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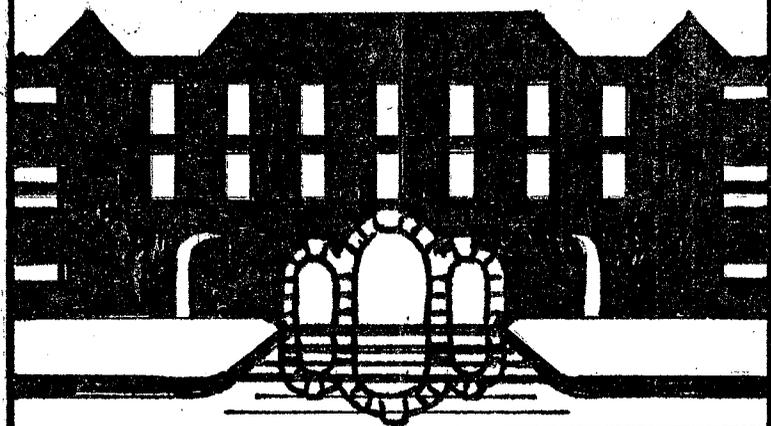
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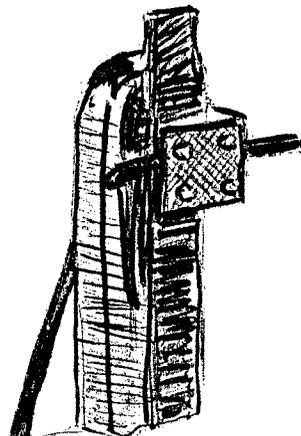
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editorial

I'll begin by offering best wishes to David Sumner and Trevor Ellis our new Society Chairman and Vice Chairman.

The trip I organised to Ellesmere Port Boat Museum on May 30th went well without too many hitches. An ideal sunny day we were guided around the Museum and the outdoor exhibits, then took a trip on the horse drawn trip boat whilst we ate our packed lunches, whilst travelling past scenery that as a compliment could only be called insalubrious.

The Museum certainly has some very interesting exhibits on display but for me the favourite had to be the icebreaker moved from Tunnel End, Marsden in March.

The enjoyable day at the Museum was rounded off by the Mikron's performance of 'I'd Go Back Tomorrow' which, as the weather was good was outdoors.'

As so many people have enjoyed the trip to Ellesmere Port it has been decided to arrange another trip, this time to Dudley Tunnel and the Black Country Museum on October 10th.



chairman's remarks

We all wish Chris Farrar well in his new appointment in Chertsey and I take this opportunity as your new Chairman of personally thanking Chris for being a most efficient and professional Chairman.

Your Council structure is such that every member on the Council has a specific job to undertake. Not only do we meet monthly to present individual reports on every facet of our campaign eg..Tunnel End Cottages, Exhibitions, Sales etc., there are now sub-committees with Council representatives looking at new schemes such as boat acquisitions, fund-raising, publications and the possibilities of job-creation schemes on the canal.

This issue of 'Pennine Link' will tell you of the progress we are making. The next issue should reveal some exciting new developments on many fronts.

We are not campaigning to receive personal accolades but I would like to congratulate every Council member on their unstinted efforts particularly over the last twelve months. Whilst we all welcome constructive criticism - we are learning all the time - we as a Council are aware of the tremendous possibilities ahead for restoration progress. The many options open to our Society in all fields - fund raising, physical restoration etc., mean that not all hoped for schemes can succeed. I do not believe your Council could have achieved more in the past year. We are after all volunteers with domestic and job responsibilities as well as our passion for the Huddersfield Narrow Canal.

The Society has been invited to a public meeting at Saddleworth Civic Hall, Uppermill on July 20th at 7.30pm to explain to the Parish Council our plans in Uppermill. Some thorny topics will be discussed including 'Angling or Navigation'. We believe one needs the other. The canal is to be enjoyed by everyone.

We have tried to keep as many organisations as possible informed of our restoration plans and have always gone ahead after full consultations with British Waterways Board. This public meeting has been called to explain again to the people of Saddleworth how a restored canal will benefit all the community.

Finally to all members thankyou for your support.

Ifyou can help in any way - we cannot all physically dig canals - contact a Council member, come along to the East and West meetings and socials or drop me a line with suggestions or ideas.

We need YOU.

David Sumner
Chairman

UPPERMILL

PROGRESS REPORT by
LAURENCE SULLIVAN

Our initial task was to carry out temporary repairs to the bywash stonework using the stone excavated from the lock. This has proved very effective in spite of the constant traffic of people and wheel-barrows across the bywash. We than commenced digging out the infill from the lock where the concrete capping had been removed. The infill contained some huge chunks of rock requiring considerable effort to shift and it soon became apparent that some form of hoist was essential. WRG - Waterways Recovery Group - North-West were willing to loan us their barrow-hoist but unfortunately part of it had gone missing. A manual hoist was constructed using bits of scaffolding and pulleys and rope. This required considerable manpower to operate, but we managed to shift some extremely large rocks with it.

A three-day working party was arranged with WRG for the Spring Bank Holiday weekend. A compressor was hired with the intention of removing the rest of the capping. However, we were soon to discover that the capping was much thicker at the bottom end of the lock and it was impossible to remove it all in the three days. This working party saw the arrival of WRG's newly-renovated barrow hoist which has proved to be very useful.

