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Cover Photograph:

Shell Award Photo. 'Stan' with steerer John Maynard talking to Rodney Miskin of Shell outside Tunnel End Cottages, Marsden.

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editorial

It often takes an 'outsider' to point out the obvious. The thing in question has been that we show no map of the Huddersfield Narrow in Pennine Link. We who live locally often wrongly imagine people know where places are. A member wrote recently pointing out this fact and so I've drawn and had printed, a simple map which I hope will be of some use.

On receiving the February issue of the Stratford -on-Avon Canal Society Newsletter I was surprised to see Mike Fellows' article (Jan/Feb issue) reproduced there. I know Mike was very impressed with the beautiful countryside he saw on his recent visit to the canal, probably just about the opposite to what he'd expected to see...where was the gloom, and the dark satanic mills, of the industrial north ? Obviously the picture Mike painted in his article surprised one or two people!

Finally many thanks to those of you who've made kind comments about the new style Pennine Link.

Since British Waterways Board gave our Society permission to explore Dungebooth Lock we have had many meetings with British Waterways Board Office and Greater Manchester County Council members and officers to determine who pays the extra repair and maintenance costs once the section from Wade Lock to Wool Road is restored.

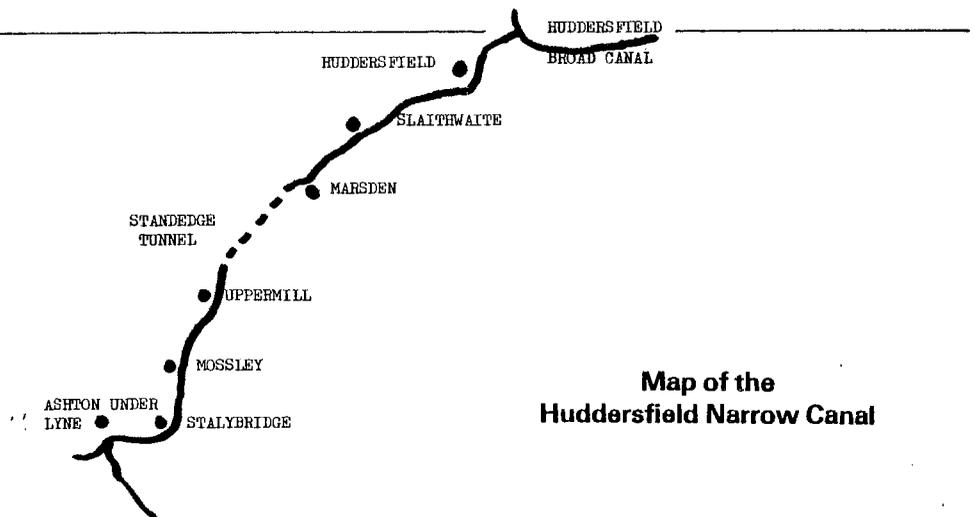
British Waterways Board consider that the extra annual cost of maintaining this stretch of remainder waterway to cruising standards will be averaged at £4,500 per annum. The Board has agreed not to levy any repair and maintenance charge until the complete section is fully restored.

We have persuaded Greater Manchester Council that a restored canal will be a significant feature in the Tame Valley and that as a first step the restored Uppermill stretch will provide a recreational facility for boat passengers, anglers, industrial archaeologists, gongoozlers and visitors to the three historical centres - soon to be all open to the public.

I can now announce that Greater Manchester Council has undertaken to bear the repair and maintenance charge. This undertaking by Greater Manchester Council not only enables the Society to pursue 'official' sources of funds but also gives the Huddersfield Narrow restoration project official recognition.

We are very grateful to members and officers of the Greater Manchester Council and British Waterways Board for bringing our localised political campaign to a successful conclusion. This is only the beginning. Your Council is continuing to investigate similar schemes to achieve our long term objectives.

David Sumner
Chairman



Many thanks to all of you who have kindly given stamps to the HCS collection. Many people ask me what type of stamps I collect. The answer is any at all, I have received people's unwanted stamp albums and greenshield and Co-op Stamps! If you're taking stamps off envelopes it's wise to tear them off - never try to peel them off unless you've soaked them first, leaving a ¼" or thereabouts of envelope round the edge to avoid damage. We are hoping that some of you may be able to spare the time to soak stamps from the paper, it's time consuming - but far from difficult to do. There have been many anonymous donors of stamps, many thanks to you, and amongst the rest received recently are from Elizabeth Holt, Robin Witter, Stan and Kathy Driver, Dave and Judith Weston, Sarah Wilson, Mrs L. Hirst, Dave Finnis, Roy Meakin, Mary and Margaret Freeman, Bob and Val Dewey, Ruth Horrocks, Evelyn and Joan North, Kath Brookes, John Maynard, Sue Day and Hazel and Graham Maskell.

talks

I give talks about the Society's work to a wide variety of groups in a wide (geographical as well as type) area. Sometimes it would be nice to have support from local members - and it would give me the chance to meet some of you. Forthcoming talks include ones at Castleton (Derbyshire), Linthwaite and Crosland Hill in Huddersfield. Contact me for details. If you know any group who might be interested - especially near the canal please get in touch.

