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NEW DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

As well as Double Nine which goes to all our members, we from time to time make extra contact by email, informing you about events, appeals, annual lunch menu, restoration progress and anything else too important to wait for the next newsletter.

With the law changing in May 2018 we are not allowed to contact in this way without your express permission. This means you must say **YES** for us to make this contact. Not answering has to be taken as a no, meaning you may miss important information. Where we have email addresses, we have already emailed you for this permission. Many responded quickly, thank you. However, some have not responded and will have recently received a second request. Please reply to this with your permission, otherwise we will have to mark you as not wanting information in this way. As a supporter of PCAS we are sure this is not the case.

We do not have email addresses for all of our members and if this is the case you will receive an insert in this magazine asking for your permission. If you can, please email our membership officer your reply then we will have your email address for future contact.

Please note, your email address will NOT be passed on to any other organisation or be used in any way other than to contact you about PCAS.

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There are many sites to find out more about GDPR. The link below will take you to one of them.

<http://www.itpro.co.uk/it-legislation/27814/what-is-gdpr-everything-you-need-to-know-8>

We would, again, like to invite you to receive your copies of Double Nine by email. A number of you already do this, thus saving the society around £7 per year which can then be put towards restoration.

Just drop an email to roger@roger.karoo.co.uk or [member-sh](mailto:membership@pocklingtoncanalsociety.org)ip@pocklingtoncanalsociety.org if you are willing to make this change.

Finally may we ask that you check and amend your standing order, if you have not done so already? Our rates increased in January 2017 but unfortunately we still receive payments at the old rate.

The current membership rates can be found at the back of this newsletter.

CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Our Bicentenary Year

Building of the Pocklington Canal was started in 1815 and completed in 1818, making 2018 the bicentenary of the opening. Our society is celebrating this special year in several ways. Most importantly, there will be the reopening to navigation of a two mile length of the canal, which will enable boats to reach the Bielby Arm for the first time in 68 years. There will be a boat rally in July, and a variety of social and cultural events throughout the year. These are listed elsewhere in this issue.

Extension to Navigable Length

For the last two years, the society has been working on repairs and improvements to Thornton and Walbut Locks. Both these locks underwent restoration about 25 years ago, but their gates had deteriorated to the extent that they needed replacing. There was also a need for dredging and weed clearance along much of the two mile stretch. I am happy to report that the dredging and weed clearance has now been completed, partly funded by the provision for environmental works within the HLF bid and partly funded directly by CRT.

The works at Thornton Lock, funded by PCAS, which were described in the last issue of Double Nine, are also completed. The works at Walbut Lock, also funded by PCAS, and which include the provision of a second escape ladder, are now in progress and are due to be complete in the spring. The remaining work, which is the installation of landing stages, and some general tidying up of work sites will follow on, and are due to be completed in time for the July reopening.

Formal Reopening

Richard Parry, the Chief Executive Officer of the Canal & River Trust, will formally reopen the two mile section at a ceremony planned for mid-day on Wednesday 25th July. He and other guests will be on board our tripboat, New Horizons, as it becomes the first boat to pass through Thornton Lock for many years. There will be speeches and refreshments afterwards, and it is expected that several other boats will pass through the lock later in the day. Extensive press coverage is expected.

Boat Rally

Over the following weekend of 28th and 29th July, there will be a boat rally and festival centred around the Melbourne Arm. A range of events and entertainments is being organised and we expect plenty of visiting boats that weekend, as well as attracting the general public in large numbers. Please make a note of this weekend in your diaries, application for boat entries can be made via the society's website.

The HLF Scheme

By the time of the boat rally, the canal will have new signage. An extensive range of information and interpretative materials will be provided at various points along the canal for the benefit of visitors. Also the programme of vegetation clearance and channel improvements to enhance wildlife habitats should be completed. Work on No 7 Swingbridge to make it look more like the original swingbridges is planned for the summer months. All these improvements have been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund Scheme, for which the Canal and River Trust is the lead organisation, with PCAS as a contributing partner.

Also funded by the HLF is a series of events and activities which will take place throughout the summer. Details of these appear elsewhere in this issue, and can be found on the society's website.

