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Editor's Notes

A belated Happy New Year to all. Things may be on the move once again for developments on our canal. 2011 saw the completion of the Pocklington Canal Audience, Conservation and Interpretation Plan carried out by Marion Blockley on behalf of British Waterways. See the Chairman's and Alistair's report.

Also in this issue you will find the agenda for the AGM, together with the minutes from 2011 and the proposed new constitution. Please make an effort to come and vote on this very important issue. If you wish to nominate someone for the Committee please use the form provided. Please make sure the person you nominate has agreed. Some 'light' entertainment will also be provided for after the official proceedings.

It is good to see some social events planned. We have been rather short of these in the past year or so. Many thanks to Debbie for organising them. If you have any other ideas for events, give her a call.

We are extremely grateful to Richard Henley of **Henleys Nurseries of Riverhead Farm Market Weighton** for donating a number of hawthorn whips to enable our volunteers to complete the replanting of the hedge at Canal Head, further improving this attractive site.

The photograph of Thornton Lock on the front cover is a reminder of some of the problems still facing us. This restored lock is again in a poor condition and will need some considerable work done to be put back into use. Gates will probably need replacing and up to date safety features must be provided before we will be able to take boats through to Bielby.

As always, I am looking for articles, stories etc for Double Nine. I welcome the contributions from a few regular writers but there must be more of you with something to share with us. A few hundred words, maybe with a picture or two, would be most welcome.

Photos. Front cover, Howard Anguish; Back Cover, 'End of Season at Melbourne'. Alistair. Anderson

Membership Report

Work continues on updating the Membership Database. Thanks to those who responded to the request in the last newsletter to confirm their membership status. Please do so if you were one of those who has not yet replied. Our membership rates were changed from January 1st 2012 and are listed elsewhere in this magazine. PLEASE make sure your standing order is amended and how about setting one up if you do not already have one?

Chairman's Column

The Audience, Conservation and Interpretation Plan, which I referred to in the October edition of Double Nine, has now been published. Commissioned by British Waterways, and funded by LEADER, Marion Blockley has produced a substantial document. Much of it is devoted to the results of the extensive opinion surveys that she undertook in the Pocklington area. These surveys indicate strong support amongst local communities for restoration of the full length of the Pocklington Canal.

Towards the end, Marion Blockley makes a number of recommendations. These include the development of a conservation management plan and the provision of better interpretative information for visitors. There are suggestions for greater use of our existing tripboat, and the possibility of a second one is considered. The society, along with other interested bodies will be considering the report during the next few months.

Besides all the detailed information and analysis that it contains, the report could be very useful to the society in another way. It includes many of the studies and surveys that would be necessary to support a bid for major funding. The prospect of an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund now seems a great deal nearer.

There is another development which may help us to attract major funding. The society recently received a cheque for more than £37,000. This is a legacy from the estate of Gerald Arthur Turner. Before his retirement, Gerry Turner, as many of our readers will remember him, was employed by British Waterways as their Leisure Officer. He has been a great friend and supporter of this Society almost from its formation. In the 1970s, he was often seen at working parties, and until recently he regularly attended many of our social functions.

We shall be thinking of some fitting and permanent way of recording this legacy, the largest that we have ever received. It may be that we will be able to associate some piece of future restoration with the name of Gerry Turner. We shall also be trying to use the money for maximum benefit. Consequently, it is likely that it will be used as matching money when we seek a major grant. That way its value could be multiplied several fold.

Our committee has recently been strengthened with the addition of Graham Ball. He was co-opted to the committee in recognition of his interest in the operation of the tripboat, and his experience in business. I am sure that he will be a very useful member of the committee.

The process by which British Waterways will be converted into a charitable trust continues. The necessary legislation has been enacted, although some procedures involving the Scottish Parliament and the Welsh Assembly are still outstanding. I understand that the intention is still that the Canal and River Trust will come into existence in April. However, discussions are still going on about how much government funding the new organisation will receive in its early years. It seems that the

Treasury is taking a hard line, and the amount of subsidy may be less than some had expected.

Whatever the outcome, it seems that the new organisation will have to find further savings, and become more efficient. How this impacts on the Pocklington Canal remains to be seen.

Paul Waddington

Pocklington and District Local History Group

Some time ago, the Society received an invitation to speak to the Pocklington and District Local History Group. On 19th January, Paul Waddington was able to speak to members of the Group and others in a packed meeting at the Old Courthouse in Pocklington. Apparently, this was the best attended meeting that the Group had ever organised; and, even after putting out extra chairs, there was still not room for everyone who turned up.

Paul was supported by Alistair Anderson who handled the technical side of the event, showing almost 100 pictures. Angela Brown was also present, and displayed a collection of replica documents relating to the Pocklington Canal.