Anyone who would like to donate slides of the canal to help keep mine up to date should please ring or write.

Bob Dewey

certificates

The Society are once again this year offering a certificate to anyone navigating the length of the Huddersfield Broad Canal to Aspley Basin in the Centre of Huddersfield. Anyone wishing to claim a certificate should send suitable proof of achievement together with a large S.A. E. to Trevor Ellis - address on back of front cover.

This year sees a certificate for anyone navigating the 'Huddersfield Arm' of the Ashton Canal from Portland Basin to the junction with the Huddersfield Narrow at Whitelands Road, Ashton.

These certificates originally available to boaters at the 1981 Tameside Festival are now available, again on proof of achievement, from Mrs. Hazel Maskell, 19 Quick View, Mossley, Lancs.

Tameside Canals Festival 1982

As you are aware 1982 is to be our 5th. Tameside Canals Festival, taking place once again at Portland Basin, Ashton-under-Lyne. The date is to be Friday 16th and the weekend of 17th and 18th July.

We hope to run a number of stalls apart from our own sales stand. Ideas so far have been for crafts, Home made preserves, Diggles, second hand books, and lottery tickets.

If anyone will volunteer to make tea cosies, kettle holders, aprons, baby clothes or anything you think would sell well on our craft stall, I would be very pleased if you would contact me.

Anyone who feels able to make Diggles- we shall need at least 100 to sell over the weekend-should, if they need a pattern contact me and I'll be happy to send one on. Nearer the date we shall require jams, marmalades, lemon curd, pickles and chutneys etc. Dave Weston is still doing a flourishing trade with the second hand books, magazines, paperbacks, comics etc. and if you've read and now don't want, please don't hesitate to contact him. Joyce Calverley is hoping to produce an HCS Recipe Book. If you have any favourite recipes you'd like to have included, Joyce would be pleased to hear from you...Joyce's number is: Chesterfield 432140
Dave Weston's number is: 061-303-7881

P.S. The total amount raised at the Tameside Festival was £2,482.

Waterways Societies Group

A meeting called by IWA to discuss the formation of a 'Waterways Societies Group' was held at Wolverhampton Polytechnic on 13th February, 1982.

All 52 Canal Societies were circulated about the meeting and 19 including H.C.S. sent delegates to hear what the group could offer in addition to IWA.

It was felt that there should be a group purely for Canal Societies and the meeting agreed that a group should be formed. Its constitution to be agreed upon at a later date but I feel it will be similar to F.A.C.T.S. which a few societies tried to promote last year.

IWA Council had already agreed that a group should be formed and, subject to IWA's next AGM the Chairman of the group would become a member of IWA's Council.

Personally, I do not feel that H.C.S. will achieve much from the formation of this group at the moment but I await developments with interest.

David Finnis

Another fairly successful event which should raise over £550 if my sums are right. Thirty people - many in traditional costume, Diggle Suits and one in fancy dress (our Secretary) turned out. The thirty people on the pub crawl however numbered more than the total number of people we met in Marsden. Why I don't know, perhaps Marsdeners stay indoors on Saturdays.

The day started with me taking an interview with the local radio, Radio Leeds, about the event and then after photos set off to visit the 10 pubs in glorious autumn weather. I don't know about anyone else but I could easily have carried on walking across the Standedge Moors - even in a Diggle Suit.

The social in the evening was a dismal failure. Where were you all? However, the few who did turn up enjoyed themselves - I think. That is all except the landlady of the Railway, who was left holding more than 20 lots of Pie and Peas (apologies again Muriel).

I would like to thank everyone who took part in the pub crawl, especially Roy Meakin who raised £100 and the landlords/landladies of the pubs we visited, in particular Bob and Muriel at the Railway.



Photograph: Acknowledgement to 'Huddersfield Examiner'

Back Row: l-r. Sarah Lucas, Mike Lucas, Sue Prickett, John Davison, Steve Pitt, Janet Hey, Don McAllum.

Middle Row: l-r. Keith Gibson, Roy Meakin, Alex Crippa, Joan Bashford, Geoff Wheat, Jean Buckley, Sue Gibson, and David Finnis (in Diggle Suit)

Front Row: l-r. Simon Taylor, David Milsom, 'Penny' the dog, Bob Dewey (as Mammoth), Janet Eastwood, Sue Day and 'Minstrel' the dog.

As expected the weather stopped all work, and with Christmas and the New Year following, work did not start till 17th January. We used this time to finalise the purchase of a van, which has greatly improved the transporting of equipment.

At present it resides between working parties in Russwell Narrowboats yard in Ashton and I would like to thank Tony Bramwell for all his assistance. The hiring season will soon be starting and Tony will need the space for the hirers' cars. We therefore need to find a new home for the van and I would ask all local members to assist in the search please. The van is a Ford Luton 'A' series Box van, the height is 12 feet, the width 8 feet and length 25 feet. Any secure compound or garage would be suitable.