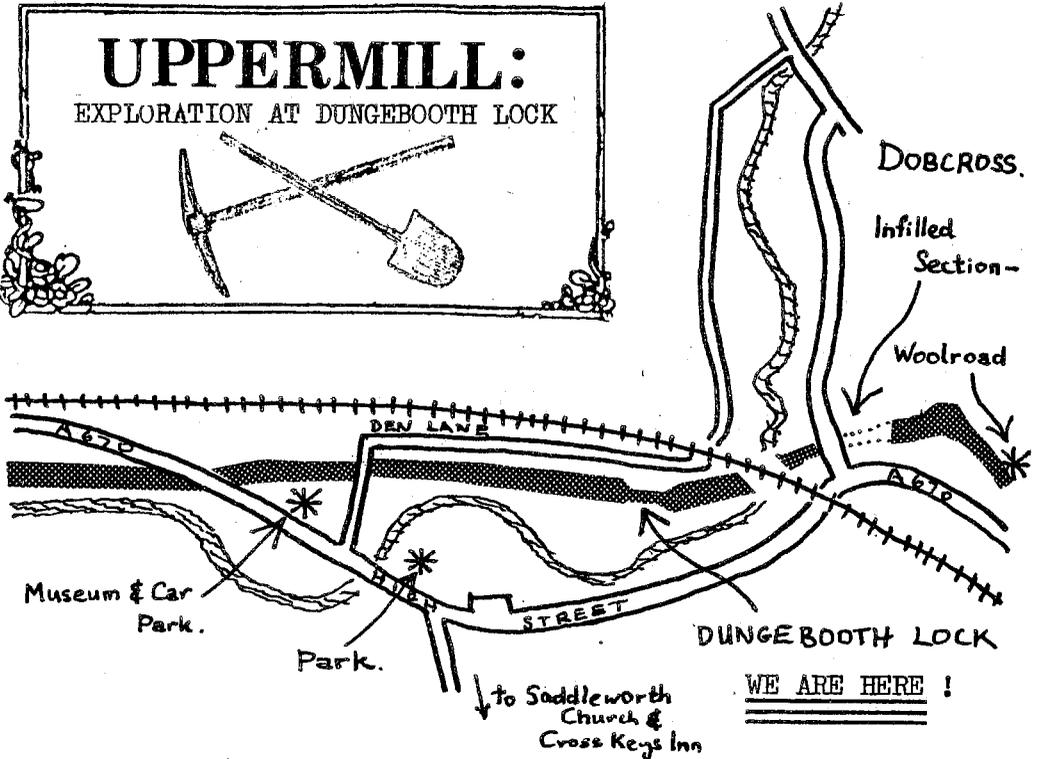
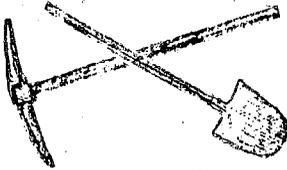
The lock has now been excavated down to about two feet below the top sill and after a further session of pneumatic drilling only a few feet of capping remain. This should have been removed by the time this report reaches you but there is still a considerable amount of infill to remove.

The weather so far has been generally very wet and I would like to thank all those volunteers who have attended in spite of the conditions. Thanks also to Tony Bramwell for providing various items of equipment, and cheap diesel, and also WRG

Northwest for loaning us the barrow-hoist. Progress so far has been quite good but we still need more volunteers. Working parties take place every Sunday and also some Saturdays by prior arrangement. Contact the organisers for further details
 Laurence Sullivan 061-303-7785
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UPPERMILL:

EXPLORATION AT DUNGEBOOTH LOCK



A few people not familiar with Uppermill have asked whereabouts we could be found at weekends. For you I have drawn the above map which I hope will be of use. At lunchtimes we can normally be found at the Cross Keys, Uppermill, with its good beer, good food and children's playground.

**WE
NEED
YOU**



TAMESIDE CANALS FESTIVAL '81.

SATURDAY 12 - 5pm BARBEQUE - 7pm - 11pm
 SUNDAY 12 - 4pm

As this years Festival Chairman I want YOU to come to Portland Basin, Ashton-under-Lyne on 25th/26th July.

I promise that you will enjoy yourself or I will listen very hard to you if you do not. Simply come to savour the atmosphere, the hustle, bustle, people, boats, the traders and their wares and the outdoor entertainers. You could come to treat your palate to a pint of Belhaven 70/- Bitter from Dunbar, Goose Eye Bitter from Keighley, the delights of Scrumpy or one of the other dozen traditional ales.

Your forte could be the intricacies of the tactics in high standard tug-of-war, or the relaxed enjoyment of Brass Bands, Morris Men, Punch and Judy, Rock Group, Fair-Ground-Organ or Magician all bursting to entertain you.

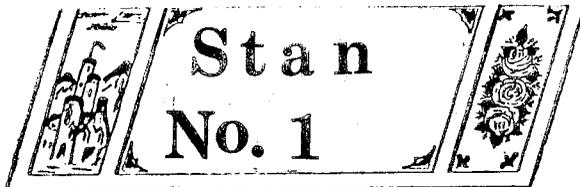
On the Saturday evening Dave Donohoe's Jazz Band along with a Phillip's style Barbeque are not to be missed.

In short I would very much like to see you and for you to thoroughly enjoy yourselves at this, the Society's own very special event.

