carry his gear to our upstairs meeting room, we wondered how we were going to remove a full-size narrowboat at the end of the meeting!

Rich gave an extremely interesting and illustrated talk on the intricacies of fitting-out a canal boat. He also brought along many of the tools of his trade, including a variety of the different types of wood used in the construction of interiors.

Our West Side towpath walk was not as well attended as we had hoped, but those who did turn up had an exceptionally good walk from the Brownhills Heritage Centre, Uppermill, to the western portal of Standedge Tunnel. We observed the steady progress which Trevor and his team are making towards restoration. The Diggle Hotel just happened to be convenient as a liquid refreshment supplier, as we ate our 'al fresco' sarnies. On our return journey, we spent time examining the variety of wildlife to be found in this area.

June's meetings were at the extremes of success.

The barbecue, despite the threat of inclement weather, proved to be a tremendous success. People were appreciative of the fact that vegetarians were catered for at such an event. Society members mingled with locals resulting in a wider awareness of the Society's aims.

The Rochdale Canal towpath walk was held on a day when the heavens thought that, as members of a canal society, we ought to be treated in the same way as narrowboats, ie. it rained! Not the occasional short shower, but prolonged precipitation, to put it politely. We decided to cancel the walk, and we retired to the mud of the Wakefield Festival instead.

PLEASE NOTE OUR FUTURE MEETINGS.....

August 15th is a film evening. We shall be showing some films made by members of the Huddersfield Cine & Video Club of the Huddersfield Canal(s) and also those of John Maynard. If you know of any other suitable films, please let us know.

September 12th will be the East Side's AGM (we are told that they used to be a regular event). It will only be a short affair and you will not be asked to do anything (unless of course you want to). It will last from 5-10 minutes and light refreshments will be available. There will follow a 'Canal Forum', where certain 'Canal Celebrities' will be available to answer your questions.

September 15th is the re-arranged date for our trip to the Boat Museum at Ellesmere Port. The cost of the coach is £6 for adults, £2.50 for 5-15 year-olds and free for the under-5's. Please send your cheques (made payable to 'HCS East') to us at Peak & Pennine, 120 Blackmoorfoot Road, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield, HD4 5RL.

October 10th is a slide-show by Mike Taylor of the Sheffield & S. Yorkshire Canal Society. He will be talking about canals in China.

Finally, don't forget the Family Party Night on the 12th December. All age groups will be catered for. More details next time.

The many of you who have been to these social gatherings are all agreed that we meet in comfortable, convivial surroundings. If you have not yet visited us, why not pop along to a future meeting and encounter like-minded people. Together we are raising the profile of HCS.

SEE YOU AT THE HUDDERSFIELD CANALS FESTIVAL.

DAVE & DIANE CALVERLEY

AT a recent East Side meeting, we held a quiz. It consisted of five rounds; Pot-Pourri, Sport, Current Affairs, and Music.

Starting in the previous issue of Pennine Link, we are reproducing the questions asked that night. The person who sends us the most correct answers will receive a fantastic prize from our emporium - ie. Peak & Pennine (Outdoor Equipment Specialists) will donate a day-sack to the winning entry. Any other offers of prizes for 2nd, 3rd, etc. places?

Here is the second set of questions:

POT-POURRI

1. Who was the Scottish inventor who improved the steam engine and made it practical? (1736-1819)
2. What is the chemical formula for 'ordinary' pure water?
3. Every creature that swims in the sea owes its existence, in the long run, to teeming multitudes of microscopic plant and animal organisms - collectively called what?
4. Where is the 'Forbidden City'?
5. What is the gland that secretes insulin and glucagon, the hormones that control the body's use of sugars?
6. What does a pedometer measure?
7. What month is incorrectly named 'the ninth month'?
8. What was especially unusual about the inhabitants of Lilliput?
9. What's left when a baker's dozen is deducted from a gross?
10. What letter is most frequently used in the English language?
11. Sepia and umber are shades of what colour?
12. If a century is a hundred years, how many years specifically constitute a millennium?
13. Who was the star of 'The Gold Rush' and 'Modern Times'?
14. Rain, snow, sleet and hail are collectively (and politely) called?

15. What, when simply lettered, do these three numbers have in common, eleven, sixty nine & eighty eight?

SPORT

1. Where is the Grand National Steeplechase run?
2. What was Jimmy Greaves' last Football League club?
3. In what sport would you find the term 'chukka'?
4. In which event did Lyn Davis win a gold medal for Britain in the Tokyo Olympic Games?
5. What is the height of the top of a badminton net from the floor?
6. What is the duration of a hockey match?
7. In which year did Captain Webb swim the English Channel?
8. How many balls are used in a game of snooker?
9. Durham are about to join cricket's County Championship. Which was the last County to be admitted?
10. Who won an Olympic gold medal for Britain in the 3000m steeplechase of 1956?
11. When was the Rugby League Challenge Cup first played at Wembley?
12. How many periods are there in an ice hockey match?
13. Henry Higgins is English, but he has achieved international fame in a sport not usually associated with Englishmen. What is this sport?
14. Where is the 'All England Show Jumping Course'?
15. What do the initials 'G.S.' stand for in Netball?