The garage in which our trailer lives is now required by its new owners so a new home will also have to be found for this.

The bywash was completed, minus pointing, so that work could be resumed in the lock chamber. We were though once again confronted by the usual problem, water. Too much of it in the chamber. Solution? - Pump - we have been most generously assisted in this by two Oldham firms. Next problem, barrow hoists, as mentioned last issue the WRG hoist was broken and we would be needing two hoists for the Sheffield IWA Weekend.

Spare parts were ordered and to cut a long story short it was back in operation on the Friday evening. Saturday dawned dry and clear, what was this? Where was the downpour that normally greets our visiting groups?

The weekend was very productive and we hope it will be the first of many such weekends this year. The paddle culverts were exposed late on Sunday afternoon, so inspection of these will have to wait. We now have a hole 30 feet long in the centre of the chamber, so now have somewhere in the region of 70 cubic yards of infill remaining.

A lot of support is certainly being voiced by locals and visitors alike to this project, so we are winning on two fronts. As I said last issue Nick Wright who organises WRG workcamps visited the project and he and I are making plans for this August, when they will be tackling Lock 23W - Lime Kiln Lock (Aqueduct Lock). Any local members are welcome to join, in fact we will need locals on site during work camp fortnight to stay to assist with the problems encountered on 'away' sites. So if anyone can contribute please let me know.

One of our next tasks will be to construct a dam at the tail of the lock so that the bottom gate recesses and remains of the concrete wall can be cleared. Greater Manchester Conservation Volunteers will also be attending working parties continuing their work on the towpath wall.

Very little has been done to Stan since my last report, due in part to the bad weather if you remember we had a little snow last month!! and also the Christmas Holidays. However some progress has been made, the propellor has been straightened (and polished - it seems a shame to hide it under water!) by Mr. Hickson of Crowther (Royton) Ltd., who has done a very good job. So if you want a propellor seen to, I can highly recommend him. (Plug, I know but he deserves it.) The new hatch has been fitted and a start made on modification to the stern. An electronic controller has been ordered from Cableform Ltd., which will replace the existing lash-up, which is nearing the end of its useful life, and make control of the boat easier. No more stopping by hitting the bank because you can't find reverse in a hurry. We are having a working party on Saturday 13th. Feb. so hopefully more work will have been done to report in the next issue. More working parties are proposed so if you would like to help please get in touch with me for time, dates etc.

John Maynard

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For the first time in ten years we've been defeated by a combination of awful weather and innumerable stoppages. "Tyseley" never made it back to base. She is still in Stoke-on-Trent, and that is where we shall be starting our 1982 Waterways Tour. It will begin on 24th May, and finish Saturday, 30th October (I hope you all turn up for the last night!) We shall be boating for a month less than last year. This enables us to do four weeks of local land-based touring in the South Pennines. We are aiming to perform in the Home Valley, The Calder Valley and Saddleworth, as well as in our own Colne Valley, doing venues in Slaithwaite and Milnsbridge, and running for a whole week at the Mechanics' Institute in Marsden (don't worry, there'll be a bar!)

The Mechanics' Institute is shortly to be refurbished with a grant from Kirklees Council. The Marsden Community Association and ourselves will be based there, working together to provide arts, entertainment and leisure activities, particularly for the people of Marsden, but also for anyone who cares to come along and enjoy themselves. This does not mean, however, that Mikron is giving up the Waterways - our seasons will just be a little shorter than in previous years.

To emphasise our concern for the area we live in, Mikron's new show this year will be about the Pennines - the story of how the different methods of transport which have been used to cross this natural barrier have affected the landscape, the industry and the lives of the Pennine People. There will be lots of Humour, music and song as usual. We are also reviving the show first performed in 1974 - 'keep yer hands off' which traces the origins of the narrowboat people and attempts to discover how their traditions and unique way of life developed; how they were affected by the arrival of the railways and, later, motorways.

Our list of venues will be available by Easter. If you would like a copy please send a stamped addressed envelope to Mikron Theatre Company, 31 Warehouse Hill, Marsden, Huddersfield, HD7 6AB

Mike Lucas

'Have a giggle...make a Diggle'

There will be a Diggle making evening on Friday 19th. March at 52, Acres Lane, Stalybridge.

Famous Last Words...

'You don't really need an anchor on the Trent if you're careful....'

Sent in by **John Maynard**

July

The Tameside Canals Festival, chaired by Colin Chadwick was attended by thousands and raised over £2,000. A meeting was arranged by Saddleworth Parish Brownhill and Woolroad. One of the Tunnel End Cottages at Marsden which the Society hope to lease from BWB is to be a West Yorkshire M.C.C. Countryside Ranger base. West Yorkshire will restore both cottages under a Manpower Services scheme. This will run together with Kirklees Council's scheme for a picnic site. The Society's postcards of Tunnel End went on sale. Excavation progressed slowly at Dungebooth lock, Uppermill. Meetings were held at the 'Station' Ashton, and the Four Horseshoes, Milnsbridge - a talk by Fred Andrews on Continental Waterways.

