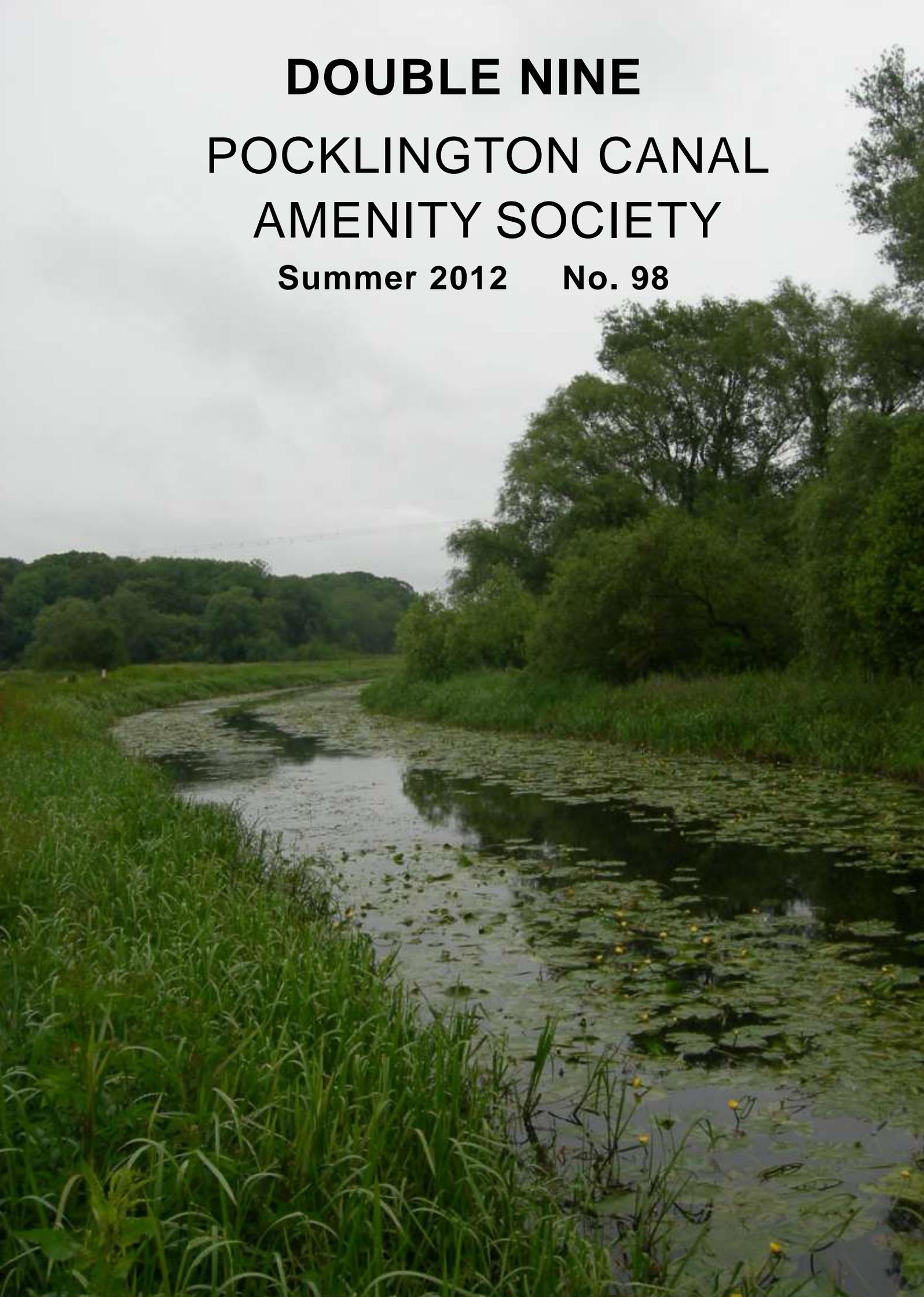


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## Editor's Notes

Summer 2012 it says on the front cover. As I write this towards the end of June we have not yet seen much of one. Our Sunday trips have sometimes suffered because of the very wet weather. Let us hope we see a better second half to our cruising season. Longer trips on *New Horizons* remain as popular as ever with one family booking for a third time to celebrate a special occasion. It is encouraging to see visiting boats coming to Melbourne. Proof again of the attraction of our beautiful canal.

I thank the contributors of articles for this newsletter. It seems to get more difficult each time to fill the pages. Please may I have more for future issues!

*New Horizons* return to Melbourne this year was made even more enjoyable by having the company of Andrew & Jenny Brett on their Dutch Barge *Reiger*. It was an exciting trip with a fast incoming tide giving us a speedy return to the relative safety of the River Derwent.

