

# DOUBLE NINE

**THE POCKLINGTON CANAL AMENITY SOCIETY  
MAGAZINE**



**June 2019**

**Issue 116**



*This page:* Work has now commenced on installing the top and bottom landing stages at Thornton Lock. PCAS working party members are seen installing the bottom landing stage on the 30th April. Work was well advanced when the lower image was taken on the 1st May. *Photographs by Malcolm Slater*



## Editorial

### Index

Page 1: Editorial.
Page 2 - 3 - 4: The Chairman's Column.
Page 5: Antiques and Valuation Evening.
Page 6 - 9: Working Party Report.
Page 10 - 11: New Horizons Report.
Page 12: September Boat Rally.
Page 13: Membership Musings
Page 14 - 15: AGM 2019 Report.
Page 16: CO-OP Community Fund
Page 17: East Riding of Yorkshire C. C. Chairman's Award 2019.
Page 18 - 19: News from the Canal & River Trust.
Page 20: Sandhill Lock Appeal.
Page 21. Pocklington Canal 2019 Events Guide & + Swallow Hall.
Page 22. 50th Anniversary Dinner.
Page 23 - 27 PCAS, The first 50 years.
Page 28. Annual Dinner 2019.
Page 29 Canal open day May 2019.
Page 30 - 31 Crew Training 2nd June 2019.
Page 32 PCAS Sales and Souvenirs.

Welcome to the June issue D9 magazine. It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through 2019.

Easter was one of the warmest on record and we were blessed with sunny weather. The canal head information point opened for the 2019 season on the 7th April and over at Melbourne

**New Horizons** was underway giving trips along the canal. Richard Harker and his army of volunteers are busy, the major work is the construction of the landing stages at Thornton lock. However this is not the only work being carried out on the canal, farther up the canal another group is busy repairing the banks. Our chairman in his report mentions the dredging that is needed just upstream of Coates Lock. This year it is PCAS's 50th anniversary. If CRT could carry out this work, would open another section of the canal including the already restored Coates lock, while at the same time providing boats with a good place to turn. Now what a great birthday present that would be.

Malcolm Slater.

*Front Cover:* Easter 2019 was perhaps the hottest on record, and boats had started to visit the canal. The **Black Pearl** was photographed turning into the Melbourne Arm on the 30th April 2019

*Rear Cover:* Visiting boat **Ditto** makes progress down the canal passed Hagg Bridge destination Barmby on the Marsh and then on to Sowerby Bridge on the 27th May 2019.

*Photograph by Malcolm Slater*

### Copy Date October Issue

Closing date for articles etc for the October 2019 issue is the **23rd September 2019.**

Submissions received after this date may be held over until the next available issue.

*Double Nine* is published in  
February - June - October  
By the  
Pocklington Canal Amenity Society

Opinions expressed in this magazine is not necessarily those of the Pocklington Canal Amenity Society, its Chairman or Committee.

# The Chairman's Column

## PCAS AT FIFTY

This year the Pocklington Canal Amenity Society is celebrating its fiftieth birthday. At the time of writing, one of our birthday events, our dinner at the Oaks Golf Club on 18th May, is about to happen, and will be fully reported in the next issue. However, I can tell you that at least one founder member will be present, and that Sean McGinley, the Region Director of CRT will be our principal guest.

The other major way in which we will be celebrating the anniversary is the boat rally that will be held over the weekend of 13th to 15th September. The indications are that a good number of boats will attend. There will be events throughout the weekend centred around the Melbourne Arm for the entertainment of boaters and other visitors. Not to be missed is the barbeque that will take place on the Saturday evening.

Other events taking place during the year is an Open Day at Melbourne on Sunday 26th May, an Antique and Valuation Evening on 19th July and our usual pre-Christmas lunch on 24th November.

## BICENTENARY PROJECT

A little later than planned, our Bicentenary Project is drawing to a close. By the time this edition of Double Nine reaches our members, the final item of the project, the installation of landing stages below and above Thornton Lock, should be completed. At a cost of £250,000 to the society, the project included repairs to the structures of Thornton and Walbuts Locks, together with the replacement of lock gates. Boats are now able to navigate as far as the Bielby Arm, which is two miles farther than this time last year.

The new landings are each 15 metres in length, and consist of a sheet-piled mooring face adjacent to the towpath. They will be equipped with mooring bollards, so that boats can easily be tied up while a crew member opens or closes the lock gates. The landings will be particularly useful for our trip boat, **New Horizons**, which is now able to operate in two directions from its base at the Melbourne Arm.