August

David Sumner and Bob Dewey discussed restoration of the canal between Ashton and Stalybridge with Tameside and Greater Manchester Councils. The Towpath Guide was launched at the Colne Valley Museum, Golcar with the help of a loan from West Yorkshire M.C.C. That Council also produced a welcome report on the benefits of canal restoration. The IWA National Rally was held in Leeds with 'Restore Huddersfield Canal' stickers everywhere! Meetings held at the 'Railway' Marsden, and the 'Waggon' Uppermill.

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The latest local plan covering the canal is Kirklees Council Huddersfield Town Centre Plan. Kirklees already has a policy that no development encroaching on the canal or towpath will be permitted, subject to each planning application being considered on its merits. This is now strengthened in the Town Centre Plan to include detached sections and filled or culverted lengths, and the policy is to be applied strictly. Any proposals on filled or culverted sections will have to provide for eventual restoration on the original line of the canal, or a satisfactory diversion. It is also expected that development or redevelopment schemes will provide waterside paths.

The justification for these policies runs to 2 full pages. It refers to the increased public awareness of the recreational value of canals. Our canal is said to have... 'Far more than local significance because of its historical importance as a trans-Pennine Canal with the longest tunnel...' and is seen as an important element in developing tourist potential.

Although no actual proposals for restoration are made this is considered "No less realistic than several successful restorations of disused canals and railways..."

"...The council recognises the benefits that a restored canal would bring not only in recreational and environmental terms, but also economically..." but it seems its present role as "...Essentially one of ensuring that the task of restoration is not made any more difficult..."

Kirklees is apparently aware of the potential. Is it too much to hope that the expected Colne Valley Local Plan will include actual restoration proposals.

Sheffield Branch

Since last reported the Sheffield Branch have had a couple of meetings mostly discussing plans for HCS promotions at this year's Tameside Canals Festival. We have come up with various ideas which include such things as traditional fairground activities and selling promotional certificates towards restoration. The main emphasis we felt, must be on trying to make each and every visitor aware of the Society and its basic aims. To this end we plan on using a tent for a film show and short talk on the canal and display of posters and information around the site. We also have plans afoot for stressing the local Tameside aspect of the Huddersfield Narrow including a children's painting competition and a guided towpath walk. Some of us, no names mentioned, have volunteered to dress as Diggles over the weekend.

These ideas and many more are very much in the early stages. If any Sheffield area members can attend our next meetings, we need your support in getting things off the ground in order to make this year's festival even more successful.

As a branch we are slowly growing and have a couple of events lined up such as a trip on the Chesterfield Canal on March 7th - Fully Booked- and a trip on the 12th April to Hazelhurst Junction and Frogall. The numbers are limited for this trip and must be booked in advance. For bookings and more information please contact Brian Eastwood, 344 Crookesmoor Road Sheffield Tel. Sheffield 683700.

The approx. cost is £2.50 per person. Meetings until advised otherwise are at the Fat Cat, on the first Tuesday of every month.

P.S. I'm hoping to run a preserve stall at the festival and would welcome any jars you can spare. I've also got a small collection of jam jars for anyone who can use them to help. If you can help please phone me on Sheffield 883294.

Marion Stiles

Resume Of Council Meeting Held At Diggle Hotel, Diggle...Jan. 6th. 1982.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Meeting attended by Tame Valley Committee re maintenance agreement

UPPERMILL PROJECT: Equipment now loaded in Society's van. Sheffield IWA 6th./7th. Feb. at Dungebooth.

AGM. Discussions took place re new membership rates for recommendation at AGM

TREASURERS REPORT: Noted

TUNNEL END PROJECT: No progress, Chairman of IWAAC agreed to help.

PUBLICATIONS: New Publications Officer welcomed. Various suggestions made regarding future publications.

CORRESPONDENCE: Dealt with.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Difficulties still with Woolroad planning permission.

PUBLICITY OFFICER: £550 raised on Pubcrawl.

Resume of Council Meeting Held At Diggle Hotel, Diggle on 3rd. Feb. 1982

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Agreed to keep Euro-MP's informed of our work.

Contact been made by an angling club keen to help.

UPPERMILL PROJECT: Reps from Impact and Community Services have visited lock in view to helping at Uppermill. WRG Barrow-hoist repaired. Tea & Coffee to be arranged at working parties.

EDITOR: New style Pennine Link although late has now made an appearance.

COMPANY SECRETARY: To continue as Company Secretary but no longer wishes to be a Council Member.

AGM: Discussions re new rates, particularly for Juniors. Agreed Keith Gibson be co-opted to the Council as Project Co-ordinator.

Discussions re the AGM agenda.

SALES: New HCS Tie now available. Other ideas for sales being investigated.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Noted.

Two firms of fund-raisers to be approached.

TUNNEL END PROJECT: Towpath Signs being produced. Access agreement, signing imminent. Sub-group to be set up on Museum/ Cottages.