Further Restoration Works

As reported in the last issue of Double Nine, the society has turned its attention to further restoration works to be carried out over the next few years. This is being done in conjunction with the Canal & River Trust,

which is working on a strategy to have the Pocklington Canal navigable throughout its length. A six year programme has been suggested, although in my view ten years is more realistic. Clearly much will depend on the availability of funding.

Whilst this strategy is being put together, it has been agreed that PCAS will continue with its policy of undertaking more manageable sized projects. The next is to be the Sandhill Lock Project, for which fundraising has already started. It is proposed that work will start at Sandhill Lock in 2019, and take two years to complete.

The Sandhill Lock Appeal

Since achieving our target of raising £250,000 for the Bicentenary Appeal, PCAS has opened a new appeal. This is for £150,000 to undertake the restoration of Sandhill Lock. Already we have had some successes, most recently with the award of £1,000 by the Aviva Community Fund. Approaches are being made to other charitable trusts and grant making bodies. Currently the Sandhill Lock Appeal stands at around £6,000, and we expect to have a busy fundraising season during the summer.

Our Fiftieth Birthday

The Pocklington Canal Amenity Society was formed in 1969, making the year 2019 our fiftieth anniversary year. We are certainly in a period when we have a lot to celebrate. 2015 was the bicentenary of the passing of the Act of Parliament authorising the building of the Pocklington Canal. The current year, 2018, is the bicentenary of the opening of the canal, and next year will be our fiftieth anniversary. We shall soon have to be thinking of how to celebrate that landmark.

The Future Outlook

I first joined PCAS in 1980, and very soon got involved with working parties. I think that within a year of joining, I became the Working Party Organiser, and Chairman a year or two later. That means that over the past 38 years, I have been heavily involved in almost all aspects of running the society, during some periods devoting virtually all my spare time to the cause.

Over the years much has changed. Sometimes it has seemed that we were making good progress; at other times the obstacles in the way of restoration seemed almost insurmountable, with many of our supporters and activists believing that the goal of full restoration would never be achieved. I have never given up hope, although I admit that occasionally I have come close to it.

At the present time, I have never been so optimistic. The society is performing very well. We have a good fundraising team, a good events team and a good working party team. Our tripboat, New Horizons, has been operating very successfully for the last ten years, and at the present time we are getting a lot of good publicity. After some rather rocky years, we have enjoyed a decade or more of excellent relations with Natural England. Above all, with its decision to develop a restoration strategy for the Pocklington Canal, there are signs that the Canal & River Trust will be giving the project a high priority.

With so many factors in our favour, I am now more convinced than ever that the Pocklington Canal will be fully restored to navigation. It is just a matter of when.

Paul Waddington



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POCKLINGTON CANAL AMENITY SOCIETY

RESTORATION APPEAL

SANDHILL LOCK



£150,000

Required to restore
Sandhill Lock

Work Starting 2018



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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE - www.pocklingtoncanalsociety.org

New Horizons Season 2018 and 2017 results

2017 was another fantastic year for our trip boat which ran 88 trips carrying 2593 passengers and raising over £10500 in income to the Society. Thanks to all our crew volunteers without whom we would be unable to operate New Horizons so successfully.

The 2018 season will commence on Good Friday, 30th March. Sundays and Bank Holidays are solely for the short (30 minute) 'taster' trips which run between noon and 4.15pm. No booking is required for these days but please be aware that you may have to queue at busy times.

New Horizons is also available for exclusive bookings and can be booked for any other day of the week to suit the customer. Evening trips are possible on long summer evenings, light permitting.

Saturdays are obviously the most popular and soon get booked up. However, with a bit of careful management, it is sometimes possible to arrange two bookings on a Saturday.

We can offer booked trips from between 2 and 7 hours. The most popular destinations have traditionally been for trips to Gardham Lock, Hagg Bridge and occasionally East Cottingwith. However, from the end of July we will also be able to offer trips on the newly restored 2 mile to Bielby stretch. More details and the approximate times for return trips are as shown below. In addition we offer what we call 'open trips' of around 3hrs for **individuals, couples and small groups** who want the opportunity of a longer trip but don't want an exclusive booking. These are on Saturdays, to help accommodate those who are working during the week. In 2018, the open trips will be on the following dates:

Saturday 23 June, 3pm. Gardham Lock (3 Hours)

Saturday 4 August, 11am. Gardham or Walbut Locks (3 hours)(TBC)

Saturday 19 September, 2.30pm. Walbut Lock (3 hours)

Places on the open trips are limited and will be filled on a first come first served basis, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

The timings are approximate and include time for a stop for a snack or to stretch your legs. You are welcome to bring a picnic. We will provide tea and coffee on all booked trips. Please be aware, there are no toilets on board so after we leave Melbourne it is 'au natural' until we return.

