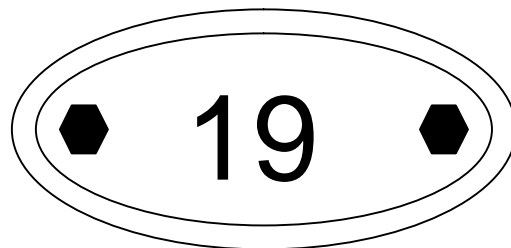
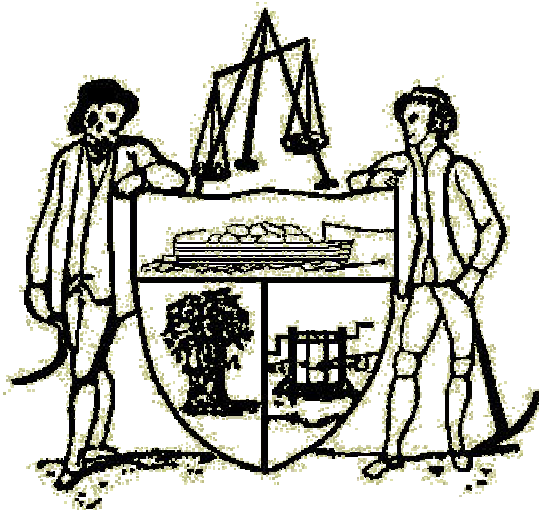


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### Aims & Objectives of SNT

The Trust aims to stimulate public interest and appreciation of the history, structure and beauty of the waterway known as the Sleas, or the Sleaford Navigation. It aims to restore, improve, maintain and conserve the waterway in order to make it fully navigable. Furthermore it means to restore associated buildings and structures and to promote the use of the Sleaford Navigation by all appropriate kinds of waterborne traffic. In addition it wishes to promote the use of towpaths and adjoining footpaths for recreational activities.

Articles and opinions in this newsletter are those of the authors concerned and do not necessarily reflect SNT policy or the opinion of the Editor.

## *Editorial*

Welcome to the autumn edition of Sleaford Navigation Trusts quarterly newsletter, especially to those new members who have joined us over the summer season – you now belong to a growing band of supporters for one of the country's most beautiful waterways.

And what a wonderful stretch of water it has proven to be this year. My girlfriend Chris and I have walked various sections of it throughout the year and never fail to be enthralled by it. Yes, the odd mindless vandal tries his (or her?!) damdest to spoil things but they can never take away those things that nature puts before us. The sights and sounds of a river full of life just cannot be beaten! It's great to see the fish population returning to the clear waters and to see such a variety of birds and creatures around. I still struggle to accurately name some of the things we spot – hence I thought the article on voles might be of interest to a few readers, I certainly sound more authoritative when I stand on the banks nowadays!

The waterway is certainly looking good in most places. Although the Trust has a number of hardened volunteers who always enjoy getting stuck in on 'working weekends' there always remains a number of jobs still to be done so if anybody knows of any conservation or environmental groups out there looking for useful projects please get in touch with our Chairman. She would love to hear from you or from the group themselves and would be more than willing to recognise any assistance given with a letter of thanks to their governing body! They might even get a cup of tea on the day too!!

It has been particularly pleasing this time to hear from a number of Trust members responding to articles in previous editions – thanks to Izzie Turner and Melvyn Haigh for their contributions which appear in this issue. I'm sure that Izzie's suggestions on Fox's Lock will generate a few thoughts – is anyone out there handy with a sculptors chisel?! Melvyn's recollections of 'Polly' will, I am sure, stir a few memories with a number of our boating members too!

I hope you enjoy this edition of *your* newsletter and look forward to hearing from *you* in the near future – please remember that I am always looking for articles from the members for the members!

*Martin Noble*

## *Chairman's Report for October 2004*

### *Chris Hayes*

Welcome back after quite a busy summer!

July 16<sup>th</sup> saw the opening of new moorings at Bishopbridge on the River Ancholme and was also the occasion of the official presentation of the Waterways Companion Award to Mary Powell. The Trust had nominated her for the Inland Waterways Association award for her work in the Lincolnshire Waterways Partnership. Vaughan Welch, the chairman of IWA's Restoration Committee, and I duly handed the engraved glass trophy to Mary in front of the television cameras! (Well, actually there was only one television camera but there were other media representatives present!)

