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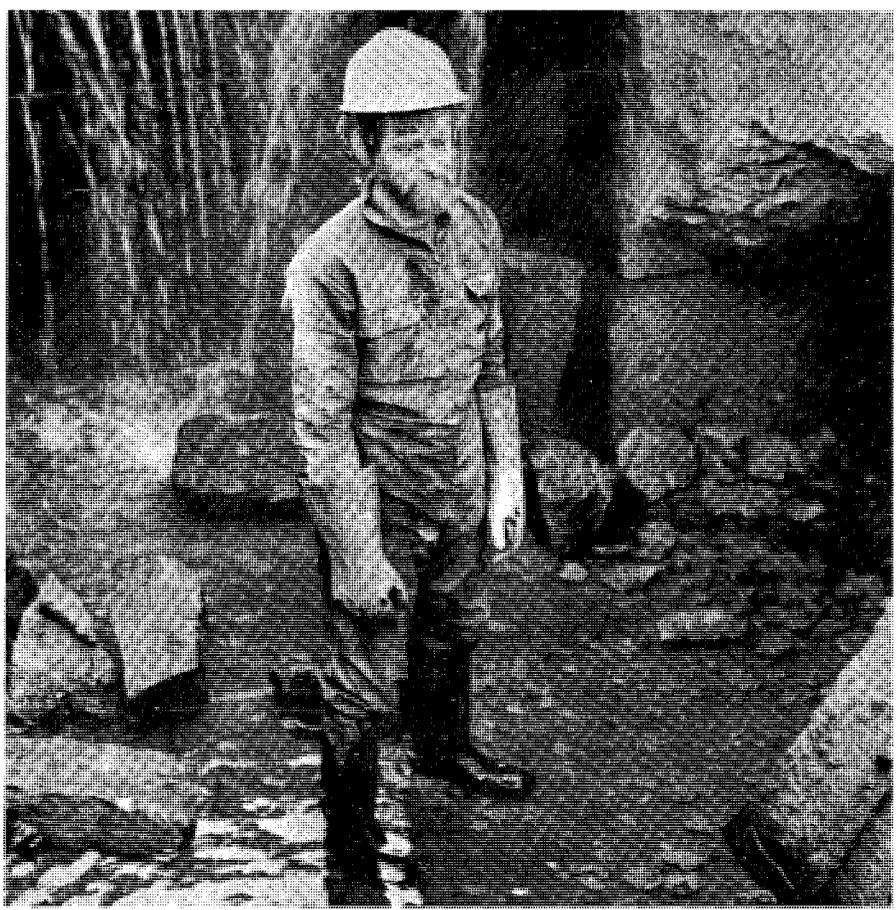


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**editorial**

Another bumper issue of Pennine Link this month. So much seems to be happening Societywise at the moment. West Yorkshire County Council have approved in principle the Marsden—Slaithwaite section for restoration, the cottages at Tunnel End are now well on the way to completion, with a festival planned there for September as well as the annual event of Tameside Canals Festival in July. We're enclosing as usual the TCF raffle tickets. If you are offended by them please discard them. There's a chance this issue for you to win £5 in our special photo-caption competition. Enter now. It's free. The winning entry and maybe some others will appear in the next issue of Pennine Link.

**Sue Gibson**

## On behalf of the Council of Management 1982

Restoration of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal has begun — and that is official. The British Waterways Board have given their blessing to the Uppermill Scheme subject to a suitable maintenance agreement with the Greater Manchester Council. This news came late in 1982 and marks a significant change in attitude to the Huddersfield Narrow Canal. Restoration of canals requires more than man, muck and machines. In our case, it needs the political will of five local authorities and a body to agree to maintain the canal once restored. British Waterways Board have agreed to let the Society — previously inexperienced in canal restoration — dig around in their canal, albeit a remainder waterway. Greater Manchester Council have supported the Society and will hopefully conclude a maintenance agreement with the Board in 1983.

A successful start to the restoration at Uppermill has proved to many people that the Huddersfield Canal Society is a well-organised and responsible body. From this small beginning, comprising 5% of the whole waterway, other schemes will follow. 1982 saw the start of the restoration of the historic Tunnel End Cottages at Marsden by a West Yorkshire County-sponsored Job Creation Scheme. When these cottages are finished sometime in the summer of 1983 and officially opened in September, the Society will have a toehold on both sides of the Pennines.

1982 has seen the provision of oak lock gates for Uppermill built by the Rochdale Canal Joint Restoration Scheme. The gates and paddle gear have been fabricated in Hebden Bridge and will be fitted in May 1983. One set, the Dungebooth Lock 22W will be sponsored by Unicon Marine Limited, a Stockport company, the other will be paid for by our own funds. This Rochdale Canal restoration scheme may help the Huddersfield again at Ashton to Stalybridge should the recently-published report get the support of GMC and Tameside MBC. This scheme to link the Cheshire ring — now thankfully up-graded to cruiseway status — to Stalybridge is being considered by the local councils. The report jointly produced by Waterway Recovery Group and ourselves and financed by IWA is now under discussion. Your Council will keep you informed of progress during 1983.

Another report — “A Proposal for the Restoration of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal from Marsden to Slaithwaite” has been well received by West Yorkshire County Council and Kirklees. These proposals to restore over two miles of canal and 19 locks have brought together the Society, BWB and the two councils for regular meetings. Again we hope that a Manpower Services Scheme will enable the restoration to go ahead and link the village of Slaithwaite with the visitor centre at Marsden providing a trip boat facility in the Colne Valley. The publication of this report coincided with the Society's “Report on the Job Creation Potential” of a restored Huddersfield Narrow. We maintain that over 300 jobs would be created in the Colne and Tame Valleys as a result of restoration. Both these reports have received nationwide publicity and Bob Dewey and County Councillor John Sully appeared on Yorkshire TV this year.

Trip boats do provide an important amenity. 'Stan' has continued to ply the canal and attract queues. Despite problems of vandalism and a lack of crew, 'Stan' has been present on the canal throughout the year and has proved to many that such a facility is desirable even on limited cruising lengths. However, a bigger boat is clearly needed and an appeal fund was launched in 1982 for a 'full-length trip boat'. Your Council is investigating how best to acquire one hopefully for 1984.

To run boats on a previously derelict waterway necessitates good community liaison. A Huddersfield Narrow Canal Users group was established in 1982 under the auspices of the Oldham Sports Council. We now regularly meet with Angling Societies to discuss how best we can jointly improve the amenity in Uppermill. The Society has always stated, and will continue to do so, that canals are to be enjoyed by **all** sections of the community. Boats and angling must be compatible. We hope that together we can improve our waterway for navigation **and** angling.

To improve and restore the canal requires enormous amounts of money even for a tiny stretch at Uppermill. Without the contribution of nearly £4,500 from the Tameside Canals Festival in 1982, your Council could not have proceeded with confidence to buy and hire plant and equipment and order lock gates for Lime Kiln. We are very grateful to last year's committee and I thank Laurence Sullivan and his team for not only raising much needed funds but for putting our campaign on the National Waterways Map. The Tameside Canals Festival is playing a major role in convincing many people that canals are fun. We wish the 1983 Chairman and his committee well. The Society needs another big cash injection this year.

