

SLEAFORD NAVIGATION SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

The Annual General Meeting of the Sleaford Navigation Society will be held on Tuesday, 5th May 1987, at the Conservative Club, Northgate, Sleaford, at 8.00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
 - 2 Minutes of the last AGM
 - 3 Matters Arising
 - 4 Treasurer's Report
 - 5 Membership Secretary's

The Committee are recommending that renewal subscriptions be raised as follows
Annual: £2.50. Joint: £3.00. Child: £0.50. Life: £40.00. Joint Life: £50.00.

- 6 Chairman's Report
7 Re-election of Officers.

The following members of the Committee are standing for re-election:
Mr M Chapman & Mrs P Portlock

- 9 AOB

After a break our guest speaker Sandra Kelly, a Project Officer from the British Waterways Board, will talk on the East Midlands Cruiseway.

This is the second newsletter the Society has produced since the last AGM, some justifiable criticism has been levelled at the Society regarding the lack of information forthcoming, this has been a reflection of the amount of work that the Committee has done in the last year and it must be remembered that all of the Societies Officers are voluntary. The Committee hope to produce newsletters on a more regular basis in the year following this AGM with more details of forthcoming events.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MAY 5th AGM followed by talk on the East Midlands Cruiseaway.

JUNE 20 & 21 Boat Rally at South Kyme. Entry fee £6.00 includes a unique plaque

LATE SUMMER A sponsored event (Exact details later.)

WINTER Christmas Social.

If any proprietor has any ideas for events, contact any Committee member.

THE STORY SO FAR!!

As previously indicated the Committee has been far from idle since the Bottom Lock was re-opened in November.

The Technical Sub Committee has been considering some modifications to the lock gates at bottom lock to enable them to open wider and has been designing an extension to the winding gear to enable safer operation by inexperienced users. They are also planning to install some temporary bollards to assist craft while they negotiate the lock. A dragline machine will shortly be working at the lock to remove the gates for modification and to do some dredging. Two members of the Society have offered to use their expertise with wood to adjust the gates they are Dave Bayliss and David James.

The footpath status of the towing path has also concerned the committee and we are acting in conjunction with the Ramblers and the Council Officers concerned with footpaths.

As anyone who attended the opening of the lock will know it is not at the moment possible to turn craft longer than about 20 feet at South Kyme this we hope will be resolved with the widening of the channel at some point to provide what is known in canal parlance as a 'winding hole', it is hoped that this work will be completed before the Boat Rally.

Another obstruction to navigation in South Kyme is the Footbridge, after negotiations with the County Council and the Electricity Board (for the adjacent electricity cable), it is hoped that the bridge will be raised in time to enable boats to go through at the Rally.

A survey of the Navigation from Cobblers Lock near Anwick to Sleaford is currently being undertaken by two employees of the DCA, they are being supervised by the Societies Engineer Lionel Rudkin, it is hoped that their work will be of great value in the future restoration.

The Inland Waterways Association is running a campaign for youth this summer and Committee member Jan Hudson is trying to involve local Senior Schools in this event.

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**BOAT RALLY** This will be the first rally on the River Slea this Century, the boat side is being organised by Derek Taylor who is the IWA representative on the Committee with the help of Hugh Scotney who represents the Boston Motor Yacht Club; both organisations have greatly supported the Society since its formation. The Social side of the Rally is being handled by the South Kyme Sub Committee comprising of John Flint, Dave Bayliss and Jan Hudson, they have already been offered the help of the local WI for the event which the whole Committee hope will be a success.

Anyone interested in attending the Rally by boat should contact Mr Derek Taylor 'Clovelly', Park Lane, Heighington, LINCOLN LN41RF. The entry fee is £6.00. There will of course be events to interest all, so why not come and see the boats on June 20 and 21.

If any members or non members have any comments please write to the Clerk

SLEAFORD NAVIGATION SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

To : Bob Portlock, Clerk, Sleaford Navigation Society, Red Gables Farm,  
Sleaford, Lincolnshire, NG34 7BT.

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| Annual Membership        | £1.50  |
| Joint Annual Membership  | £2.00  |
| Junior Annual Membership | £0.50  |
| Life Membership          | £20.00 |
| Joint Life Membership    | £25.00 |

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