## COATES LOCK

Although Coates Lock was restored some 20 years ago, no boat has yet been able to use it. Over the years, there has been some movement of the lower gates, causing a bad seal and leakage at the bottom end of the lock. This



## **The Chairman's Column**

fault is now been corrected, which in theory would allow boats through the lock, although the pound above is in need of dredging, and at present there is nowhere to turn a boat. The society will soon have to turn its attention to dredging in this area. Including the winding hole which is immediately above Coates Lock.

### **THE SANDHILL LOCK PROJECT**

The next lock upstream of Coates Lock is Sandhill Lock. This lock is in a poor State, and some ten years ago, British Waterways (now CRT) considered it to be so dangerous that it was fenced off from the towpath and struts inserted to prevent further collapse. In fact, for those who have known the canal for a long time, the condition was not unlike some of the other locks before restoration. With the completion on the Bicentenary Project, Sandhill Lock has become the society's focus of attention.

I am pleased to be able to report that we now have the approval from the Canal & River Trust to start work on this project. The society launched its Sandhill Lock Appeal a year ago after the Bicentenary Appeal reached its target. Already about £75.000 has been raised towards the initial target of £150.000. Depending on what is discovered when the lock is dewatered, it may be that this target will have increased to £200.000, but funds have come in sufficiently well in the first year to have the confidence to make a start on the project.

In order to comply with modern regulations, and to present a professional approach to CRT, it will be necessary for the society to be guided by consultants for some aspects of the works. We have been in discussion with four firms of consultants, and will shortly be seeking tenders from them to provide these services. I am grateful to our member, David Hobson, who is preparing the tender documents, and guiding us through this aspect of the project.

The works at Sandhill Lock will be similar to those carried out at Walbut Lock and Coates Lock nearly thirty years ago. As a preliminary measure, a temporary bywash will have to be installed to divert the water flow around the lock. This will allow temporary cofferdams to be installed above and below the lock, so that the lock can be pumped dry. The lock chamber will then have to be made safe by demolishing all the unsound brickwork. Large quantities of silt and debris will have to be removed from the bottom of the chamber, before rebuilding can commence.

#### **Donations**

The Chairman & the PCAS Committee wish to thank all the people who have given donations to the Society.

# The Chairman's Column

Sandhill Lock has the one wing wall that is leaning, presumably due to failed foundations. This will have to be demolished, and new a new foundation provided before being rebuilt. Most of the works will be undertaken by volunteers, although some aspects will be more conveniently carried out by contractors. We are expecting that works at Sandhill Lock will extend over a period of three years.

## FUND RAISING

The completion of the Sandhill Lock Project is dependant on the continuing success of our fundraising activities. Our tripboat, **New Horizons**, is one steady source of income. Events, such as our rallies and open days are another. In recent years, we have benefited from legacies, and we are on the lookout all the time for charitable trusts and grant making bodies that are willing to help us. We would welcome suggestions for additional ways of raising money. The Antiques evening which we will be holding at Melbourne Village Hall on 19th July is a new venture for us, and I hope members will give their support.

Paul Waddington



The sad sight of Sandhill Lock. The wing wall which will require new foundations before its rebuilding can begin can be clearly seen.

*Photograph by Malcolm Slater*

# ANTIQUES AND VALUATION



EVENING  
WITH



CAROLINE HAWLEY

(Flog It, Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is!, and Bargain Hunt)

AT

MELBOURNE VILLAGE HALL

MELBOURNE, YO42 4QJ

FRIDAY 19TH JULY - 7PM

TICKETS £12.50 which includes supper

(please bring your own drinks and glass)

Personal valuations are available by donation to the

Pocklington Canal Amenity Society

Please bring an item for valuation.

To book your ticket contact Debbie on 01759 306070 or 07761963565

All proceeds towards the Restoration of Pocklington Canal

# Work Party Report May 2019

So another year begins

We welcomed two new members in mid January and now number 13 (lucky us) with a good variety of skills & experience, quite a formidable force. Most of January was spent generally tidying bankside overhangs until the Melbourne arm froze over at the end of the month which curtailed any boat movements for a while.

It was noticed that the support brickwork under the towpath (free) end of No. 6 bridge had partly fallen away producing a gap of about 5"/6" between the end of the bridge and the parapet, C.R.T. Were informed & their engineers are to investigate.

A new backing board for the Sandhills appeal at Melbourne was made & put up and the bench formerly at Walbut lock was refurbished and has now been reinstated.