I would like to take the opportunity to 'plug' another worthy organisation the Inland Waterways Association. I was honoured to be elected chairman of the East Yorkshire branch earlier this year after the retirement of Barry Robins who had done an excellent job in this role for the past eighteen years. I know some PCAS members are also members of the IWA but we would be pleased of any more who wish to join. Membership forms are in the waterway magazines or can be obtained from the website at [www.waterways.org.uk](http://www.waterways.org.uk) or from me. Whether you are a member or not, you are welcome to come to our monthly meetings held in Cottingham. See the events page for dates or again, look on the IWA website.

### Newsletter by e mail

With second class postage now fifty pence, together with printing costs, the newsletters cost well over one pound to send out. We thank the people who have chosen to have theirs sent electronically. If you wish to be added to this growing list, please let me know. Remember, you will see *all* the pictures in glorious colour!

Cover photographs.

Front Page. Yellow Water Lilies above Hagg Bridge

Photo Ed

Back Page. Top. *New Horizons* travelling up the Ouse, back to Melbourne after the Winter Works. Bottom, safely into Barmby Barrage Lock. (1st time!)

Photo's courtesy of Andrew Brett

## Chairman's Column

On 10th May, I had the pleasure of going to County Hall in Beverley to attend the installation of Councillor Chad Chadwick as the new chairman of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. It was also the occasion of the retirement of Councillor Kay West from that post; and the day for her to distribute the moneys raised for her charity fund during the year of office. There were two beneficiaries, the Hornsea Insure Lifeboat and PCAS, and we were both presented with cheques for just over £1500.

Kay West and her husband, David, have been members and supporters of the society for many years, and we must be grateful for all the help they have given us during that time. Amongst Kay's fund raising activities during her period of office were a reception held last summer in her home at Canal Head, and the organisation of the refreshments at our open day on the May Bank Holiday this year.

The May Bank Holiday open day was a great success, raising about £300 for the society. This is in addition to the amount that Kay West raised through her refreshment tent and was passed to us as part of her charity fund. The main attraction at the event was the array of vintage tractors and engines that was on display. We also had several of stalls and games to keep the visitors entertained. It has been decided that we will have another similar event next year.

The matter that has been of the greatest interest to us in recent months is British Waterways' proposal to apply to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a major grant for works on the Pocklington Canal. At the time of writing, the preliminary application, which outlines the scheme, is still to be finalised, but I can say that it is likely to include many elements including:-

- extension to the navigable length of the canal,
- improvements to the natural environment,
- improvements to the towpath,
- provision of a new interpretation centre and
- the establishment of a training scheme for heritage skills.

Although the Society has been involved in much of the development of the application, and has undertaken to support the scheme financially, I would emphasise that the application is being made by BW, and that it will be their scheme. Consequently, the form that it finally takes might not be exactly what we would propose. However, we are committed to a partnership approach, and the Society will be playing its full part.

For the second year running, I was not able to attend the Annual General Meeting held in April, so I am grateful to Graham Ball for chairing it. Amongst the business undertaken was the adoption of a new constitution which better reflects the needs of the Society and charity law as it is today. In fact, this was the first revision of the constitution since the formation of the Society in 1969.

The meeting elected Maggie West as a new member of the committee and Bob Ellis as a returning one. Howard and Hilary Anguish, who held the offices of Vice Chairman and Secretary respectively, had resigned a short time before. Otherwise, the membership of the committee is unchanged. Subsequently, Graham Ball was appointed Vice Chairman, Debbie Smith the Secretary and Gordon Harrower the Treasurer. Other positions were distributed amongst committee members. I am grateful to the retiring members for the work they have done in the past, and to the current committee members for the work that they will continue to do into the future.

Paul Waddington

## **May Bank Holiday Spring Fete**

This event was organised around the suggestion by Kay West who became Chair of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council 2011/2012 and PCAS been one of the two charities she chose to support. Our Spring Fete was one of the many activities that Kay was involved in during her very busy year raising a total of £1500 during the year.

Kay West and friends ran the refreshments stall and raffle, and organised Pocklington Vintage Stationary Machinery Club who brought along a mixed collection of bygoners to display.

Frank Jackson who is an active member of the Society demonstrated cane chair refurbishment.

There was also a cake stall, tombola and 'guess the Teddy's' name organised by Debbie Smith and family.

Andy Phillipson had fun with the White Elephant stall, and cleared more stock at a local car boot sale.

IWA arrived well equipped with ample canal information which attracted many visitors along with our own information centre.

The event was lucky with the weather, this brought out a steady stream of visitors from 10.00am till 3.30pm.

The gate donations and stall takings raised clear funds for PCAS of £384.00

Thank you all who helped or supported us in anyway, especially the Hardy family who supplied and erected our gazebo.