The Lincolnshire Waterways Partnership Waterways Two bid has now been successful. This includes angling and environmental improvements on the lower Witham, visitor moorings at Bardney and Torksey, The continuation of the multi-user path from Five Mile Bridge to Anton's Gowt and the promotion of the Sleaford Navigation for recreation by all users. To this end it is intended to raise the profile of the waterway in a variety of ways and it is intended that the Waterways Three bid will aim to improve facilities on the section currently navigable between Chapel Hill and Cobblers Lock.

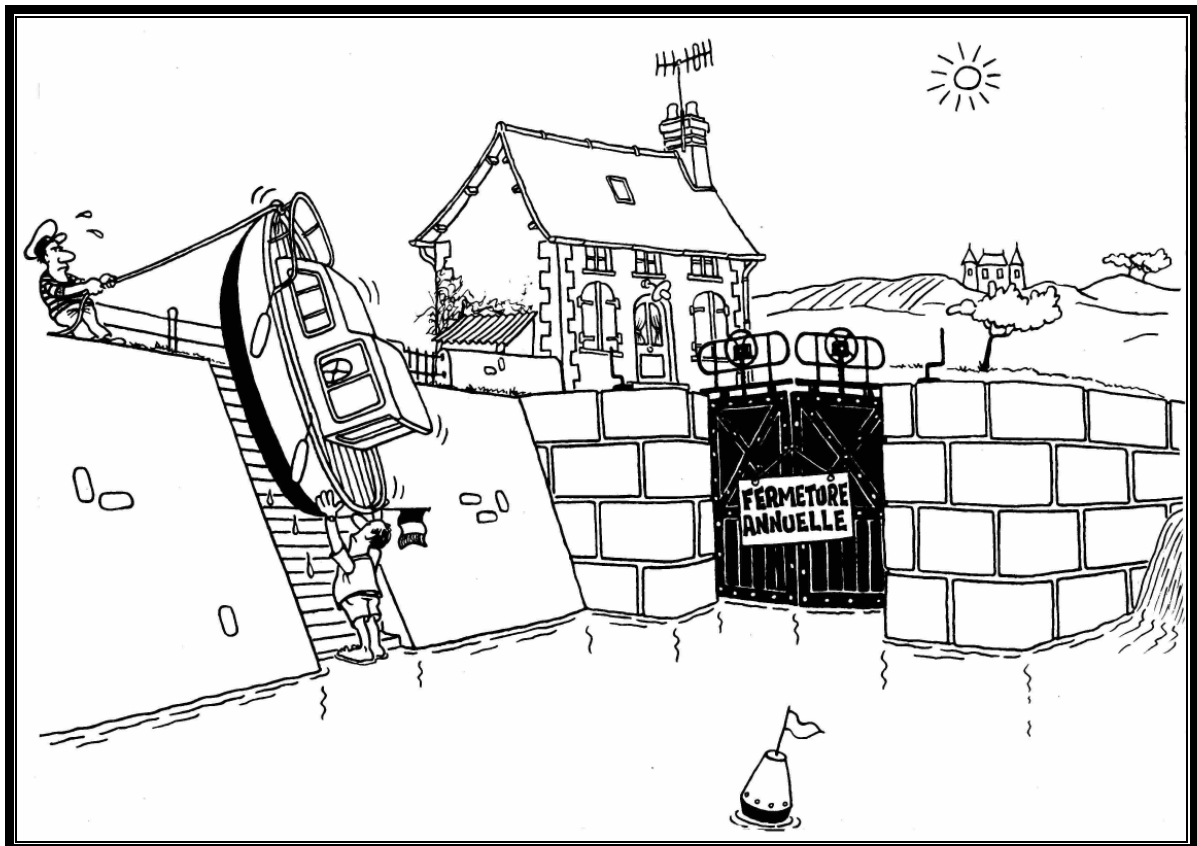
It is vital that as a Trust we do not lose sight of our aim of full restoration into Sleaford but we do recognise that there are funding requirements which demand a stepped approach. The intention of this approach is that increased awareness and enjoyment of the Slea corridor will in turn add weight to the case for full restoration.