As previously mentioned, the nearside lower gate at Coates lock was realigned but it then became obvious by the way the gates came together that a similar remedy was also required for the offside gate, to be continued. We were offered a flat bottomed skiff, complete with outboard motor and (slightly dilapidated) trailer quite cheaply and decided to purchase same. The trailer has been undergoing gradual refurbishment and we now have a work boat for smaller jobs.

April now then, drying out a little, boat trip banners going up, benches and seats being given a recoat and an extensive programme of towpath repairs has begun between Canal Head & Coates lock.

Now guess what? Work has finally started on pilling for the landing stages at Thornton lock; at the time of writing the lower landing pilling is finished, just needs backfilling and landscaping and the upper landing is due to start in the second week of May. A new experience for us and another skill to add to our repertoire. (and yes you do learn by your mistakes!)

So, as usual, a big thank you to all the work party volunteers for their hard work and I am sure we cannot wait to get stuck in once restoration starts at Sandhills lock.

Richard Harker

Work Party Supervisor



## Work Party Report May 2019



The piling is in place for the lower landing stage at Thornton Lock, photographed on the 2nd May.

*Photograph by David Hobson*

## Work Party Report May 2019



Work is well advanced constructing both the bottom and top landing stages at Thornton Lock. In the top picture the lower landing has been backfilled and landscaped, while in the lower picture the top landing stage piling and the back fill had been completed on the 1st June. *Photographs by Malcolm Slater*





## Work Party Report May 2019

5 tons of clay was delivered to Melbourne on the 16th April (*Right*). The clay was to be used for canal bank stabilization above Coates Lock.

Bank repair work was well under way on the 1st May. The PCAS working party carry out the bank repair work. The bottom two images show just what is involved.

*Lower picture:* One of the two teams of PCAS volunteers hard at work restoring the canal, on the 1st May.

*Image above right by Malcolm Slater  
Lower two images by John Lundie*





## New Horizons



After completion of winter works at Goole, **New Horizons** set off back to the Pocklington Canal at the end of January, through freezing fog on the tidal River Ouse, to moor above the lock at Barmby on the Marsh. It was planned to travel back to Melbourne two days later, but by then it was even colder and on arrival at Cottingwith Lock the canal had a thick layer of ice. Continuing would have removed the new blacking from the hull at the waterline, so the boat was left on the landing stage above the lock until the ice had melted. By the canal was in flood. PCAS member Simon Stallard, who lives in East Cottingwith, donned waders and “walked” through deep water on the flooded towpath to slacken the taut mooring lines. Once the water level had gone down it was finally possible to complete the journey back to Melbourne in time for the skipper training session that had been booked by PCAS on a weekend in February.

Crew members Steve Ashby, Stephen Wealthy and John Lundie had a strenuous two days with their trainers Kathy and Christine of Canal Experiences Training from “down south”. On the Saturday, Kathy and Christine put the three of them through their paces with lots of practice of different situations and scenarios on both **New Horizons** and **Nutwood**, a similar sized narrow boat belonging to PCAS committee members Sue and John Dickins. On Sunday it was the “real thing”, and the end result was that Steve, Stephen and John ended the day with their RYA Inland Waterways Helmsman’s Course certificates.

Soon it will be the turn of Noel & Sharon Feather and David Broughton, on the first weekend in June. Kathy & Christine will be back “up north” and staying on **Nutwood** and ready to go with the training weekend. So hopefully there will be more new skippers for **New Horizons**. The crew training has been provided from the training budget of the Canal & River Trust’s Heritage Lottery Fund project managed by Lizzie Dealey.

Easter was late this year and the weather better than most years, so we had a busy time on the boat. It’s normal to have to explain that we can only take twelve on a trip on a sunny Sunday, but that does not happen very often at Easter. Lizzie had organised an Easter Egg Hunt for children and that encouraged more to take boat trips. We will miss the Lottery funded activities on the canal on the canal when the project comes to an end this summer.



Help us Celebrate  
50 years

New items from  
Tim’s PCAS sales.  
See page 32.



Find us on:  
**facebook®**

Search for Pocklington Canal Amenity Society



## New Horizons



*This page:* Deep in concentration, the trainee's are put through their paces on board **New Horizons** .Having achieved their helmsman's certificates the trainee's pose for the camera on the stern of **Nutwood** along with their tutors.