Debbie & Dick

## Driffield Canal Partnership

Many PCAS members will know the Driffield Navigation (or Driffield Canal) and have compared it with the Pocklington Canal. Riverhead in Driffield, the terminus of the Driffield Navigation, is the equivalent of Canal Head, except that it is in the town. Riverhead has old warehouses, both in use and converted into housing, and two cranes to add to the heritage interest.



The Driffield Navigation is linked to the Humber Estuary by the River Hull, so that visiting boaters have to face a challenging tidal trip. It is managed by the Driffield Navigation Trust, and Driffield Navigation Amenities Association has done a great deal of restoration work over the years. The main barrier to full restoration as a navigable canal is the fixed bridge at Wansford. Replacing this with a movable bridge will be very costly. The Driffield Navigation Trust does receive a small income from moorings but is unable to make charges that are anything like those made by British Waterways and other navigation authorities.

The possibility of setting up a Driffield Canal Partnership was discussed at a well attended meeting in May and the first meeting of the new partnership will be on 26 July. This will help bring together DNT and DNAA with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and other organisations with an interest in the canal. The new partnership an initiative of the LEADER East Riding & North Yorkshire Waterways Partnership, which has been heavily involved with the Pocklington Canal, including the recent public consultation and development of a bid for lottery funding.

The Driffield Canal Partnership has plenty of opportunity to promote public involvement and fundraising. In addition to expensive tasks such as the replacement of Wansford Bridge and dredging of currently non-navigable canal, there are various projects that could be of far wider benefit than anything to do with restoration of navigation. There is considerable potential to make Riverhead more of a focal point for the town and to set up a Canal Centre, which could benefit local businesses. There are opportunities to make more recreational use of the canal, including provision of interpretation material, towpath improvements and use of archive photographs held by DNT. When navigation is restored to Riverhead, boating activity will provide more interest and Riverhead could be a good location for a trip boat.

The Driffield Canal Partnership will perform a similar role to the Pocklington Canal Liaison Group, which has enabled PCAS to work more effectively with the various authorities with responsibility for the canal. The first challenge for the new Driffield Canal Partnership is to get everyone working together and to help DNT and DNAA to engage with the public and raise funds that can be used as 'matching money' for grant applications.

Alistair Anderson

## **It shouldn't happen to a volunteer crew!**

Easter Sunday and a dry 'though cloudy day. Greg (Skip) Eric & I (crew) plus Maggie and her daughter, Sarah, turned up with the refurbished 'Rosie & Jim + Duck' The day started very slowly with a couple of trips of 3-4 people. The 3<sup>rd</sup> trip was looking a tad better with 5 passengers, two of whom I had press ganged into coming for a trip before going to the pub, "it's only half an hour" I said. I was on tiller and having just turned the corner on the way back the engine started to falter and continued to splutter until finally conking out. After a moment of head scratching the passengers were informed of what was happening and any worries alleviated. Greg, as all good skippers should, calmly informed the crew what we were going to do. Initial investigation revealed that the fuel tap had been knocked to the off position, probably by the loose mooring rope. However, it was decided to check the fuel level just in case, which I did but whilst doing so managed to drop the fuel filler cap to the bottom of the canal. I came up with some weak excuse that it wasn't my fault as I expected the cap to be secured to the filler by a chain to avoid such disasters! (Alistair/John take note). Having ascertained there was plenty of fuel in the tank Greg then used his agricultural know how to try and bleed the fuel system to clear any airlock caused by fuel starvation. Unfortunately this wasn't a success so we decided the next course of action was to safely disembark the passengers, which was accomplished in a professional manner by informing the passengers and crew what was going to happen and how we would do it. (the bow was pushed into the bank and a rope secured so that passengers could step out onto the gunwale and then step easily on to terra firma). Apologies for the inconvenience were given and the passengers thanked the crew for their efforts.

Luckily Debbie & Mark Smith came along on dog walking duties and it was decided, with Mark's help, to hand tow NH back to the arm. After a chat it was decided how best to attach ropes to enable an easy pull along the bank and off we went with Mark (bare legged and wearing his trademark shorts) acting as the front workhorse and tramping through nettles, briars etc. without flinching. Greg, Maggie & Eric handled the centre rope and I took on the difficult task of standing on the stern and steering. (A nasty job but someone had to do it.) I have to say that the excellent team work, with no shouting and yelling, ensured that NH was returned safely to the 48hr mooring where Andy Phillipson was waiting having kindly offered to see if he could rectify the problem. A small number of customers, already waiting were told unfortunately we wouldn't be running any further trips. After managing to successfully bleed the fuel system he finally coaxed NH into life again. Andy generously lent us his 'seamagnet' so we could try and recover the lost fuel filler cap so off we went to ensure all was well with NH and find the errant fuel cap. After 20mins of fruitless 'fishing' for the fuel cap I decided to call it a day and return to base. On turning into the arm at 4.10 there were 5/6 people waiting and by the time we arrived at the 48hr mooring there were 12. We all agreed to run one more trip which boosted the days donations from £16 to £37 (in my book a result!!)

