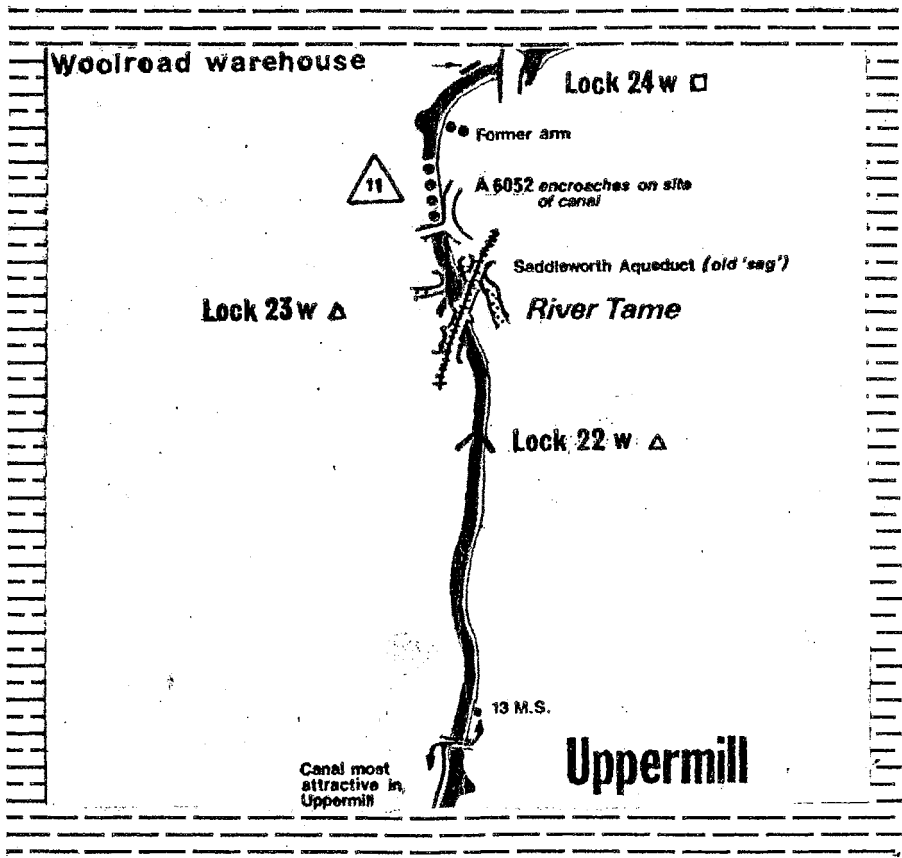


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E D I T O R I A L

Although this is the second issue of Pennine Link with me in the Editor's chair this is actually my first editorial, the first I've ever written !

I see the role of Editor of Pennine Link as a gatherer and distributor of facts, news, information and comments with every member more than welcome, in fact, encouraged to contribute to the magazine. At the moment I am specifically looking for a simple crossword compiler (the crossword and not the compiler!) and also to hear of any canal holiday experiences that I'm sure many of you have had ! Please, do help if you can.

I expect many members feel as I used to feel, they didn't want to get too involved in the Society's activities because they didn't feel they had much to offer and anyway they didn't know many other members - if any at all ! Take the plunge as I did, everyone is made to feel welcome at meetings etc., and there is always some way you can get involved if you would like to.

I hope that during my reign as Editor I shall see more people taking an interest in the Society - especially now that things are really beginning to happen.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you can offer any ideas for the magazine or the society as I'm always pleased to hear from you.

Sue Gibson

February - the doldrums of the year. The hectic activity and excitement of Christmas is over yet the promise of Spring still seems a long way ahead. This is always a difficult time for the Society, since the momentum built up through the previous year seems to run out just short of the next period of activity which can help build it up again. I think we should look at new ways of keeping the interest and enthusiasm up through the Winter months - particularly since most of our main activities tend to be fine weather ones and are concerned with festivals, the boat and restoration of the cottages and the Uppermill project. All of these will require a good deal of time and effort through the Spring and Summer months. It will be unfortunate indeed, if we are not in a position to build immediately on the progress made last year and we must not fall into the trap of making three steps forward, relaxing a little too much and then finding that we have slid two steps backwards.