If you (or any friends, neighbours, family) are interested in more information please contact: Bob Ellis book.newhorizons@gmail.com or 07946 209644

A brief history of *New Horizons*

I am often asked about the age of *New Horizons* and what the boat was used for before it was acquired by PCAS.

PCAS used to have annual Open Days at Canal Head on Easter Mondays. A chap walked up to me at our 1991 event and asked if we would like a boat. Soon after, several of us went to see the empty hull of small narrowboat at Pocklington industrial estate. The owner, Sidney Hall, had started to build the boat from plans, but as many other have found out, building a boat is a huge undertaking. The hull was now rusty and none of the superstructure had been built. It was transported by road to Immingham, where work on the hull was completed and a small cabin fitted. The boat was taken by road to Goole Boathouse, the marina that had recently been acquired by Paul Waddington, our Chairman. The photo shows the empty shell of the boat before work was started.



Tripboat shell

Progress was slow because Goole was a long distance to travel for our volunteers, but the marina provided access to power and many other useful facilities. We were also working on a shoestring because the priority was to fund restoration of the canal. A couple of us spent many Sundays at Goole and over the years, many people lent a hand with various tasks. A secondhand engine and gearbox were obtained at a very reasonable price but the gearbox did not work and the engine was worn out. A new engine and gearbox were purchased from Thornycroft. Not many boats have had a second engine fitted before they have been launched. Painting proved problematic because the hull had not been adequately grit blasted to remove the rust, but at least the cabin and other new steelwork were less of a problem. It was decided to name the boat *New Horizons* because of a generous grant from the New Horizons Trust.

At long last, *New Horizons* was launched in 2003 and after brief trials was taken to the Pocklington Canal for a weekend event. In these days, the passenger compartment had a canvas cover and the sides that could be rolled up – or lowered quickly when the rain started. After the event the boat went back to Goole and work continued, encouraged by the fact that the boat had attracted considerable interest.



New Horizons
Completed 2004

Our first season of boat trips was in 2004 and we offered trips on Sunday afternoons. The boat could also be booked for groups of up to 12. The first year was quiet, but we started to advertise boat trips and when the boat appeared on BBC2 'Hands on Nature' in 2006 we had many visitors who had seen us on TV, helped by the fact that the programme was repeated frequently.

Shortly after the start of boat trips, PCAS held a small ceremony to name *New Horizons*. Sidney Hall and his wife Jean were invited to see what had become of their boat hull and the event was attended by the Chair of Melbourne Parish Council and the Mayor of Pocklington.



In 2005, a BBC film crew for the wildlife programme ‘Hands on Nature’ turned up and spent the day at the canal and this visit included a trip on the boat. The crew were instructed to go to the back and keep quiet, so that we would not be heard on the soundtrack. The eight minute feature about the canal was first broadcast the following year and the programme was repeated several times. Many of our passengers mentioned seeing the boat and the canal on TV and it really boosted popularity of our Sunday short trips. As more people experienced short trips, more booked longer trips and we went from strength to strength and the money received from donations was used to support the work after paying essential costs such as insurance, licence, fuel and maintenance. All PCAS volunteers are unpaid.

The white canvas had been very smart when it was new but became difficult to keep clean and was deteriorating fast. The decision was taken to fit a steel roof and access hatches during the winter vacation in 2009/10. This was a major job but apart from reducing maintenance it made it much easier to get on and off the boat. In order to retain the appearance of a trip boat, the scalloped canvas edge was fabricated in steel. New roll-up sides made from a vinyl-coated fabric were fitted so that passengers could remain in contact with their surroundings when the weather is good. Seeing a damselfly fly into the boat is memorable, even if it does not stay for tea.