Our campaign funds are also augmented by sponsored walks and our sales efforts. In 1982 we raised £2,000 on sponsored walks alone. Again their publicity value is as important as the fund raising — our towpaths themselves will need restoration if the numbers of people we attract continue in 1983.

Finally, I want to thank that happy band of volunteers who have been flying the flag for us by physically restoring the canal at Uppermill. We have been fortunate in getting substantial help from Waterway Recovery Group in 1982. This valuable band of energetic enthusiasts has speeded our work. But they realise, as does your Council, that future major canal restoration schemes cannot be undertaken on a large scale by volunteers. However, and I quote Mike Day from WRG — "there are many jobs still to be done and money is available from central sources...The catalyst to bring them together is still voluntary effort. Keep Working!"

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## national waterways fortnight

Members will almost certainly be already aware that the 14th-30th May has been declared a National Waterways Fortnight by the I.W.A.

The chief aim of the Waterways Fortnight is to bring in front of the public — and thus the Government and local authorities — both the values and needs of our inland waterways. These values, as all canal enthusiasts already know lie in the fields of leisure, commercial carrying, and the consequent creation of jobs, and the needs — only too clearly — are for more realistic investment to keep the waterways network in existence.

The I.W.A. is tackling this operation in two ways, nationally and locally.

**Nationally** a big publicity campaign will be arranged, but the real nationwide impact will come from the I.W.A.'s thirty branches all over the country. They are devising a large number of varied activities, serious and enjoyable, informative and relaxing, large and small, to reach as many as possible in their areas.

**Locally** by involving all the canal societies, amenity bodies and all other waterway minded bodies throughout the country, and it is in this category that HCS are playing their part. Our major activity during the fortnight will be the installation of new lock gates on Lime Kiln and Dungebooth Locks in Uppermill on the 13th and 26th May. (See Uppermill Progress Report).

Our other activities during the fortnight include organising waterway articles in the local press, talks, towpath walk, repainting the old cranes situated near Huddersfield Polytechnic and joining IWA West Riding in their inter-society Waterways Quiz and other events. All the events are listed in the Diary on the back page but below is a brief summary.

13th and 26th May Installation of lock gates in Uppermill

14th and 15th May Working Party in Uppermill

17th May Painting Cranes at the Huddersfield Polytechnic (6.30 p.m.)

19th May Robin Witter talk at the Cross Keys, Uppermill

19th May HCS Quiz team participate in Waterways Quiz in Wakefield

24th May Walk along towpath of Huddersfield Broad Canal

25th May Social Meeting in Sheffield

Further events may be organised. If anyone would like up to date information they should telephone me on Huddersfield 846087.

*David L. Finnis*

## membership competition

Again there is a chance to take part in the membership competition. All you have to do is enrol a new member to the Society and on the form where it says 'I heard about the Society from....' they must fill in your name to be eligible to enter the competition. Please remember the membership is now £2.50 both for an individual or a family membership. The lucky winner receives £5. This issue's lucky winner is Bob Hindley.

Important News! We have dates for the hanging of gates on both Dungebooth and Lime Kiln locks, these being May 13th (yes I do know it's a Friday) and May 26th. So, much detailed planning is currently taking place.

February and March working parties have achieved much. The chamber of Lime Kiln is now clear except for two rather large rocks, and the forebay will be cleared on our next working weekend. I would like to thank L.U.U.C.S. (Leeds University Union Canal Society) for assistance at the March weekend, they sent 8 people for the weekend, and our Sheffield branch members for turning up en masses on the Sunday, sorry for the delay in starting (the 4" pump we had on hire, self-destructed and we had to wait for the hire firm to come out with a replacement. Unfortunately they had mislaid their lorry's ignition keys. I thought only we did tricks like that.

As I mentioned last time, additional working parties have been held to accomplish the small but very important jobs which are still outstanding . At the last of these, held on Easter Saturday, the anchor plates were fitted to both locks.

Future working parties will be held as follows: —

May 14th-15th (the weekend after gate hanging and WRG Liverpool attending on the Sunday)

June 11-12th

August 6-7th

Accommodation is available on these weekends. For details please ring Mossley 3992.

*Graham Maskell*



*Photo by David L. Finnis, shows Jean Buckley examining the lock gates to be fitted in May.*

**10th/11th SEPTEMBER 1983**

Preparations are now well under way for the Festival and we're looking forward to a spectacular weekend.



We have planned, so far, for your entertainment Morris/Clog Dancers, Mikron Theatre Co., Model Boats and Boat Trips on Stan, Mr. Peter Lisle, a Board member of BWB has agreed to attend the opening of the Cottages and we are currently trying to attract a 'Big Star' to attend for the weekend. As we will have difficulty charging admission to the site we will need to find other methods of raising funds during the weekend. This is where YOU can help as we intend having as many stalls as possible manned by Society members selling home made produce etc. We need YOU to produce the articles etc. for sale and if you can help please contact Mrs. Ann Crosland on Huddersfield 659748 to discuss what can be made.

A more detailed report will appear in the next issue of Pennine Link, but in the meantime, if you have any ideas for the Festival or if you would like to help please contact me as soon as possible on Huddersfield 846087.

*David L. Finnis*

**press date**

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Friday 1st April seemed a suitable date for HCS to resurrect the Barrel Rolling tradition in Diggle.

In glorious sunshine eight teams participated in rolling empty 45 gallon oil drums around a circuitous ¼ mile course near the Diggle Hotel. The winners, two local lads from Diggle, deserved the first prize of a gallon of beer (donated by our kind friends at the Diggle Hotel) as they looked absolutely shattered after the event.

It has been suggested that we should hold this event annually and that the first heat should be between Council members! I'm not too sure about that but it could cause a laugh. (As long as that's all it causes: ED.)

Many thanks to Brian and Wendy Grant for the oil drums and the landlords of the Diggle Hotel for their usual hospitality.

*David L. Finnis*



*Showing some HCS members and a diggle with the Diggle Hotel landlords on right. — Photo: W. T. Robbins.*

**competition**

**WIN £5 IN OUR PHOTO CAPTION COMPETITION**

All you have to do is examine closely the cover photo of Bob Dewey and think of a fitting caption. Don't delay, send in your entry to the Editor right away. The winner will be the person whose entry the council feels is the most amusing and/or appropriate. Send in your entries now. The winner will be announced in the July/August issue.

Very little to report this time. A boat sub-committee has been formed and has met once. The general feeling was that we need a greater presence on the cut with boats. This means that Stan has to be moved more often or we acquire more boats — Stan cannot be in more than one place at a time. Anyone interested in being on the boat committee please let me know.