I also see this being a difficult year financially - how many others have already said that ? ! For the first time in many years I can see us having to meet expenditure far greater than the normal income of the Society and I can also see 1981 setting the pattern for future years. What do I mean by normal income? - I include membership subscriptions, small donations, sales revenue, profit from major events, such as the Tameside Festival. To date, this income has always been sufficient to run the Society effectively and to maintain a reasonably healthy balance. This income should continue to do just this, although I should point out that the membership subscription is being held for another year even though this now, with the latest postal increases, barely covers the costs of production and postage of Pennine Link.

We will have to raise money for major projects such as Uppermill from other sources and we will, therefore, have to launch specific campaigns. These will not be easy, individuals are feeling the pinch, Local Authorities are trying to restrict expenditure, Charitable bodies have increasing demands on their funds, and last, but not least, private and public companies are making lower and lower profits.

Nevertheless, we believe that money is available, but it may take some searching out. All of you can help by publicising new projects and trying to find new sources of finance. Local Charities, Lotteries, Local Companies who are doing well and may wish to provide sponsorship are all possible sources and are

worth following up. If we don't know of a possible source - then we cannot ask - if we don't ask then there is no possibility of help. So, if you have any contacts, any bright ideas, let us know - get in touch with any member of the Council and we will do the rest. Remember, no money, no projects and no Huddersfield Narrow Canal!

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UPPERMILL RESTORATION
HOW YOU CAN HELP

Over the last few months you will have read a good deal about the Uppermill Restoration Project - no doubt you were beginning to wonder when it would start! Spring this year is the time for work to begin. In the meantime we have launched an appeal for funds and we need your support.

The scheme is to restore the length of canal between Saddleworth Museum and Woolroad Warehouse - 2 locks, an aqueduct and a short infilled stretch of canal. Phase 1 for 1981 is to put Lock 22W, Dungebooth Lock, back into operation. This alone could cost up to £10,000. You can help in two ways by providing both physical and financial support. If every member donated £2 then we would raise £1,000. Obviously we would like more but we need this sort of money quickly to make a start.

Remember, this is a special fund for a special project and we need your special donation. Your membership subscription barely covers the cost of producing and posting Pennine Link. (See page 7 in this issue for more about Membership Subscriptions).

Donations can be handed to any Council Member, sent to the Treasurer or paid directly into the special bank account at the National Westminster Bank Ltd., Uppermill Branch (Code No. 01-08-99) for the credit of 'Huddersfield Canal Society Ltd. - Uppermill Project' account No. 84219262.

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HELICOPTER TRIPS AT THE TAMESIDE CANALS FESTIVAL

Arrangements have just been finalised - helicopter trips are available at the Festival. This means you will now be able to travel through the ages, as usual there will be the horse-drawn boat trips which have always been such a success and now this year helicopter trips.

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TAMESIDE CANALS FESTIVAL 1981.

The fourth annual Tameside Canals Festival will be held at the Portland Basin, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire on the weekend of July 25th and 26th, 1981.

Last year's event organised by the Huddersfield Canal Society and the Inland Waterways Association attracted over 20,000 people. Many of them were discovering the delights of the world of waterways for the first time.

Apart from providing an enjoyable weekend for its visitors, this is the Festival's main purpose - to draw attention to the amenity value of the canal system, and to celebrate the recreational use of the waterways.

It also provides funds to support the campaign for the restoration of the remaindered Huddersfield Narrow Canal. Progress is already being made here, with current projects including a trip boat on the Uppermill stretch and the restoration of the Standedge-Tunnel-End-Cottages at Marsden.

There are various ways you can help to make this years Festival a success:

You can become a sponsor by sending a donation of £5 or more to TCF, 19, Micklehurst Road, Mossley, Lancs OL5 9NL. All sponsors will be acknowledged in the Festival Brochure, unless you indicate otherwise.

You can take part in the festival by renting a trade display and/or sales stand on the site. For details please write to Jean Buckley, 37, Edward Street, Oldham.

You can buy (or sell) the raffle tickets enclosed with this issue of Pennine Link - with the chance of winning a free holiday on a canal narrowboat. If you object to lotteries please discard the tickets and accept our apologies.

You can help in a practical way by helping on the sales stand at the Festival or help to organise and run a balloon race which will be taking place. Help is needed to make HCS publicity signs for the site, in fact, anyone available for the weekend will be found a job to do! Your help will be much appreciated.

