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THE POCKLINGTON CANAL AMENITY SOCIETY



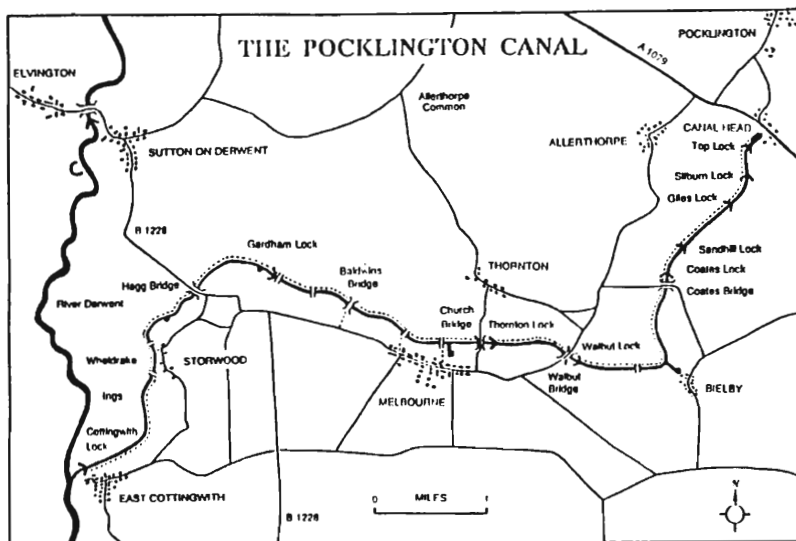
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Note: Opinions expressed in this magazine are not necessarily those of the Society unless so stated.

● ● AN APOLOGY – AND A PROGRESS UPDATE

We are very much aware of the long gap since our last "99" magazine and we apologise to you all, especially to new or more distant members who must be wondering what has happened. This is the Society's 25th year and a great deal has been happening! So much so that, every time we began to get the next magazine together, numbers of ever more urgent matters needed our immediate and prolonged attention. Nor was the situation helped by one or two spells of illness during the winter. The last twelve months have seen much real progress on the ground but, more and more, this involves endless letter writing, form filling, negotiating, lobbying, meetings etc., often to meet imminent deadlines lest we lose valuable grants. We have been working very hard in our wellies --- but also at our desks and on our telephones!

Briefly--Walbut Lock is fully and handsomely restored despite a few teething troubles. The swing bridge near Beilby is complete bar its pintle. Dredging this winter has not been allowed, but top gates went in at Top Lock last July and the locksides were landscaped. **Gardham Lock** was at last fully regated two weeks ago and is operational once more. Much other repair and improvement work has been done, including progress on the Tripboat. Meanwhile we thank East Yorkshire Borough Council and the Rural Development Commission for grant help, and all our other regular fund-raisers too. Work has now started at **Coates Lock** where Lord Halifax has just launched our new **Coates Lock Appeal**. An Appeal leaflet is enclosed. Finally we welcome the **Spring Bank Holiday Boat Gathering** at **Melbourne** from 26 to 29 May. Please come and support South Pennine and the other boat clubs, including our own PCBC, who have organised this event (information Gill Forth: 01759 306791).

THE SOCIETY AGM SUNDAY APRIL 23 1995

The Society's Annual General Meeting takes place at the Wellington Oak at Canal Head on Sunday, 23 April at 2.15 pm approx., in the Function Room, following our usual Lunch there. We hope many of you will join us at the Lunch but you are very welcome to come along afterwards just for the meeting if you prefer. The Bar staff will direct you if you haven't been before. It is very friendly. Bring a friend. **Do come if you can!**
AGM AGENDA: *Apologies, Minutes of last AGM, Chairman's Report, Treasurer's Report & Accounts, Election of Auditors, Election of Officers & Committee, AOB.*

Elections: The four officers are elected annually and the present four are all prepared to stand again, as are the current committee members. **But we would welcome nominations for new committee members!** The present committee is hard pressed. We need more help. We need all kinds of skills. **Please get in touch!**

SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE! Annual subscriptions are due on 1st January: *Adults (family or individual): £5; Concessions (unwaged, students, OAP) : £3; Life: £50.* Thank you to many who have already paid up. For those who haven't, please send your subscription - or any related queries - **now** (or at the AGM) to our Membership Secretary, (address opposite). Thank you!

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This "99" is obviously brief in the extreme! We plan to send out a fuller, more normal issue quite soon. *Editor.*  
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SUNDAY LUNCH & AGM SUNDAY APRIL 23

PCAS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and LUNCH
at the WELLINGTON OAK CANAL HEAD near POCKLINGTON
(A 1079 directly opposite Canal Head entrance. Ample parking.)
Lunch 12.30 for 1 pm AGM 2.15 pm approx.

Lunch: (in the Function Room) Choice of starters, choice of main course with vegetables etc(or vegetarian dish), choice of sweets or cheeseboard, coffee. Cost:£8.50, juniors £5. Pay on the day but **we must have your bookings as soon as possible please!** Please ring Sheila Nix 01904 623338 or Sylvia Fawcett on 01759 304157 Gifts for the Raffle or the Sales Stall most welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Easter Monday Vintage Tractor & Engine Rally , 10.30 - 5, Canal Head, with stalls, tombola etc, in aid of PCAS. Entrance free.
Mon 8 May VE Day Parade in Pocklington - PCAS Float
Sat 20 May PCAS Stall at Sherburn in Elmet Gala (help welcome!)
26-29 May Bank Holiday Boat Gathering at Melbourne, including (on 28 May) Sunday Morning Towpath Walk and Evening Barbecue
Sat/Sun 3/4 June PCAS Stall at SPBC Wakefield Rally, Stanley Ferry
Sat 15 July PCAS Stall at Barnby Feast
Tues 25 July PCAS have Pocklington Market Charity Stall for day
Sun 30 JULY PCAS Stall at Hull Rainbow Festival, East Park, Hull.

WORKING PARTY DATES PCAS Working Parties normally take place on the SECOND and LAST SUNDAYS of each month; 10 am start. New volunteers always very welcome Please contact Paul Waddington on 01757 638027 (home) or 01405 763985 (daytime, at Goole Boathouse) for details; or contact Society Secretary.

● **HEAD OF NAVIGATION PLAQUES** Handsome oval brass plaques in maroon, green, black or royal, available on proof of reaching Head of N. by boat; from Huitson's, Melbourne or S. Nix, York (addresses inside front cover); £8.50 collected, £9 by post.

● **PCAS T-SHIRTS and SWEATSHIRTS FOR SALE** Adults' and children's in variety of colours. Good quality, with PCAS logo. Adults: Sweatshirts £13.50, T-Shirts £7.50; Juniors: Sweatshirts £10.50, T- Shirts £6. Good selection in stock. *Apply : S.Nix.*

■ **NEW GUIDE TO THE POCKLINGTON CANAL** published Nov 1993 by PCAS. Its 36 pages contain 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. Attractive line drawings and useful telephones and addresses. Available from Mrs O'Kelly, 15 Chapmangate, Pocklington (opposite OXFAM) or from Melbourne Stores, @ £3.25; or by post from the Society Secretary @ £3.55.

 **BARBECUE SUN MAY 28 MELBOURNE ARM . 7.30 PM**
for Boat Crews, PCAS Members & Friends DO COME!!