



SLEAFORD NAVIGATION NEWS



SPRING EDITION

AGM

Our AGM will take place on Tuesday 4th May at 8 o'clock at the Nags Head pub, Southgate, Sleaford (nr. the monument). Simon Pawley has agreed to be guest speaker, and is not to be missed!

Derlict Land Grants

We have two applications under consideration. All the enquiries are completed and we now wait to hear. Keep your fingers crossed.

Sponsored Swim

You will remember that we were trying to swim a length of thirteen miles, equivalent to the length of the Sleas. Well, 18 swimmers completed 18 miles in one hour. A tremendous effort, well done to them all! At the time of typing we had raised over £240 towards Society funds. Many thanks to Councillor Higgs for an inspired idea, and for organising it for us. Many thanks also to the Sleaford Swimming Pool manager and staff and the Lifeguards for their enthusiastic support.

Canoe the Slea

Some of the more barmy members have decided to use the excess of water to paddle down the Slea from Sleaford to South Kyme. If you can find a canoe, why not join us? We start from Riverside Green, Eastgate in Sleaford on Sunday 28th March, at 10 o'clock. We hope to be at South Kyme for 1pm to 2pm and have arranged a buffet lunch at the pub for paddlers and followers. Do come and support. If you want lunch please let Pat Taylor know as she must confirm numbers, Tel. 0522-790652.

Car stickers

Our new car stickers are now available and Pat Taylor will have them at the canoe event. This is just one of the ways in which members can help to raise our profile over this year. Please buy one.

Let Them Eat Cake

Well some lucky devil did. Margaret Norton's cake was raffled for over £40. Thanks Margaret for all your trouble. How does Tony keep that waist line?

Both of the above ideas came from last years AGM when we asked for help with fund raising ideas. Simple, relatively easy to organise, ideas which would raise much needed cash to keep all our promotional and restoration efforts going. Any idea, no matter how simple will be welcome, please keep them coming! Remember we have ongoing work at Cobblers Lock, we want to start work on the Anwick Pound and carry out a engineering study from Haverholme

to Sleaford. We also want the work started at Cogglesford Mill Lock, when the water allows. All this is in addition to organising a stand for the National Waterways Festival at Peterborough in August, and pushing on with the plans for Sleaford '94, the celebrations of our Navigations Bi-centenary.

Work parties

We are holding a regular work party at Cobblers Lock on the first Sunday of each month. Neal Evans, Tel.0529-61049, can supply up to date information. North East WRG visited the waterway on 13th and 14th March to continue work at Cobblers. Our next Sunday is 4th April. We would like to carry out work at both Cobblers and Bottom Lock. This includes general tidying up, so there should be something for people of every ability to tackle. Please volunteer and contact Neal.

Peterborough Waterways Festival

We have booked a 6m x 6m covered space. North Kesteven District Council are helping with display material of a very high quality. We have also contacted the County Council to see if they will come along. It seems a marvellous opportunity to promote Lincolnshire Waterways ready for our own events next year. We will, however, need help to man the stall. A few hours over the August Bank Holiday is all that is needed. Please volunteer, contact Dave Pullen for details.

Slea '94

A week of events is emerging for next May. Steve Hayes is putting together a schools pack. Chris is dealing with publicity for the events. Allan Woodhouse is looking at sites for boat and caravan rallies. Dave Pullen is the main committee liaison. There is a lot going on, watch this space for further details!

Talking of volunteers

At last years AGM we asked for, and got, volunteers to assist with Slea '94. We hope they have found it enjoyable and not overwhelming. We have found the ability to spread the jobs over a few more bodies has lightened the load and helped to achieve far more than we could have done. Well! Guess what! We would like to add to this success by co-opting a few more. No special skills involved. We all tend to pitch in, depending on the jobs in hand. We know that you can't be available all the time, none of us are. There are times, however, when you may be able to help. Talk to Steve and Chris Hayes and Allan Woodhouse to see how they have coped and then PLEASE come forward at the AGM and volunteer. Your waterway needs you!