I would like to think that this is a lesson well learnt by those of us involved. It was

certainly handled in an amicable, cooperative & professional way involving great team work when it matters most (as it always should).

I would recommend all skippers and crew to give some thought to what they would do in a similar position. Of course passenger safety and allaying their concerns are of paramount importance but what really sticks in my mind is that it is important that everything is handled in a calm and friendly manner with everyone working as a team.

Bob



**Preparing *New Horizons* for the start of the season in April**

There's some that do all the work and there's others who stand and watch!

*Left* Bob checking to see if Alis-tair is doing it correctly!



How long does one have to wait to get a cup of tea?

## **NEW HORIZONS**

*New Horizons* returned from Goole in March, after winter maintenance. I am grateful to those who worked on the boat at Goole or came along to help with cleaning and preparation for boat trips before the start of the season. The boat looks smart and has been running well.

I prefer to be positive when writing in *Double Nine*, so perhaps it would be best to say that we had unexpectedly fine weather at the start of the past two seasons, and leave the rest to the reader's imagination. At least the ducks were happy this spring and there have been some good days.

Considerable effort is being made in publicising boat trips. We now have a new colour leaflet about the canal and this gives more details about trips. We also have banners, posters, small cards and information on the PCAS website. Return visits and recommendations remain one of the main reasons that visitors turn up for a short trip on Sunday or make a booking for a longer trip.

If you are a member of PCAS and you have not been on the boat, please come along any Sunday or Bank Holiday afternoon. We start at noon and the last trip is around 4.15 pm. Longer trips can be booked for groups of up to 12 and there are some longer trips specially arranged for individuals and small groups. See inside the front cover for contact details.

All our trips are run by unpaid volunteers, who give up their time to introduce visitors to the canal, promote PCAS and provide enjoyment for both adults and children. There is something rewarding about seeing excited children and adults standing steering the boat, even in pouring rain. Birthdays have become a popular excuse for a boat trip and Shelagh's trip on a wet day in April is one I will remember for a long time.

An updated version of the Crew Booklet has been produced and distributed to crew members. It is intended to help ensure that we run the trip boat in a safe and professional way. Coordinating crew training has proved challenging but arrangements have been finalised for a party to take their CCC training at Goole and be assessed aboard *New Horizons*. Other arrangements are being made for more experienced crew to gain their CCBM qualification, allowing them to take charge of boat trips. New crew are going through our induction process and gaining experience.



**Queen Shelagh with her loyal subjects!** Shelagh celebrated her 80th birthday aboard *New Horizons*, having arranged the trip before the Queen celebrated her Jubilee. Thanks to Jean Doyle for the photo.

Another crew meeting is being arranged. This will be a social meeting to encourage crew members to meet up, even if they have never worked together. Bob Ellis, our Bookings Manger, has more volunteers on his crew list than we had a few years ago, when a few people had to do a lot of crewing and quickly got to know each other.

We usually operate *New Horizons* from British Waterways' visitor mooring at Melbourne Arm. This timber landing stage is in poor condition and I understand that it is scheduled to be replaced with timber-faced bank protection in September 2012. When necessary we will run the boat from the nearby swing-bridge landing stage, as we do when the visitor mooring is occupied.