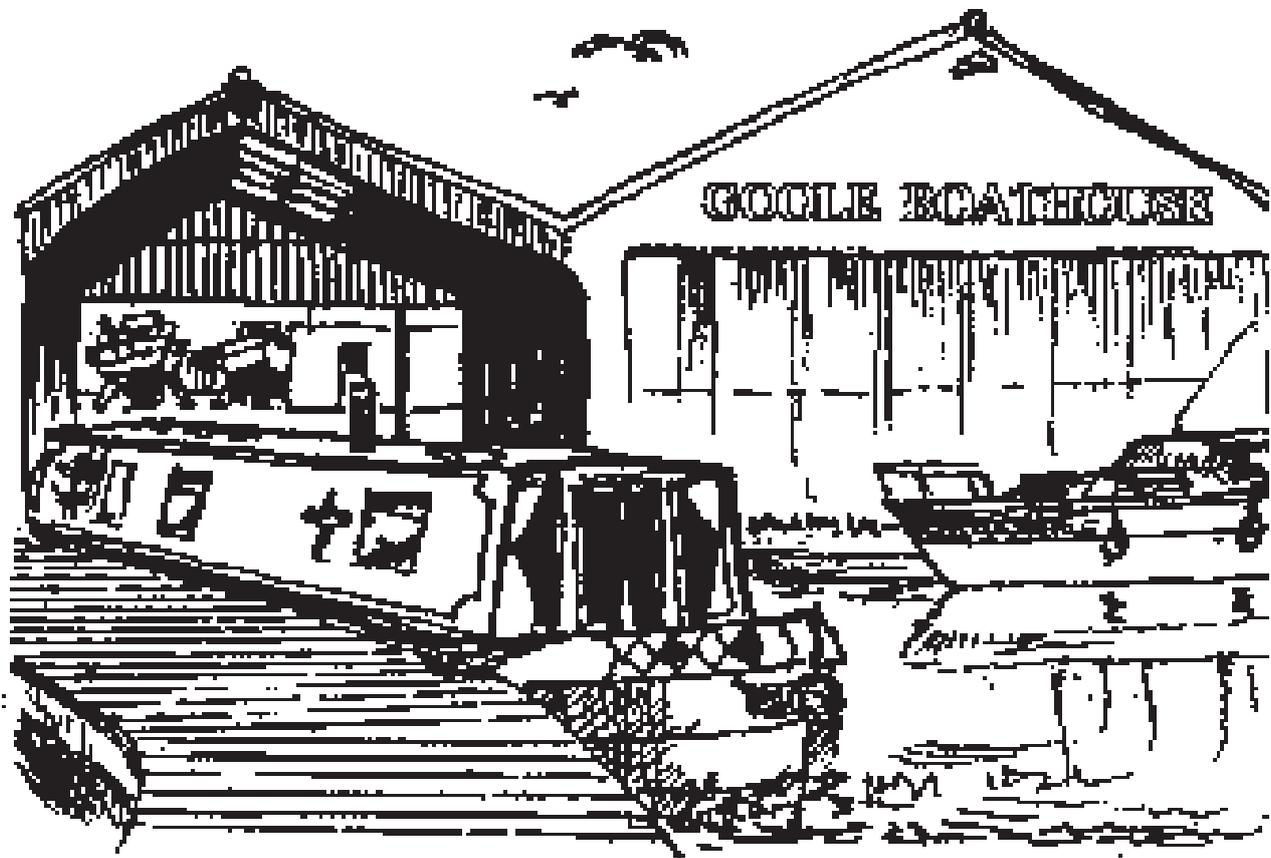
Also present was Roger Bellingham, who, together with his late wife Barbara, had conducted a survey of the canal in 1969. He had previously supplied the Society with his report and the accompanying set of pictures. Many of these pictures were used in the presentation.

The meeting ended with a lively question and answer session, at which various pieces of information emerged. The secretary of the group, Jo Green, mentioned a report that she had discovered in the edition of the York Herald dated 2nd April 1859. It spoke of a vessel owner named Mr C Walsh, who had taken the North Eastern Railway to court for damages after he had two of his vessels and their crews stuck in the canal for 10 days. One was at "Nottingham Lock" and the other at Walbut Lock. The NER said that they would only pay for damage to property, but apparently the judge found in favour of Mr Walsh.

The interesting thing about this report is the reference to Nottingham Lock, as no lock on the canal is known by that name now. However, subsequent research has revealed that a family named Nottingham lived near the canal in the vicinity of Rossmoor, and it is likely that the lock referred to is the one we now know as Gardham Lock.

Although this small snippet of information may seem trivial, it helps to build up the story of the Pocklington Canal. When compared with other canals, relatively little has been written about the day to day workings of the Pocklington Canal. If further stories like this can be collected, someone, some day may write a more detailed history of the Pocklington Canal.

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PCAS Annual Lunch

On Sunday 27th November Allerthorpe Golf Club acted as host for the 2011 PCAS Annual Lunch and the weather reminded all those who attended how things can change in a year. Many people will recall that the highlight of last year's lunch at Pocklington's Feathers Hotel was the sudden and dramatic snowfall which led to many people leaving early. I know that many people had a difficult journey home and so we were keeping our fingers crossed that there wouldn't be a repeat this year! We shouldn't have worried, and indeed, apart from a strong wind it was a very pleasant day, weather-wise, leading to suggestions that we could have almost held a barbeque on the Golf Club patio!

The lunch was well attended despite a few last minute cancellations with 45 members enjoying a very good meal in the company of fellow Pocklington Canal enthusiasts. We were particularly pleased to welcome Kay West and her husband David. Many of you will know that Kay is the current Chairman of East Riding of Yorkshire Council and she has kindly decided to make PCAS one of the charities she will be supporting during her year in office. What might not be so well know is that Kay and her husband are also members of PCAS and have long been supporters of the canal.

Many thanks to all who gave prizes for the raffle which raised £85 and it was great to see that the giant Teddy Bear went to Amelia and Josh Young who I am sure will give him a good home.

Finally, I must thank Hilary for all her hard work in making the arrangements which enabled the lunch to be such a success, and the staff at the Golf Club for looking after us so well. See you again next year.







New Horizons

The 2011 season ended on the last Sunday in October and it has been calculated that we had carried 2022 passengers. I would like to thank all crew for their efforts and everyone who has made donations or helped in other ways to make our trip boat such a success. July and August are busy months, but there is scope to run more trips earlier and later in the season. This is one of the Society's aims for the 2012 season, which is scheduled to start on the first Sunday in April.