New Horizons today

New Horizons has now completed 14 seasons of boat trips and most of the work done since the new roof was fitted has been maintenance.

Much of the history of *New Horizons* has to do with the many people who have crewed the boat and help in many other ways, but that is another story. Like the engine, the crew has to run like a well-oiled machine. From speaking to Bob Ellis, our booking and crewing manager and Greg Dixon who did the job before him, I have some idea of the challenges of arranging a crew for each trip and ensuring that our longer trips are a special day for our visitors. Repeat bookings and familiar faces on the boat make it all worthwhile.

Alistair Anderson

Working Party

End of another season, boat trip banners taken in (three new ones needed for next year) and the Sheila Nix converted back to work boat mode.

The New Horizons was due to go to Goole this year and the work party were invited on the trip down to Barmby Barrage, which seven of us enjoyed despite the dull weather. At the end of November, four intrepid work party members went off to Swinton Lock for the weekend to brave the cold wind & rain and gain their 'Competent Crew' certificates in order to swell the numbers qualified to operate the work/weed boat, so a big thank you & congratulations to them.

Also at this time, the mountain of paperwork required for a D.I.Y. lock refurbishment project having been finally scaled, (a massive thanks to David Hobson here, for all his help) work started at Walbut lock. Infill was brought in to level out the steep drop from the road, the towpath was diverted around the site and safety fencing erected.

A temporary by-wash pipe was installed and the stone from Thornton lock was then brought in to start building the dams. By now, contract dredging had started between Thornton & Walbut so site work was suspended until the 'basin' between the lock and the bridge had been cleared and it was decided to leave finishing the dams until after the Christmas break.

In the meantime, the work party had cleared the undergrowth from around the canal entrance sign at East Cottingwith, repaired the potholes in the track at Melbourne (again), levelled & tidied a few stretches of towpath that had been chewed up by tracked dredging machines, stained & painted a few benches and fences and sorted tools & materials ready for the repair work at Walbut.

By now it was New Year and the contractor was back on site, the dams were finished and the pumps brought in. There was a slight unforeseen problem with the amount of mud in the basin below the lock causing suction blockages but that was overcome and we managed to pump the lock dry enough for working in.

Dewatering Walbut Lock



In the meantime, the work party had cleared the undergrowth from around the canal. The welfare unit and safety scaffolding then arrived and work could start in earnest. The first job being to clear the six inches of mud away from the top & bottom gate sills and in the lock bottom where the scaffold tower needs to go. At first sight it would appear that there is not a great deal of brickwork to repair, most of the damage seems to be in the gate recesses. The biggest job, of course, is going to be cutting out and strengthening the recess for the new lock ladder.



Walbut from the bottom



Walbut in the mud

At the time of writing, January 30th, the crane has been on site, the old gates have been removed & the new ones loosely fitted in their sockets, to be fine tuned c/w new cills in the near future. Fortunately the weather has been kind to us so we look forward eagerly to starting on the brickwork repairs next week and eventually being able to take a boat through two refurbished locks. Mission accomplished!



Walbut old gates out



Walbut work to be done

A big thank you to all the work party volunteers who have strived so hard to make this happen!

*Richard Harker
Work Party Organiser*

Dredging the Canal



Walbut

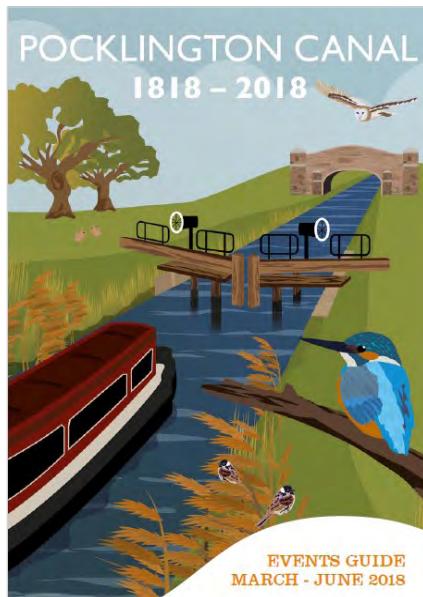




Pocklington Canal Project Newsletter #6: February 2018

200 years of the Pocklington Canal!