PUBLICITY: Discussed Policy meeting held on publicity. At moment keeping Press Books

MEMBERSHIP DRAW: Won by Alan Brook Member 619

EXHIBITIONS OFFICER: Felt that more exhibitions required.

BOAT OFFICER: Boat in process of being painted. 13th. February Working Party for boat. Agreed to buy a new controller.

ORDERS TO SALES OFFICER: Mrs. JEAN BUCKLEY

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Press Date.

All articles for inclusion in the May/June issue of Pennine Link must be sent in to the Editor by the 10th. April 1982.



NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN *that the Second Annual General Meeting of the above named Company will be held at The Coach & Horses Public House, Standedge, Marsden, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire on Friday the 23rd. day of April 1982 at 8.00 p.m. to transmit the following businesses :-*

- (a) To receive and adopt the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st. Dec. 1981 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 Philip Calverley as a Member of the Council of Management.
- (d) To re-elect David Sumner as a Member of the Council of Management.
- (e) To re-elect Graham Maskell as a Member of the Council of Management.
- (f) To re-elect Leslie C.D. Winnard as a Member of the Council of Management.
- (g) To re-elect Keith Gibson as a member of the Council of Management.
- (h) To consider any other nominations.
- (i) Any other business:
 - i. Increase of membership fees.
 - ii. Introduction of Life Membership.

Dated this 22nd day of February 1982 By order of the Council *J. F. ...* Secretary

Registered office: Ramsdens, Ramsden Street, Huddersfield.

N.B. 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.

FORM OF PROXY

I / WE

of

in the County of _____ being a member / Members of

the above-named Society hereby appoint

of

or failing him

of

as my / our proxy to vote for me / us on my / our behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Society to be held on the 23rd. day of April 1982 and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed

this

day of

1982

Annual General Meeting

Please note opposite is a revised notice of the A.G.M. to take account of decisions made at the Council Meeting held on February 3rd.

- a. Mr. Keith Gibson was co-opted at that meeting and his co-option has to be confirmed at the first Annual General meeting thereafter.
- b. **Membership Rates:** This is only the second increase since the Society was formed in 1974. The rate for ordinary members was then £1.00 rising in May 1976 to £1.50 where it has stayed ever since. Since that date postage has risen from 4 ½ p (I think) to 12 ½ p. Other costs have risen, each edition of Pennine Link costing over £100 to produce.

The Council has given much thought to the new rates and has determined to keep them as low as possible so as not to discourage members from renewing promptly. The recommendation to the A.G.M. will thus be:

Ordinary Member (This will include members of a family at one address)	£2.50
Junior (Under 18 years)	£1.00
Associate	£5.00
Corporate	£10.00

These are of course MINIMUM subscriptions..donations are always very welcome.

- c. **Life Membership:** Again after much discussion (including the suggestion of the fee depending on the age of the member) this has been proposed at £50.00 - again a minimum figure.

Nominations

Nominations for election to the Council of Management can be made by any member of the Company. They must be seconded and accompanied by an acceptance of nomination and should be sent to the Company Secretary, Huddersfield Canal Society Ltd. c/o Ramsdens, Ramsden Street, Huddersfield not later than 28 days before the date of the meeting.

It has been the policy of the Council to determine what jobs need doing and endeavouring to find the best person to fill that area of responsibility.

Anyone making a nomination is requested to bear this in mind and in proposing that person to suggest him/ her for a specific role within the Company.

The first of the new style West Meetings took place in January at the Cross Keys, Uppermill, when a capacity audience listened to Ian McCarthy, better known as 'Big Mac', on the subject of 'How not to restore canals'. Mac's wealth of experience allowed him to wander between the humorous, general interest and points of advice in relation to our project at Uppermill.

Mac's slides taken over many years in the restoration movement showed successes and failures with ample lashings of thick sticky mud on projects on the Montgomery and Droitwich canals. Many thanks to Mac for a most entertaining evening. After he had finished he told me that this was the first time he had done this sort of thing. We would not have known, *congratulations*.

In the future the West Meetings are to alternate between business meetings and having a guest speaker. Hence in March we can look forward to hearing John Greenway, Editor of the IWA North West magazine 'Norwester'. The title of John's talk being, 'From France to Scotland via the Huddersfield Narrow'. This is to be at Wood-end Working Men's Club in Mossley on March 10th. In May John Freeman, Area Engineer of BWB will talk about the restoration of the Ashton Canal and in July, Chris Potter at one time Chairman of IWA Manchester is to take us on a tour of the Yorkshire Waterways.

Please come along. **ALL INVITED:**

Colin Chadwick

marathon mania hits hcs

Since marathons became popular last year, it has been my ambition to run in one. So, when Colin Chadwick suggested that HCS could capitalize on such an event, I was only too happy to volunteer, much to everyone's disbelief. Shortly afterwards, East Side member Chris Taylor offered to join me.

