

JULY 12th

Please note - July 12th British Waterways Board Slide Evening. Roger Hervey of B.W.B. will give an illustrated talk on British Waterways at the Conservative Club room, Northgate, at 8 p.m. It is free. It is organised with the view of getting members together. Please support us with your presence.

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THANKS -

- To those members who attended the A.G.M. in May. Mike Wakeling, Operations Manager of A.W.A., gave an excellent talk on his responsibilities in the Rivers Division. John Gray and Bill Hunt were elected back on to the Committee at the A.G.M. and following the June Committee meeting have taken their office as treasurer and membership secretary respectively.

Unfortunately Carole Gray had to resign from the Committee at the A.G.M. We are very grateful for the help Carole has given to the Society. Needless to say she was out on the sponsored walk in June helping as a marshall, so we haven't lost her enthusiasm totally.

SPONSORED WALK

All concerned seemed to think this was a great success. Over £540 will have been raised, before costs and splits are worked out. Brilliant sunshine, 34 walkers 4 dogs, 7 marshalls, a team from St. John's Ambulance Brigade. Gallons of squash and nettle cream all helped to make the day very enjoyable. Our share of the money will go into the General Restoration Account.

The Halifax Building Society in Sleaford were very generous in helping to meet part of the costs of this event and we much appreciate their support.

BOTTOM LOCK

At the time of writing we are still awaiting advice from the A.W.A. as to their intention re the work at Bottom Lock. They should know by June if they will be fitting a guillotine gate next spring. Possibly we will have some news by the time of the Social Evening on July 12th. We were pleased to see that N.K.D.C. have written to A.W.A. about the lack of progress and also that the Standard are also keeping the matter in the public eye.

IN THE MEANTIME .....

A.W.A. have helped with information on Cobblers Lock and the pound above. We are now investigating the possibility of starting restoration work further up the waterway. An informal meeting was held between ourselves, the County Council, District Council and Town Council at which we brought them up to date with details about Bottom Lock. We also suggested that the next stage would seem to be a survey of the waterway and this is now being explored.

C.E.A., who attended the meeting have offered to do the survey and Phillip Ogden, Honorary Consultant Engineer for the Inland Waterways Association has offered to check it over.

We will then be able to look in detail at areas which have particular problems.

CANAL AND RIVERBOAT MONTHLY

This magazine carried an article about restoration schemes around the country and it was nice to see that the Sleaford was one of the schemes likely to succeed.

AND AGAIN ...

At the A.G.M. members voiced disappointment at the lack of newsletters and social evenings to keep members up to date. This is a newsletter (honest). July 12th is a social evening - do come along. It will cost approximately £15 to put the social evening on - show us that it is worthwhile. Bring your friends and come.

The next social evening, after that, will be on Friday, 20th September.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership renewal should take place at the A.G.M. each May. If you have not yet renewed, please do. Your financial and moral support is needed. The entry at the top of the newsletter indicates if you have renewed or not. Please accept this newsletter as a reminder.

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SEE YOU ON THE 12th !!

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SCHOOLS COMPETITION

The competition the society has run over the last few months, in conjunction with the Sleaford Advertiser, was well received. There were different categories of entry including pictures, poetry and essays, and the judges worked hard to find an overall winner for each category. The judges were the representatives of the District and Town Councils, the Advertiser and the Society. Prizes are being awarded on July 10th at the winning schools and includes a model of a lock gate, made by the Community Enterprise Agency as well as a trip on a boat. All the entries will be on display in Sleaford Library in Watergate.