New Horizons was taken to Goole for winter maintenance in November and to investigate an intermittent vibration problem that has been present throughout the year. Much of the work needed has already been done, though painting will be dependent on having dry and reasonably warm weather, which is in short supply at the start of the year.

It is planned to bring the boat back to Melbourne in March and to invite crew to come and help get the boat ship-shape for the new season. We did this last year and a lot was achieved in one day.

A crew meeting was held in October and this was a useful opportunity to review what had happened in during the season, discuss plans for the future and record suggestions for discussion by the Boat Committee. The Boat Committee will be producing an updated version of the Crew Booklet which will be issued to all crew members. Changes are being made after discussion and for good reasons, and definitely not for the sake of change. We are committed to running safe boat trips and helping all crew members be fully aware of their role and responsibilities. The next meeting will be in March.

As previously reported, seven landing stages were installed at locks and swing-bridges. Materials for six more are in store and these are scheduled to be installed in 2012. Having landing stages at the two swing-bridges at Storwood would be a great help for *New Horizons* crews running longer trips and also improve safety and convenience for visiting boaters.

Extension of navigation to Bielby is a case of one step forward and two steps back. British Waterways has accepted a quotation for the manufacture of a pintle for No. 8



Swing-bridge near Bielby, though it still has to be agreed which contractor will install the pintle and enable the bridge to swing. That is the good news. In November, British Waterways informed PCAS of their intention to install stop planks at Walbut Lock because leakage at the gates had contributed to the fall in water level in the summer months. Several years ago, BW had planned to remove and re-plank the gates but the gates have now deteriorated to such an extent that they could break up if craned out for refurbishment. BW has also indicated that new gates are needed at Thornton Lock, so plans to extend navigation have had a major setback. The PCAS Committee has been reviewing its aims and extension of navigation remains a high priority. We will achieve it, though it is likely to involve a phased approach.

Running our trip boat is perhaps the hardest way to raise funds but it is a lot of fun and a great way of meeting PCAS members and helping the public to enjoy visiting the Pocklington Canal. I believe that we are demonstrating that responsible use of our boat is not harming the environment, even on a canal with so much protection for the wildlife. I hope members of PCAS will spare the time to come for a boat trip in 2012. *New Horizons* will be running every Sunday and Bank Holiday from April to October so please come along, whether or not you have been on the boat before.

Alistair Anderson
Boat Manager

Working Parties Report

1st Year report as Working Party Coordinator

Although volunteer numbers have gradually increased, we still have many gaps in the skill base which will limit our ability to move on to the larger restoration projects. In the last 12 months the majority of the wooden structures along the canal have had a new treatment of preservative following which vegetation control has been carried out to improve towpath access for both walkers and riders. Towpath reconstruction is dependent on permissions (eagerly awaited) from the various stakeholders being received.

The Society's compound at Canal Head has been totally revamped with the large shed now tidied up and treated with preservative. It is now being used as storage and workshop for refurbishing the picnic tables etc.

The 'spring cleaning' of the site over the past two years has resulted in an additional £1,800.00 being added to PCAS funds with the sale of much scrap material and redundant equipment. The lower end of the site could now be used for dumping canal dredgings which is what it was originally intended for.

My hope for 2012 is that we will be able to carry out work more related to restoration whilst continuing with ongoing maintenance in order to keep costs under control.

The more volunteers we have the more we can do so if anyone can spare some time, however little, please let me know.

Dick Watson
Working Party Coordinator.

A day the life of the Bookings Manager

Sunday morning about 10am and I'm enjoying a bit of a lie in when the phone goes, "Hello Bob speaking" I answer.

"Are you the person who runs the canal boat?" asks the caller.

"Yes, how can I help you?" I reply

"I was just enquiring if the boat was running today and at what time?" asked the caller.

Having advised the caller of the Sunday trip criteria I get on with the day's tasks starting with a cup of tea and bacon butty.

At various times during the season I will receive calls from people who have either seen our advertising or have experienced the short trips, enquiring about longer bookings. The usual questions are about duration, cost and numbers of passengers. Having explained the options and advised about donations, more often than not, a booking will be made with the most popular trip being to Gardham Lock but the long trips to the Ferryboat Inn have become increasingly popular over the past year.

Now a crew is required, normally I will send out the crew and booking spreadsheet on a Thursday with requests for volunteers for the next 2 weeks. I try to ensure we are crewed up 2 weeks in advance but this is not always possible.

However, some bookings are made at short notice and this usually requires an 'Urgent, Crew Needed' email and then possibly a few phone calls to a trusty group of elite volunteers (who wish to remain anonymous for security reasons) in order to rustle up a crew.

At present we have a pretty reasonable number of both skipper & crew volunteers but I would like to see more crew taking training to skipper level as this gives me greater flexibility in putting a crew together.

I would also like to see all volunteer crew ensure they do at least 2 crewing days per season. This can be either the short Sunday/Bank holiday trips or the longer trips and helps the society comply with its competency guidelines for crew. Please also bear in mind if you have the CCC or CCBM certificate or equivalent you are required to have crewed at least 15 times over the 5 years of the certificates life in order to be able to self certificate at renewal.