Stan was moved to Uppermill and launched on Sunday 27th March and is now running trips at weekends. Anyone willing to help please contact Hazel Maskell who is organising the rota. It is proposed to keep Stan at Uppermill until the Festival and then moved to Marsden ready for the Tunnel End Festival in September.

No: 2 is still in the mill yard at Slaithwaite. Further work is not possible until we are able to get her into the cottage boat-house.

No: 3 is now urgently required to run at Uppermill allowing Stan to be deployed elsewhere. The problem here is cash flow. Once we have No: 3 it is estimated that she should more than pay for herself but we need £6,000 to £8,000 to purchase her! Anyone like to lend us £7,000? Eighteen names for the boat name ballot at the AGM. Hope to see you there.

*John Maynard*

## **CANALSIDE JAZZ**

**WITH**

# **DAVE DONOHOE**

**AT**

## **TAMESIDE CANALS FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY 16th JULY 7 p.m.**

**ADMISSION 50p**

## **1000th member for hcs**

We've at last enroled member 1000 into the Society. The lucky individual is John Doyle of Almondbury, Huddersfield, who's won a weekends boating holiday for 4. John who was introduced to the Society by Almondbury club stewards Wendy and Brian Grant will be presented with a giant sized membership card as a momento by HCS Chairman David Sumner at the AGM, 29th April.

## **death of army cadet captain**

We were saddened to hear recently of the sudden death of Barry Hinchcliffe at the age of 42. Barry an active member of the Tameside Festival Committee will be sorely missed as he will surely be by the Greater Manchester Army Cadets who over the years have worked hard for us on the Festival site — no job being either too big or too small for them to undertake.

I hope Dave Irving's letter in the last issue of "Pennine Link" persuades more people to take an active part in the affairs of the Society — not just involving themselves with working parties, but with all the other jobs that urgently need doing. I can understand how Dave feels, but I hope he doesn't put those less active than himself off!

Like all societies, ours has to rely on a relatively small number of people. We have about 800 members — more than Dave thought — when one counts family groups as equivalent to two people. About half of these live near to the canal, and about 10% of this half are very active. Others we see occasionally. They are not just involved in working parties but in all sorts of other jobs too: the people who run our boat "Stan", little groups thinking about restoration plans for the future, the enthusiastic bunch who organise the Tameside Festival, the people who man our sales stands or exhibitions, others attending meetings or writing letters, reports, or press releases, a group responsible for Tunnel End Cottages and the Festival there in September, the Toepath sponsored walk team, or those who organise our social events or put "Pennine Link" in envelopes for example. There's a lot going on, a lot to do and we urgently need new people to take part.

Read other Canal Society's magazines, or talk to anyone involved in other voluntary activities and they all tell the same tale. There is only a small proportion of members who are willing or able to take an active role. Others may find transport a problem, be prevented by ill health from taking part, or simply wish to support a cause they believe in but have other interests which occupy their time. I am a member of other Societies (yes, even other Canal Societies!), but, apart from going to the occasional meeting (well, I did once!) I am totally inactive so far as they are concerned.

It's easy to understand why we always have to rely on relatively few people who sometimes seem very thin on the ground because there are so many jobs for them to do, and the Gilbert and Sullivan Society or the Scouts may be relying on them too. Not so easy to understand, but gratifying, is that one or two of them actually travel quite long distances to do their bit! As time goes on, though, there is more and more to do, and the few become increasingly overworked, or things we could and should do are simply left undone. Although we must have room in our Society for those who cannot for various reasons take an active role, we do need more help. Can I, therefore, end with a plea to your readers? If you live nearby and thought there was nothing you could do to help, why not give it a try? Come along to our meetings if you don't do so already. Make yourself known. Find new friends! Maybe there are things you could enjoy doing to help your Society. If you don't fancy digging out a lock, how about having a go at running a sponsored pub crawl, manning the sales stand or running "Stan"? All much easier than they sound, but vital for the Society's success. Even help enrol new members — they may be just the people we need!

*Keith Gibson,  
Northcote House, Niolds Road,  
Slaithwaite, Huddersfield.*

I have the greatest admiration for the tremendous personal effort which Dave Irving has made in the digging out of Dungebooth and Lime Kiln locks. But I must take issue with him over his letter published in the last Pennine Link.

I object to the insinuation that only 1% of the membership is active. Like all voluntary societies, HCS relies on the same, too-small core of active members. But as well as those working less conspicuously, an astonishing number have turned up, sometime or another, prepared to get their wellies dirty at Uppermill.

I also strongly refute Dave's implication that members looking in on the restoration work and taking photos are somehow not welcome. May I through this letter, encourage all members to come and see what we — as a society — have achieved at Uppermill through hard work, perseverance and enthusiasm. And bring some friends — they may be inspired to join.

Yours sincerely,  
*Bob Hindley,*  
*14 Lowndes Close,*  
*Stockport, Greater Manchester.*

**dear editor**

I should like to make two points in reply to Dave Irving's comments in the March/April Pennine Link.

Firstly he is quite right when he says that not everyone can come and physically help restore the canal. However, I fear that such comments about apathy and lack of interest will antagonise those members, like us, who are already heavily committed to other organisations and interests. We felt that as canal enthusiasts and boat owners, living by the Huddersfield Canal, we would love to see it open again and felt the society worth supporting by joining. We are now beginning to wonder whether this sort of membership is wanted by the 'in crowd'.

Secondly I would say that it is not easy to just turn up to help with a project when you don't know anybody or know what is involved. When we joined the society we carefully filled in boxes about what we thought we might be able to help with. Could not this information be used to enable individual approaches for help with projects to be made. Taking the Uppermill project in particular I wonder if it would be worthwhile contacting some members, especially those in the Saddleworth area who have ticked a box to say they would do some navvying, and trying to get their commitment to help on one date. They could be given a name of someone who would be there and details about clothing, butties, brews and other such essentials.

Sorry to have gone on but I do think that societies can become very impersonal to those not in the thick of it and that more personal approaches could pay off.

*Mrs. A. Rea,*  
*17 Clydesdale Rise,*  
*Diggle, Saddleworth.*

After helping to run Stan at Uppermill on Easter Monday I walked up to Dungebooth Lock to see how work was progressing.

The anchor plates for the gates had been fitted since I was last on site. These in themselves are insignificant but it gave me a great sense of achievement by the Society that has now been working for nine years for restoration of the canal.

I felt that all the hard work that had been done over the years had at last resulted in a positive step forward. Up till now our work had been preparatory. The campaigning, politics, propaganda and even the long hard slog of lock clearance was only the build-up to this positive step of actually installing some new equipment on the cut. However much we do in the future the installation of these anchor plates at Dungebooth should be considered a milestone in the history of the Society.

*John Maynard*

## dear editor

I can't just sit back and take the credit assigned to me in the article "In The Beginning" (Pennine Link no. 50). Well, I could, but honesty forbids.