Anyone wishing to man stalls, run balloon race, etc., please contact Tricia Callaghan, 63, Grey Street, Stalybridge, Cheshire or phone 061-338-4277. A sub-group is to be set up to cover all these arrangements so if you are interested please give Tricia a ring.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the First Annual General Meeting of the above named Company will be held at the Town Hall, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire on Friday the 10th day of April, 1981 at 8.00 pm. to transmit the following business:-

- (a) To receive and adopt the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st December, 1980 together with the Reports of the Council of Management and of the Auditors thereon
- (b) To re-elect the Auditors and to authorise the Council of Management to fix their remuneration
- (c) To re-elect Sue Gibson as a Member of the Council of Management
- (d) Any other business

DATED this twenty-fifth day of February 1981.

By order of the Council



P.P. Secretary

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NB. A Member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote on his behalf. A proxy must also be a Member of the Company.

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Annual General Meeting of the Society to be held on the 10th
day of April, 1981 and at any adjournment thereof

Signed this day of , 1981.

SPONSORED 'DIGGLE' PUB CRAWL ON SATURDAY 28th MARCH, 1981.

This event is to be held in Marsden and it is hoped that as many people as possible will compete dressed in 'Diggle' suits, traditional costume etc. etc.

This 'crawl' is to start from the Railway Hotel (at the side of the summit lock) at 11.30 am and then make its way to Tunnel End, up on to Standedge before returning to the Railway.

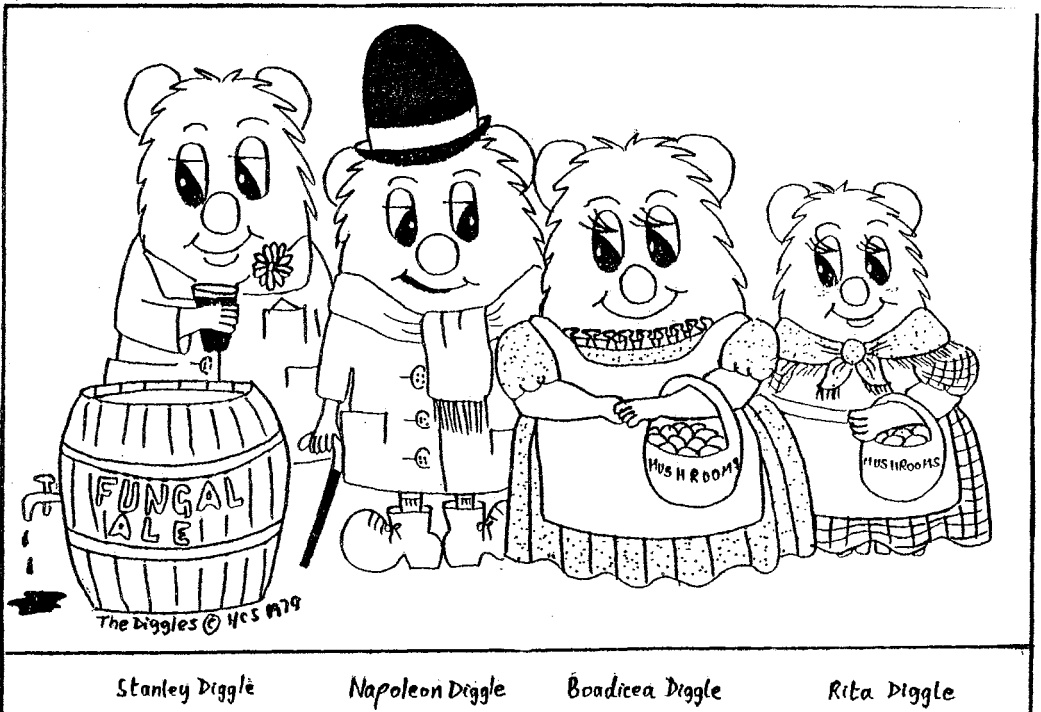
There are ten pubs on the route and the amount of sponsorship will be based on the number of pubs visited as each competitor is expected to have at least one drink in each pub.

All monies raised by this event will go towards the Uppermill Restoration Project so this is your chance in assisting with fund raising.

A joint East/West Social with Pie & Peas and Darts/Pool/Dominoe games is also planned for the evening at the Railway.

Further information and sponsorship forms are available from the Publicity Officer - David Finnis, 7, Ned Lane, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield.

N.B. The Competitors have to buy their own drinks and the minimum age is 18 years.



Diggle characters featured in 'Where's our Cut?'