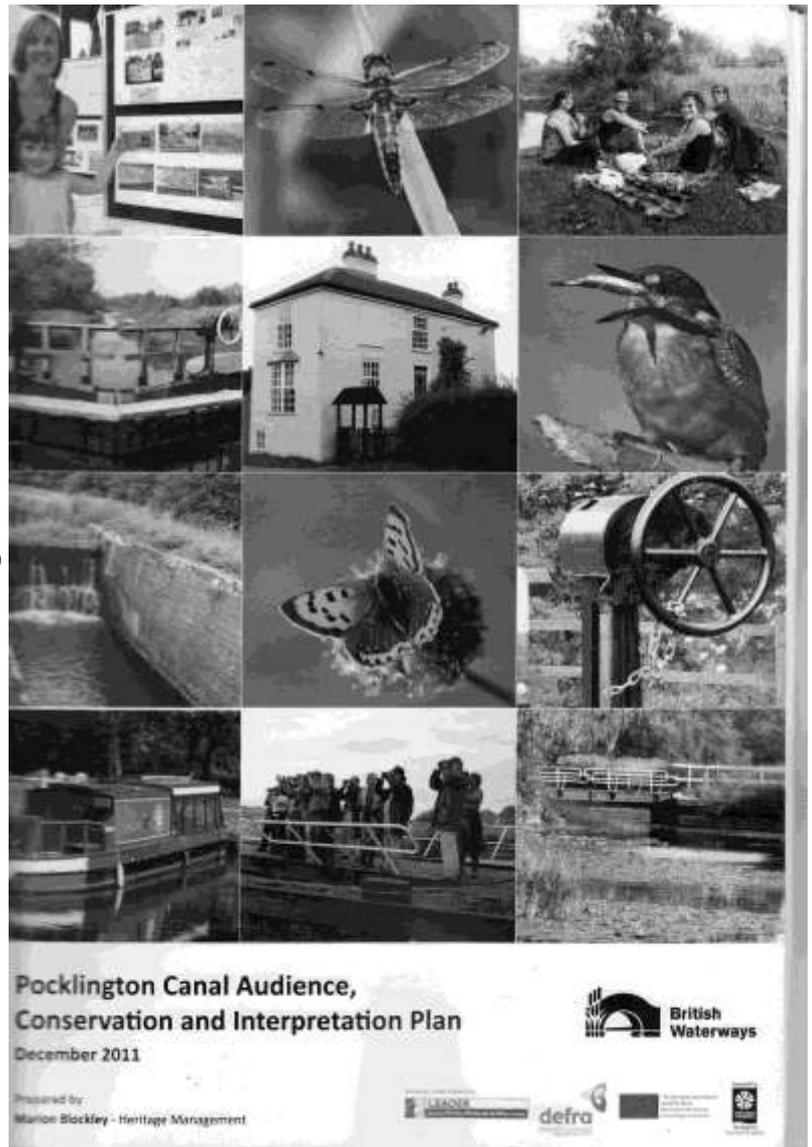
The 2012 season starts on April 1st and I look forward to another successful season and to seeing all the crew members and hopefully some new ones.

Bob Ellis

Marion Blockley's report

The *Audience, Conservation and Interpretation Plan* for the Pocklington Canal commissioned by British Waterways was published on 30 January on the BW website. I have asked for a paper copy of to be made available and this will be placed in the Pocela Centre (new library) in Pocklington. More details and a link can be found on the PCAS website.

The purpose of the report is to provide information that can be used to support a major grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. Marion has identified the need for a Conservation Management Plan for the canal, which will cover both heritage and wildlife, and without this plan a grant application would be rejected. Other canals already have a Conservation Management Plan in place, and these documents will be a great help in preparing one for the Pocklington Canal. The recent Heritage Management Plan, covering bridges, locks and other features of the Pocklington Canal will be a great help in preparing the heritage section of the Conservation Management Plan.



Marion has done a very thorough job in consulting individuals and organisations about their views of the canal and considering the opportunities for helping more people to enjoy what it has to offer. The report contains numerous suggestions of how this can be done, but these are simply suggestions. Marion has spoken to PCAS members and invited comment from all members in the July issue of *Double Nine*.

British Waterways expects to be the lead partner in the planned funding bid but we PCAS will make clear our aspirations for the future of the canal, which have remained much the same throughout the life of the PCAS. Hopefully there will be a lot of agreement and the next few years will be a very exciting time for PCAS.

Marion's document recommends a zoned approach to discourage developments on the section of canal that is heavily protected by wildlife legislation. On the other hand, Canal Head is already busy. The report suggests the possibility of an interpretation centre and even public toilets. British Waterways owns a field at Canal Head, so expansion of visitor facilities would be possible. Melbourne Arm offers some potential

and few know that there is an abandoned pond behind the moorings.

The report highlights the overgrown state of the upper part of the canal, which is contributing to the decline of the wildlife interest. I hope that Marion's report will be the trigger to get much needed weed cutting and dredging done, not just to help us make this part of the canal navigable but to prevent further deterioration of Site of Special Scientific Interest.

I believe that this report can be used to help progress the restoration of the canal and to promote the canal in a way that more people can enjoy it without damaging the wildlife and heritage. Do have a look at the report, which includes some rather nice photographs.

Alistair Anderson

Pie and Pea Supper 27th. January 2012

A very successful evening was held at Melbourne Village Hall. The evening started with a Pie & Pea supper followed by some excellent home made cakes. A member of The Horseboating Society, Mr Adrian Lovett, then gave a presentation and slide show on the history of traditional horse drawn boating on the canals. This society exists to promote horse-boating and to preserve the heritage and skills of this once common form of transport. The slides included wonderful views of the Pennine canals and Adrian highlighted obstacles that have arisen on towpaths due to the demise of the horse & towrope. The presentation also explained the various pieces of specialist harness and adornment for the horses and how the working boatman and his family dressed, lived and slept on board.

