

Calder Navigation Society E-NEWS

CNS E-NEWS Autumn 2016

This e-newsletter is an meant to be an occasional publication and is not intended to replace The Moving Road. However it is a simple way to communicate with the membership until we fill the vacancy for editor of The Moving Road. The e-news will only be issued when we have something to communicate from the society

Stuart Atkinson

A lot has happened on the cut since the last update the great news is that the navigation was finally fully opened in June right through to Sowerby Bridge, however there are still significant problems on the Roachdale Canal. In July we had a visit from Richard Parry, (Chief Executive), read more in the Savile's Diary. There is also a full report on the Savile's activity's this Summer from the bookings secretary. We also have plenty of photos of the repair work and activity that has been going on. Volunteers have replaced the roof on the lockkeepers lobby at Brookfoot and it is intended to open it up as an information come visitor centre at some time in the future. After a significant amount of pressure from CNS the weir at Battyeford has finally been repaired and the water level in the Battyeford cut is now back up to a normal level, work is continuing on the bridge at Elland.







Work continues at Elland to repair the bridge

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ALAN MAPPLEBECK CHAIR CALDER NAVIGATION SOCIETY

CHAIRMANS THOUGHTS SHORT & SWEET

Hello all to this edition of the E-Letter of the Moving Road.

The boating season is coming to an end for 2016 and a lot of the details of our trips and events are to be found in the 'Savile's Travels' section of this E-news. The much looked forward to Lune Aqueduct Canal Trip unfortunately had to be cancelled at short notice as all that had booked to go will all be aware by an email from Avril. It was certainly through no fault of any one at C.N.S as a lot of preparation had been put into the organisation of it by our social team, it was certainly unforeseen and a mistake elsewhere in the logistics of it. If anyone would like anymore information I would be more than happy to explain.

We have had another good year and completed some first-rate private trips plus 2 main events at Brighouse which are now very well established in the calendar each year…so thanks to all crew and volunteers in general, as well as a big thank you to those who worked hard to get the 'Swimming Pool' moorings at Brighouse sorted as I know it was no mean feat!

Well folks that all from me….I will see some of you out and about I am sure. This may sound untimely but –A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to you all

You're Chairman Al

Do you have a friend with the an interested in the waterways, be that boating, walking, cycling, or fishing then why not introduce them to the Calder Navigation Society? Contact Avril for more details and a membership form.

Membership Secretary

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CNS WALK 2016

They soon come around! The sixth annual walk was held on a Saturday in March. The weather had not been too good prior to the walk, in fact on Boxing Day the Navigation suffered severe flood damage ,not quite as bad as the "great flood" that happened on the 7th 8th October 1767 when the entire Navigation was closed and virtually destroyed.

So after checking and double checking the towpath and footpaths were passed as "passable"! It was just left for the weather to be good on the day, fingers crossed on that one. Our biggest fear was that the British weather would let us down but the on the day it was bright and sunny and so with a good attendance of walkers we were off.

The theme of the walk was to show the present and the original course of the Navigation between Horbury Bridge and Broadcut Lock's, pointing out features along the way of the two.

We set off from the car park of the now closed " The Ship PH" and immediately came across evidence of part of the original line which consisted of a lock and cottage, dry dock and weir. Look for the bridge that now just blends into the pavement wall, this was the line of the cut. We moved onto the Bingley Arms and joined the "new cut " pointing out how at the time of construction how different the sights and infrastructure would have been. Following the line along and seeing the remains of old coal pit wharfs, a short talk on these was given before moving on to Broadcut Lock's.

Reaching the Navigation PH we started back following the original line, did you know the pub now faces the other way than originally built ,the reason was the canal was the other side of it! a short length of it can still be seen. Crossing the river we followed the line of the Navigation noting remains of an old lock in the field across from the towpath, alas with no water above or below it. Seeing sites of old corn and woollen mills we reached the start again, the twenty plus who attended had lunch in the Horse &Jockey PH .

As usual a well attended and enjoyable few hours along the cut.

See you all again next year.

Richard Stead CNS Archivist

Festival Moorings at Brighouse

Towards the end of July CNS received a request asking us to assist in cleaning up the canal in Brighouse prior to the Canal Festival. This took place on the 11th August and I am pleased to report that 8 CNS volunteers turned out to support the Brighouse Initiative in this task. We were asked to take on the clearing of what has now been named the 'Swimming Pool Moorings' to create more spaces for the visiting boats that had to be placed on a reserve list. It was quite a challenge as you will see from the photos, since you had to be a bit of a mountain goat to action the challenge – but tackle it we did – and won as you can see from the before and after pictures.





BEFORE

AFTER





First the work....