At a recent Council Meeting it was decided that Membership Subscriptions should remain as they are now for at least another year. This decision was taken in the light of the recent increase in second class postage from 10p to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ p. This now means that the postage costs of Pennine Link alone amounts to 69p per member per annum. It is now a fact that the basic subscription of £1.50 p.a. barely covers the cost of producing and posting Pennine Link.

However, by keeping the basic subscription so low it is hoped that as large a number of people as possible will remain and become members. We must appeal to members however to voluntarily increase their subscription in order to provide funds for the fight to restore the Huddersfield Narrow Canal.

There are several ways you can help; please think about doing one of the following:

Round up your subscription to the nearest pound

Execute a Deed of Covenant

Make a special donation towards your favourite project

Make an interest free loan to the Society.

If you would like further details of any of the above please contact the Treasurer. He will also be pleased to hear from anyone who has other ways in which they would like to contribute.

A Deed of Covenant and Bankers Order is being enclosed with this issue of Pennine Link. Please complete in respect of your subscription and/or donation. If at all possible complete the forms well in advance of the first payment date. Already sixty members have completed forms - many thanks to them.

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REGIONAL SUB-GROUPS

Inquiries have been made by one or two members of the Society into the setting up of regional sub-groups for those members living away from the Huddersfield Narrow Canal area.

If you would be interested in joining or setting one up in your area please contact the General Secretary.

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The Mikron Theatre Co. have finished performing 'WHERE'S OUR CUT?' at least for the time being. As you all probably know 'WHERE'S OUR CUT' tells the story of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal from its inception to the present day. We see all these events unfold through the eyes of the Diggles, those amazing little creatures that live inside Standedge Tunnel. If you haven't seen the show you ought to be ashamed of yourself (except, of course, those members who live in New Zealand and other far-flung places). For two seasons over 14,000 people saw us give 152 performances of 'WHERE'S OUR CUT?'. The Diggles were seen in such places as Gloucester Docks, Chatterly Whitfield Mining Museum and the National Rally in London.

Now we have put the Diggles to rest but they don't seem to want to lie down. Recently I had a phone call from a teacher in Keighley. When faced with a classroom of eight year olds he wasn't expecting to teach, he started telling the story of the Diggles and the Huddersfield Narrow. They became so captivated and so involved he decided to bring them on a trip to Standedge in the hope they might meet a Diggle.

This is where I came in - on a beautifully sunny but very frosty morning I walked up the towpath with Sarah towards the tunnel in my Diggle suit (complete with thermal underwear - I'm not daft!). As we approached we noticed the children were already there. I decided to make a dash for it - I climbed up the banking to try and get behind Tunnel End Cottages before they saw me. No such luck - I was spotted and pursued. When they caught me, cries of "What is it?" "Is it a rat?" "Is it the Ripper?". These children were very mystified. They weren't my schoolparty at all. They were a group from Huddersfield and thought I was a loony. However, when I began to explain what I was and about the tunnel and canal, they became really fascinated. Just as I was saying goodbye to them, the real group arrived. They were delightful. They believed in the Diggles completely (as well they should!). They wanted to see more of us. We listened very carefully and we could hear quite a few of us singing in the tunnel! The children seemed to have grasped a lot of detail about the canal itself.

Shortly afterwards another group arrived. If this was a typical day in the middle of winter, the sooner we have the cottages open with a museum or information centre the better.

By the way, the Diggles will be making another appearance on the Diggle Pub Crawl on 28th March. Don't forget to get a

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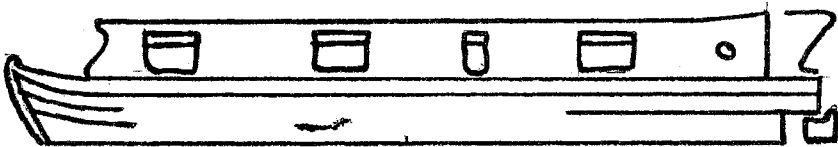
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sponsorship form and come and join in. We could make a lot of money and get drunk.....sorry, enjoy ourselves at the same time.

The 1981 Season is almost upon us. We have just been down to London to make a new LP in the very studios at Abbey Road where the Beatles made a lot of their records. Our humbler offering is an album called 'MUD IN YOUR EYE!' with the music from MUD IN YOUR EYE on one side and WHERE'S OUR CUT? on the other. It should be on sale by the middle of April.