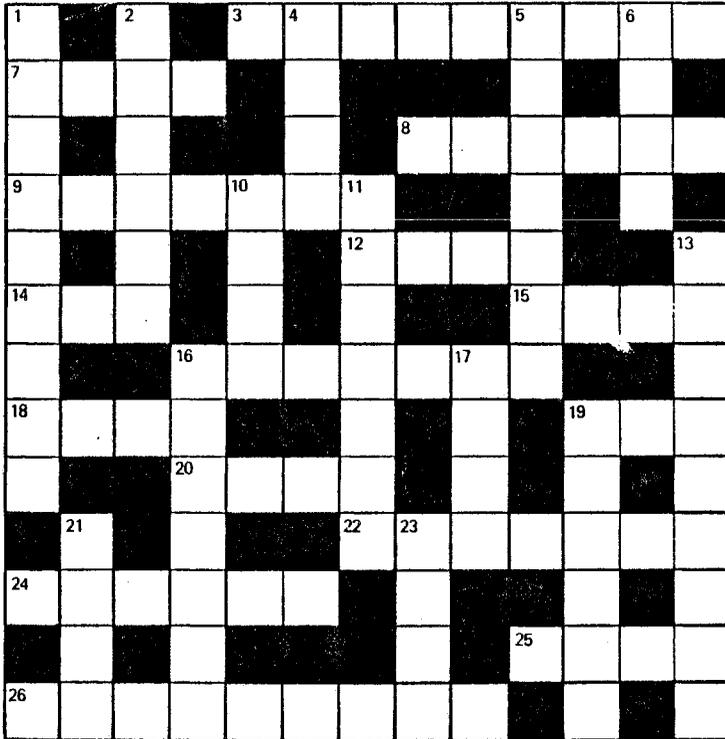
The event we have entered is the Piccadilly Radio Charity Marathon, to be held on 12th June. With an estimated 12,000 runners, this is likely to be the biggest event in the Manchester Area, if not the country. The official marathon distance is 26 miles and you are allowed seven hours to complete the course, although we would like to do it in less than four hours. However, neither of us has run much over ten miles, so we're not taking any bets!

The most obvious benefit to HCS is sponsorship, and we will be trying local firms as well as individuals. Also the event will have extensive media coverage and could provide useful publicity for HCS.

If you have any good ideas regarding this event, or if you would like to sponsor the HCS team then please get in touch with me or Colin Chadwick (address and phone numbers on back of front cover).

Laurence Sullivan

P.S. If anyone wants to join the HCS team they are more than welcome. Don't all rush at once!



Across

- 3. Famous Tunnel (9)
- 7. Taken mostly in court (4)
- 8. Water scoop (6)
- 9. Disasterous - Boatwise (7)
- 12. Aquatic Centre (4)
- 14. Distress Call (3)
- 15. Best way to share the chores (4)
- 16. Not Resisting (7)
- 18. Spoken (4)
- 19. Trip record (2)
- 20. Against (4)
- 22. Watercourse (7)
- 24. Water excesses (6)
- 25. Sharp (4)
- 26. Canals could still help this (9)

Down

- 1. To be avoided at all times (9)
- 2. Plenty of these in the horse era (6)
- 4. Pungent flavour (4)
- 5. One may well do this by canal (7)
- 6. Valley (4)
- 10. Set space (4)
- 11. Stretched a bit (7)
- 13. Ship to shore requisite (9)
- 16. Army body (7)
- 17. You'll hardly need it on our own waterways (4)
- 19. You can easily do this on canal trips (6)
- 21. Disparage (4)
- 23. We borrow one for summertime (4)

From the brink of disaster in December (when the last report was written) considerable progress has been made. Terms have been agreed between a representative of West Yorkshire County Council and B.W.B. and we now await the agreement of the appropriate council committee before work can start. Hopefully the next issue of P.L. may contain a report of practical developments.

Trevor Ellis**East and West Side Chairmen**

Nominations are required for East and West Side Chairmen - or should that be Chair people?

Both Colin Chadwick and Brian Badminton have held these posts for the past 2 years and both feel it's time to let someone else have a chance of the jobs.

Please ensure that if you are nominating someone other than yourself for the post they would be willing to accept the job. All nominations to be sent to the West Side Secretary Laurence Sullivan, 24, Church Street, Stalybridge to arrive no later than 1 st. May, 1982.

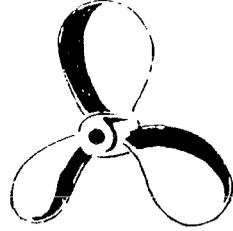
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September

David Sumner wrote to West Yorkshire and Kirklees Councils suggesting six restoration projects (prepared by Dave Finnis, your Editor, her husband Keith and Bob Dewey) using Manpower Services Funds. Hazel Maskell organised a sponsored walk from Stalybridge to Diggle which raised over £450. The Society's float was at Marsden Festival when 'Stan' and Colin Witter's steamboat 'option' gave trips to Tunnel End. Meetings were held at the 'Commercial' Slaithwaite, a talk by Brian Holden on the Rochdale Canal, the Stamford Arms at Stalybridge, 'The Great Western' Standedge, a talk on early motor transport by Mike Howarth, and the White Lion at Sheffield.