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An immediate result of this strategy is the provision of an additional four pages for the Trust to promote the Navigation in the Lincolnshire Waterways Partnership newsletter. The LWP newsletter has wide distribution and will help to provide the public interest which forms part of the justification for restoration.

Reports on the IWA Festival at Burton-on Trent and an up-date on Navigation House appear elsewhere in the newsletter. Pat Taylor, ably assisted by Rodney Mills and others, has manned the promotional and sales stalls at events in Sleaford, Washingborough and Heckington as well as Burton.

Some of us have even managed to have a summer holiday as well!



Many thanks to Steve Hayes for sharing with us the way our European counterparts deal with the annual waterways stoppages!!

## G T Narrowboats of Sleaford

*The following letter was received by the editor in response to the article in the last edition concerning narrowboat manufacture in Sleaford:*

I read with interest the item in Newsletter 18 about G T Narrowboats of Sleaford.

While I am unable to throw any light on the firm, other than that for a year or two they advertised regularly in *Waterways World* and then ceased to do so, I can provide some information about the boat mentioned as belonging to Mr Vose.

During the late seventies and early eighties Bob Vose moored next to me on the Brayford Pool, Lincoln. The boat was called 'Polly' and had a Ruston engine, a three cylinder model as I recall. When Bob sold the boat the new owner kept it on the Brayford, but in the mid-eighties on being sold again it moved away from the area.

I next met 'Polly' on the Grand Union near Leighton Buzzard in 1990 and then did not see her again until June this year when I passed her moored on the non-towpath side of the Leeds & Liverpool near Bridge 195, above Keighley.

I have no idea how many boats G T Narrowboats built, but I know of only one other 'Falcon' model. During the eighties and into the early nineties there used to be one moored outside the cottage on the non-towpath side of the Trent & Mersey just beyond Bridge 39, near what is now Barton Turns Marina.

If anyone is really interested I could probably dig out an old slide of the Brayford moorings around 1980 with various boats including 'Polly'.

Regards,  
Melvyn Haigh.  
*(Address withheld by Editor)*

## Navigation House, Sleaford

Chris Hayes, SNT Chairman

As many of you will be aware, Navigation House is the company office built by the Company of the Proprietors of the Sleaford Navigation as an indication of the pride it felt in the new prosperity created by the Navigation. It stands in Navigation Yard, off Carre Street, and originally housed the Clerk of the Company who administered the toll system for cargo carried on the waterway.

In some ways it is little short of a miracle that it does still stand as it has been in a very poor state of repair for many years. Indeed it was the parlous state of Navigation House and the possibility of its collapse that led to the starting of the then Sleaford Navigation Society in 1976. The original committee wanted to ensure that the heritage of the Navigation was not lost as well as promoting the cause of restoration of the waterway.

At one time removal of the house and rebuild elsewhere had been considered but that notion was rejected and the restoration became part of the Sleaford Pride bid. The building was then made secure so that further deterioration would not occur but funds were not then available for the scheme of restoration for use as an interpretative centre.

Since then the North Kesteven District Council have successfully applied for Heritage Lottery funding and the future of the house is secured. The positioning of the weighbridge at the front of the house resulted in the distortion of the building long before it fell into its recent sorry state and there is no intention to lose this little idiosyncrasy and character in the restoration!