Colin Chadwick

TAMESIDE CANALS FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS

By now I presume that most of you will have sold your raffle tickets. Please ensure that the counterfoils are returned in good time for the Festival. Anyone requiring more raffle tickets please contact any council member or anyone on Festival committee.



John Maynard

Little to report this time. Stan has been giving trips at Uppermill most week-ends and is very popular, thanks to the untiring effort of a few members. Many thanks to these dedicated few and to Graham Maskell for organising and looking after the boat. More steerers are still needed to spread the load. No experience is required, it is dead simple to run and you will be shown how. If you would like a go give either Graham or myself a ring.

We have got permission from BWB to run trips at the Tameside Festival. So this year Stan will be in the water at Ashton instead of on the bank as it was last year. Again help is required to move Stan to Ashton on the weekend before and to move her again (Is a boat called Stan a him or a her?) on the weekend after.

After the festival she (he) will be based at Marsden and will be running trips in conjunction with the IWA National Rally Festival and the Marsden Festival, August 15th/16th and September 12th respectively. Once again HELP needed please.

On the 20th September Stan goes back to Uppermill to run trips the next weekend in conjunction with the Saddleworth Museum's 'Transport Extravaganza '81'.

TAMESIDE CANALS FESTIVAL PUB CRAWLS

Each year a series of pub crawls are arranged to publicise the Tameside Canals Festival.

The pubs and dates chosen for this year are:

3rd July	New Bridge Inn, Micklehurst Rd., Mossley.
4th July	Blossoms Hotel, Buxton Road, Stockport.
10th July	Station Hotel, Warrington St., Ashton-u-Lyne
11th July	Kings Head, Crown Point, Denton
17th July	Junction Inn, Glossop
18th July	Old Hunters Tavern, Acres Lane, Stalybridge

Please meet at 8.00pm prompt. Normally about 6 pubs per evening, giving out leaflets, brochures, selling raffle tickets. Canal costume optional.

ANGLING OR NAVIGATION?

A special meeting of the Saddleworth Planning Committee is to be held on July 20th to discuss all aspects of the scheme to restore the Huddersfield Narrow Canal. The Huddersfield Canal Society and BWB are to be invited to this special meeting along with representatives of the local anglers, the Saddleworth Historical Society, the Tame Valley Development Group, and the Civic Trust.

The holding of this meeting was decided upon at a meeting early in June of the Saddleworth Planning Committee when the Huddersfield Canal Society had submitted a Planning Application to excavate a section of canal at Wool Road, Dobs Cross. (See infilled section on map on page 4).

The Oldham & District Amalgamated Anglers Association have objected to the application saying that the feasibility study done by HCS showed no concern for safe progress of the existing fishery, and that fish stocks had been lost during the recent work at Dungebooth Lock. They went on to say that on such a narrow canal they could only see the angler losing out by reopening to navigation and they intend to protect their fisheries.

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A full report of the meeting will appear in the next issue of Pennine Link.

IWA NATIONAL RALLY -----DOCK STREET -----LEEDS 15th/16th AUGUST

This year with the IWA National Rally on our doorstep surely it seems a pity to miss it.

The events at the Rally run from Monday August 10th to Sunday 16th with attractions such as Mikron Theatre Co., Incubus Theatre, a Canal Ceilidh, Waterways Forum with Anthony Burton, Morris Men, Punch and Judy and much, much more.

Lots of improvements have been taking place at the Rally site at Dock Street for quite a while now so already something good has come from the Rally being in Leeds.

Already in May there were 262 boats booked in for the weekend and many more are expected by the actual date. We at HCS will have our Sales Stand and Exhibition Stand so do stop and say hello when you pass. Each Canal Society is putting an act on on Sunday evening at the 'Victorian Music Hall' and our act is to be performed by Don McCallam, Christine Brown, and Malcolm Coward, so please come along to give your support. The Music Hall takes place at 9.00pm after Mikron's 'Mud in your Eye!' beginning at 7.00pm.

Tunnel End

Those interested in the progress of work on the cottages will have noticed a distinct lack of information on the subject in recent issues of 'Pennine Link' and at East Meetings. At last we are able to give a report.

Since the series of working parties aimed to make the roof weatherproof and to clear accumulated rubbish, a sub-group has been negotiating with West Yorkshire County Council. The result is an agreement whereby we sub-let one cottage to the West Yorkshire Ranger Service. In exchange West Yorkshire have agreed to spend £5,000 (subject to the final approval of their Finance Committee).

The first job will be the restoration of the roof by a contractor, which will hopefully be followed by a Community Enterprise Programme to refurbish the whole of the buildings, install services and tidy the surrounding area. The scheme will run in parallel with various schemes sponsored by Kirklees to create picnic sites and improve the towpath etc. It is hoped that work will be complete by the summer of 1982.

TREVOR ELLIS

HAVE YOU HEARD THE ONE?.....

about the actor from Mikron Theatre Company who thumbed a lift on a canal boat travelling to Huddersfield. At the first lock the lock keeper asked what the boat was carrying. "Ten bags of coal, five bags of corn and an actor" replied the boatman. This was repeated along the canal as various BWB officials appeared. The actor was showing signs of annoyance. By the time the outskirts of Huddersfield were reached he became furious "Now look" he shouted "At the next lock I want to be top of the bill".