There were various other canal related displays in the hall to browse over. A raffle was held which was supported by local businesses for which the Society is extremely grateful. Many of the supporters who came brought prizes with them, which were very gratefully received, and their further generosity was shown and appreciated by the substantial amount of money raised from the raffle. The money raised on the evening will go towards the continued restoration and extension of navigation on the canal.

If anyone has any photographs of working horses on the Pocklington Canal we would love to add them to our collection. Please contact one of the committee if you can help.

The Society wishes to thank all those involved in the support and organisation of this event and hope to hold more events in the near future.

Dick Watson

Dates for your Diary

Please can you keep in mind the following dates, and support the Society by helping us to raise funds towards the restoration of Pocklington Canal?

On 6th May Councillor Kay West, in conjunction with PCAS, is hosting an event at Canal Head. Come along and enjoy a good cup of tea and have a wander around some craft stalls and games. Please contact either the secretary, Hilary Anguish on 01482 669876 or Debbie Smith on 01759 306070.

For those of you who enjoy a good walk, there is to be a sponsored walk on 3rd June
For details please contact Debbie Smith on 01759 306070

Most importantly, the AGM is to be held at The Black Horse at Seaton Ross on 18th April at 7-00 p.m. Please come along and tell us what you would like the society to do for you or how you can help the society. For any further information please contact Hilary Anguish on 01482 669876

Remember PCAS in your will

Towards the end of 2010 the society was very grateful to receive an extremely generous donation in the form of a legacy of thirty seven thousand pounds from the estate of the late Gerald Turner. This unexpected boost to Society's funds will go towards the restoration of the canal and this magnificent gesture will be permanently acknowledged in due course by a suitable permanent plaque. Although it is something we don't like to think about, we would urge you to remember the Society when you are drawing up your own will – any sum, large or more modest – will be very gratefully received and will help us to achieve our ultimate goal, the total restoration of the Pocklington Canal.

Volunteers

The information centre at Canal Head will be open again on most Sundays from the beginning of April until the end of October from noon until four o'clock.
We urgently need volunteers – please consider helping on the occasional Sunday – you would be made most welcome and it is a chance to meet other Pocklington Canal enthusiasts. Hilary Anguish would be pleased to give you further details.

We also need more volunteers for the working parties. Members who have helped during the last year have found this work very satisfying. If you have any spare time, please contact Dick Watson on 01759 305025 or 07770719354

THEN



Above: Cottingwith Lock 1970. Below: New moorings at Melbourne Arm 1987



NOW



Cottingwith Lock and Melbourne Arm in 2011





SPOTLIGHT ON:

Dick Watson

I was born and brought up in Burniston, a village just north of Scarborough. After leaving Scarborough College at the age of sixteen, I started work as a farm student on a large arable and stock farm near Driffield. After 3 years enjoying life, working hard on the farm and playing hard as an active member of Bainton Young Farmers Club, I went to study at Askham Bryan Agriculture College for a year. A year after college, I married fellow Bainton Young Farmers Club member, Pat.

Before arriving at Woodhouse Farm, Thornton (No 8 Swing Bridge) along with Pat, three children – two girls and a boy, the eleven years were filled with a wide range of agricultural experience, everything from combine driving to milking cows, from breeding pigs to growing rhubarb. It was during this time that I decided the family needed an active holiday. We all set off from near Chester to Llangollen in a cabin cruiser, in the bucket and chucked days. We were not weaned off this type of vessel until 6 years later. Trips during this time even included a trip on a boat and butty camping boat on the Grand Union Canal with 18 girl guides and leaders from Melbourne.

During my time living at Woodhouse Farm, Walbut Lock was restored but I became more involved with the restoration of No8 Swing Bridge and when Lambing Open Days were held on the farm, Sheila Nix attended with her bric-a-brac stall for the Canal Society.

Next came a move to Pocklington and a career change, swapping chauffeuring sheep for chauffeuring people and then four years ago driving through Melbourne, I noticed a A-board advertising boat trips and within an hour I was steering the *New Horizons* out of the Melbourne Arm, down the Pocklington Canal! I then enrolled as a member of the Pocklington Canal Amenity Society (PCAS), training, crewing and committee membership all duly followed becoming a big part of my semi-retirement. The last year has seen a big change at British Waterways and when the request for a PCAS Working Party Organiser was circulated at a committee meeting, I broke the silence and volunteered as I thought this was a good opportunity to move things forward in the right direction. So if you now venture down the towpath of the Pocklington Canal, you will often find me with a group of mainly senior workers trying to improve some aspect of the canal: wood treatment, removing overhanging branches and litter picking. As well as these jobs we are also very busy tidying up the PCAS compound, preparing the Information Board and picnic table construction.

So willing volunteers are always welcome to sign because PCAS has plenty of plans for the future that will keep us all busy for a few years to come.....

(detach to send your nomination)

Pocklington Canal Amenity Society

AGM 18th April 2012

Nomination Form

Nominee.....

Position.....

Proposer.....

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Pocklington Canal Amenity Society

Annual General Meeting

Black Horse. Seaton Ross.

18th April 2012 – 7.30 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Apologies

Minutes of 2011 AGM

Chairman's Report

Presentation of Accounts

Proposed Constitution

Election of Committee and Officers

Appointment of Auditor

Any Other Business

Any member of the Society wishing to stand for committee should make themselves known to an existing member of the committee. All candidates must indicate their willingness to stand.

Please send in any nominations for Committee members and Officers, duly proposed and seconded to the Secretary:-

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Pocklington Canal Amenity Society

Annual General Meeting

Black Horse, Seaton Ross 4th May 2011

Minutes of Meeting

Present

There were twenty six members attending including committee members

Apologies

Paul Waddington, Dick Watson, Sheila Nix, Beth Hazlewood, Brenda Milner, Arthur and Mary Credland.