*Photograph by Alistair Anderson*







*Celebrating* **5**  *years*

**PCAS ARE HOLDING A BOAT RALLY OVER THE  
WEEKEND OF 13TH/14TH/15TH SEPTEMBER  
AT MELBOURNE ARM MOORINGS, MELBOURNE  
ON THE POCKLINGTON CANAL**

**WHY NOT BRING YOUR BOAT AND HELP US CELEBRATE?**

**FRIDAY EVENING—SOCIAL GATHERING MELBOURNE ARM MOORINGS**

**SATURDAY 10AM—4PM STALLS, WALKS AND BOAT TRIPS,**

**SOUTH PENNINE HANDSPIKE DANCING**

**SATURDAY EVENING FROM 6PM—GRAND BARBECUE**

**WITH COMMUNITY SINGING**

**SUNDAY 10AM —3PM STALLS, WALKS AND BOAT TRIPS**

**Also opportunities to navigate the two mile long newly opened section.**

**BRINGING YOUR BOAT? BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW**

**CONTACT DEBBIE SMITH 07761963565 OR EMAIL [dejaysmith@btinternet.com](mailto:dejaysmith@btinternet.com)**



## Membership Report

We try to keep the running of the membership as straightforward as possible.

PCAS uses a bespoke system designed for clubs & societies and all information is kept on this database. As well as holding details of each member, renewal dates etc, it also provides a method of emailing members with news of events. All emails are sent BCC so no one else will see your email address. Also if you reply to an email from membership it will not go to any other member, simply back to me. So again your data is kept secure and private which is essential under the data protection regulations. Most of you with email addresses have already given permission for PCAS to contact you by email, If you have an email address and do not receive information regarding events but would like to do so, please contact me, giving your permission and I will amend your data accordingly.

The majority of members now renew by standing order. Those who don't, may receive reminders from me if they forget to renew. If you do not have a standing order in place please consider setting one up. With online banking it is a simple task . If you need conformation of your renewal date, drop me an email and I will let you know. The PCAS sort code is 40-37-01 account number 20674451. If making payments direct into our bank, please give a reference what the payment is for as many now pay for events by this method.

My details are listed in this magazine (*Inside rear cover ED*) should you need to make contact.

Roger Bromley Membership Secretary

### Membership

	Annual	Life
Individual	£15	£150
Family	£20	£200

Please send all new membership's & renewals to the membership secretary: Roger Bromley. 40 The Dales. Castle Park. Cottingham. Hull. HU16 5JS.

**Please notify the membership secretary if you change your address.**



Registered Charity 500637  
[www.pocklingtoncanalsociety.org](http://www.pocklingtoncanalsociety.org)



# **Annual General Meeting of the Pocklington Canal Amenity Society Held at Melbourne Village Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 24th April 2019**

## ***Welcome and Introduction***

The Chairman welcomed members of the Society.

## ***Present***

Twenty three members were present and the meeting was therefore declared a quorum.

## ***Apologies***

Apologies had been received from John Lewis. Tim Charlson. & Andrew Brett & Chris Stones.

## ***Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting***

The minutes had previously been published in Double Nine. Acceptance of the Minutes was proposed by Bob by Alistair Anderson and approved unanimously. The Chairman. signed the minutes.

## ***Matters Arising***

There were no matters arising.

## ***Chairman's Report***

The Chairman reported that 2018 had marked the bicentenary of the opening of the Pocklington Canal and was celebrated by the opening of two locks and two miles of canal up to Bielby. There were several social events including a boat rally to help raise funds towards the restoration. Dredging was undertaken as part of the HLF funded project "A Gem in the Landscape" which is due to finish in July.

Thanks were given to everyone who contributed towards the restoration - including the work party who are involved with weedcutting, repairing and restoration.

A full transcript of the report will be published in Double Nine for the benefit of the general membership.

## ***Presentation of the 2018 Accounts***

Copies of the 2018 accounts were circulated. There was a surplus in 2018 - due to the terms of the Tony Harrison legacy, monies had to be paid out in the first instance and then claimed back. Although money had been paid out in 2017 (thus showing a deficit for the year), the payment to PCAS came in at the beginning of 2018. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Richard Harker and seconded by Malcolm Slater and was approved unanimously.

## **Annual General Meeting of the Pocklington Canal Amenity Society Held at Melbourne Village Hall at 7pm on Wednesday 24th April 2019**

### ***50th Anniversary Events***

This is the 50th Anniversary of the founding of PCAS and there are several events arranged.

**19th July** - Antiques & Valuation Evening with Caroline Hawley at Melbourne Village Hall

**13/15th September** - Boat Rally

**24th November** - Annual Lunch at The Oaks

All monies raised at these events go to the Sandhill Lock Appeal.

### ***Sandhill Lock***

At the moment the Sandhill Lock appeal stands at £75.000. The work has been estimated at £150.000 but could cost more - some of the work is more complicated than first envisaged. Some of the work will be done by PCAS, some by outside contractors and some by visiting volunteers and will take three years.