Peter Freeman:with acknowledgement to Sheila Healey/Satin Brass

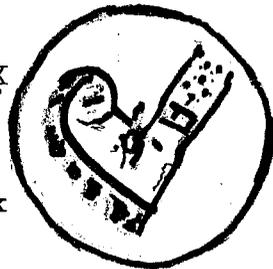
FAMOUS LAST WORDS:

'Of course I'm sure it's non-slip varnish'

Famous last words appeared in the Canal Society Bulletins in the very early days of 1974. I've been asked to revive them. If you have any please let me have them. ED...SG

S P O N S O R E D T O W P A T H W A L K

S E P T E M B E R . 6 t h



As reported in the last 'Pennine Link' the walk is planned for Sunday September 6th and will start between 10 am and 11 am on the canal towpath at Lock Side, Mottram Road, Stalybridge.

There will be marshalling checkpoints at the Tollemache Arms, Wade Lock, Uppermill and Diggle.

It should be possible to join and leave the walk at any of these checkpoints.

We hope that refreshments will be available at some of the checkpoints and they will almost certainly be available at Diggle.

Please join us on the walk and help boost the funds for the Uppermill Restoration Project. If you don't wish to walk you can always marshall and/or sponsor someone who is walking.

For sponsorship forms and any more information contact Hazel Maskell on Mossley 3992 or Dave Weston 061-303-7881.

T O W P A T H G U I D E

August sees the arrival of the Towpath Guide for the Huddersfield Canals, Broad and Narrow.

Published by HCS Ltd., this 80 page guide will surely be a must not only for the members of HCS who I'm sure won't want to be without their copy, but anyone who:

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 observing scenery and wildlife
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Included in the guide is the history of both canals, the wildlife, fish and bird life plus lots of beautiful coloured and black and white illustrations. There are photos old and new, engineering features not to be missed, a good-pub-guide, boat lane maps as well as the 3" strip maps of the towpaths. Forword written by Anthony Burton, author and TV personality.

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MIKRON

MESSAGE

MIKE LUCAS

12th June. Bottom of Delph Flight. Dudley No.1 Canal.

We get used to people saying to us "Oh, it must be a cushy life - just sailing along the canal and then performing for an hour or so every evening". Well, the reality is far from that. Yesterday, for instance, our journey was to be from Wombourne on the Staffs & Worcs. $10\frac{3}{4}$ miles through 28 locks to Brierley Hill. We set off at 7.30 am and made very good progress. We met only one other boat and turned onto the Stourbridge at 10.40 am. The channel was fine up to the bottom of the Wordsley Sixteen and, apart from a bit of rubbish and lots of detergent (Tyseley looked as if she was in a foam bath!) the locks were in excellent condition. We even met four boats full of young Swedish musicians.

We were doing so well we stopped for a pint and a sandwich by the Stuart Crystal Glassworks. Then on up the flight encountering only a BWB boat working in a lock.

After we left the top lock it was a different story. The canal was weeded over and full of rubbish. There was a narrow channel in the middle but it was very shallow. We progressed foot by foot, rocked through one bridge, then, shortly afterwards ground to a full stop. We had a HUGE mass of very thick wire wound very tightly round the prop. I put on the wet suit and went in to explore. Mark had dashed off and borrowed a massive pair of bolt cutters from a nearby factory. It took me two hours to cut and unravel the mess. We moved another few yards....and caught something else. I'd just taken the wet suit off, so Mark volunteered. He was lucky, this only took a quarter of an hour to clear. This time it was chicken wire!

We set off again and immediately stuck very fast on top of something. By this time it was a quarter to eight and we were still $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the venue.

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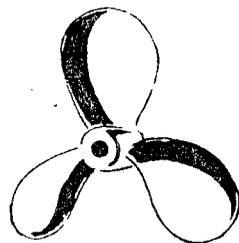
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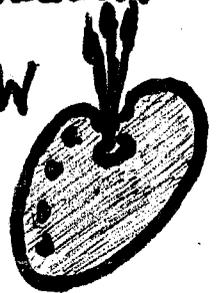
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PARKING NEXT TO MUSEUM

happening. The rest of us struggled to move Tyseley, but even with a tow from a handy Ford Transit she refused to budge. The man in the van at this point offered us a lift to the pub. We quickly washed and changed into our costumes, piled the props into the van and drove off, leaving Sarah with the thrilling job of Tyseley-sitting for the evening.

Today with the help of another four inches of water and a few snatches from a BWB tug we managed to move off. One of the main reasons for the state of the Stourbridge is the Netherton Tunnel closure; for three years now the tunnel has prevented the Stourbridge being used as a through route and boats are not going up just to turn round and come back the same way. They should do, though. It's still a very interesting route. If you go on the Staffs. and Worcs. on a boat holiday this year, make a point of going up the Stourbridge and onto the Dudley Canal. The more people that do, the more pressure there will be on BWB to reopen the tunnel.

Blisworth Tunnel and the Anderton Lift are also shut indefinitely; many hire firms are suffering from reduced bookings this year. It is ironical, as we say in MUD IN YOUR EYE that, while people are slogging their guts out on working parties every weekend, the rest of the system crumbles around us. It's difficult not to be pessimistic - but maybe it's because of the economic recession or the terrible weather. We've only had two days since we set off when it hasn't rained and as for sunshine.....