2018 is an important year for the canal. Not only does it mark the 200th anniversary of the canal's official opening, 2018 will see a major restoration success for both the Pocklington Canal Amenity Society and the Canal & River Trust. Pocklington Canal is special for its wildlife, built heritage and its importance in the local community. To celebrate, the Project Team have put together a great series of events to mark this landmark year in the canal's history. The first of two bicentenary events guides is out now, which covers March – June. The cover has been designed by a local graphic artist. The Heritage Lottery Fund, thanks to players of the National Lottery, has supported our upcoming events programme as part of this 'A Gem in the Landscape' Project.



Volunteer Walk Leaders wanted

We're looking for volunteers who would like to lead guided walks on the occasional Sunday from the Canal Head visitor centre. An initial walk will take place on 4th March which is open to everyone, especially those who want to know more about this volunteer role. More details here: www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteer/opportunities



For all the updates, take a look at our **Facebook page** /PocklingtonCanal, follow us on **Twitter** @PockCanal, or visit the Canal & River Trust website and look for the **Pocklington Canal blog pages**

Event Highlights—book now!

Oral History Workshop

Join us on 13th March for a training session on how to best record people's memories as part of our new Oral History Project. Everyone is welcome to attend. Those wishing to volunteer on the project should contact lizzie.dealey@canalrivertrust.org.uk.

Archaeology Workshop

Join us on 22nd April to see how the Denison Warehouse excavation went, and to help sort through the finds from the dig. There will be a further excavation on this site in July, and all will be welcome to join in.

Book: www.pocklingtoncanal.eventbrite.com



Project update

Major habitat improvements have been completed within two sections of the Pocklington Canal Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The two areas had become dominated by reed sweet-grass and were being shaded by trees, which had led to a decline in the quality of the SSSI. Dredging and tree works were carried out in winter to minimise disturbance to breeding birds. The open water channel should provide perfect conditions for the colonisation of some of the rarer aquatic plant species which will increase biodiversity in the SSSI.

A new signage scheme will give visitors a better understanding of the canal's natural and built heritage, and is due to be installed in April 2018. A new leaflet will accompany this scheme.

Volunteers continue to be critical to the project's success, with the "Explorers" education volunteers offering free school learning sessions and volunteers researching the archives ahead of an exhibition in June.

Swing Bridge 7 is due to be modified to make it more fitting for a Georgian canal, with new designs taken from a historic photo. This work has been moved back to autumn 2018.

For more information on this £496,600 project, funded through the Heritage Lottery Fund, visit www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/about-us/our-regions/north-east-waterways. This project is being led by Canal & River Trust in partnership with Pocklington Canal Amenity Society



Top to bottom: Dredging (credit Malcolm Slater), Tree works underway, newly restored Thornton Lock.

Progress on 'Restoration Appeal'

PCAS are leading on a project with the support of Canal & River Trust to open another two miles of the canal by restoring two locks. Thornton Lock was completed in June 2017 and work on Walbut Lock is currently underway. The canal between these two locks was dredged as part of the SSSI habitat works and is now passable by boat. A small number of boats of this section should have positive effects for plants and insects. A small number of boats has been seen to have positive effects for wildlife on the lower section of the canal that lies within the Lower Derwent Valley SSSI (near East Cottingwith). The movement of boats has helped keep the channel open and there is less shading by trees, so the biodiversity within this section of the canal is in good condition, compared to that of the Pocklington Canal SSSI (between Canal Head and Melbourne).

Both projects have closely involved Natural England.

Contact:

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lizzie.dealey@canalrivertrust.org.uk

www.canalrivertrust.org.uk/pocklington-canal



working in partnership



Looking upstream from Silburn Lock before dredging

Looking upstream from Silburn Lock after dredging





Looking upstream towards Thornton Lock before dredging

Looking upstream towards Thornton Lock during dredging



Pocklington Welcome & Walk Volunteers

Reference: OPP0005001

Activities: Marketing and promotions

Starts: Anytime

Pocklington Canal

Could you help run the Canal Head Information centre, and/or lead short guided walks on a Sunday afternoon along the towpath?