Keep your answers safe as the competition still has two rounds to go. They will appear in the next issue of Pennine Link. The closing date for entries will also be announced next time.

DAVE & DIANE CALVERLEY

WATERWAYS FOR YOUTH

“Almost everything that is great has been done by youth”

So said Benjamin Disraeli over a century ago, but in many respects that's still good now. So, welcome all you young people to this Inland Waterways Event and see what you can achieve today.

Water has always been a great attraction for us, whether it's been swimming, or building dams at the seaside, or playing Pooch-sticks in the local stream. Perhaps we've wanted to be more adventurous and sail or canoe, and not had the opportunity. Today, WATERWAYS FOR YOUTH makes that possible - so give it a whirl!

The Inland Waterways Association's WATERWAYS FOR YOUTH campaign is designed to develop that early attraction and to encourage further opportunities to spend leisure in and around water.

The WATERWAYS FOR YOUTH Passport Scheme provides as many activities as possible for young visitors to the Huddersfield Canals Festival to experience - perhaps for the first time - and hopefully to continue to take an active part in them in the future.

The Huddersfield Narrow Canal, particularly around the Festival site, is somewhat restricted for waterspace and we are not able to provide as many water-based activities as we would wish, but there will be plenty going on, both on land and water. The multi-purpose use which waterways provide, be it angling, boating, canoeing, painting, walking and many others, means we should respect the pleasures of other people and enjoy them all in harmony - and safety.

In addition to the activities to be found during the Huddersfield Canals Festival, the Inland Waterways Association (IWA) encourages active participation throughout the year. The Plowman Youth Trophy is awarded each year for the most enterprising journey in an unpowered craft of inland waterways. The competition is open to young people under the age of 21 and will be awarded on the basis of the longest distance travelled during a twelve month period - little used or remote canals and rivers will gain more points.

We are all becoming more aware of the environment in which we live and we can all do something to improve it. The Waterways Recovery Group (WRG) of the IWA has been responsible for restoring many miles of derelict canal by the sheer hard work of tree felling, using mechanical equipment to dig out the waterway and occasionally using bucket and shovel, rebuilding lock chambers.... so many methods and skills are required. A WRG team is helping to restore the Huddersfield Narrow Canal.

So, come along to the Festival and have lots of fun - safely.

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THE PASSPORT SCHEME

The Passport Scheme comprises the following events

Countryside / Conservation

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Bucket Grab Operation

Resuscitation

Five out of six of these events must be completed to fill the Passport.

Each successful entrant will then be entitled to a free trip on the new H.C.S. 'Marsden Shuttle' boat.

Other prizes, including Sweatshirts, Horse-drawn Family Cruises etc., will also be awarded.

John Croot, Chairman of WATERWAYS FOR YOUTH sends his best wishes for a successful weekend which gives the youth of today a better understanding and appreciation of our Inland Waterways.

Ian France

The Passport Scheme is kindly sponsored by:
Chris Elson, Riverside Auto's, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield

FRIENDS, ROMANS, COUNTRYMEN...LEND ME YOUR TOOLS

IN March, the Society were approached for the loan of a selection of tools, ie. spades, picks, wheelbarrows etc., to assist new college students to carry out environmental improvements along the canal corridor. Here is a reprint of the Huddersfield Daily Examiner's report of the event:

'New college students carried out community projects throughout the district while their classmates took part in an industrial conference.

The community projects included clearing derelict land at Thornton Lodge, clearing canal towpaths near the Polytechnic, Tree-planting at Tunnel End and heather planting at Marsden Moor.

Half the students took part in community activities while the other half were involved in an industrial conference at the college, tackling a series of topics from production problems to marketing. They swapped roles the following day.

The two-day project was the brainchild of lecturer Mr Stephen Dunkeyson.'



Photo: Huddersfield Daily Examiner

Andy Rushby (front), from Kirklees' Planning department, and New College students take a break from cleaning the overgrown canal towpath.

'A TOIL OF PLEASURE....'

*'Gloves will be provided' 'better make sure you bring wet weather gear'
 'you'll be supervising twenty or so 16 and 17 year-olds who have
 'volunteered' ' 'two days in March'.*

These are the sort of words to strike fear into the very heart of mere mortals concerned with improving the environment, particularly when they have to go out there themselves and do it!