At least people are still coming to watch our shows. All is not lost.

PRESS CUTTINGS.

Press cuttings go to Miss Jean Wrigley to be inserted into the Press Book. Jean's new address is:
44, Stamford Street, Millbrook, Stalybridge, Cheshire
Tel: 061-303-9027

PRESS DATE

Please have all articles for inclusion in the September/October issue of 'Pennine Link' in by the 15th August.

Dear Editor,

I feel I cannot let Mike Lucas's article in the last issue of 'Pennine Link' pass without comment.

First of all congratulations on a magnificent effort by all who took part in raising £400 for the restoration. I appreciate his frustration with the poor turn out; but I am afraid that this is to be expected - don't ask me why - it's a fact of life that the committee has experienced since the formation of the Society. It is of little consolation but other societies suffer it too.

Regarding the absence of committee members. I think this criticism is a little unfair as all the members of the committee have specific jobs within the Society which take up a great deal of time outside working hours, as well as attending committee meetings and running the Society in general. We have for many years tried to organise events that members of the Society can get involved with and so take an active part in its work. This event was just such a one. Finally, why was the boat moved the same weekend? Simply because it was not ready to move earlier, due to the lack of support that Mike Lucas complains about, and if it had been moved later it would not have been at Uppermill for the official start of restoration.

J. M. Maynard, 29, Thick Hollins Drive, Meltham, Hudds.

Dear Editor,

I write as a 'foreign' Trust member living in Bristol and I refer in particular to 'Mikron Message' printed in the May '81 edition of 'Pennine Link'.

The sentiments expressed are fairly common to many canal societies. It might perhaps be a little more constructive if such organisers reflected for a few moments as to why their particular effort was not the expected success - realising that each will have a personal reason for their non-support. The recent 'Sponsored Pub Crawl' was not, I believe, the success that it could have been. Personally, I abhor sponsored walks etc. They appear to me, to be a completely barren method of fund-raising with no possible benefit to the sponsor and only marginal advantage to the participants. The public have been bombarded with sponsored walks, swims, runs, silences, music etc. until, I believe that they have become disenchanted with numerous forms thrust under their noses.

Dear
Editor

Today, people parting with their money want something in return - they need to be entertained, if you like, they must be 'conned' into making a donation. Perhaps I am in a fortunate position. I am the leader of a handbell team bearing the name of our local canal trust and we are in business to raise funds on behalf of the trust. We have been very successful in this venture. We take money from the public but in return, we hope that we give a measure of entertainment. This is what people remember - what they get back.

I am not afraid of sponsorship in general. On the odd occasion upon which we have participated in full concerts on behalf of the trust there has been little difficulty in obtaining commercial sponsorship which has acted as a financial umbrella.

Why not give this idea a try? I am sure that there are numerous amateur performers in your area who would be willing to donate their services to the causes of HNC. There is sponsorship available if it is rooted out. Finally expressions such as 'If people stir their stumps...' are not very helpful. We are all volunteers and will participate in activities to a greater or lesser extent dependant upon their appeal. There is no shame in organising a function which fails - provided we learn from it. Please do not preach to the converted.

Paul J. Rigby, 21, Longacre Road, Whitchurch, Bristol
The Kennet and Avon Handbell Ringers.

TRIP TO DUDLEY TUNNEL AND BLACK COUNTRY MUSEUM

On the 10th October we are intending having a trip to the Dudley Tunnel and Black Country Museum. More details in the next issue of Pennine Link.

OLDHAM LOTTERY

On the 9th June we were granted £500 towards restoration from the Oldham Lottery Fund. This will really help with the purchasing of equipment etc., and is very much appreciated.

STOP PRESS.....STOP PRESS.....STOP PRESS.....STOP PRESS.....

The latest news is today, June 23rd a second meeting has taken place between Kirklees, BWB, HCS, Pennine Heritage, Colne Valley Society, WYCC, Countryside Commission and it was stated that the Access Agreement is now in Kirklees' hands for signing. When the Mayor's signature is obtained and the papers returned to BWB the Agreement will then be final. It was agreed that Towpath signs would be put up along the Narrow Canal by Kirklees.

PEOPLE...

PUTTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT (OR THE FUN OF CANALLING)

by

Alec Ramsden

Brian Badminton (page 16 May 'Link') must eat huge quantities of humble pie. The Society's March 14th trip was certainly not the first time that a pair of breasted up narrow boats had navigated the Broad.

The first time was probably (must be careful) in September 1977, when four intrepid courageous, nutty inland mariners fought their way in less than five days from Shardlow to Huddersfield bringing with them two of the boats which, under new names, now ply for hire from Aspley basin.

It was a catalogue of catastrophe; a watery journey into the unknown; a seemingly never-ending list of mishaps and mistakes. It came to an abrupt halt the first night on the unkind Trent. Instead of sampling the delights of a Nottingham brew or two, the quartet were marooned on a gravel bank while trying to cut a corner, with nothing to satisfy the inner man but tinned Irish stew, a dirty book and cream crackers getting soggy by the second (transport was not of the well insulated, luxury type, and four irate beer lovers starved of their rations and perspiring with frustration, can generate a fair amount of condensation).