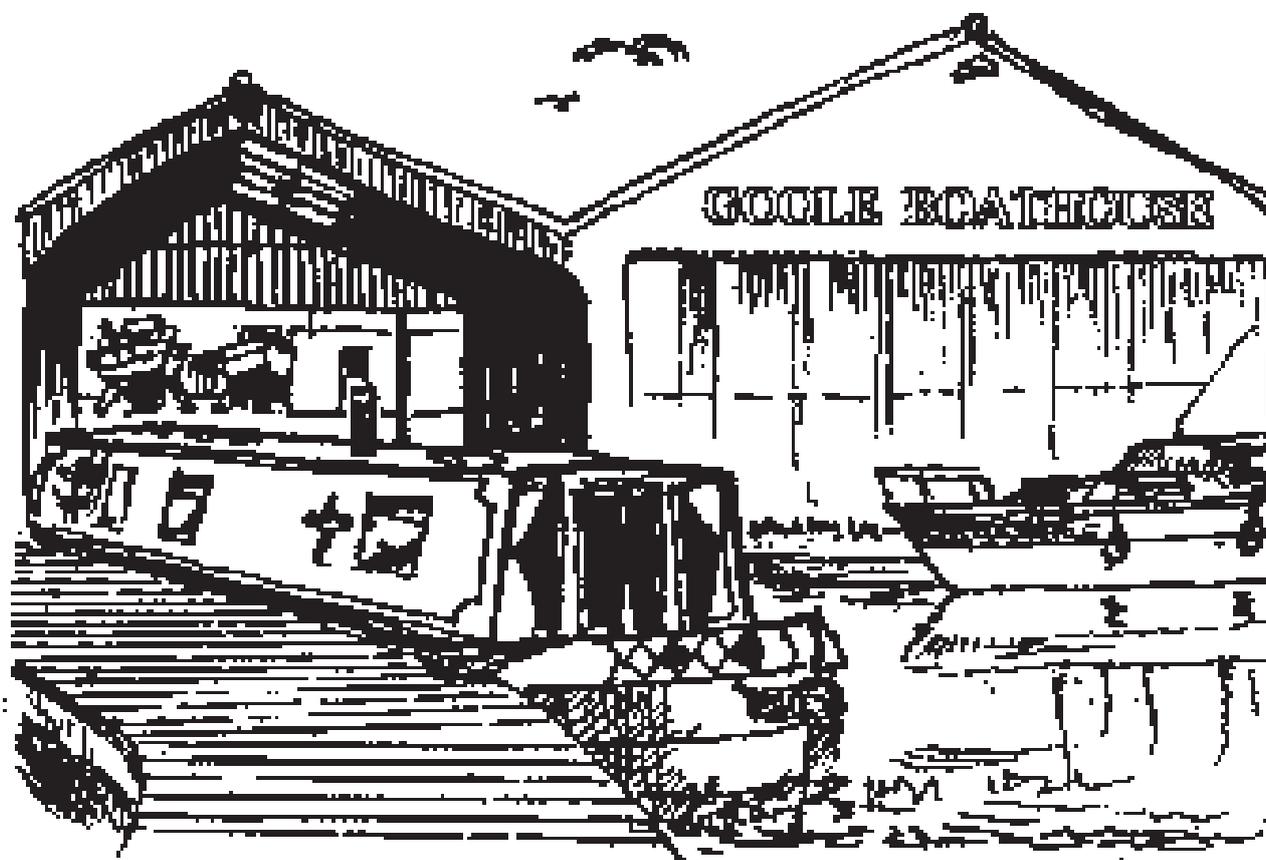
*Alistair Anderson*



Chris & Dave Stones on the IWA stand at the May Fete

A staunch supporter of PCAS, Carol Booth who has not enjoyed the best of health recently, has moved to Oswestry to be nearer her family. Carol was our Membership Secretary, helped organise events and crewed *New Horizons*. She was also an excellent photographer and provided us with many photographs. I am pleased to say she remains a member and I am sure we all wish her well for the future.

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## NEW PCAS LEAFLET

PCAS has produced a leaflet incorporating a map of the canal for many years. Sheila Nix used to make copies on her enormous ex-school photocopier.

The format was changed to the popular three-fold layout around 20 years ago. Over the years, many PCAS members have helped by folding copies before we found somewhere to do both the copying and folding.

It was decided that we should have something more professional than a black & white leaflet photocopied on coloured paper. Our new leaflet is professionally printed on glossy paper. As with the older leaflets, this one will be updated and reprinted on a regular basis.

One of the features of the new leaflet is that it includes a membership form, like leaflets produced by many other societies. That will save having a separate membership form and may encourage more people to join PCAS.

Our intention is to distribute leaflets widely to promote boat trips and publicise what the Society is doing.

The next task will be to update the PCAS Canal Guide, which is looking a little dated, though remains as popular as ever.

*Alistair Anderson*

# The Pocklington Canal



### TRIP BOAT: *NEW HORIZONS*

30 minute public trips on the Pocklington Canal are offered between noon and 4.15 pm. on Sundays and Bank Holidays (April–October).  
**No booking required.** Donations welcome.

Longer trips from 2 to 8 hours can be booked at other times, for up to 12 passengers.

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The Inland Waterways Association East Yorkshire branch have invited Mikron to present *Losing The Plot* at the Darby & Joan Hall in Cottingham on Saturday September 15th at 7.30 pm. Tickets are available from Roger Bromley on 01482 845099 or at [roger.bromley@waterways.org.uk](mailto:roger.bromley@waterways.org.uk)

The IWA have been generous to PCAS over the years and any support for this event would be much appreciated.