This year is our tenth tour; so, as well as MUD IN YOUR EYE! going into its second year we're having a revival. By popular request we shall be performing I'D GO BACK TOMORROW which is the story of the narrowboat people seen through the eyes of a boatwoman from the turn of the century to the present day. We shall be performing at venues near the Huddersfield Narrow Canal in the first week of our tour.

The venues are:

- 18th April Saddleworth Museum, Uppermill, Nr. Oldham 3.30pm MIYE
- 19th April The Railway Hotel, Station Rd., Marsden. 8.00pm MIYE
- 20th April The Zetland Hotel, 29 Queensgate, Hudds. 8.00pm. IGBT
- 21st April Four Horseshoes, Market St. Milnsbridge. 8.00pm. IGBT
- 23rd April The Swan, Crimble, Slaithwaite. 8.00pm. MIYE
- 24th April Rose and Crown, Stalybridge 8.00pm. IGBT
- 25th April The Mechanics Institute, Peel St. Marsden. 8.00pm. IGBT

IGBT = I'D GO BACK TOMORROW

MIYE = MUD IN YOUR EYE!

Please come and support us. Sarah or I will try and send regular messages to Pennine Link whilst we're on tour.

WALKING THE PENNINE RING

The March and April issues of Waterways World are featuring two articles by Kirk Martin. In the first article Kirk and his wife started their struggle to walk the Ring at Manchester along the Rochdale canal to Sowerby Bridge and along the Calder and Hebble to Cooper Bridge.

The April issue has them walking along the Huddersfield Broad and eventually the Huddersfield Narrow as far as Ashton and completing the Ring to Manchester along the Ashton canal.

A guide is shown in the April issue showing suggested places to stop en route, a problem Kirk and his wife encountered on more than one occasion.

This issue of Pennine Link concludes the list of job profiles of Members of the Council:

Company Secretary, Treasurer, Tunnel End Cottages Co-ordinator, Publicity Officer, Publications Officer and Vice Chairman and Uppermill Project Co-ordinator.

Company Secretary

John M. Fryer
Solicitor

Although one of the last Council Members to submit a profile of my role within the Canal Society I consider that I have a much simpler task in that the job of Company Secretary is, to a large extent defined by law.

I am responsible for maintaining the company's statutory books and in particular for ensuring compliance with the Companies and Charities Acts. I act as a legal adviser to the full council on all matters which may arise from time to time and prepare all necessary legal documentation.

I prefer to limit my sphere of activity although many company secretaries virtually manage their company's affairs. I do not propose to be involved with the practical side of the Company's objects so far as actual restoration work is concerned due mainly to the expense of my own time which is heavily committed in other directions.

Treasurer

Les Winnard

The Role of Treasurer consists of several functions which are:

1. Bookkeeper - keeping the books of the Society up to date and informing council of the current financial position and monthly movements. This will also include the preparation of Annual Accounts and any other relevant financial statement as required.
 2. Investment Advisor - ensuring the Society's Funds are invested to produce the best return.
 3. Fund Raising Co-ordinator - all fund raising activities should be notified to the Treasurer to avoid duplication of effort and make more use of successful methods.
 4. Sundry others - such as dealing with Deeds of Covenants, Reclaiming Income Tax, and ensuring that the assets and liabilities of the Society are adequately covered by Insurance.
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I see the role of the co-ordinator as organiser of the conservation and restoration of the cottages (and possibly the area round about) either by HCS alone or by a joint venture between HCS and some other organisation - this latter alternative being preferable in view of the likely development of the more important Uppermill Project.

The immediate priorities are to secure a suitable lease and to weatherproof the building to prevent further serious deterioration. This work which is already started, covers roof patching, removal of ivy, clearing of drains, improving the windows etc.

Longer term plans require discussion with interested groups. The Society will probably have to become involved in controlling work, as the roof repairs in particular seem to be more than we could reasonably cope with in the time allowed.

Publicity Officer

David L. Finnis

Publicity Officer is responsible for all aspects of publicising the Society and Canals (Broad and Narrow) both locally and nationally. However, this responsibility will at times be delegated to the various 'Project Managers' to publicise their individual projects unless they feel it should be done by the Publicity Officer. If delegation is accepted the P.O. must be informed of ALL press releases before they are distributed.

The P.O. is forming a small sub-group to examine publicity in general and if anyone is interested in joining this group - who has not been contacted personally already - they should contact the P.O. as soon as possible.