Release was achieved after hours of hard graft the following breakfastless morning - but worse, much worse, was to follow. Death was cheated time after time as the Trent's awe-inspiring locks were navigated not without difficulty, and scant notice was paid to tide warnings. Then, on the Sheffield and S.Yorks navigation came a shock traumatic enough to remain crystal clear today. The thirsty four trekked a mile plus to a Nicholson recommended pub, only to find that it was kept by an eccentric mine host, who refused to host at all on Mondays. The quartet arrived on a Monday.

Ropes were wrapped round props; there were encounters with coal barges at Ferrybridge and it took two hours to navigate one lock - and that only with the aid of judiciously placed lumps of wood and concrete borrowed from a nearby builder's yard at 10pm.

But the Broad was where the watery slog became the hardest and breasting up necessary if the quartet were ever to

reach home again. It took nearly six hours to stagger to Aspley. Weed hatches had to be removed five times to clear remnants of an unusually badly-rubbished-up cut. The boats grounded on mud; gipsy children stoned the quartet, a stop had to be made to rescue a little girl who, intrigued by the happenings rode her cycle straight off the towpath, and, two locks from home came the ultimate deterrent - no water.

For the sake of decency a veil will have to be drawn over the subsequent encounter with a BWB lengthsman. All four bore marks of their tribulations. One had a cracked rib, another a badly bruised collar bone, a third who had a mangled hand also needed anti-tetanus injections after running a rusty nail through his foot, and the fourth was at the greatest risk - he fell in.

But they lived to tell the tale and if anybody should want the autographs of the intrepid four (half of Tetley's is the charge) then Alec Ramsden can be found at the 'Yorkshire Post' in Huddersfield, John Fisher is at that newspaper's Leeds office, and David Lambert and John Galvin are usually beavering away or, more likely swigging endless mugs of tea at Calder Cruisers.

Funnily enough they all say they would do it again - just for fun.

STAMP COLLECTING

A few weeks ago when someone in the Society gave me a large quantity of used postage stamps it made me stop and think. Why are we throwing our stamps away - collected in large enough numbers they are worth quite a lot of money.

I've found a stamp wholesaler who will take the stamps as long as they are bordered by at least $\frac{1}{4}$ " of envelope. Please can you help by collecting them for the Society? Any money raised will be given to the Restoration Project.

Maybe you could ask your friends and/or relatives to help you save the stamps and if you go out to work maybe you could have a word with someone in the mail room, I expect there are lots of stamps thrown away daily!

When you have a quantity (even an envelope full) please could you pass them on to me or post to me :
Sue Gibson, Northcote House, Nields Road, Slaithwaite, Hudds.
or if for any reason you require them collecting
Huddersfield 844596.

UPPERMILL PROJECT

LES WINNARD

Since the last issue of 'Pennine Link' the following people have made donations towards the Uppermill Project:

G. M. Alder
R. D. N. Hotchkis
B. Beagley
R. & J. Sandling
D. George

Contributions have also been made by the audience of a talk given by Bob Dewey and by passers-by putting their change into a collecting tin at the side of Dungebooth Lock.

At the end of May 1981 the following amounts had been paid into the Uppermill Project account:

Donations	£290
Sponsored Pub Crawl	£406

Many thanks to all those who have contributed either financially or physically to the project. However, we still have a very long way to go before the work is finally finished and all contributions will be gratefully received. Please send to the Treasurer any donation (large or small) or it can be paid direct to the National Westminster Bank, Uppermill Branch (Code 01-08-99) for the credit of 'Huddersfield Canal Society Ltd - Uppermill Project' Account No. 84219262.

P.S. Have you considered making a donation in kind e.g. a spade, a wheelbarrow, a compressor, a JCB or any type of plant and equipment?

TUNNEL END POSTCARDS

Some new postcards are now available, they are of a photo of Tunnel End and are available from Mrs. Jean Buckley, Sales Officer at 10 for £1.00 including postage.

LOOSE CHANGE

Anyone lucky enough to be going abroad for their holidays this year and managing to come home with any currency (which isn't much use until next time you go!) might like to pass the coins (or notes) to David Finnis or send to him (well packed) at 7, Ned Lane, Slaithwaite, Huddersfield. Any money raised will go to the Restoration Project.

TOWPATH WALK2nd MAY, 1981.Colin Chadwick

For our third towpath walk this year we decided to venture away from the unrestored Huddersfield Narrow and to have a look at the recently restored Lower Peak Forest Canal.

Perhaps Saturdays are not the most convenient days for people because our numbers were somewhat small compared to the previous two walks. Anyhow having convinced ourselves that our ranks were not going to be swelled further we belatedly set off at 10.30am from Portland Basin, Ashton under-Lyne heading for the Navigation Hotel at Woodley.

The Lower Peak Forest and Ashton Canals were reopened to navigation in 1974 and their popularity to both walkers and boaters is increasing with each passing year, illustrating the great amenity value of a used waterway.

When one is planning a towpath walk one requires a starting point A and a lunching/turning point B. Point B preferably being adjacent to a hostelry. Having identified A, B and hostelry, one telephones said hostelry to ascertain the availability of food, and presto one has a towpath walk. Now should the said hostelry, which one has mentally identified, not, apart from in name, be the same hostelry which one telephones, problems arise. The Navigation at Woodley were not expecting us, whereas the Navigation at Hyde was. Fortunately the landlord at Woodley was able to feed us and the landlord at Hyde luckily had not prepared anything special for us. All's well that ends well and we did have a very enjoyable day out..except for Laurence Sullivan (who was joining us part way) who was left sitting, drinking and very puzzled in the Navigation at Hyde!