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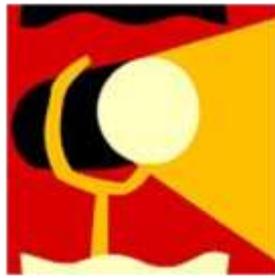
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## **SPOTLIGHT ON:**

### **Gordon Harrower**

I was born in Fife in Scotland a couple of days after Elizabeth's accession to the throne. I went to school in true late 50s early 60s style with a thick coat all zipped and buttoned up, it was Scotland after all, and my bus fare in my mittens. The mittens were connected by a piece of elastic which ran up one arm and down the other inside the coat. The pennies were always nice and cosy. My dad was a mining engineer for the National Coal Board, he later became a mine under-manager, which meant he was responsible for everything underground. I think he was seen as a fixer, as we were moved quite a bit, still in Fife, but he worked a few pits.

Dad was injured in a pit accident and pensioned off due to his injuries when I was about 12. Now my mother had experience of hotel management from her early married life so based on this they both went into hotel management in the south Edinburgh area. So I was introduced to bars at a very early age. I should clarify that and say that I started helping out in the bar area from about the age of 14. It was mainly menial tasks at first but then I moved up to serving as I got older. The hotel and bar trade was where my mother and father were to be until they retired. My dad was keen that I was taught music as a lad, I was not as convinced as him, but I was bought a piano accordion and sent of to see a the music teacher every week. As I said I was not so convinced and as I got more into my studies I let it lapse. I wish I hadn't and I am now contemplating getting a keyboard and starting again as a little hobby interest.

The moving around in my early life didn't do a lot for my academic possibilities; I have to say though that I didn't exactly stretch myself at that time either. It's easy to have hindsight. Anyway I left school at 16, at the time I was pleased to get away. I left with a few 'O' levels and felt ready to go to work. I had always liked and did well at accounting at school so it was natural for me to look for gainful employment in that field. I started work as an auditor for a professional practice in Edinburgh. I quickly discovered that to get anywhere in my chosen profession I need to be qualified, so blaming the school careers advisors I enrolled at a college in Edinburgh, now part of the university, to study some more aiming to get a ScotBec certificate as it was then known. Basically equal to a bunch of higher certificates or 'A' levels. The cost of the course for me was that I had to eventually give up my part-time job playing drums in a band made up of friends from school.

I got the college certificate and more training as I advanced in the company I worked for. Then sponsored by my company I started studying for the qualification ACCA. While this was ongoing I married and started a family, I am a slow studier. My then

wife had family in Canada and she had a wish to emigrate there if we could. We travelled to Canada a couple of times and I was convinced that that was where I wanted to be as well.

So, I applied to join an accounting association in Canada, the ICIA, gained exemptions from the exams I had completed for ACCA and became a student member. I later lived in Canada for a short while with my wife's family, to enable me to finish the studies, take the exams and become qualified. This was the very early 80s and getting into Canada had become very difficult without an offer of a job, so we decided to wait till the job market improved before we applied. To cut a long story short, we later divorced and that put paid to any plans I had for living in Canada.

I changed jobs and started working in computer systems, specialising in information systems provision to management, later directors and executives. Apart from changing companies a couple of times I stayed in this genre. Between 1986 and 2000 when I retired I spent most of my working career overseas, which I really enjoyed. As I

nearing retirement I met my now wife Samantha and we both retired to the Isle of Wight. That's where my interest and

involvement with boats started. We had a sea boat for a few years and then when we moved to Yorkshire, to be closer to family, we sold the boat after a season on the Thames, and I satisfied my boating needs by joining PCAS. I had been a