Pocklington Canal Amenity Society (PCAS) are looking for people to want to welcome visitors to the canal. By helping out on a Sunday afternoon (ideally one in six weekends during summer) you could be based at Canal Head itself offering leaflets and maps to new visitors and answering questions - you don't need a huge amount of prior knowledge about the canal as you'll be paired up with a PCAS member to start!

As part of the Heritage Lottery Fund Project, the Canal & River Trust Project Officer and PCAS would like to set up a programme of regular guided walks. If you enjoy walking and talking then please consider helping out! We'd like to get to a stage where there is a regular 'walk day' (once a month on Sunday at first) from Canal Head, whereby people can just turn up on the day.

Benefits: You'll get to volunteer outside in the fresh air showing people the beautiful Pocklington Canal. You'll have the support of the project officer and PCAS, and (for walk leaders) will be accompanied for your first couple of walks. Training and branded clothing will be provided.

Either call Debbie (PCAS) 01759 306070 or Lizzie (CRT) 07789934871 for details, or click on the Sign Up button below and Lizzie will receive your email (please note your details will be shared with PCAS for this volunteering role).

Skills required: We are looking for people with a friendly manner who are comfortable talking to groups. Some prior knowledge about an aspect of the canal would be a bonus (ie wildlife, history), but not essential.

This role is part of the Heritage Lottery Fund supported project, 'A Gem in the Landscape'.

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/volunteer/opportunities/OPP0005001-pocklington-walk-leader-volunteer>



Group on a guided walk with Project Officer in September



Archaeological Dig at Canal Head

Coracles at Canal Head





Thank You!

We applied to the Aviva Community Fund in October for £1,000 towards our next big restoration project at Sandhill Lock. Many thanks to all of you that registered and voted via the internet – we recently heard that we were successful. We shall continue to apply for funding wherever we can and if you do see something that we might go for then do please contact your committee. Thanks again.



PCAS Merchandise

PCAS MUGS	£5
Gardham Lock / PCAS logo / Canal Boat	
FRIDGE MAGNETS	£3
NOTELETS (5 different views)	£3.50
CANAL CARDS	£2
PCAS PIN BADGES	£3.50
PCAS PLAQUES	£9
CHOCOLATE	£2.50

Available from the Information Centre Canal Head (Sundays and Bank Holidays between 12pm and 4pm Good Friday 30th March—Sunday 28th October) or contact Tim Charlson 07926 910717

Cover photos

*Front Cover: Thornton lock, work in progress
Back Cover@ Walbut Lock, old gates out*

Time to spare?

Want a Job?

**Interested in supporting the Society in
a more practical way?**

Could the following be you?

The Society is looking to recruit a new Newsletter/Magazine Editor to take over from our existing editor in 2018.

The role is not onerous but will require some commitment on your part. Help, encouragement, advice and assistance will be readily available from existing members who have produced and edited previous editions of Double Nine (the Society's Newsletter).

PCAS Double Nine Editor

We aim to produce three issues of Double Nine each year (usually around February, June and October). It is essential to keep the membership in touch with what is happening on the canal and what is planned for the future. We are looking for someone who can happily work with PDF/Word Documents.

The job mainly involves collating and laying out information/articles to make an A5 newsletter usually of 28-36 pages and then forwarding it on for printing. Material for publication is usually provided by our members or other parties involved with the canal.

- If you think you can help or would just like more information, please contact:

Roger Bromley
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or phone 01482 845099

Your Society Needs You





Weed clearance above Walbut



Weed clearance beyond Walbut

IWA 'Silver Propeller Challenge'

The Spring "Waterways" IWA magazine includes Melbourne in the list of places to visit in its "Silver Propeller Challenge".

The Silver Propeller Challenge is designed to encourage waterway users to visit waterway locations that are infrequently visited by boats and other craft.

The challenge is to use a boat, canoe, paddleboard or other such craft (including tripboat) to visit a minimum of 20 places on the list and to take a photograph at each location. An award consisting of a metal plaque showing the Propeller logo of the Inland Waterways Association will be issued to those successfully completing the challenge.