The sub-group will be designed to maximise the Society's publicity through the normal channels such as newspapers, magazines, TV, etc., and by other methods.

The P.O. also believes that the Society's image needs examining to see how we can portray a more 'professional' approach to restore the canal instead of the amateur one that voluntary groups are often given.

To present via the sales stand and other outlets, the Society's publications. To set up ad hoc groups to revise and update existing publications and produce any future booklets.

To deal with all enquiries regarding the purchase of said literature and to be responsible to the council for any of the Society's publications.

Vice Chairman & Uppermill Project Co-ordinator. David Sumner.

The role is to co-ordinate all relevant bodies and individuals with the aim of restoring the section of canal from Wade Lock Basin to the Basin at the Woolroad Warehouse. The restoration involves all society members.

The physical restoration will involve small experienced groups of volunteers involving Waterways Restoration Group expertise (more details later).

The cost of restoration will be funded by special appeals, festivals etc. The Treasurer is seeking new ideas for fund raising.

Publicity will be handled by David Finnis, watch out for details in Pennine Link and Press reports.

Contacts have been made with relevant bodies including BWB, Oldham Metropolitan Council, Tame Valley Working Party, Saddleworth Council and Saddleworth Museum.

Plans for the new lock gate and restoration of Dungebooth Lock (22W) have been filed with BWB for comment.

Progress Reports will appear, as and when things happen, in Pennine Links.

BROAD CANAL TRIP

The trip on the Huddersfield Broad Canal on 22nd November was such a success (see January Pennine Link) that by popular demand Brian Badminton is again arranging a trip for the 14th March. The trip boats will be leaving Aspley Basin at approx. 9.30am and anyone wishing to come along should 'phone Brian on Huddersfield 45779.

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Since the last issue of Pennine Link some of the Winter Programme work has been carried out.

Accommodation has been found at Longbottom's Mill, Slaithwaite - for which I would like to thank Mr. Longbottom for his generosity.

The motor, propellor and shaft have been taken out and entrusted to the tender mercies of Mr. Hickson who has offered (or had his arm twisted)! to renovate and modify for 2:1 belt drive.

Ballast has been acquired in the shape of very dense engineering bricks - courtesy of Mr. Milson.

A new floor has been built from T & G 'tanalised' floor boards and joists which have also been creosoted.

The rotted wood from the false stern have been removed revealing a soggy water-logged mass of polyurethane foam supported on rotten three-ply! This mess has been removed allowing access to the rusty cavity and rudder bearings. The rudder has been removed and Mr. Hickson has again been persuaded to straighten and renovate.

Work on the seats is progressing slowly and the inside and outside painted.

A programme of dates still requires to be worked out and other work listed in the last issue of Pennine Link. The motor and rudder require re-fitting and returned.

It is doubtful if the work will be completed ready for the next season if further assistance is not forthcoming.

TUNNEL END COTTAGESProgress Report

Trevor Ellis

Since the last report, work has continued on weatherproofing the cottages and the interior of both are now considerably drier. The growth of ivy, which we know from old photographs has been present for at least thirty years, has been cleared and work has been done on the doors and windows. Inside, a large amount of rubbish has been cleared, including a vast collection of old shoes. Fires have been lit to dry out the walls.

Elsewhere, further negotiations with BWB have resolved certain aspects of the proposed lease and we await a revised draft. For the future we intend to continue our efforts, expanding as negotiations allow. It seems likely that some of the work will necessitate outside assistance and we are considering the various government schemes that are available.

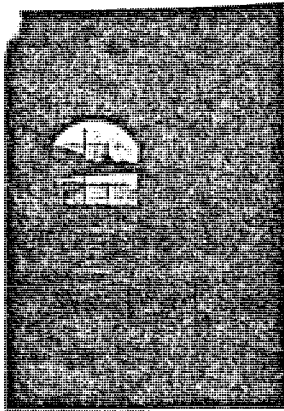
'LEGGING' THROUGH STANDEDGE TUNNEL.

Photo taken when
nearing Tunnel
End at Diggle.