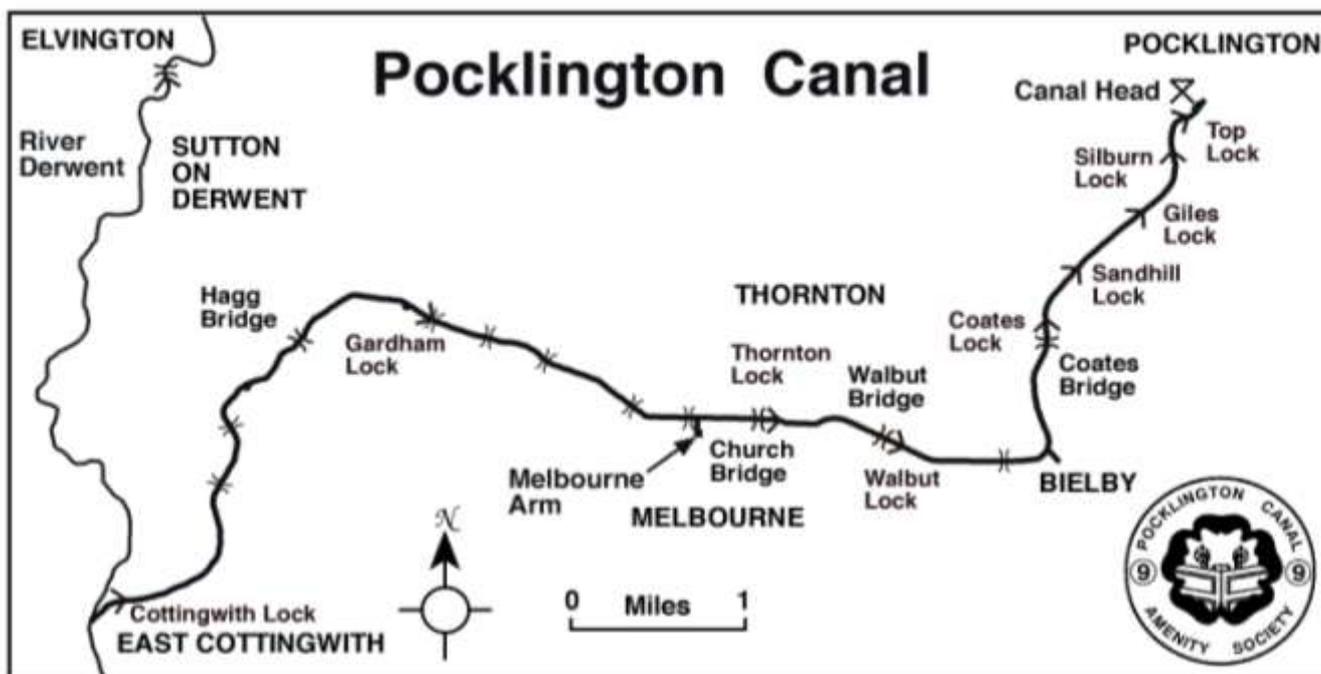
member of IWA for some years before we moved and been involved with PCAS at committee level.



Gordon in action at the tiller

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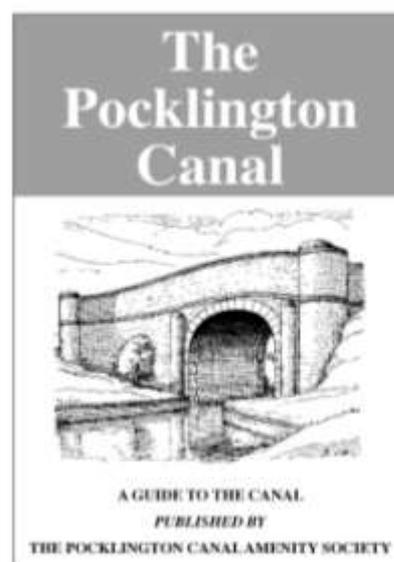
I was very lucky to be invited to join the IWA national finance management committee in early 2008 and I was appointed as a Trustee in 2011. The waterways are a wonderful leisure resource that, sometimes we take for granted because they are there. They are very important and it is important that we do all we can to ensure that they can be enjoyed now by us, but also preserved for generations. The volunteers at PCAS, most



### 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.

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Individual	£10	£100
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## PCAS – New Constitution

The Spring 2012 Issue of Double Nine featured a proposed new Constitution which it was felt would more accurately reflect the interests of the Society and the current requirements of the Charity Commissioners.

The proposed constitution was then submitted for approval at the 2012 Annual General Meeting for which I acted as chairman. After some lively discussion it became apparent that some members were unhappy with certain of the proposed clauses and these were, therefore, put to a vote. As a result certain changes were approved by the meeting and these have been incorporated into the Constitution now being submitted to the Charity Commissioners.

The new revised clauses are:

7. Annual General Meeting.

c) Elect Chairman and Committee Members.

h) The Quorum for the AGM is 10% of the full membership.

11. Election of Chairman and Committee Members.

a) The Chairman and up to 12 Committee Members will be elected at the AGM. The Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary will be appointed at the next meeting of the Committee.

17. Membership.

i) Membership renewal falls due on the anniversary of joining the society or on 1<sup>st</sup> January for those who are accustomed to paying on that date.

All other clauses and sub-clauses remain unchanged from the draft submitted to, and approved by, the meeting.

The full Constitution with amendments, follows.

Graham Ball

Vice Chairman

# POCKLINGTON CANAL AMENITY SOCIETY

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> December

### **c) Elect Chairman 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 10% 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 Chairman and Committee Members:**

- a) **The Chairman and up to 12 Committee Members will be elected at the AGM. The Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary will be appointed at the next meeting of the Committee.**
  - b) 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 falls due on the anniversary of joining the society or on 1st January for those who are accustomed to paying on that date.**
- 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.

