



Calder Navigation Society Newsletter May 2020

Narrowing Horizons

Just when we were getting used to the idea that the world ended at the 'Figure of Three'all of a sudden life ends at the front door. With most of us trapped at home, CNS news is a bit limited just now but at least it gives me the challenge to try and produce an almost news free Newsletter.

CNS 2020 Committee

Following discussions at the AGM, Mike Fretwell agreed to carry on as Secretary for a little longer and other committee members agreed to take on more tasks to lighten his very considerable load. Mike has stepped back a little but he still needs to step down and CNS is still looking for a new secretary. Any volunteers for this vitally important role? The new committee is as follows.

Peter Davies	Chairman
John Smith	Vice Chairman
Mike Fretwell	Hon. Secretary
Nicki Smith	Hon. Treasurer & Minutes Secretary
Avril Davies	Membership Secretary, Social Secretary & Savile Co-ordinator
Janet Smith	Minutes Secretary
Richard Potter	Newsletter Editor
Chris Etwell	Committee member
Duncan Roberts	Committee member
Diane Shaw	Committee member
John Hodgkins	Committee member
Daniel Taylor	Committee member
Alan Mapplebeck	Committee member
Tony Walker	Committee member
Rick Sterry	Webmaster (Non Committee Member)

Battieford Cut Clean Up

Due to the effects of Storm Ciara in early February, various items of rubbish found their way into Battieford Cut and this was compounded by items finding their way out of a sunken boat which initially ended up half on the towpath (see pic of our Membership Secretary carrying out an inspection) and later after an unsuccessful salvage effort ended up firmly sitting on the bottom. At the time of writing, the boat is still there! On 17th March 2020 volunteers from CNS took Savile out and cleared away all of the floating rubbish plus a considerable amount which had found its way onto the canal bank.

Very well done to all who took part!



Boat beached due to Storm Ciara



Boat after failed salvage attempt



Rubbish and items collected from Battieford Cut

SAVILE in lockdown - Effect of COVID-19

Because of the restrictions which have been put in place, all of the planned events and bookings for Savile have been cancelled or postponed which is a shame as she was going to be busy during the late spring and summer. Savile and crew were planning to take part in a Brighthouse Canal-side litter clear up, running trips at the Mirfield VE Day celebrations, the Brighthouse '40s weekend plus the monthly Artisan Markets. Private bookings have had to be postponed and all in all, so far this year we cannot get out and about. Fingers crossed we may be able to get back to some semblance of normality later in the year – who knows?

A little bit of good news is that apparently we have received notification from C&RT that we will receive a credit of 25% of our licence fee due to the current situation.

Moving Road

The CNS Moving Road magazine has also been tied up for some time waiting for a new editor at the helm, but like so many other society magazines it has now been overtaken by the digital revolution. The ever increasing costs of printing and postage make printed magazines prohibitively expensive so CNS will now concentrate on this Newsletter, the CNS website and Facebook to keep in touch.

If you have an article that has been waiting for the rebirth of Moving Road or have anything that you think we should know – the Newsletter is here to publish it.

CNS & SPBC Award

In January 2020 members were notified that CNS and SPBC were selected to receive an award by the “My Mirfield Business & Community Awards 2020” for the work done on Battyeford Toll Bridge. Unfortunately due to the COVID-19 situation, this event has been postponed.

Little and Large



Land & Marine's high powered pusher tug waiting to be lifted on to a truck at Brighthouse.



A slightly larger pusher tug heading for the German steel plants pushing four iron ore laden barges.

I hope you will have found something of interest, if not now is your chance to send me something more to your liking to put in the Summer edition. I can be contacted by email at:-

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