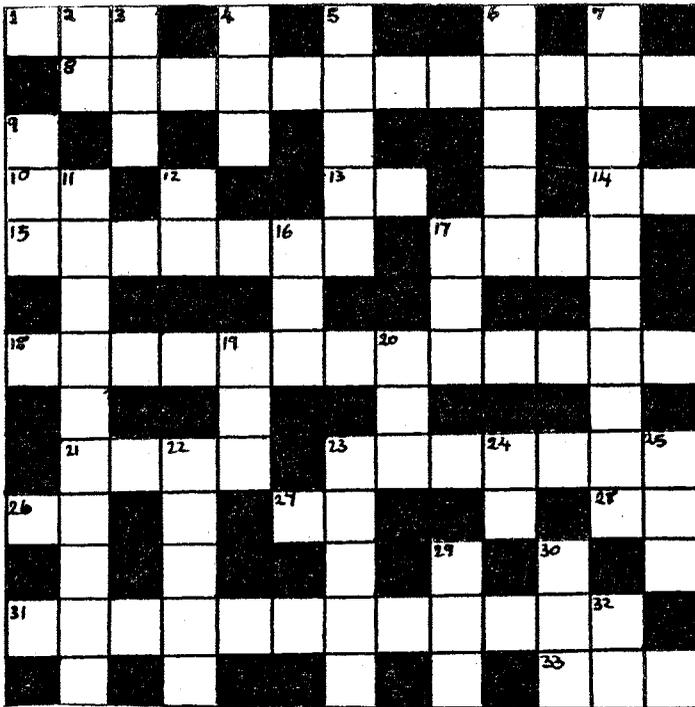
NEWSPAPERS.....OLD BOOKS....MAGAZINES

Anyone willing to collect newspapers, save magazines and/or has a hoard of unwanted books etc. should contact Dave Weston who will arrange for these to be collected. Dave lives at 52, Acres Lane, Stalybridge and his 'phone number is 061-303-7881.

SPREADING THE WORD

Anyone taking a holiday on a hired boat may like to take some HCS Membership forms with them to leave at the boat-yard. If so, please contact a Council Member.

CROSSWORD

PENNINE LINK CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO.2CLUES ACROSS:

1. Devon Hill (3) 8. Canal Town we all know (12)
 10. Not out (2) 13. Seeing and hearing shortened (2)
 14. Belongs to (2) 15. Old boats can be (7)
 17. Meat and Veg. Meal (4) 18. Alternative transport when
 boatless (5,3,5) 21. Is this what a clean boat has? (4)
 23. Transported (7) 26. Note well this clue (2)
 27. Alternatively (2) 28. If (2) 31. Almost every village
 has one (6,6) 33. Water snake (3)

CLUES DOWN

2. Exclamation (2) 3. Move quickly (3) 4. Strange (3)
 5. Canal looks like a minor street, it seems! (5)
 6. That for speed is only four (5) 7. What we all have to
 make sometimes (10) 9. High ranker (3) 11. One of a pair (10)
 12. Account (2) 16. Group of Nine (3) 17. Drink (3)
 19. Japanese play (3) 20. Tidal river valley (3)
 22. Old fashioned boyfriend (5) 23. Old plate? (5)
 24. About (2) 25. Navigable academic moving silently? (3)
 29. Youngster, but man or beast (3) 30. Needs A breaker (3) 32. Not she

This Crossword has been sent in by Christine Johnstone, (2)
 163a Northview Road, London N8 7ND. Many thanks Christine.
 If anyone else is interested in compiling crosswords (preferably
 with a canal theme) please could they let me have them? ED

Sales

Orders to Sales Officer: Mrs. Jean Buckley.

HCS Logo Sweatshirts Small & Large	£7 + 50p p&p
Festival T Shirts (Design as front cover)	£2.50 + 25p p&p
Sizes 32"-40" (of 'Pennine Link')	****
Tich, Bodicea & Napolean Diggle	
T Shirts 20" - 30"	£1.95
32" - 40"	£2.50 + 25p p&p
Diggle Badges	40p SAE
Wide Selection of hand-painted Canal ware	Various prices

BOOKS AND MAPS ETC.

Tunnel End Postcards	10 for £1.00 inc. p&p ****
Various Coloured Postcards	7p each SAE
Short History of HNC	30p 15p p&p
Filled't top wi'rubble (Mossley Report)	75p 15p p&p
The HNC (Green Report)	50p 15p p&p
Ladybird Book on Canals	40p 15p p&p
Back Door Britain	£1.25p 25p p&p
Good Beer Guide (Camra - Real Ale)	£1.00 25p p&p
Pennine Link	2nd class postage
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Nicholsons Guides	£1.00 25p p&p
Stanfords Map	£1.25p 15p p&p
Imrays Map	£0.85p 15p p&p
Saddleworth Maps 1 & 2	90p each 15p p&p
Cheshire Ring Map	80p 15p p&p
Uppermill Report	50p 20p p&p ****
Huddersfield Broad & Narrow Towpath Guide (When in stock)	£2.50 + 40p p&p ****

New items	

Jean Buckley has asked me to point out that 'A New Canal for Huddersfield' and 'Through Stalybridge by Boat' are, at the present time out of print.

council meetings

TWENTY

RESUME OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 12th MAY, 1981
AT THE DIGGLE HOTEL, DIGGLE.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Planning application withdrawn by Lawtons.