Kirklees Economic Development and Planning Service in conjunction with New College, Huddersfield, arranged a couple of days in March of 'community involvement' for pupils at the college. One of the projects chosen was a 'clean up' of a derelict stretch of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal in central Huddersfield. This stretch of canal, covering about 800 metres (from the junction with the Huddersfield Broad Canal to the first blockage of the canal at Queen Street South) runs through an area of industrial decline - factories that once provided the backbone of Huddersfield's economy, now stand empty and derelict - sharing a similar fate to that of the canal.

Kirklees Council has recognised the problems of this area and recently launched the 'Huddersfield Riverside' initiative which aims to breathe life back into this area. Many buildings have now been stone-cleaned and a proposal to dredge and clean out the canal will take place after Easter, helping to remove the derelict 'feel' of the area.

A combination of the above things led to the idea of clearing the canal towpath and banks of rubbish, litter, extraneous vegetation such as elder and bramble etc. So, 'Cometh the hour, Cometh the man' and woman. Students, teachers and officers from the Council worked hard to clear out some of the more disgusting rubbish ever invented by Man - beer cans a-plenty; plastic bags; traffic cones; and 'other things' (unidentifiable). After the initial 'Yuk! I'm not touching that with a barge pole!' (very appropriate), everyone got stuck in - sometimes literally - and a vast amount of rubbish was cleared over two days.

The Huddersfield Daily Examiner, whose new premises on Queen Street South overlook the canal, took a keen interest in the scheme, giving both publicity and also a free lunch for the dedicated workers! A first-class buffet was provided - and as only a third of those who had 'volunteered' actually turned up, so seconds and thirds were the order of the day! Tools for the event were supplied by John Harrison from the depot at Ashton, the Council's own canal workers and the Kirklees Countryside Service.

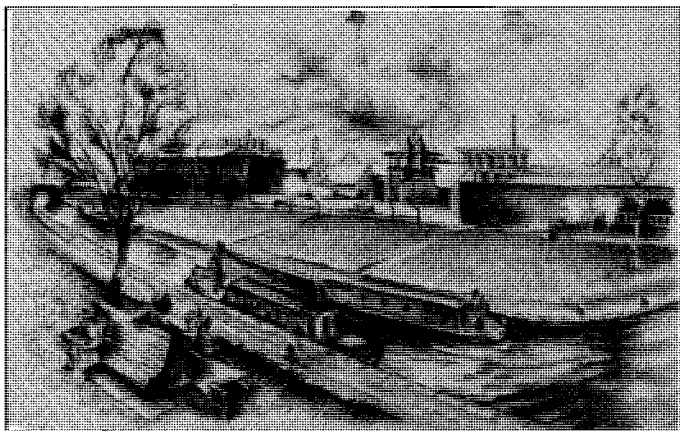
Everyone concerned seemed to get something out of the scheme (aching back, bruises, brambles up trouser legs...) and it's hoped to do a similar scheme same time next year. Someone else's turn, I say!

**ANDY RUSHBY
 KIRKLEES PLANNING SERVICE**

STALEY WHARF AND BEYOND

ON Saturday 13th July 1991, the Huddersfield Canal Society launched the Staley Wharf Appeal. It started by welcoming interested local business visitors to Portland Basin where our display was on view. After a brief welcome to our guests, we went by vintage bus to the Stamford Group at Stalybridge, where we were officially welcomed by the Managing Director, Neville Kenyon; our Chairman for the day.

We then divided on to three boats for our trip to the Festival site: 'Little Gypsy', a launch owned and operated by Robin Witter of Chester, the day boat 'Burley', owned by local boatbuilder Kevin Wadsworth and last, but by no means least, the more traditional boat 'Tinkerbell', skippered by Bill Heyes. Down through the three locks we went, to join the Civic Cruise to the main site of the Ashton Canals Festival.



View from Staley Wharf to Bayley Street Bridge

The Staley Wharf Group was formed earlier this year to promote and encourage the route through Stalybridge via the River Tame; the only route left to us, and fully supported by Tameside Metropolitan Council. The reinstatement of the canal at Staley Wharf is the first stage of the river route and we need about £80,000 on top of the money already secured. And we need it urgently.

The whole of the Council of the Canal Society is behind this appeal.

A Corporate Membership Pack has been prepared to attract companies to join the Society, which includes a framed picture of the canal, a video, a free boat trip etc.; you may recall seeing our Chairman David Sumner presenting the first pack to Neville Kenyon at the Festival.

If you work for a company which may be interested in joining the Society, please contact me, c/o the Society office at Ashton.

KENNETH GOODWIN
CHAIRMAN, STALEY WHARF GROUP



So that's what the Calverleys look like!

**YES, ANOTHER ARTICLE ON THE
HUDDERSFIELD CANALS FESTIVAL.**

WE have been liaising with Bob Maycock regarding 'manning' ('womanning?') jobs and stalls at this Festival. You may well be fed-up to the back teeth with requests for help, but never mind, we are sure you can suffer a little more.