Though chairman of the I.W.A. West Riding Branch, as it says, I knew precious little about the Huddersfield Narrow Canal. Yet I couldn't ignore its existence, as every now and then a member would phone or write to me asking "What about the Huddersfield Narrow?" I began listing those who voiced concern, and at the top of the list was the name (how did you guess?) Bob Dewey. I didn't know Bob. At least not till the meeting on the boat Elizabeth B.

It seemed sensible to gather together all interested people, say to them "Right, you lot. What **about** the Huddersfield Narrow?", and let discussion commence. Most of us were vague about everything to do with the canal. But not Bob. He obviously knew every yard of it and spread out his ordnance survey maps to enlighten us. His well-informed and well-researched enthusiasm was overwhelming and convincing. By the time we went home we knew that it **could** be done, could be restored.

Just think, if Bob hadn't kept on saying "What about....."

*Margaret Sinfield,  
The Teacher's House,  
The Green, Barlaston,  
Stoke-on-Trent.*

## REPLY TO MRS. REA'S LETTER

I'm sure you'll appreciate the views expressed by Dave Irving in the last issue of Pennine Link were his views and not necessarily those of the Society's council. Re the ticking of boxes on the membership form, this is one of the jobs the HCS council officers are underway with at the moment, both to lessen the burden on those already heavily committed and to help those members who would like to be involved but feel we're maybe a bit cliquish. We hope we're not — everyone is always more than welcome to any of the meetings — we always try hard to make members (new ones especially) feel very welcome.

## standedge tunnel

I found Mr. Ramsden's letter on a 1958 trip (in January's Pennine Link) through the Tunnel extremely interesting. However, I must comment on the 'Legging' on the roof.

I was lucky to be one of a party of members of the Huddersfield Engineering Society to be 'legged' the whole journey through the tunnel in the late 20's — the whole of the legging (4¾ hours) was done on the tunnel walls — at no point in the tunnel could a man have touched the top even in the lined entry and exit.

Prior to making this trip I had always been mystified about the roof 'legging' as I had read a book on the making of the tunnel which stated that they flooded the workings at intervals to check the level and had to pump the water away to continue — primitive but effective. In view of this it was obviously impossible to keep anything like a uniform height — I would say from memory that the tunnel roof was anything from 8 to 12 feet above the boat.

On our trip two men legged half way when two more took over. They lay on straw palliasses with hands clasped behind their heads and legged the walls.

Apart from the two lined tunnel ends they could not leg together due to the width of the tunnel and it was a case of a somewhat side to side action one man legging several yards — giving a final push and the boat drifting over for the chap on the other side to take over.

The boat was paddled from the stern through the 'passing pools'.

The leggers seemed in no way over exerted, but the chap who hand-pumped a naphtha flare — our only illumination — in the middle of the boat had some job — I can still remember the continuous sweat drip from his nose end. We walked back 'Over The Top' from Diggle with a welcome halt at the Great Western, Standage.

I had a letter in Pennine Link some two years ago re this trip and a photograph taken approaching Diggle which showed the lined portion to be quite high.

*James C. Crosland*

## surrey and hants. canal society

### GO 'NORTH' FOR WEEKEND

Robin Higgs, the Chairman of the Surrey and Hants. Canal Society (SHCS) will be visiting the Huddersfield Narrow over the weekend of 4th/5th June to see our restoration progress first hand.

Robin Higgs will be bringing with him some of his fellow (or is that Fellows? as in Mike?) committee members from the SHCS and has agreed to talk to HCS on the Saturday evening about the restoration of the Basingstoke Canal.

This will be a truly memorable weekend and I would ask all members who can attend on the Saturday evening to do so to give Robin a real northern welcome.

The weekend (4th/5th June) will be really busy for HCS for, as well as Robin Higgs' visit we will be participating in the Kirklees' Mayor's Parade on the Saturday and the Huddersfield Transport Centenary on the Sunday. We will need a **lot of volunteers** to attend these events. **PLEASE** contact me now if you can assist **AT ALL** during the weekend.

*David L. Finnis*

Diggles want to meet their makers — sewers contact Judith Weston (061-303 7881)

THE HEIGHT OF CRAFTINESS is making something for the HCS handicraft stall at the festival — contact Hazel Maskell (Mossley 3992).

All white elephants are requested to contact Jean Buckley — who is organising the white elephant stall at the festival. Phone 061-624 4881 (trunk call).

WE'D LIKE TO MEET YOU Introduce yourself at the HCS tent at the festival and have a drink with us.

Diggles adore mushroom gateau but Lesley Paton would welcome anything baked for the HCS patisserie at the festival — phone 061-483 1360.

## stop press

### WEST YORKSHIRE METROPOLITAN COUNTY COUNCIL

A scheme to restore a section of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal between Marsden and Slaithwaite has been approved in principle by West Yorkshire County Council's Recreation and Arts Committee. Members have asked for detailed financial information about the plan, which it is proposed should be undertaken jointly with Kirklees District Council and with the support of the Manpower Services Commission.

County Councillor John Sully, Chairman of the Recreation and Arts Committee, commented: "The restoration of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal has been talked about for some years, and a great deal of work has already been done west of the Pennines by the Huddersfield Canal Society. Outline

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proposals for restoring a 2½ mile section between Marsden and Slaithwaite have been produced by the society and both Kirklees Council and ourselves are now able to give them our support in principle”.

Councillor Sully said he envisaged that if it went ahead, the schemes would closely follow the lines on which the Rochdale Canal restoration scheme was being carried out. This is jointly being undertaken by the County Council, Calderdale District Council and the Manpower Service Commission. “There is no doubt that the experience we have gained on this scheme could be put to good use on the Huddersfield Narrow Canal”.

He added: “The Rochdale Canal scheme is giving jobs to up to 50 unemployed men. While it is too early to say how many people could be needed on the Huddersfield Narrow Canal, there is little doubt that the scheme would bring much-needed jobs to the area”.

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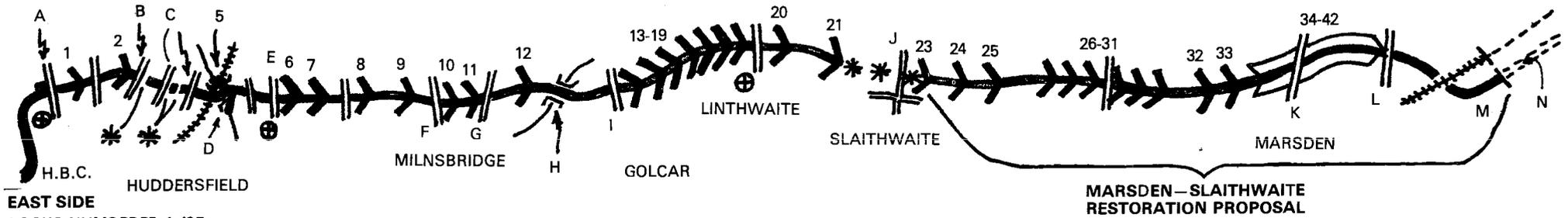
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## **apology**

We got both name and number wrong in the plea for chutney makers in the last issue. The lady on the wrong number didn't relish the idea of being inundated with pickles. And home produce isn't the preserve of Lesley Paton but of Marion Stiles who can be contacted on Sheffield 883294. Sorry we made a hash of it. Hope no one in-curd any difficulties.