### ***Election of Chairman***

Paul Waddington was the sole nominee for the Chairmanship and was duly re-elected.

### ***Election of the Committee***

Three members of the committee - Richard Harker, Tim Charlson and John Dickens had all completed their two year term and indicated their willingness to continue, so were all re-elected for a further two years. The remaining committee members still have a further year to serve.

### ***Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner***

Tony Farmer had indicated his willingness to continue and was duly reappointed.

### ***Any Other Business***

Roger Bromley gave a vote of thanks to the Chairman for all his hard work.

Alistair Anderson stated that there were now more active volunteers that in previous year - about 40 in all including the work part and crew for New Horizons.

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.30pm**



Choose us as your  
**Co-op local cause**

Go online [coop.co.uk/membership](http://coop.co.uk/membership)



**PLEASE HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR**

**SANDHILL LOCK,**  
**POCKLINGTON CANAL**

**THROUGH THE**  
**CO-OP**

**Pocklington Canal Amenity Society**

has been selected to be part of the

**CO-OP COMMUNITY FUND**

**So what do you do?**

- **If your not already a member join the Co-Op**

**[www.coop.co.uk/membership](http://www.coop.co.uk/membership)**

**Select Pocklington Canal Amenity Society as  
your chosen benefactor.**

- **Shop at the Co-op as much as you can using you're  
card and buy Co-op own branded goods when you  
can**
- **Ask your friends and family to do the same**





Chairman's  
Awards 2019



Chairman's  
Awards 2019

*The Pocklington Canal has scooped yet another award. The Canal & River Trust with assistance from over 20 members have the East Riding of Yorkshire Chairman's 2019 award for the restoration of Church Bridge Melbourne.*

Awards have played an important role in recognising the contributions made by many across the East Riding and the presenting of the awards give the East Riding of Yorkshire Council the opportunity to honour and thank individuals, organisations and business's who have contributed so much to promote the East Riding as a great place in which to work and live.

Church Bridge was nominated for the award by CRT as part of the Heritage Lottery Funding. The presentation of the award was made at the Bridlington Spa Complex on Tuesday 14th May. Two PCAS members who had taken part in the Church Bridge restoration, were present at the awards ceremony to receive the framed certificate and plaque.

*Photograph Right:* The certificate awarded for the restoration of Church Bridge which was presented at the awards ceremony in Bridlington.

*Photograph below:*

Showing the certificate and plaque are Left to right. Tim Charlson (PCAS), Judy Jones, Lizzie Deale (CRT) and Rob Fouracre (PCAS).

*Photograph courtesy Les Stubbs Photography*





## News from the Canal & River Trust.

By the time this issue of Double Nine is published the National Lottery Heritage Fund project on the Pocklington Canal will nearly be complete. This is my penultimate contribution to Double Nine in my role as Project Officer - I will be back once more to conclude these project updates later in 2019.

In my last update, I reported that work on Swing Bridge 7 would start in May. This has unfortunately been pushed back but work will begin by the Trust's contractor Kier in June. As part of a Trust wide initiative to remove the trapping hazard on all swing bridges, the retaining wall will be cut back. The bridge sidings will also be modified to replicate the design in the c1909 photo on the signage board near the bridge.

The guided walks programme is going well, with Julian having led 16 people on the 6 mile "third Wednesday in the month" walk in April. This, and the 3 mile "first Sunday in the month" walk will continue after the project ends.

Easter weekend was busy at Melbourne, in part no doubt due to the sunny 80 children took part in our Easter Trail Challenge over the weekend which saw them finding answers to heritage questions and completing puzzles. We enjoyed seeing drawings of boats that the children completed.

At the time of writing the Open Day on the last May bank holiday weekend is yet to take place, but this event will include Rusticus Theatre with their fantastic travelling performance. We shall see whether the weather chooses to be kind to use!

My colleague Lucy, the Trust's Volunteer Leader, will be running Himalayan balsam pulling days with Yorkshire Wildlife Trust along the canal over the summer months. There are a few in the diary, with the details on [www.ywt.org.uk](http://www.ywt.org.uk) This is part of the Non Native Invasive Species (INNS) project which we took part in last year, and we hope this relationship will continue in future years to help stop the spread of this invasive pink flower on the canal. I hope some readers of Double Nine will choose to join us!

Lizzie Dealey, Project Officer for Canal & River Trust

## News from the Canal & River Trust.



← Drawing by George aged 8.