Full details can be found on the IWA website :

[www.waterways.org.uk/waterways/activities/silver_propeller/
silver_propeller_award](http://www.waterways.org.uk/waterways/activities/silver_propeller/silver_propeller_award)



INFORMATION CENTRE

CANAL HEAD

POCKLINGTON

Volunteers Wanted

To offer something new at Canal Head, PCAS and Canal & River Trust are looking for volunteers to help run a new programme of weekend walks starting from the Information Centre.

Anyone who would like to volunteer either leading walks or helping run the Information Centre should contact Debbie Smith on 01759 306070 or email Debbie - djaysmith@btinternet.com.

Please join us at Canal Head on Sunday 4th March 12 Noon for a taster session.

The Information Centre will be open every Sunday and Bank Holiday between 12 noon and 4pm commencing Good Friday 30th March until Sunday 28th October.

POCKLINGTON CANAL BICENTENARY FESTIVAL AND BOAT RALLY

JULY 28TH AND 29TH JULY 2018

Help us celebrate the 200th anniversary of the canal's opening, as well as the opening of a further two miles of canal following restoration efforts by CRT and the Pocklington Canal Amenity Society.

Boat trips, kayaking, archaeology, theatrical walks, Morris Dancers, Driffield Silver Band and more.

Refreshments Available

**An entry form for any boats wishing to join us can be downloaded from the Society's website. Pocklingtoncanalsociety.org
The entry fee is £20. or contact Debbie Smith—01759 306070**



POCKLINGTON CANAL BICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

BARN DANCE

FRIDAY 27TH JULY—6.45PM

MELBOURNE VILLAGE HALL, MELBOURNE, YORK

£12.50 INCLUDING SUPPER



PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN
DRINK, GLASSES,
PLATE AND CUTLERY.

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for tickets.

Pocklington Canal Amenity Society

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Melbourne Village Hall

Wednesday 25 April 2018 at 7pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of 2017 Meeting
4. Chairman's Report
5. Presentation of Accounts
6. Bicentenary Events
7. Election of Chairman and Committee
8. Appointment of Independent Financial Examiner
9. Any other business

Any members of the Society wishing to stand for the Committee should make themselves known to a member of the Committee. All candidates must indicate their willingness to stand for election. Please send any nominations, duly proposed and seconded, to the Secretary: Sue Dickins, 22 Nutkins Way, Chesham HP5 2BE

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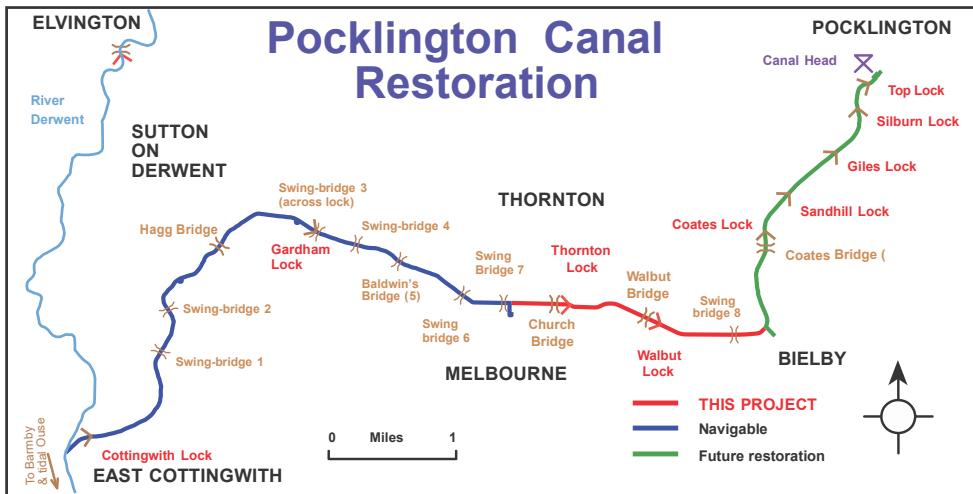
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Committee Nomination Form

Nominee: _____

Proposer: _____

Seconder: _____



The £250,000 raised during the Bicentenary Appeal is funding restoration of the length of canal shown in red on the map. As you can read in this magazine, the plan is to reopen this length of canal to navigation in July 2018 to mark the bicentenary of the opening of the canal in 1818.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

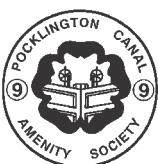
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Annual Life

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