Minutes of 2010 AGM

The minutes were approved, and signed by the Vice Chairman – proposed by H Anguish, seconded Gordon Harrower.

Chairman's Report

For the first time in his chairmanship, Paul Waddington was unable to attend, and Vice Chairman Alistair Anderson took the chair. After welcoming everyone he read out the Chairman's report for 2010. He announced that we were to receive £400 from the Cottingham Branch of the IWA - Barry Robins (Chairman) - towards crew training and that Hilary Anguish had written to the Yorkshire Bank asking for a charitable donation towards further training. During the year we also received £100 donation from Pocklington Town Council

After many years we are now allowed to do low-key restoration work and the committee have elected Dick Watson as Working Party Co-ordinator.

Natural England has now agreed in principle for navigation to reach the Bielby Arm and we are hoping to extend *New Horizon's* cruising area. Walbut lock gates need replanking but we hope to turn the boat between Thornton and Walbut locks. A question from the floor asked why there had been such a delay with work on the pintle on No 8 Bridge. Alistair explained that BW had only recently released the plans and as the chairman mentioned in his report work is now in hand.

Presentation of Accounts

The Treasurer presented the accounts and they were approved by the meeting. Andrew Brett proposed and Barry Robins seconded. A question from the floor asked about the current value of *New Horizons* which was thought to be around £1400. Howard Anguish said he thought we should think about a future replacement or at least have some sort of a kitty for unknown eventualities.

Proposal for an increase in Subscription Fees

As it was thought that there was not a quorum at the meeting ** it was decided not to vote on increasing fees. However the meeting felt that they still wanted to discuss the issue. The proposed new fees were shown on screen and with minor adjustments this did not raise any adverse criticism from the floor. It was decided that a notice should go out to all members in the next issue of Double Nine asking for their opinion.

. (subsequent to the meeting it was found that the meeting was quorate – see below)**

Election of Committee and Officers

Five officers and six committee members were nominated, proposed and seconded as follows:

Chairman – Paul Waddington

Vice Chairman – There were two candidates for this position and after a ballot in which they polled equal votes it was decided to appoint both Alistair Anderson and Howard Anguish as Joint Vice Chairmen

Hon. Secretary – Hilary Anguish

Treasurer – Gordon Harrower

Committee – Roger Bromley., Dick Watson, Adrian Lovett, Debbie Smith, John Lewis and Greg Dixon

The three retiring committee were Sheila Nix, David Tomlinson and Jenny Brett and the chairman expressed the thanks of the Society for their valuable contributions. In particular, he highlighted the outstanding work and devotion to the aims of the Society from Sheila and David who had been dedicated to the success of the Society from the beginning.

Appointment of Auditor

Tony Farmer was proposed by Gordon Harrower and seconded by Howard Anguish as Auditor and therefore reappointed

Any Other Business

The secretary asked on behalf of Dick Watson for volunteers for his working party, and she also asked for volunteers to help at the information centre at Canal Head.

The meeting was followed by a very interesting film show with excerpts from the DVD produced by Geoff Kelly who generously donated a number of copies for sale at the meeting.

The meeting closed after a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by everyone.

Minutes approved.....Chairman

.....Date

Subsequent to the meeting

***** Subsequent to the meeting, the treasurer and membership secretary Gordon Harrower rechecked the membership numbers. The fully paid up memberships at the date of the AGM on 5th May including life members was 246 therefore with 26 members attending the AGM, the meeting was confirmed to be quorate.***

Pocklington Canal Amenity Society

Proposed New Constitution

1. The aims of the Society are:
 - a) To promote restoration of the canal to a navigable standard for the benefit of the local community and the general public, as an amenity that can be enjoyed by all.
 - b) To stimulate public interest and appreciation of the beauty, history, flora & fauna, and structures of the Pocklington Canal and its environs, with respect for the legal protection of its heritage and wildlife.
 - c) To support the use of the canal for educational purposes.
2. The Society will pursue these ends by organising meetings, study groups and working parties, and by collaborating with bodies pursuing complementary aims. The Society will encourage the involvement of volunteers in the restoration and maintenance of the canal. The Society is empowered to raise funds in support of the aforementioned aims. The Society will prepare a magazine and other matter for members benefit and for sale to the general public.
3. Charity Trustees – the Officers and Committee Members are the Trustees of the Society. The Officers will be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, who, together with up to nine ordinary members, will comprise the committee. Junior Members may serve on the committee but are not eligible to become Trustees.
4. Trustee Meetings – The Trustees (committee) will aim to meet at six weekly intervals with a minimum of six trustees meetings per calendar year. The quorum at a Trustees meeting will be five, to include one of the Society's officers who will chair the meeting.
5. Committee Membership – Members of the Committee will

be deemed to have resigned should they fail to attend three meetings in succession without good reason.

6. Minutes – The Trustees will record by minute:
 - a) Appointments of Officers and Trustees,
 - b) Proceedings of the meetings of the Charity, including the names of the Trustees present, the decisions taken, and where appropriate the reasons for these decisions.
7. Annual General Meeting – An AGM will be held once in each calendar year and will:
 - a) Receive the Chairman's report
 - b) Receive a financial statement for the previous year ended 31st December
 - c) Elect Officers and Committee Members
 - d) Elect an Independent Financial Examiner
 - e) Deal with matters brought forward by the Committee
 - f) Deal with duly proposed and seconded motions tabled by members and submitted 14 days in advance of the AGM.
 - g) Consider alterations to the Constitution, which require a two thirds majority vote in favour of those present.
 - h) The quorum for the AGM is 5% of the full membership.
8. The Constitution cannot be amended to cause the Society to cease to be a Charity in law.
9. Notice of Annual General Meeting will be sent out to all full members at least 30 days prior to the meeting.
10. A Special General Meeting will be called by the Secretary, following receipt of a written application from ten members. Notice of such a meeting, specifying the nature of the business to be discussed, will be circulated to all members at least seven days prior to the date of the meeting. The quorum will be the same as at an Annual

General Meeting.