Drawing by Scott aged 5. →

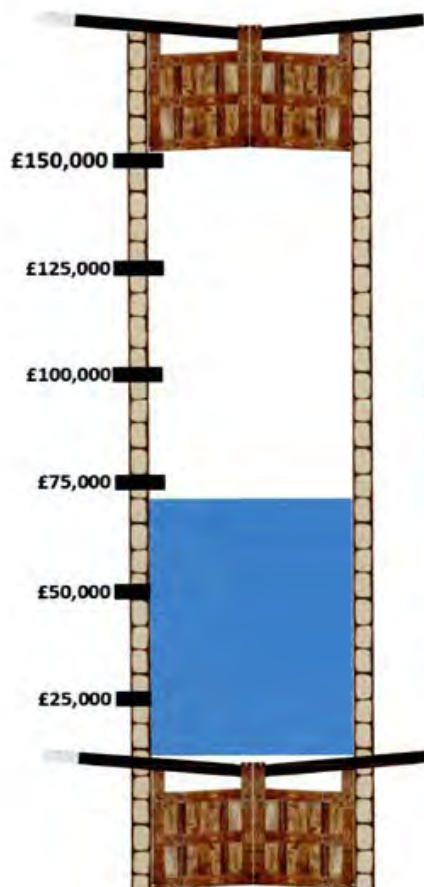


← Drawing by Emilia aged 8.

**POCKLINGTON CANAL AMENITY SOCIETY**

## **RESTORATION APPEAL**

# **SANDHILL LOCK**



**£150,000**

**Required to restore**

**Sandhill Lock**

**Work Starting 2018**



**PLEASE DONATE BY**

**Using canalside donation boxes**

**Direct into PCAS Bank Account  
quoting SANDHILL**

**SORT CODE— 40-37-01**

**ACCOUNT NO—20674451**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE - [www.pocklingtoncanalsociety.org](http://www.pocklingtoncanalsociety.org)**

# Pocklington Canal 2019 Events

**Sun 2nd June:** Canal Head 3 - mile guided walk.

**Wed 19th June:** Melbourne Arm 6 - mile guided walk.

**Sun 30th June. 12 - 4pm.** Pond life at Melbourne Arm. Drop in and have a go at pond dipping with our ecologist. The boat trips will be running as usual.

**July onwards...**

- Guided walks continue throughout the whole year on the first Sunday of every month (Canal Head 3 - mile) and third Wednesday of every month (Melbourne Arm 6 - mile).

- Boat trips run every Sunday and Bank Holiday until the end of October 2019.

**Friday 19th July. 7pm:** An evening with Caroline Hawley. Melbourne Village Hall. Tickets £12:50 (See page 17) .

**Friday 6th September - 15th September.** Boat Rally Melbourne Arm.

**Sun 24th Nov:** Annual Lunch. The Oaks. Aughton.

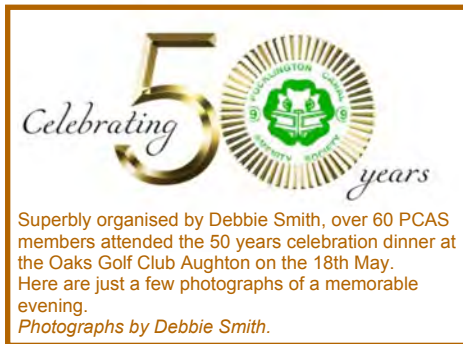
Please contact Debbie Smith on 07761963565 or e-mail [dejaysmith@btinternet.com](mailto:dejaysmith@btinternet.com) for more information.



## Swallow Hall

The structure pictured left has appeared near bridge 7. After much asking and research by the editor, it is in fact a nesting place for the visiting swallows. Work is due to start at any time on the restoration of bridge 7, returning it back to how it once looked around in the 1909's. The swallows always nest under the bridge, but with this nesting site unavailable this year the new nesting place has been provided for them.





# *The First* **50 years**

**1969 - 2019**

**Pocklington Canal Amenity Society's  
50 years of achievement**

Compiled by Malcolm Slater



Our look back through the archives takes us to the 19th July 1987 and in both these images we visit the Melbourne Arm. Which looks like all the berth's are full with both boats and cruisers. The arm today looks very different with mature trees and new signage. *Photographs from the PCAS Archives.*





## 1969 PCAS the first 50 years 2019



The reopening of the canal (above) took place on the 19th July 1971, some three years after the formation of the Society a truly remarkable achievement! The reopening of Gardham Lock (Below) was took take place in July 1979. In both these pictures, Boats and Cruisers of the period travel along the canal.  
*Photographs Sheila Nix MBE Collection.*