HCS Member Mr. James Crosland of Birkby Huddersfield, saw recently in the local paper an article referring to 'legging on the roof' of Standedge Tunnel. This reminded him of an article he had read in the Huddersfield Examiner in 1946/7 referring to the same subject, and thought we might be interested in what he wrote to them at that time:

'I was very interested to read your news item concerning the Standedge Tunnel. Your reporter mentions 'legging' on the roof, this however is not quite correct. As he states the roof at the entrance to the tunnel is 5ft above. This is only in the 'lined' first 200 yards or so, after which the tunnel is always considerably higher than that and also irregular in shape and of course even at 5ft it is impossible to 'leg' the roof.

I was fortunate enough to be one of a party of members of the Huddersfield Engineering Society who were 'legged' through the tunnel shortly after it ceased to be used commercially. The 'legging' was done by four men who worked in pairs, each pair doing half the trip. The men lay on straw filled sacks on the raised bow of the barge and 'legged' the walls. Only on the lined approach could both men 'leg' at the same time, after which due to the width of the tunnel each man 'legged' in turn giving a push off as his efforts moved the barge from his side when the other man took up the work. When passing through the four spaces or loops, the barge was paddled from the stern.

We waited at one of the adits, or headings leading to the railway tunnel until an express passed and the din was such that can scarcely be described.

The 'legging' did not appear to tire the men unduly and the man who hand-pumped a flare rigged in the middle of the barge for illumination certainly worked the hardest of all. The memory of sweat dripping from his face after keeping the flare going for the three hour trip is still vivid.

Previous to this trip I had, as your reporter been under the impression that the 'legging' was done on the roof, but had also wondered how, when making the tunnel (1794-1803) they had managed to maintain a height which could always be reached.

In this connection I had once read the story of the construction of the tunnel which said the method of determining the level of the workings was periodically to flood them, after which they had to wait until the water drained off before resuming the work.

A walk 'over the top' from Diggle with a call at the Great Western completed an interesting day. '

A letter recently received from Waterways Activities Group
Roger Prior (Walsall Branch)

As a member of HCS may I bring your attention to WAG. Our aim is to help preserve the waterways by actually using them, leaving the spade work to single canal societies like your good selves. Whilst based in the Midlands, our small but active membership is nationwide and we hope to spread the word by offering an inexpensive means of getting on the water to people who do not have their own boat. You may have seen the article in last December's Waterways World on Len Wilson's recollections of the Shroppie. Len is our Vice President and vade mecum and the article was based on the simulated working run we had as our Spring cruise last year which was featured on local TV at the time. However, we were not named in the film and here lies the rub, we need our word spread. Our events this year include Spring and Autumn weekend canal cruises, BCN cruising rally, Broads sailing and Dudley Tunnel trips.

We are also considering running a daytrip to Huddersfield would 'Stan' be available and if so could you send details of dates available and max. payload etc?

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CANAL SOCIETIES.

Another letter recently received from the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal Society who, in conjunction with the Lancaster Canal Trust

Feel it is most important that a Federation 'The National Association of Canal Societies' be formed to replace the vital link when IWAAC is disbanded.

Two representatives from the Huddersfield Canal Society are attending the AGM on the 7th March, 1981 which is taking place in Wolverhampton, primarily to decide whether or not they think we as a Society (with great hopes for the retention of IWAAC) should be considering joining this Association.

Chris Farrar and Bob Dewey who are the two attending this AGM will obviously be reporting back to the Council meeting with their views which will appear in the next issue of Pennine Link in May.

Resume of Council Meeting held on 30th Decemmer, 1980 at the Diggle Hotel, Diggle.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

IWAAC Meeting -Leeds, meeting concluded IWAAC should not be wound up.

Replacement of P.Freeman - to leave vacancy until AGM

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman expressed the hope that 1981 would continue to bring success to the Society

BOAT OFFICERS REPORT

Boat Sub-Committee Set up. A timetable for 1981 is needed.

TREASURER'S REPORT : Noted

CAMPAIGN OFFICER'S REPORT: Sub-group meeting, poor turn-out.

CORRESPONDENCE ; dealt with

UPPERMILL PROJECT : progressing well. Appeal for finance needed.

TUNNEL END COTTAGES: No recent work. Meeting with BW Estates.

FESTIVALS: National Rally Sub-group set up.

Tameside: problems with IWA over registration.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: A.G.M. Friday 10th April, 1981 at Slaithwaite

Town Hall. Pointed out that Aspley Warehouse at the Poly.

continues to deteriorate. D.Lambert considering running trips on the Broad Canal, agreed to support if necessary.

To arrange 6 months council meetings at next meeting.