11. Election of Officers and Committee Members:
 - a) The officers and committee members will be elected at the AGM by ballot.
 - b) Only fully paid-up members, willing to serve and properly proposed and seconded, are eligible to serve as officers and committee members.
 - c) Officers and Committee Members serve a two year term and are eligible for re-election.
 - d) Only fully paid up members are entitled to vote at an AGM.
 - e) Nomination forms will be sent out to members at least 30 days prior to the AGM.
12. Funds – The Hon Treasurer will be responsible for the Society's funds. Accounts will be paid on the signature of two of the Officers.
13. Report and Accounts – The Trustees must comply with their obligations under the Charities Act 1993 with regard to:
 - a) Keeping of accounting records for the Charity
 - b) The preparation of annual statements of account for the Charity
 - c) The transmission of the statement of account to the Charity Commission
 - d) The preparation of the annual report and its transmission to the Charity Commission
 - e) The preparation of the annual return and its transmission to the Charity Commission
 - f) Accounts will be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice

issued by the Charity Commission.

- g) To ensure that a Risk Management Policy is in place and is reviewed regularly, to address all the risks the Charity may be exposed to.
14. Charity Registration – The Charity must notify the Charity Commission promptly of any changes to the Charity's entry on the Central Register.
 15. Insurance – The Trustees are responsible for ensuring the provision of suitable insurance cover in respect of Public and Employers Liability, and any other risks deemed suitable from time to time.
 16. Consent to Amend – prior consent is required from the Charity Commission for amendment to clauses 1a, 1b, 1c, 2, 7g and 19 of this constitution.
 17. Membership
 - a) Adult membership is open to individuals over eighteen or organisations approved by the Trustees
 - b) Membership is open to all members of the general public on payment of the subscription in force at the time of application.
 - c) Junior Membership is open to individuals under eighteen and is non-voting.
 - d) The Trustees may refuse an application if they consider the refusal to be in the best interests of the Society.
 - e) The Trustees must inform the unsuccessful applicant in writing of the reasons for refusal within 21 days of the decision.
 - f) The Trustees must consider any written appeal by an unsuccessful applicant; the subsequent decision must be notified to the applicant and will be final.
 - g) Membership is not transferable to anyone else.

- h) Membership subscription rates are set and reviewed from time to time by the Trustees and come into force after approval at the AGM.
- i) Membership renewal date is at 12 monthly intervals on the anniversary of joining the Society.
- j) The Trustees will keep a register of names and addresses of the members which must be made available to any Officer on request.
- k) Membership is terminated if:
 - i. The member dies, or if an organisation ceases to exist.
 - ii. The member resigns by written notice to the Charity unless after the resignation, there would be less than two members.
 - iii. Any sum due from the member to the Charity is not paid within 6 months of it falling due.
 - iv. The member is removed from membership by the Trustees by resolution that it is in the best interests of the Charity.
- l) A resolution to remove the member may only be passed if:
 - i) The member has been given 21 days notice of the meeting of trustees to table the removal resolution and the reasons for the resolution.
 - ii) The member (or his/her representative) has been allowed to make representation to the Trustees.
- m) The Trustees at their discretion may appoint a member with a record of faithful service to the Charity to become President for a specific period, as a mark of the Charity's appreciation of that service. The same procedure will be followed in respect of inviting a member(s) to become Vice President(s)

n) The Trustees may also grant Hon. Membership to members and, if appropriate, to non-members.

o) The Trustees may, at their discretion, invite persons of distinction, and/or Corporate Bodies sympathetic to the Charity's aims, to become Patrons.

18. Disqualification and Removal of Trustees

A Trustee shall cease to hold office if he or she:

i. Is disqualified for acting as a trustee by virtue of section 72 of the Charities Act 1993 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision);

ii. ceases to be a member of the Charity;