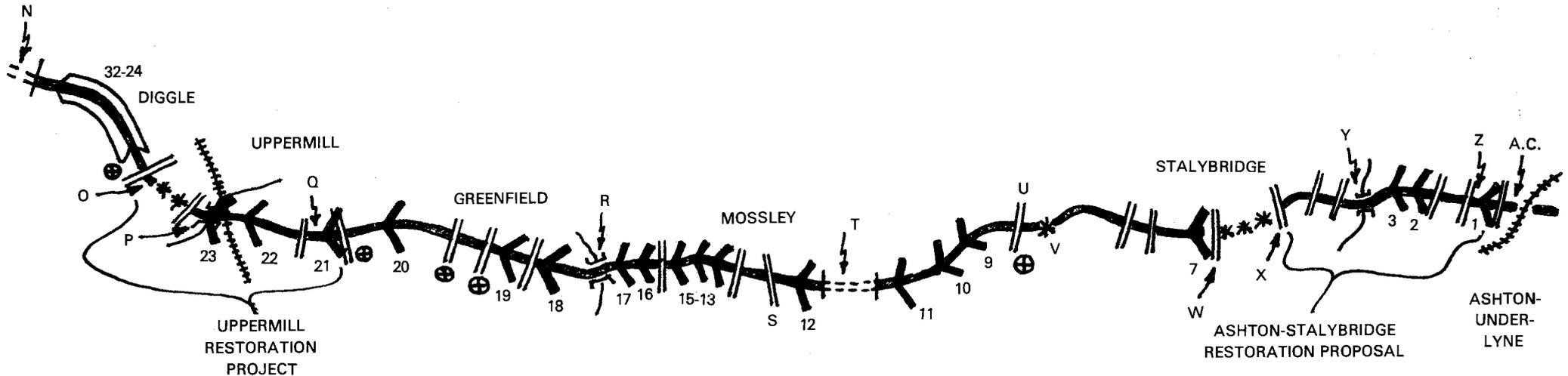
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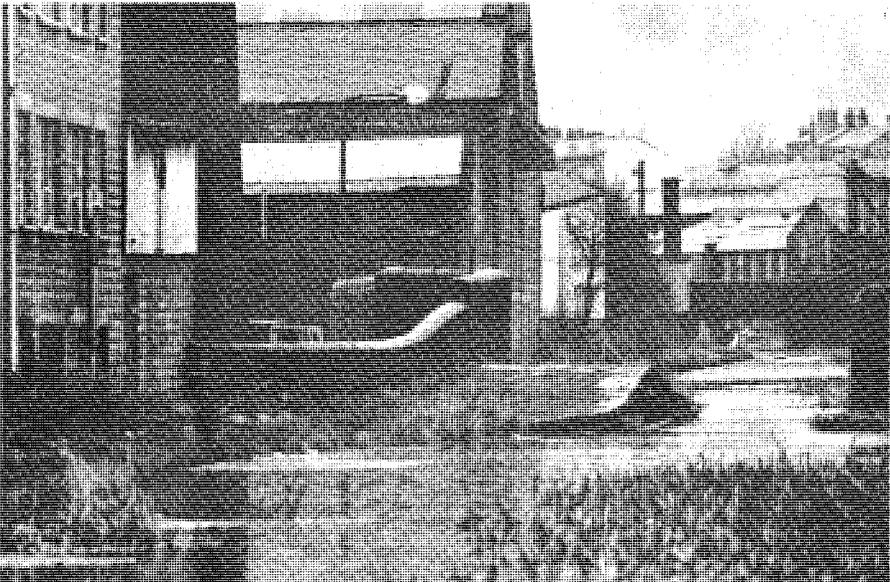


**WEST SIDE**  
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## **progress with suggested m.s.c. schemes**

The Society, in conjunction with the Colne Valley Society, the Marsden Community Association, the Slaithwaite and District Angling Club and Pennine Heritage, has suggested to the Kirklees and West Yorkshire Councils that the section of canal from the mouth of the Standedge Tunnel at Marsden to Slaithwaite be restored by means of a Manpower Services Commission Community Programme job creation scheme. A report on this has been presented to the Councils. A similar report prepared jointly by Waterway Recovery Group and the Society has been presented to the Tameside and Greater Manchester Councils proposing the restoration of the canal from Portland Basin at Ashton-under-Lyne to Stalybridge. (See the last issue of "Pennine Link").

Kirklees Council's Development and Technical Services Committee considered our report about the Marsden—Slaithwaite section on 4th March and accepted in principle the restoration of this section of the canal. Councillor Speight, the Chairman of the Committee was authorised to have discussions with appropriate Members of the County Council. A report will go before the County Council's Recreation and Arts Committee on 18th April. The Chairman of that Committee, County Councillor Sully, has cycled down the towpath from Marsden to Longroyd Bridge with Publicity Officer Dave Finnis and walked part of the canal on the west side of the hills with the two Davids — Sumner and Finnis. He was apparently impressed by what they showed him and saw the potential of the canal. A new exhibition about the Marsden—Slaithwaite project prepared by Sue McBride, now at the Colne Valley



*Stalybridge Aqueduct (over the River Tame) and Clarence Street bridge on the Ashton—Stalybridge section. Photo: Alan Jervis.*

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## PENNINE LINK

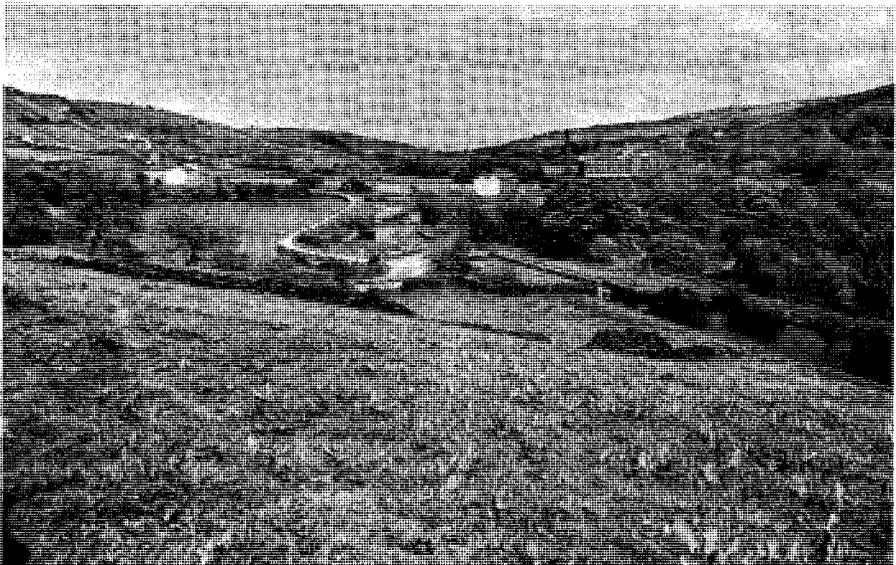
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Museum, will be on display at County Hall in Wakefield before the meeting. Provided that a similar decision is made by the County to that made by Kirklees this will mean that the Local Authorities will have decided to approve the scheme in principle, subject to investigations into such matters as the maintenance of the restored canal. It certainly appears that both Members and Officers of the two Councils have expressed considerable support for our proposals. Although it is by no means certain that they will ultimately agree to carry out the project the signs are certainly encouraging.