The Rochdale Canal Society's month! They held a 'Big Dig' at Chadderton with more than 100 navvies, including HCS members, and Calderdale and West Yorkshire Councils announced a Manpower Services scheme to restore their Canal between Hebden Bridge and Todmorden.

October

Planning permission for the restoration of the infilled section, between Brownhill and Woolroad was granted by Oldham M.B.C. 44 members went in a coach to Dudley Tunnel. The IWA Manchester Branch held a dinghy Rally at Uppermill. 'Stan' was giving trips at weekends to Dungebooth Lock where visitors could see work progressing. £150 was granted by Greater Manchester Council towards this scheme. Meetings were held at the 'Diggle Hotel' Diggle, 'The Fat Cat' Sheffield and the 'White Cross' Bradley, a talk by Fred Andrews on the Aire and Calder Navigation.

November

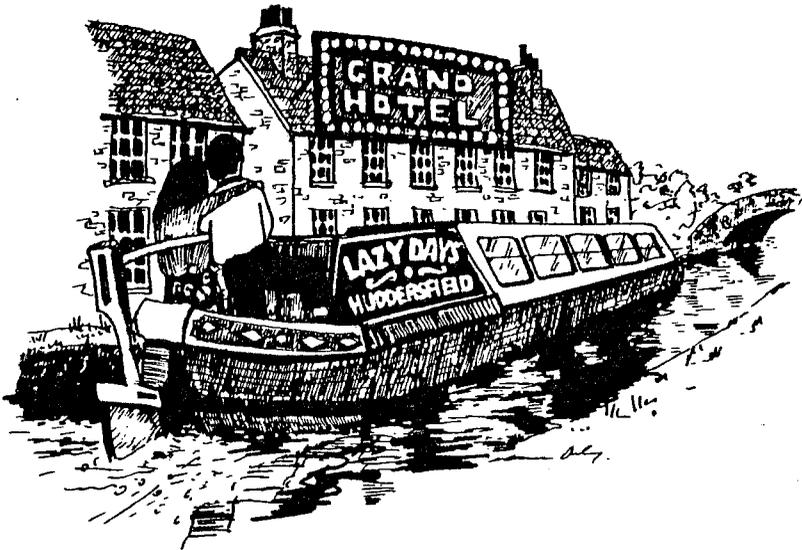
The Society was the second highest recipient of Funds from the Shell Awards scheme with a total of £1,100. A meeting about the Ashton-Stalybridge section of the canal was attended by David Sumner, Bob Dewey and Officers of Greater Manchester and Tameside Councils, Manpower Services Commission and BWB. Kirklees Council decided to build a car park at Tunnel End, Marsden. To reduce the tax on sales, a trading subsidiary, Loxvend Ltd. was established. More than 100 members attended a bonfire at the Marsden home of Phil and Doris Dyson. A Celidh was held at Friezland Hall, Greenfield and a Cheese and Wine Party at Uppermill Museum. Four Calder Cruiser's narrowboats took members from Brighouse on the Calder and Hebble. A meeting was held at the 'Old Hunters Tavern' Stalybridge.

December

The Councils in the Tame Valley agreed to fund the additional maintenance costs of the restored section at Uppermill - a most important decision! The lease of Tunnel End Cottages between the Society, West Yorkshire and BWB was not yet agreed. Dave Finnis organised another sponsored pub crawl around Marsden which raised over £500. 'Stan' was in winter quarters for repairs. Meetings were held at 'The Fat Cat' Sheffield, 'The Four Horseshoes' Milnsbridge - A talk on canal tunnels by Robin Witter 'the Tollemache Arms' Mossley and 'The Diggle Hotel' Diggle.

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5. Canal enthusiasts



After the programme

Here are some words and phrases to help you write a report.

Words
 volunteer (*frivillig*) worker
 Huddersfield Canal Society
 restore (*restaurera, återuppvässa*)
 dig (*gräva*)
 lock (*sluss*)

Phrases
 it is rather recent
 in 1811, in 1974
 for 30 years
 there is something
 special about

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Fame has come at last to the Huddersfield Canal Society in Sweden. Radio Stockholm contacted HCS some months ago asking for details of the Society and photographs.

Recently they sent us £30 and enclosed a booklet entitled 'Good for you VT 82' which is the handbook that accompanies the broadcasts.

The handbook page 24 for Programme 5 shows members of HCS working party at Dungebooth Lock and has underneath a list of useful words and phrases. At last we know now how to say volunteer worker (*frivillig*) and lock (*sluss*) in Swedish. I wonder if they'll come and help us to restore the canal?

Since the last issue of Pennine Link, the fund has been increased by donations from R. Witter (Donations from two talks)

Lt. Col. G. Taylor

Sponsored Pub Crawl

Spectators at Lockside

Many thanks again to the above and also to those members who contribute additional funds to the Society but who do not specify a project. This additional help eases the pressure on the Society's resources. However we still require more help especially as the coming twelve months will be critical in the Society's future. So please send your donations direct to the Treasurer or pay direct to National Westminster Bank, Uppermill Branch (Code 01-08-99) for the credit of "Huddersfield Canal Society Limited, Uppermill Project" Account No. 84219262.