Report on Meeting with Kirklees re towpath agreement.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

New Chairman makes presentation of a framed picture to the retiring Chairman, thanked him for his efforts.

Report given on the Working Parties at Uppermill.

Equipment needed for Uppermill.

Uppermill Study - 100 copies for sale.

EXHIBITIONS & FESTIVALS

The new exhibition stand has arrived, from Kramer College.

The old stand has been renovated, at a cost of £9.

PUBLICATIONS

Towpath Guide has now gone for typesetting.

Short History of HNC is being retyped.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Noted

CORRESPONDENCE : Dealt with

APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN:

New Vice Chairman appointed, Trevor Ellis.

BOAT

Stan to be run at Tameside Festival. 26/27th Sept. to be

run at Saddleworth Transport Festival.

COTTAGES

W. Yorks. work on roof should start soon.

EDITOR

Concern expressed over the comments by Mike Lucas in Pennine Link by certain council members.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Open Policy Meeting required to discuss variety of points.

Joint PFCS/HCS Meetings finished due to cost.

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO. 1

ACROSS: 1. Basin 7. Towpaths 8. Ruins 10. Spit-Polish
12. Engineer 14. Scar 16. Morn 17. Reverses 20. Rivercraft
23. Socks 24. Extended 25. Craft

CLUES DOWN

1. Bargee 2. Inns 3. Boat 4. Apron 5. Staircase 6. Esther
9. Spent 11. Aggravate 13. Eve 15. Reefs 16. Mersey
18. Sunset 19. Trent 21. Reed 22. Tour.

membership

We are pleased to welcome
the following new members:

- 715 Mr. L. G. Percy, [REDACTED]
- 716 Paul T. Smith, [REDACTED]
- 717 Joan and Rob Honey, [REDACTED]
- 718 Graham R. White, I, [REDACTED]
- 719 David Paley, [REDACTED]
- 720 William A. Vincent, [REDACTED]
- 721 Michael & Jean Hooley, [REDACTED]
- 722 Lorna Mills, [REDACTED]
- 723 David M. Dryden, [REDACTED]
- 724 Stephen Crowther, [REDACTED]
- 725 Victor J. Croasdale, [REDACTED]
- 726 Kyle E. Corscadden, [REDACTED]
- 727 Darren A. Kilroy, [REDACTED]
- 728 Alan Marson, [REDACTED]
- 729 Michael Fox, [REDACTED]
- 730 Ian Wiley, [REDACTED]
- 731 Dr. John A. Roebuck, [REDACTED]
- 732 Ian S. Mitchell, [REDACTED]
- 733 Jane Mitchell, [REDACTED]
- 734 Jessie & Eric Memory, 6 [REDACTED]
- 735 John and Janet Wooler, [REDACTED]
- 736 John W. Sillitoe, [REDACTED]
- 737 David T. Peers, [REDACTED]
- 738 David J. Robinson, Ann, Roy & David, [REDACTED]
- 739 Stella D. Neal, [REDACTED]
- 740 Stephen Pitt, [REDACTED]
- 741 Andrew J. Woodhall & Family, [REDACTED]
- 742 George Phillips, [REDACTED]
- 743 Fred Harrop, [REDACTED]
- 744 David Irving, [REDACTED]
- 745 Robert & Mary Steeds, [REDACTED]
- 746 Margaret & Vic Smith, [REDACTED]
- 747 Jochen Gren, [REDACTED]
- 748 Anthony M. Budd & Family, [REDACTED]
- 749 Ruth N. Horrocks, [REDACTED]
- 750 Peter A. & Susan Grimes, 5 [REDACTED]
- 751 M. Sumner, 19 [REDACTED]

DIARY

- 2nd July 8.00pm Illustrated talk on 'Continental Waterways' by Mr. Fred Andrews at the Four Horseshoes Milnsbridge, Huddersfield.
Meet for short towpath walk at 7.00pm.
- 8th July 8.00pm W.Meeting at the Station Hotel, Warrington St., Ashton-under-Lyne.
- 19th July & 2nd August Volunteers needed to move Stan (Ashton/Marsden)
Please contact John Maynard.
- 25/26th July Tameside Canals Festival. Portland Basin, Ashton under Lyne.
- 6th August 8.00pm East Meeting. Railway Hotel, Marsden.
Meet for short towpath walk at 7.00pm.
- 12th August 8.00pm West Meeting. Waggon, Uppermill.
- 15th August PRESS DATE. Please have ALL copy in by today!
- 15th/16th August IWA National Rally. Dock Street, Leeds.
- 3rd September 8.00 Illustrated talk on the Rochdale Canal by Mr. R. Holden. Commercial Hotel, Slaithwaite.
Meet at 7.00pm for short towpath walk.
- 6th Sept. Sponsored Walk. Stalybridge to Diggle.
- 9th Sept. 8.00pm West Meeting. Stamford Arms, Mottram Road, Stalybridge.
- 1st Oct. 8.00pm East Meeting. Illustrated talk on the Aire and Calder Navigation by Mr. Fred Andrews.
White Cross Inn, Bradley.
- 10th Oct Coach Trip to Dudley Tunnel and Black Country Museum.

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