## **Forthcoming Events**

### ***NEW HORIZONS***

**Short trips. Sundays and Bank Holidays until the end of October 12.00 - 4.30  
Do come and have a trip on YOUR Society Boat.**

#### **Open trips.**

**Sat 4th August to Gardham Lock**

**Sat 25th Aug (extra date added) and Sat 29th Sept. to Ferryboat Inn**

**Limited spaces available . Book on 07946 209644 to reserve your place.**

**IWA East Yorkshire Branch  
Social meetings held at the Methodist Church Hall,  
Cottingham HU16 4BD  
Fridays, September 21st,  
October 19th, November 16th,  
Details [roger.bromley@waterways.org.uk](mailto:roger.bromley@waterways.org.uk)**

**Visit the PCAS website and find out more about your canal and PCAS**

**[www.pocklingtoncanalsociety.org](http://www.pocklingtoncanalsociety.org)**

## From the Archives

Forty years ago in June, issue number 14 of Double Nine was published. I thought it would be interested to look back at a couple of entries.

PCAS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING—MARCH 23RD 1972

This was a very lively and friendly meeting, held as usual in Thornton Institute. A pity so few **members remembered the date! Perhaps Thursday's a bad night! (Let us know your best ones!)**

The Chairman reported much encouraging progress, and not least that following the re-opening of the first lock on the Canal at Cottingwith last July, we could confidently look forward to seeing new bottom gates in place at Sutton Lock on the River Derwent during this summer. This excellent news came from the Derwent Trust and the recently formed **Yorkshire Derwent Society**. **Mr Lount recalled the launching of the first 'official' boats on the Canal and their 'Cruise' to Melbourne last summer, followed by the second Canoe and Dinghy Cruise—'down-hill' this time, and in sunny weather once again. Dredgers (of varying ages!)** had been in attendance; and IWAAC had recommended the Canal to be officially upgraded to **'Cruising Waterway'** - though what may become of this under the new Government Proposals remains uncertain so far. Mr Lount paid tribute to the work and enthusiasm of Mr William Clegg who had stayed on for some weeks after official retirement so as to see Cottingwith Lock completed. He also thanked the numerous other people who helped us, BWB, councillors, kindred societies, the Press, volunteers and of course, our own members and committee.

AND NOW POCKLINGTON CANAL JOINS THE UNIVERSITY

Think of the trouble we have getting rid of weed! Nothing seems to stop it for long! But **it seems that they can't get enough of the stuff at Heslington! It appears the University Lake** there being an artificial one, with a plastic lining, the authorities have had some difficulty in getting plans to establish themselves as quickly as they would like. So, when Mr Crawshaw of the University Chemistry Department approached us to see if we could perhaps spare a few from the Canal—where they were going to be removed soon anyway—we were only too pleased to be able to help! So now when next you visit the Lake at Heslington, you should be able to see some Great Water Grass and some Reed, which not so long ago clogged the way for our canoes and dinghies just below Gardham Lock!

**And thirty years ago from Issue 46 published September 1982**

MELBOURNE BRIDGE COLLAPSES UNDER UNAUTHORISED TRACTOR

Since July there has been no bridge over the Canal at the end of the Melbourne Arm. A tractor, which had no authority, tried to cross over and the timber deck collapsed into the water.

Fortunately the driver was able to escape from his cab without being hurt.

This bridge is a considerable local amenity. It leads across to the towpath and pleasant, short works in either direction, coming back over other nearby bridges to the village again.

This bridge, like the rest of the canal, is basically the responsibility of the British Waterways Board. **But, since the Board have little money to spend on this kind of 'Remainder' waterway,** the Society is doing all it can to help. We have had plans for some time for this and neighbouring bridges but are held up until the Board can sort out various rights of way. When these are clarified we hope to start work. We certainly hope Melbourne residents will not have to wait too long for the new bridge.

## WORKING PARTIES

Work continues to progress by Society members, plus visiting groups. We have had **David Higgins with his group, also boys from St William's School, Market Weighton and a Youth Club** from Hartlepool have all worked hard.

Work done includes:

A large, new work and store shed, assembled with concrete floor and felt roof, double doors large enough to hold all our equipment, plus dumper.

General donations of cement, paint, creosote and bricks from members much appreciated.

**Henry's shed was then dismantled for re-siting and re-erection** alongside our new shed.

Coates Bridge towpath gate was renewed.

A coping stone was removed from Canal Head basin.

**"Flexible rostering" enabled work to continue during the weekdays.**

Canal Head silt was dredged and removed.

Balance beams were collected from Thornton Lock and brought to Canal Head Store.

Railings at Canal Head have been painted.

**Generally, Canal Head Basin is being restored to "clear" water, the mass of overgrown reeds there being removed by hand—a noble effort!**

**I will continue to search the back copies for future issues. Please let me know what you think of this idea. Any feedback, (positive or constructive preferably) would be most welcome. It is always difficult to find interesting topics so if you have suggestions, please email me.**

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