L. Winnard

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membership competition...£5.00 winner

Congratulations to Alan Brook - member 619- who has won the first draw in the competition. There was a good response considering the late arrival of Pennine Link shortened the time to enter. Don't let your enthusiasm wane, there will be another prize of £5.00, drawn in April.

A special mention here to Mike Fellows - hope all those twisted arms are now less sore.

Solution to Jan/Feb Crossword No.5

DOWN: 2 Oilcan. 3 Stable. 4 Eat. 5 Agent. 6 Reverse. 7 Adit. 8 Images. 12 Ousts. 13 Barge. 14 Inane. 15 Light. 16 Ethyl. 18 Avoid. 19 Subduce. 21 Export. 22 Tiller. 23 Earned. 25 Depth. 26 Apse. 28 Ale.

ACROSS: 1 Horse. 6 Radio. 9 Tangled. 10 Float. 11 Vital. 12 Onset. 13 Bail-out. 15 Lee. 17 Anne. 18 Assist. 19 Stove. 20 Genius. 22 They. 24 Exe. 25 Digital. 26 Added. 27 Coypu. 28 Alone. 30 Atlee. 31 Erode.

Little Treasure

Christine and Les Winnard (The Society's Treasurer) became the proud parents of James Andrew on Saturday 12th December.

Congratulations and Best Wishes.

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I am pleased to welcome the following new members:

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846 Master Martin Higgins, [REDACTED]
847 Mr. & Mrs. David Austwick & Family, [REDACTED]
848 Christopher G. Brazier, [REDACTED]
849 John R. Mildenhall, [REDACTED]
850 Howard & Gill Worth, [REDACTED]
851 Dr. Ian M. Thompson, [REDACTED]
852 Michael & Ruth Griffiths, [REDACTED]
853 James Leathem, [REDACTED]
854 Alan Armitage, [REDACTED]
855 Frank & Patricia Jarman, [REDACTED]
856 E. Lawrence Robinson, [REDACTED]
857 Jack Richards, [REDACTED]
858 Miss Janet Worsnip, [REDACTED]
859 Ian & Susan McBride, [REDACTED]
860 David A. Wardle, [REDACTED]
861 Norah & Harold Hindmarch, [REDACTED]
862 Roy & Nancy Haigh & Family, [REDACTED]
863 Ian Greenhalgh, [REDACTED]
864 Derek J. Davis, [REDACTED]
865 Kevin & Jenny Ford, [REDACTED]
866 Cyril & Hilda Raper, [REDACTED]
867 David Cuttell, [REDACTED]
868 Neil Fraser, [REDACTED]
869 Michael & J. Dean, [REDACTED]

This is very encouraging as this is normally a very slack time of the year for new members. I apologise to those people who received an unnecessary reminder with the last Pennine Link. Because it was late (and with Christmas post delays etc.) quite a few renewals came after the reminders were completed. We tried to amend all those we could but some managed to slip through the net.

P.S. Covenants and Bankers' Orders can be completed at any time, there's no need to wait for a renewal notice.

Val Dewey
Membership Secretary

- 4th March 8 p.m. Joint Meeting with the Calder Navigation Society and an illustrated talk by Mike & Sarah Lucas of Mikron Theatre Co. at the White Cross Inn, Bradley, Huddersfield.
- 10th March 8 p.m. Talk entitled 'From France to Scotland via Huddersfield Narrow' by John Greenway at Woodend Working Men's Club, Manchester Road, Mossley.
- 28th March 10 a.m. HCS Treasure Hunt. For further details contact David Milsom on Huddersfield 850032. Starting at Marsden Tunnel End.
- 1st April 8 p.m. Meeting at 'Railway' Marsden.
- 6th April 8 p.m. Sheffield Meeting. 'Fat Cat' off West Bar, Sheffield.
- 10th April Pennine Link Press Date.**
- 12th April Sheffield Trip to Hazlehurst Junction and Frogall. For bookings contact Brian Eastwood. Tel. Sheffield 683700.
- 14th April 8 p.m. Meeting at 'Diggle' Hotel, Diggle.
- 23rd April 8 p.m. AGM followed by a slide review of HCS in 1981 and Social prompt at 'Coach & Horses' Hotel, Standedge, Marsden.
- 4th May 8 p.m. Sheffield Meeting at the 'Fat Cat' off West Bar, Sheffield. BWB Filmshow
- 6th May 8 p.m. Meeting at the 'Four Horseshoes' Milnsbridge, Huddersfield, followed by the latest Mikron show.
- 12th May 8 p.m. Talk on the restoration of the Ashton Canal by John Freeman, Area Engineer, BWB at 'Cross Keys' Uppermill.
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STOP PRESS...18th. February. We're happy to announce that today the final signature was put onto the access agreement, thereby giving the general public access to the towpath in Kirklees - (Huddersfield / Marsden).

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