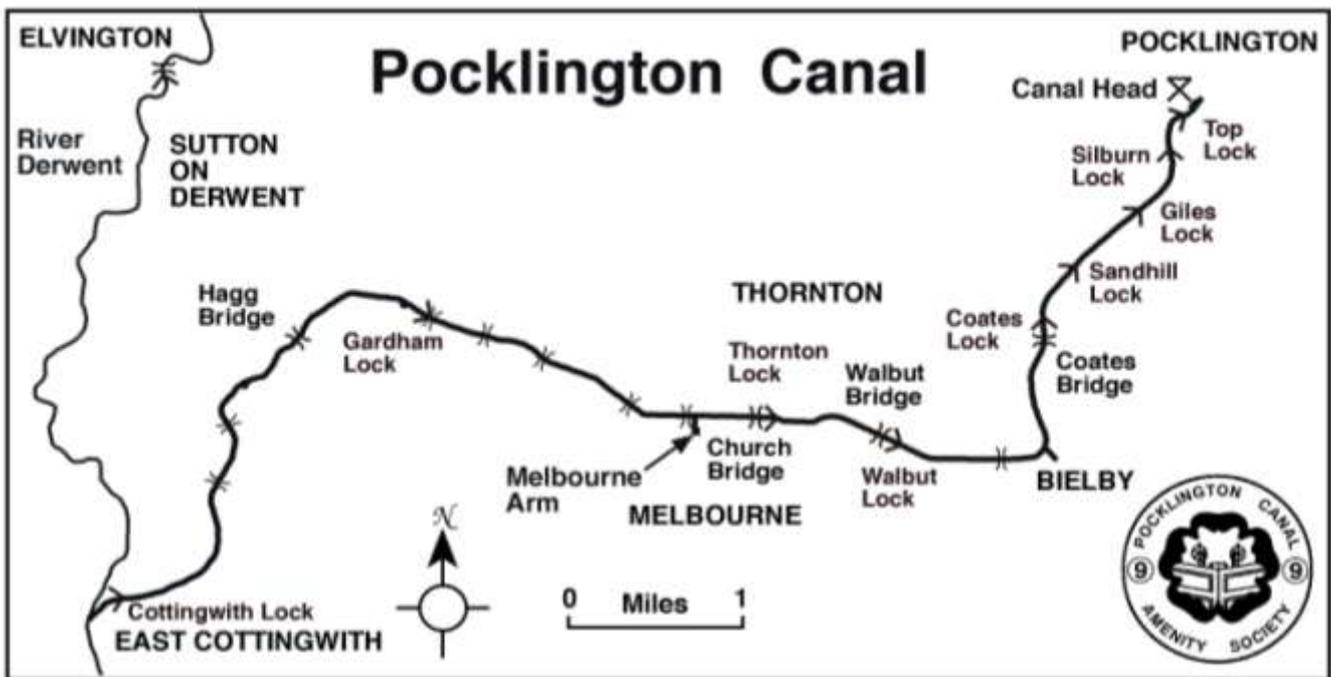
iii. becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder, illness or injury of managing the affairs of the Society

iv. resigns as a Trustee by notice to the Charity (but only if at least two Trustees will remain in office when the notice of resignation is to take effect)

v. is absent without good reason from all Trustees meetings within a period of six consecutive months and the Trustees resolve that his or her office be vacated.

19. Dissolution Clause.

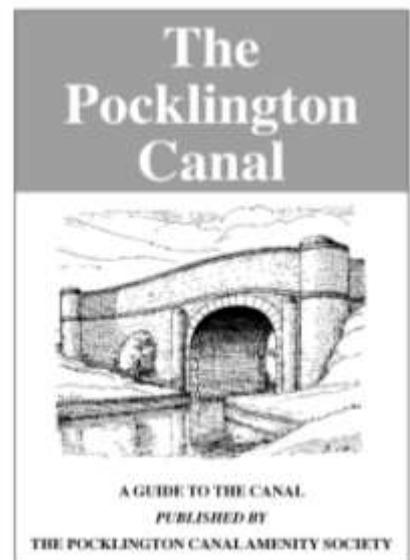
If the Charity Trustees decide that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Charity, they shall call a meeting of all members with not less than 21 days notice, stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed. If the proposal is confirmed by a two thirds majority of those present and voting, the Charity Trustees shall have the power, after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities to transfer or gift any remaining assets to any other charitable institution(s) having aims similar to this Society as the members shall decide, or if that cannot be achieved these assets shall be applied to some other charitable purpose.



GUIDE TO THE POCKLINGTON CANAL – £3.50

This PCAS guide was revised in 2008 and includes a wealth of information about the canal and surrounding area, its history, geography, restoration and wildlife, with general maps of the area and strip maps of the canal from the Derwent to Canal Head. The guide also contains attractive line drawings and an up-to-date list of useful telephone numbers and addresses.

The Guide is available from W & C Forth, Printers and Stationers, 13 Waterloo Lane, Pocklington. Please contact the PCAS Secretary to order a copy by post (cost £4 including postage). The Guide is also available from the PCAS Information Centre and from our tripboat.

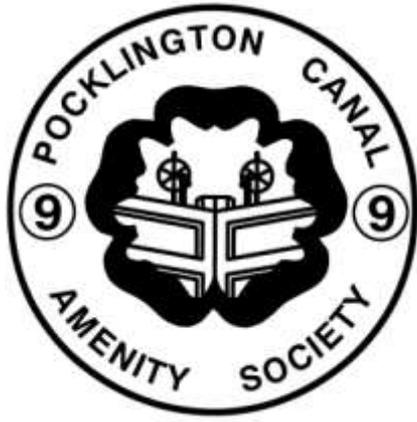


MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership subscriptions now run for 12 months from the date of joining PCAS. Please pay your subscription if it is due. If you pay by Standing Order, please update your payment as shown below.

Membership subscriptions – from 2012

	Annual	Life
Junior (up to 18)	£5	-
Individual	£10	£100
Individual – over 60	£10	£60
Family	£15	£150
Family Concession	-	£90



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<p style="text-align: center;">NEW HORIZONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our 2012 season starts on Sunday 1st April 12.00 - 4.30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Do come and have a trip on YOUR Society Boat</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Annual General Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 18th April 2012 7.00pm at the Black Horse</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Seaton Ross YO42 4LZ</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Canal Head Funday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 6th May</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kay West will host an event including craft stalls, refreshments and much more</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Details Debbie Tel. 01759 306070</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sponsored Walk</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In aid of PCAS funds</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 3rd June</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Details from Debbie Tel. 01759 306070</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">IWA East Yorkshire Branch</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Social meetings held at the Methodist Church Hall, Cottingham HU16 4BD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fridays, Feb.17th; Mar.16th; April 20th; May 18th.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Details roger.bromley@waterways.org.uk</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Visit the PCAS website and find out more about your canal and PCAS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.pocklingtoncanalsociety.org</p>