## 1969 PCAS the first 50 years 2019



In the 1970's PCAS held Canoe and Dinghy Cruise events along the canal, these events were always a very popular attraction. In both pictures we see the October 1970 event. Both these pictures were taken at Hagg bridge. The canal below the bridge was very choked with weeds, while above the bridge looked very clear. British Waterways dredged this section of canal in 1974. *Photographs from the Sheila Nix MBE Collection.*





## 1969 PCAS the first 50 years 2019



PCAS working parties have always been well supported. The two pictures featured on this page, show (above) cutting back the undergrowth, a task which is mainly carried out by C&RT contractors today and below bank side repairs are always needed along the canal (see also page 9) and a job that the PCAS volunteers are well versed in. Bank side repairs been carried out on the 15th August 2014.

*Photographs courtesy Tim Charlson*





## 1969 PCAS the first 50 years 2019



Looking at the pictures featured on this page, you could be perhaps forgiven for thinking that they had been taken in 2019. They were in fact taken back in the 1980's. The image above shows CRT Contractors dredging, while in the lower picture the PCAS weed cutter/ work boat **Sheila Nix** weed cutting, a job that the boat still does to this day. *Photographs Courtesy of Tim Charlson.*



# PCAS

## ANNUAL LUNCH

THE OAKS,

LONG LANE, AUGHTON, YORK, YO42 4PW

SUNDAY 24TH NOVEMBER, 12-12.30PM

£22.00 PER HEAD

### STARTER

- A. SOUP OF THE DAY SERVED WITH CRUSTY BREAD
- B. TRIO OF MELON DRIZZLED IN LIME AND TEQUILA COULIS
- C. HOMEMADE FISHCAKE SERVED ON MINTED PEA PUREE
- D. PAN FRIED BRIE WRAPPED IN PARMA HAM ON A BED OF DRESSED LEAVES & LOCAL CHUTNEY



### MAIN COURSE

- E. CHEFS ROAST LOIN OF PORK SERVED TRADITIONALLY WITH YORKSHIRE PUDDINGS
- F. ROAST SIRLOIN OF YORKSHIRE BEEF SERVED TRADITIONALLY WITH YORKSHIRE PUDDINGS
- G. PAN FRIED FILLET OF SALMON WITH A LEMON DILL SAUCE AND NEW POTATOES
- H. HOMEMADE SPINACH & RICOTTA TART SERVED ON A BED OF LEAVES WITH BALSAMIC GLAZE

### SWEET

- I. ICED LEMON PARFAIT SERVED WITH CARAMELIZED ORANGES
- J. WARM CHERRY BAKEWELL TART SERVED WITH CRÈME ANGLAISE
- K. WARM CHOCOLATE BROWNIE WITH WHITE CHOCOLATE CHIPS SERVED WITH VANILLA POD ICE CREAM
- L. WHITE CHOCOLATE CRÈME BRULÉE SERVED WITH HOMEMADE COOKIES

COFFEE AND AFTER DINNER MINTS/TRUFFLES

To book your place (and guests) please indicate your menu choices and send to :-

Debbie Smith, 14 Kilnwick Garth, Pocklington, York, YO42 2RQ

or Email [dejaysmith@btinternet.com](mailto:dejaysmith@btinternet.com)

(along with payment) Payment by cheque (payable to PCAS) or  
BACS to HSBC s/c 40-37-01, account No. 20674451 Ref PCAS Dinner.

Please ensure you advise Debbie of the payment method used..

Telephone contact:- 07761963565 or 01759 306070



# CANAL OPEN DAY 26th MAY 2019

*A picture special featuring some of the many images taken at the CRT Canal open day on the 26th May 2019. Pictures by Malcolm Slater*



## Crew Training

*The last crew training took place on the 2nd June. It was the turn of Noel & Sharon Feather and David Broughton, all achieved their certificates of competence.*



*Picture Left:*  
Examiners and pupils, are left to right Kathy, Christine, Sharon and Noel.

*Picture right:*  
Trainee Dave takes the salute at bridge 6.



*Picture Left:*  
Opening and closing bridges and navigating a boat through at bridge 7.



*Picture Right:*  
The correct use of locks and bridges are dealt with, examiners and Trainees at Gardham lock and swing bridge 4.

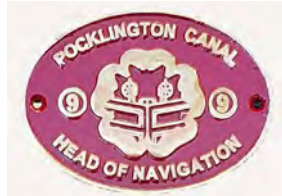


*Picture Left:*  
Things are going well as Sharon pulls alongside **Nutwood** Christine (centre) and Dave (left) are happy and smiling.