The Chairman of the Society has regularly attended meetings of the Tame Valley Officers Working Party prior to meetings of the Tame Valley Joint Committee, a joint committee of County and District Councillors dealing with the Tame Valley. A report on our proposals for restoration of the canal between Ashton and Stalybridge will go to that Committee on 12th April (like that to West Yorkshire's Recreation and Arts Committee, after "Pennine Link" press date!), and, again, there appears to be enthusiasm on the part of the two Council's Officers for our proposals both for the environmental benefits and because of the jobs likely to be created.

Copies of the reports: "A Proposal for the Restoration of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal from Marsden to Slaithwaite" and "Proposed Restoration of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal from Ashton to Stalybridge" are available from the Sales Officer (address inside front cover) — both priced at £1.50 including postage. "Pennine Link" will keep you informed of further progress, or, if you want to know sooner, why not come along to the Society's regular meetings? (See Diary on back cover.)

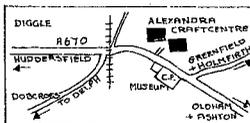
*Keith Gibson*



*Sparth Reservoir and Lock 32E on the Marsden—Slaithwaite section.  
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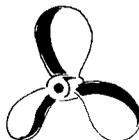
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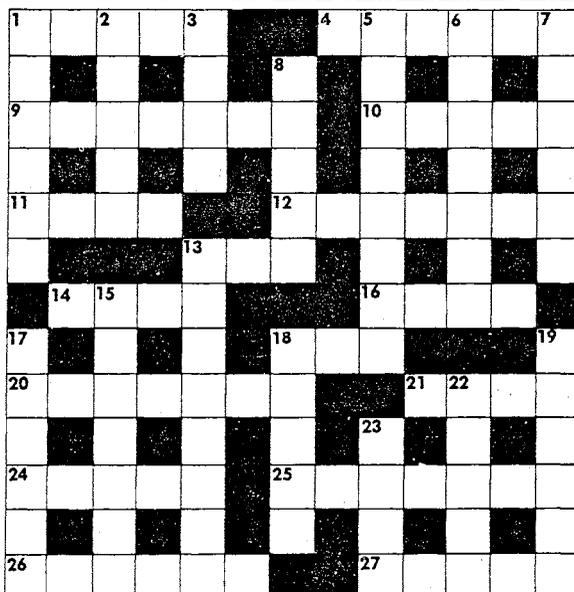
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- 12. Lots to do on canal restoration (7)
- 13. Help call (3)
- 14. Left by moving boat (4)
- 16. See 9 across
- 18. Salary (3)
- 20. Normal (7)
- 21. Open (4)
- 24. Angry (5)
- 25. Not engaged (7)
- 26. Red hot news (6)
- 27. One time barge puller (5)

**DOWN**

- 1. Ripple (6)
- 2. Sounds (5)
- 3. Frozen rain (4)
- 5. Graciously (8)
- 6. Book issue (7)
- 7. Toboggan (6)
- 8. Waterway plants (5)
- 13. Cuts some off (8)
- 15. Arouse interest (7)
- 17. Canal restoration bugbear (6)
- 18. Deck Timber (5)
- 19. Grating (6)
- 22. Juryman (5)
- 23. Waterway plant (4)

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Mr. E.B. Hinchcliffe of 'Rin Cop' Main Road, Wardle, Nr. Nantwich (tel. 027-073-296) has written to the Society seeking help in identifying the existence of a canal carrying concern of the past named 'Hinchcliffe' operating from the Huddersfield area. If you can help please do contact him.

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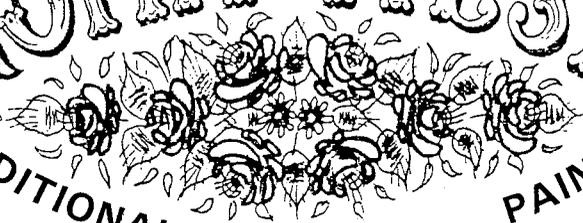
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**by County Councillor John Sully****Chairman of West Yorkshire M.C.C.'s Rec. and Arts Committee**

My interest in canals started many years ago when my family suggested that we booked a holiday starting at Worsley on the Bridgewater Canal. Since then we have journeyed by canal as far south as the River Thames at Oxford and up the Thames as far as Lechlade.

With my interest in canals I discovered there were two now disused canals in West Yorkshire, the Rochdale and the Huddersfield Narrow. We already have a major restoration scheme in progress between Todmorden and Hebden Bridge on the Rochdale Canal so I thought I would like to see the possibilities for the restoration of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal.

I cycled the towpath from Marsden to Huddersfield in West Yorkshire and walked down the towpath between Diggle and Stalybridge in Greater Manchester. With unemployment likely to remain at over 3 million I see no reason why the Huddersfield Narrow Canal should not be restored. I saw the section to Stalybridge from the existing canal network in Manchester, which is intended to be restored fairly soon, a distance of a mile and could see no problems. There is the major problem in Stalybridge and I believe the canal will have to use the River Tame but providing North West Water agree, there should be no problems with this section, the South Oxford Canal uses the River Cherwell in Oxfordshire for about a mile.



*Photo by: Robert Carter, showing David Finnis and County Councillor John Sully at Tunnel End, Marsden preparing for their return journey.*

There are major road blockages but the removing of these blockages though costly is not impossible. The major problems with the canal are Standedge Tunnel, the blockage at Slaithwaite and Huddersfield town centre.

I was very impressed with the way Greater Manchester is clearing up the Tame Valley. Eventually the Tame Valley and the Colne Valley, with a restored Huddersfield Narrow Canal should become major tourist attractions. Both sides of the Pennines are in the South Pennines area and as Chairman of the Standing Conference of South Pennine Authorities I believe there are considerable developments that may be made to improve the area for residents and visitors alike. I very much enjoyed my trip along the towpath with Dave Finnis and Dave Sumner of the Huddersfield Canal Society.

## **broad canal certificates**

Huddersfield Canal Society are again offering during 1983 a certificate to anyone navigating the length of the Huddersfield Broad Canal to Aspley Basin in the centre of Huddersfield.

Those wishing to claim a certificate should send suitable proof of achievement together with a large S.A.E., to Trevor Ellis at 20 Batley Avenue, Marsh, Huddersfield (telephone Huddersfield 34666) who will also provide further details if required.