We apologise if you have not heard our dulcet tones over BT's wires, so please accept a written solicitation instead.

We are able to offer a variety of jobs to volunteers, ranging from selling pop and crisps to giving away the programme. We have devised a rota so that no one should be stuck with one job for longer than one hour - variety is the spice of life!

Help is required at the following sessions: Thursday evening, Friday evening, Saturday & Sunday, morning, afternoon & evening. We would be extremely pleased to hear from you - even if you can spare only one hour at one session. If you can give us more time, you will be ecstatically welcomed with open arms.

If you would like more details before taking the plunge, then please do not hesitate to contact us (0484 653997 or 0484 658889).

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Dear Alwyn,

Thank you for putting my letter in Pennine Link 98; I have another one for you. On the East side of the canal, the workers have reached Lock 4 at Longroyd Bridge. Trevor Ellis tells me that when this is done, Lock 24E will be done by Kirklees. If you are planning to use the river in Huddersfield, you will have a job getting through because there are buildings and a road in the way, and my grandma says the river is very shallow. I help with Lock 23W when the boat comes in. In May, kids drained the pound, so we tried to get the water level up, unsuccessfully, so we got B&WB out and we need a new paddle. I know about Lock 21W; I know the bridge used to be where the bus stops at the lay-by and at the other side, the ground is not level.

Lock 24W has got to be delayed because there is someones garden over the position of the chamber. I keep seeing kids throwing rubbish and pulling stop planks out at Lock 15W. I sometimes walk from 15W to 4E; just under 5 hours.

Lock 21E looks in a bad way. Have you any idea when it will be restored to use? Similarly, we have got trouble with Lock 12W; when will that be put right? I am an uncle to a 9 month old girl who loves water and I know she would love canals!

Please can I ask anyone who sees bits about the canal which they don't want to keep, to send them to me at my address below. Please can I have this letter put in P'Link 99 and a reply please?

Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL TINKER

28 Quick View, Mossley, OL5 9DU

Thanks for your second letter, Michael, I am very pleased to read your enthusiastic comments and share your concern about vandalism on restored sections. For updates on progress, keep reading P'Link.

Ed.

GOODIES STILL WANTED

Reiterating last Issue's request for 'goodies'.....

In order to run a tombola on the Sales Stand this season, we need prizes - anything from a bar of soap to a bottle of drink (not necessarily alcoholic). Have you any unwanted presents tucked away? This is another instance of 'help in kind'; your items can be turned into hard cash to directly help the restoration effort. Please send any suitable articles to either the HCS Office at Ashton, or to Gay Quilter, 12 Shaw Hall Close, Greenfield, or 'phone 0457 872526 to arrange collection. Thanks!

P.S. We still need helpers for the Sales Stand, particularly at Huddersfield Canals Festival.

GAY QUILTER

EDITOR'S LAMENT

In compiling this Autumn Issue, it occurred to me that perhaps this page should have been headed 'LETTER' rather than the plural. Not that I want to bemoan the lack of correspondence, but we can only publish what we receive. Besides, being the Society magazine, we love to hear from our Society members, particularly those overseas.

Don't be put off if you feel letter writing isn't your forte, it's the ideas and comments that count, the Editor is here to help. So, let's see if Winter's Letters page(s) can't be worth the title!

Ed.

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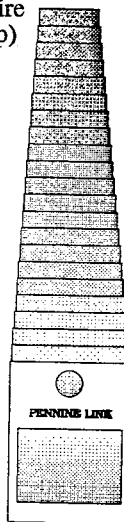
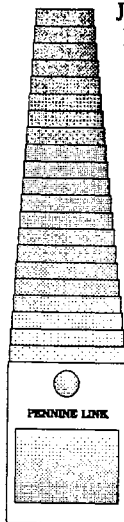
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- Wed., August 14th* Inspection of Restoration Works, Tollemache Arms
- Wed., September 11th* General Meeting, Railway Hotel, Greenfield
- Wed., October 9th* General Meeting, Tollemache Arms, Mossley
- Wed., November 13th* Lecture & Slide Presentation by Cyril Rutter, (IWA),
Cross Keys Inn, Church Lane, Uppermill
- Wed., December 11th* General Meeting, Tollemache Arms

EAST SIDE

- Thurs., August 15th* Films of the Huddersfield Canal:
Huddersfield Cine & Video Club
- Sun., August 18th* Towpath Walk, East Side
- Thurs., September 12th* AGM, followed by 'Canal Forum'
- Sun., September 15th* Trip to the Boat Museum at Ellesmere Port
- Thurs., October 10th* Slide Presentation by Mike Taylor
(Sheffield & S. Yorks. Canal Society)

N.B. All meetings commence at 8.00pm

All East Side meetings take place at The Wheel, Golcar, Huddersfield