....Then the party



The White Cross
2, Bradley Road
Bradley
HUDDERSFIELD
HD2 1XD

Good home cooked Food, Fine Ales and a warm welcome
On A62, at Leeds Rd/Bradley Rd crossroads

Brookfoot Elland



The dam at Brookfoot



The start of replacing the lobby roof at Brookfoot



Security fence round the poo bin!

Repairs to Battyeford Weir finally completed on the 11th of May, thanks to pressure from CNS



Repairing the culvert on the bywash at Battyeford cut



Savile News



THE DIARY OF SAVILE'S TRAVELS

Although the year was a slow start due to the floods we have administered 14 event days out in the Savile Diary plus 2 days moving Savile ready for events….and 3 booking already in the diary for 2017! We only had 15 bookings last year, so although we started 2 months late that's not bad.



The Brighouse 1940's weekend once again was a roaring success with the weather staying warm and sunny for us. We undertook 27 trips over the weekend carrying 211 adults and 100 juniors. 12 volunteers turned out to assist us on those days which were fantastic.



Entering into the spirit of the weekend did not disappoint either with most of our volunteers donning their 1940's apparel once again. It is amazing just how many visitors are now choosing to adorn their war time clothes as well, including a lot of the children making it a really fun weekend for all. This is now a well established event.

Up until early July we had only been able to navigate as far as Brookfoot Lock if we wanted to travel in the Elland direction as some of our private customers found out, but it still did not deter them enjoying the sites of the canal up to that point and back.



Richard Parry's Visit

On the 12th July at our invitation we took Richard Parry (Chief Executive), Tom Wright (Dev/Manager) & Jane Thomson (Enterprise Manager) from C&RT for a day out on Savile up to Elland once the navigation had opened, to see and check the progress being made to Elland Bridge. Mr Parry threw himself whole heartedly into the venture and was finally introduced to 'The Handspike' and its intricacies which he took to rather well. We have an inkling that waterways staff must have been tipped off he was coming - as we have never seen so many busy looking employees in one day and fully greased lock mechanisms - eer-ummmmm… thinks we may have to invite him every year!!





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And there's more…..



BRIGHOUSE CANAL & MUSIC FESTIVAL



The Canal Fest Team Ready for Action

We joined forces once again on the 20th & 21st August with Safe Anchor Trust to run boat trips at the Brighouse Canal Music & Beer Festival. And although the weather was not as kind to us as it could have been once again it proved a roaring success. We carried out 30 trips over the weekend carrying 226 adults and 106 juniors and 2 babes in arms. For quite a while even though it was raining we had over a hundred folk queuing to get on a boat trip, which caused quite a bottle neck on the towpath. But at least this year they provided a ukulele band to entertain the people queuing and C&RT provided some games for the children so they did not get too bored while waiting. As always we kept up the tradition of wearing our 'Clothes of the Cut' costumes.



The queue just keeps growing!



Who needs a brolly with bonnets like these?



All Aboard!

Well what a busy month August has been this year, with clean ups, festivals as well as her private bookings we certainly crammed it all in. A big thank you as always goes to all our volunteers - whatever way you get involved because without you Savile would not achieve the revenue we need to keep her on the water for all to enjoy. If you would like to get involved then please come and have a word whether it be to crew Savile on her outings or just help to maintain her – you would be more than welcome.

Now for the facts and figures:-

This year to date we have completed 14 actual trip days and 16 days out in total including moving Savile to and from events. Her total hours out from base (not running hours) for the 16 days came to 95hrs 50mins and this was carried out by 103 crew bodies = 67 trips in total carrying 485 adults and 221 children.

Savile signing off for now



Moving Road Editor

We still have a vacancy for the editor of the CNS magazine 'Moving Road' you don't need to have had previous experience as there will be plenty of help on hand However if you do have any skills in writing and producing a booklet in a format that can be sent to the printers about two to three times per year, please contact the Secretary. You do not need to be on the CNS Committee, but you will be welcome to attend our meetings each month to report on progress of each issue.

The CNS Mission Statement

The Calder Navigation Society (CNS) was formed in 1969 as an association of Boaters, Ramblers and others who are interested in promoting the use and sympathetic development of the waterways in the Calder Valley.

The aims of the Society are:

To stimulate public interest and appreciation of the waterway's of the Calder Valley.

To promote and encourage the use of all such waterways for the benefit of the public.

In furtherance of the above, but not otherwise:

To encourage boat owners and hirers from other parts of the waterways system to cruise along the length of the Calder & Hebble Navigation and the Huddersfield Broad Canal.

To promote the use of waterways for commercial carrying, leisure boating, angling, rambling and other compatible activities.