Also available this year is a certificate for anyone navigating the 'arm' of the Ashton Canal which leads from Portland Basin to the junction with Huddersfield Narrow Canal at Whitelands Road, Ashton-under-Lyne.

These certificates were originally available to boaters who attended the Tameside Canals Festival at Portland Basin and are now available from the Festival Secretary, Mrs. Hazel Maskell at 19 Quick View, Mossley, Lancs. Again suitable proof of navigation and a large S.A.E. should accompany each application.



*David Finnis (right) pictured with some of the group on the Uppermill—Diggle towpath walk behind the Brownhill Visitor Centre, Uppermill, 13th March.*

There has been little outward change on site since the last issue the last issue of "Pennine Link", although much progress has been made internally. Looking ahead, by the next report the scheme will be winding up and the cottage will be ours.

We have now started on the production of material for the exhibition and designs for sales items (all courtesy of Sue McBride). Items for inclusion in the exhibition (from a toll ticket to a narrow boat!) are still welcome, particularly anything local. I hope to see you all at the opening in September.

*Trevor Ellis.*

The canal exhibition at Brownhill Information Centre mentioned in the last Pennine Link has been postponed until October.

## **forthcoming events**

### **10th/11th September**

'Tunnel End Festival' in Marsden. Further details from David Finnis — Huddersfield 846087.

### **2nd October**

Toepath '83 20 kilometre sponsored walk. Further details — Brian Badminton — Huddersfield 45779.

### **3rd December**

HCS Flag Day.

### **3rd December**

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## **1883—1983**

As part of the West Yorkshire Passenger Transport's centenary celebrations, trips are being organised on the Huddersfield Broad Canal. The 2½ mile trip passing through 5 locks and under 9 bridges costs just £1 for adults and 70p for children and Metro Permit Holders.

The trips are to take place on Spring Bank Holiday Monday and Tuesday, 30th and 31st May, Friday 22nd July, Saturday 23rd July and Monday 25th July at 12.15 p.m. and 1.50 p.m. (each date).

For bookings and further details WYPTE, 8 Macaulay Street, Huddersfield, HD1 2LY. Tel. Huddersfield 26313.

## **stamp collection**

Again many thanks for the stamps. I have recently received stamps from Angela Holdsworth, I. Else, Robin Witter, Dave Bennett, David Finnis, Graham Maskell, Misses J. and E. North, Brian and Wendy Grant, Sarah Wilson, Margaret Smith as well as many anonymous donations. Remember any stamps can be accepted if you have access to stamps do leave roughly ¼" of envelope bordering the stamp so as not to damage it (unless you'd like to soak them off!)

*Sue Gibson*

'Cornwall' was the name of a Fellowes Morton and Clayton butty that I bought in 1946 and converted to a cruiser at Salford Bridge Wharf, now part of Spaghetti Junction, with the aid of Les Allen, the yard manager and his staff. We could sleep ten, and had an eighteen year old son, so we could always muster a good crew. The only snag was the catering, done by my wife who maintained that she saw a lot of rural England through the galley window.

The weekend started from Stourbridge, and the intention was to join the Staffs. and Worcs. Canal at Stourton, cruise down to Stourport, wind in the basin, and return to Stourbridge by Sunday evening.

Because the bottom lock from canal to basin was normally chained and padlocked at weekends, I arranged with the Canal Engineer, for the chain to be left off on this occasion.

My cousin "Jackie" and her husband, from London, joined the boat on Thursday evening, for an early start on Friday. However, Jackie did not sleep well, so at 4.00 a.m. she went for a walk round Stourbridge.

Of course she got lost, but found a solitary pedestrian and asked him the way to the canal. Suspecting the worst, he followed her for some way, but then decided to go about his business and let fate take its course.

When we arrived at Stourton Lock, we were met by an agitated lock-keeper wanting to know if we had seen the body of the young woman who had drowned herself in the canal at Stourbridge that morning. Jackie explained that she was the body, but was alive and kicking.

Whilst all this was going on, my camera fell into the lock, but it was returned to me three months later, after the lock had been drained for repairs. The camera seemed none the worse, and worked well for many years afterwards.

We progressed down the Staffs. and Worcs. going from mud bank to mud bank. I know one should always keep the boat to the outside of bends, but try it with a 72ft. boat.

At Kinver lock we lifted the rudder off with the lock sill, and a butty rudder is not easy to hang back on its pintles. However, with the stern of the boat in the bridgehole, and two hefty lads with a rope on the bridge, order was soon restored.

When we arrived at the bottom lock at Stourport, there was the balance beam securely chained and padlocked. I considered this to be a breach of good faith on someone's part, so a sturdy case-opening wrench was applied to the staple and winding took place as planned.

Many years later, when I was chairman of the Staffs. and Worcs. Canal Soc., the same canal engineer attended a meeting to give a talk. I enquired if the staple was alright, and he said they had gone to some trouble to locate the culprit, but we remained friends.

*R. North*

### **Editor**

If anyone else has interesting and amusing canal experiences they'd like to share please pass them on, I'll try to print them.



Following the success of last years sponsored walk 'TOEPATH '82' when more than 250 people raised over £14,000 towards the restoration of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal the Huddersfield Canal Society have decided to hold a similar event this year.

'TOEPATH '83' is to be held on Sunday 2nd October and will start again in the centre of Slaithwaite, near Huddersfield at 9.30 a.m. The 20 kilometre walk will then follow the towpath of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal to Tunnel End at Marsden, giving walkers the opportunity of seeing the entrance to the longest canal tunnel in the country and the two canal side cottages which are being refurbished to provide an H.C.S. exhibition centre and a base for the West Yorkshire Countryside Ranger Service who patrol the nearby moors etc.

The walk then returns back through Slaithwaite to Longroyd Bridge before returning to the finish line in Slaithwaite. This route was chosen to enable walkers to make full use of the canal side picnic sites and towpath information boards recently installed by Kirklees Council.

Sponsorship arrangements have been designed to enable other organisations with five or more walkers participating to benefit as the organisers will refund up to 50% of the sponsorship they collect.

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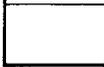
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**WEEKDAYS — 11 a.m.-4.30 p.m.**

**SAT., SUN. — 11 a.m.-5.30 p.m.**

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**solution to crossword no. 11**

**ACROSS**

- 6. Navigable Canal
- 9. Paddle
- 10. Respects
- 11. Idolises
- 12. Rodeos
- 15. Assume
- 17. Adagio
- 19. Seismo
- 20. Rhetoric
- 22. Swastika
- 24. Repeat
- 26. Hydrographical

**DOWN**

- 1. Inland Waterway
- 2. Avid
- 3. Agrees
- 4. Measured
- 5. Bale
- 7. Barest
- 8. Astronomically
- 12. Loses
- 14. Doggo
- 16. Moorings
- 18. Armada
- 21. Earthy
- 23. Sure
- 25. Pace

**h.c.s. flag day**

**3rd December 1983 — Advance Notification**

Having given out many thousand 'Restore Huddersfield Canal' stickers and always being money conscious I wondered why we could not combine the two i.e. give out stickers for money: have a flag day! After approaching the local authority to see if it was possible, we were given 3rd December as the date of our Flag Day to take place in Huddersfield.