*Picture Right:*  
Thornton lock and **Nutwood** and **New Horizons** pair up in the lock.



## PCAS Merchandise



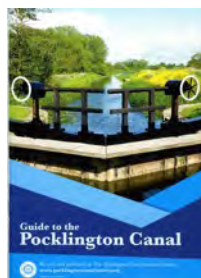
Head of Navigation  
Plaques £10 each.



New Anniversary Plaques £10 each.



Bicentenary Plaques  
£10 each.



### Pocklington Canal Guide

Our new guidebook is now available. This comprehensive guide has been designed for use either during a stroll along the towpath or resting on the settee. Either way it holds much information of interest on the history and development of the canal and even has a map in the middle. There are navigation notes and useful information regarding the different stretches of the canal £5 each.

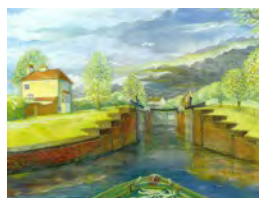
**Canal Head information Centre**  
**Now open every Sunday.**  
**Volunteers always wanted.**



Fridge Magnets £3 each



Canal Head Postcards £2 each



Pin Badge £3.50 each



PCAS Mugs five designs to choose from £5 each.

### Please Note:

Postage and Packing must be added to all orders for details please contact the sales officer, Tim Charlson Mobile: 07926910717

Email: tcharlson58@gmail.com

Most of the merchandise and books are available from the Canal Head information Centre **(Now open every Sunday)** **Postal sales welcome.**

# **The Pocklington Amenity Society**

Registered Charity 500637  
[www.pocklingtoncanalsociety.org](http://www.pocklingtoncanalsociety.org)

Patron The Earl of Halifax Neil Edwards

## **PCAS Committee**

**Chairman. Paul Waddington.** Church House. Main Street. Hemingborough. Selby. YO8 6QE  
p 01757 638027. [paul@gooleboathouse.co.uk](mailto:paul@gooleboathouse.co.uk)

**Vice Chairman. Graham Ball.** 5 Deans Lane. Pocklington. York. YO42 2PX  
! 07881 528298. [grahamball@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:grahamball@hotmail.co.uk)

**Secretary & Treasurer Sue Dickens.**  
22 Nutkins Way. Chesham. Bucks. HP5 2BE.  
p 01494 784571 ! 07970 875939 [pcas.treas@gmail.com](mailto:pcas.treas@gmail.com)

**Membership Roger Bromley.**  
40 The Dales. Castle Park. Cottingham . HU16 5JS.  
p 01482 845099 ! 07758 572271. [roger@roger.karoo.co.uk](mailto:roger@roger.karoo.co.uk)

**Trip Boat and Website Manager. Alistair J. Anderson.**  
14 George Lane. Walkington. Beverley. HU17 8XX.  
p 01482 801825 [alistair.anderson@pcas.karoo.co.uk](mailto:alistair.anderson@pcas.karoo.co.uk)

**Trip Boat Booking & Crewing Manager. Position Vacant.**

**Fundraising & Merchandising. Tim Charlson.**  
62 Hunters Way. York. YO24 1JJ ! 07926 910717  
[tcharlson58@gmail.com](mailto:tcharlson58@gmail.com)

**Events Coordinator & Social Media. Debbie Smith.**  
14 Kilnwick Garth. Pocklington. York. YO42 2RQ.  
p 01759 306070 [dejaysmith@btinternet.com](mailto:dejaysmith@btinternet.com)

**Working Party Organiser. Richard Harker.**  
! 07702 741211 [richard.rhph@talktalk.net](mailto:richard.rhph@talktalk.net)

**Engineer. John Lewis.**  
The Sheiling. Wheldrake Lane. Crockey Hill. York. YO19 4SH  
! 07702 275795. 07467 171336 [johnwlewis@live.co.uk](mailto:johnwlewis@live.co.uk)

**Double Nine Magazine Editor. Malcolm Slater.**  
! 07932 535665 [malcslater879@gmail.com](mailto:malcslater879@gmail.com)

**Other Committee Members. John Dickens.**  
22 Nutkins Way. Chesham Bucks. HP5 2BE  
p 01494 784571 [johndickins@btinternet.com](mailto:johndickins@btinternet.com)

**New Horizons trip boat Bookings & Enquiries.**  
[Book.newhorizons@gmail.com](mailto:Book.newhorizons@gmail.com)  
! 07514 978645



## **The Pocklington Canal Amenity Society**

**Free to Members**

**£2**