Resume of Council Meeting held on 27th January, 1981 at the Coach and Horses, Manchester Rd., Marsden.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Future of IWAAC: agreed to seek MP's support.

Trip Boat: Licence granted.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Di Charlesworth resigned from Council, accepted with regret.

Chairman to write article for TCF Brochure

CORRESPONDENCE : dealt with

TREASURER'S REPORT: Noted

Agreed to peg subscription rate.

PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT: Sub Group being set up. New posters are being designed. Mini-displays required.

EDITOR'S REPORT: Press date 15th February.

UPPERMILL PROJECT: The question of increased maintenance costs after restoration is being investigated.

TUNNEL END COTTAGES

Work progressing. Meeting being arranged with West Yorkshire.

I am pleased to welcome the following new members:

- 693 Winifred M. Howkins, [REDACTED]
- 694 Graham M. Alder, [REDACTED]
- 695 Paul Hutchinson, [REDACTED]
- 696 Marcia & Arthur Williams, [REDACTED]
- 697 Mrs. Hilda Senior, [REDACTED]
- 698 Ruth Gilbert & Christopher Pickles, [REDACTED]

Membership Secretary Valerie Dewey

HOLIDAYS ON THE FRENCH CANALS

HCS Member Michael Handford is arranging one, two and three week holidays on the French canals as a result of the many enquiries he has had after previous holidays on French waterways.

The boat is a well converted 9 berth ex-grain barge owned by a British company. The boat has four twin berths and one single berth, saloon, galley, toilet and shower. A crew is provided (in self-contained accomodation).

The cost is about £50 per person per week in the peak season down to £45 per person per week out of peak season. Berths can be booked individually or a party can be made up or you can join a party.

There are three cruises available on various dates from May to September. If you are interested and require further details please contact:

M. A. Handford, 6, Spa Lane, Hinckley, Leics LE10 1JB
Tel: 0455 611508 Saturday - Monday
01-853-4484 Tuesday - Friday

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D I A R Y .

- 5th March 8.00pm. E.Meeting at Four Horseshoes, Milnsbridge, Hudds. Mikron Experiences by Mike & Sarah Lucas
- 8th March 9.30am Treasure Hunt, starting Canker Lane/Leeds Rd., details from S.Taylor, 10, Talbot Ave. Edgerton Hudds.
- 11th March 8.00pm. W.Meeting at Stamford Arms, Stalybridge.
- 14th March 9.30am Boat Trip on Broad Canal. Details from B.Badminton Tel. Hudds. 45779
- 15th March 10.00am Towpath Walk from Tunnel End, Marsden.
- 25th March 8.00pm Joint PFCS/HCS Meeting. 'We shall do well enough if we can keep clear of these damned tram roads' (quote of Duke of Bridgewater) by Mr. P. Whitehead. Oldham Community Centre.
- 28th March 11.30am Sponsored Diggle Pub Crawl in Marsden. Details: D.Finnis, 7, Ned Lane, Slaithwaite.
- 8.00pm East/West Social at Railway, Marsden.
- 2nd April 8.00pm E.Meeting at Railway Hotel, Marsden.
- 4/19th April Art Exhibition at Saddleworth Museum. Pictures on canal theme. These pictures will come from a competition among local schools. Boat Trips at Saddleworth Museum. Trips on 'Stan' at weekends of exhibition. 4/5th April 11/12th and 18/19th April (Easter)
- 8th April 8.00pm W.Meeting at Diggle Hotel, Diggle.
- 10th April 8.00pm A.G.M. in the Council Chamber, Slaithwaite Town Hall.
- 14th April Talk and slide show on the Huddersfield Narrow 7-30pm - 9pm by R.Dewey at Saddleworth Museum, Uppermill.
- 15th April Press Date
- 18th - 25th April Mikron Theatre Co. presenting 'Mud in your Eye!' and 'I'd go back tomorrow' locally. For venues and times see page 9 for details.
- 2nd May 10.00am Towpath Walk from Portland Basin, Ashton.
- 4th May 8.00pm Talk on Restoration progress at Colne Valley Society Meeting by R.Dewey at Slaithwaite Town Hall.
- 7th May 8.00pm E.Meeting including members slide show at the Commercial Hotel, Slaithwaite (Meet at 7pm for short towpath walk).
- 25th/26th July Tameside Canals Festival, Portland Basin.
- 15th/16th Aug. National Rally at Dock Street, Leeds.