To achieve the maximum from this we'll need about 100 collectors so I'm already taking names of volunteers.

This is one way in which YOU can take an active part in raising funds for HCS and I would like to hear from everyone who is available on 3rd December to tell me now.

*David L. Finnis*

**uppermill project**

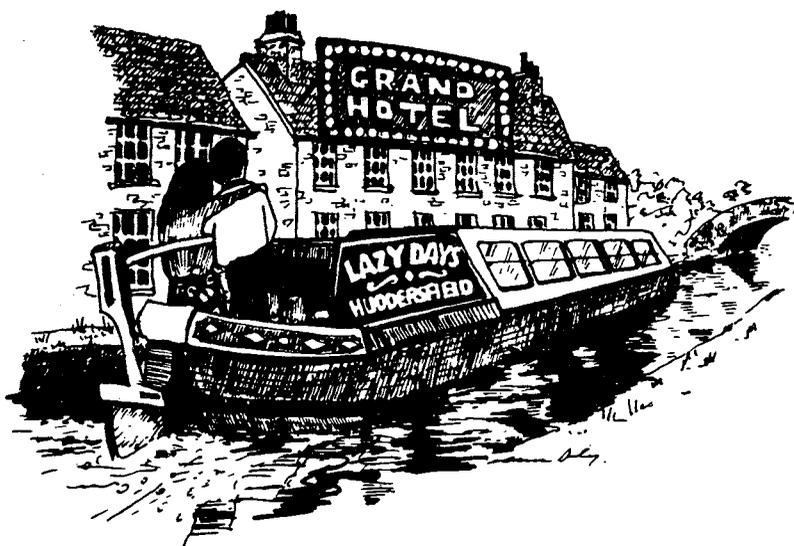
Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Society's funds. However we still need assistance, so please send any donation, large and small, to the treasurer, or pay it in direct to the National Westminster Bank, Uppermill Branch (Code 01-08-99) for the credit of "The Huddersfield Canal Society Ltd. — Uppermill Project" Account No. 84219262.

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If you wish to help the Society further by paying your subscription under a deed of covenant then please write to or phone me for details.

*Sue Bradbury,*  
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I am pleased to welcome the following new members to the Society:

- 984 Miss Liz Lucas, [REDACTED]  
985 Roy Morris, [REDACTED]  
986 Steven Redford, [REDACTED]  
987 Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Raven, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
988 Richard Atkinson, [REDACTED]  
989 David J. Mack, [REDACTED]  
990 John and Judith Beckett and Family, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
991 Herbert Owen, [REDACTED]  
992 Edward Beswick, [REDACTED]  
993 Kenneth Wood, [REDACTED]  
994 George Hodges, [REDACTED]  
995 Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Finnis, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
996 Michael A. Wilson, [REDACTED]  
997 Mr. B. Burlington, [REDACTED]  
998 Peter Saw, [REDACTED]  
999 Raymond J. Reid, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
1000 John Doyle, [REDACTED] :  
1001 Gary Watson, [REDACTED]  
1002 David K. Moorhouse, [REDACTED]  
1003 David R. Lees, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
1004 Graham Lomas, [REDACTED]  
1005 Dr. Martin Barnes, [REDACTED]  
1006 K.M. Molloy, [REDACTED]  
1007 Dave and Elspeth Wagstaff, [REDACTED] :  
1008 Chris Phillips, [REDACTED]

Val Dewey — Membership Secretary — see inside front cover.

## press cuttings

If you see anything mentioning the Huddersfield Canal or the Society in newspapers, magazines, etc., please could you cut out and send to Dave Finnis, 12 Chapel Hill, Linthwaite, Huddersfield, who is now the HCS Press Cuttings Officer.

## diary

- 1st May 11.30 a.m. Fancy dress pub crawl around Marsden starting from the Railway. Social evening at the Junction, Tunnel End from 8 p.m. For further details tel. Roy Meakin on Huddersfield 845434.
- 3rd May 8 p.m. Illustrated talk on the restoration of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal by David Finnis at the Colne Valley Society meeting, Council Chambers, Slaithwaite Town Hall.
- 5th May 8 p.m. Society Quiz Night at the Four Horseshoes, Milnsbridge, Huddersfield.

- 7th May 11 a.m. Towpath walk from Aspley Basin to Tunnel End, Marsden. For further details contact Bernard Jessop of IWA West Riding on Brighthouse 713661.
- 11th May 8 p.m. Social Meeting at the Diggle Hotel, Diggle.
- 14th/15th May Uppermill Working Party. For further details contact Graham Maskell, Mossley 3992.
- 15th May 10 a.m. Countryside Ranger Guided Walk. Alongside the Huddersfield Broad and Calder and Hebble canals. This is a 12 mile walk starting from Kwik Save, River Colne Bridge, Wakefield Road, Huddersfield. Packed lunch required.
- 17th May 6.30 p.m. The painting of the cranes down by the Huddersfield Polytechnic. Policy Meeting Open Forum chaired by David Sumner. Diggle Hotel, Diggle. Your chance to air your views.
- 17th May 7.45 p.m. Illustrated talk 'The raging river of Anapurna' by Dr. Robin Witter at the Cross Keys, Uppermill.
- 19th May 8 p.m. Evening towpath walk along the Huddersfield Broad Canal. Meet at Aspley Basin, Huddersfield.
- 24th May 7 p.m. Social Meeting at the Grapes Trippett Lane, Sheffield.
- 25th May 8 p.m. Social Meeting at the Railway, Marsden (meet at 7 p.m. for a short walk)
- 2nd June 8 p.m. Illustrated talk on 'The Basingstoke Canal' by Robin Higgs at the Four Horseshoes, Market Street, Milnsbridge near Huddersfield.
- 4th June 8 p.m. Social Meeting at the Farrars Arms, Grasscroft near Oldham.
- 8th June 8 p.m. Working party in Uppermill. Details from G. Maskell on Mossley 3992.
- 11th/12th June Policy Meeting on Trip Boat Acquisition, Diggle Hotel, Diggle. Your chance to air your views.
- 21st June 7.45 p.m. Social Meeting at the Grapes, Trippett Lane, Sheffield.
- 22nd June 8 p.m. Michael Handford talks about 'The politics of canal restoration' at the Four Horseshoes, Market Street, Milnsbridge (meet at 7 p.m. for short walk)
- 23rd June 8 p.m. County Councillor John Sully presents an illustrated talk 'Canals and Countryside' at the Packhorse Hotel, Carr Lane, Slaithwaite (meet at 7 p.m. for short walk).
- 7th July 8 p.m. Tameside Canals Festival 1983 at Portland Basin, Ashton-under-Lyne. Further details from Mrs. H. Maskell on Mossley 3992.
- 15th/16th/17th July

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