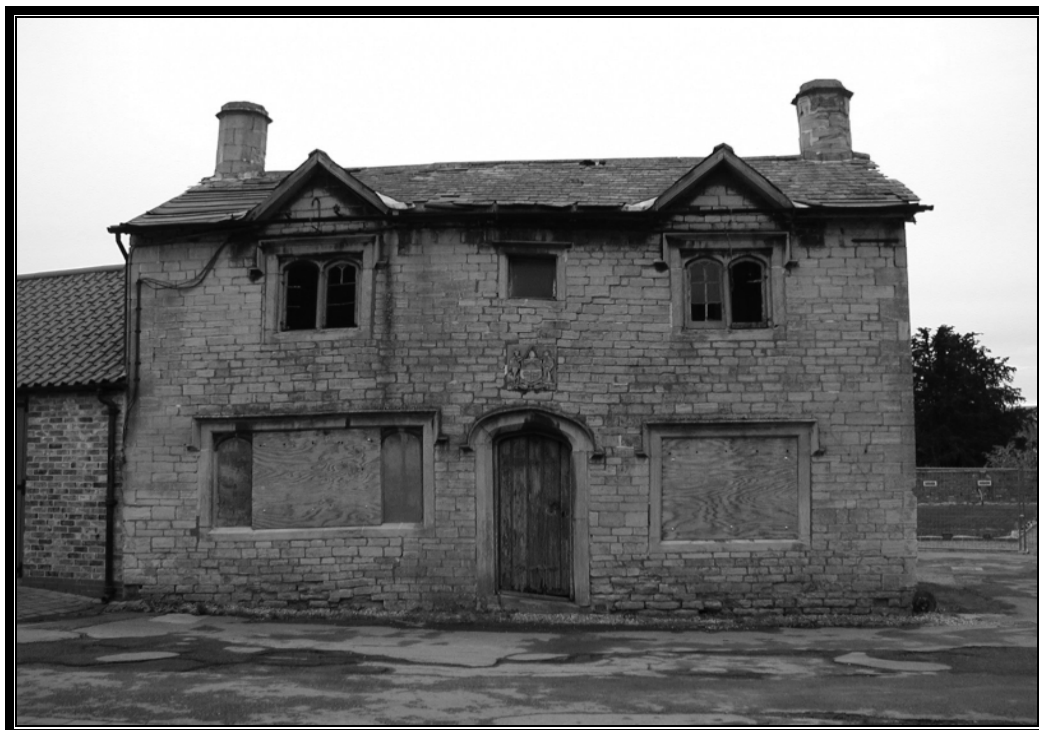
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I attended a meeting at NKDC in early September to discuss the future use of the house and to look at the plans for the interior displays. The lack of space inside has been a challenge but the designs are innovative and exciting. They include a reconstruction of the original office as well as an explanation of the part the Navigation played in the prosperity of the town. I was very pleased to see that this section also included the plans for the future restoration.

Connection is also made to the architecture and buildings in the town, the relevance to the seed industry and information on the local people connected with the creation of the original Navigation.

Work has already started on the structure and it is hoped that the house will be open to the public by Easter 2005.

Chris



***Navigation House before restoration started***

Photo by Martin Noble



## Websites Worth a Visit .....

This could quite easily become a full page report in its own right with so many sites out there worth a visit!! However I am conscious that not all of us have access to a computer (although most public libraries do have some these days) or indeed the time to surf for hours on end (if only we had!!). To that end I intend to keep these (purely personal) recommendations to a minimum in each issue.

So with that in mind I feel you really should be pointing your mouse (or is the pointy bit called a cursor?!) at [www.granthamcanal.com](http://www.granthamcanal.com) this month. Not only has it been pleasantly laid out but also has a vast array of information covering all aspects of the canal both past and present. I believe it won an award last year as 'Website of the Month' from Waterways World magazine and it's easy to see why. One particularly effective feature is the interactive map section that allows the visitor to take a virtual tour of the whole canal. The site had just been updated when I visited which is always a good sign of an active society that is interested in generating and maintaining interest in its activities.

Well done to all those concerned at the Grantham Canal Partnership. A truly great site that will soon become a 'favourite' in everyone's folder. If anyone out there knows of similar sites then please let me know so we can feature them here for the benefit of all our *internet-ready* members.

*Martin Noble*

## Moving House? Let Us Build You a New One!!!

During the preparation for this years Water weekend here in Sleaford our work party was busy making the area around Cogglesford Lock look a bit more presentable. Whilst strimming the undergrowth on the lock island it was pointed out to them by Michael Darling of Cogglesford Mill that a number of birds had been seen to be nesting in the cracks and crevices of the old lock wall. These included robins, wagtails and wrens. Rather than disturb these local inhabitants the area along the wall was left well alone. In addition to that a note was made that when we restore the locks we should make provision in the new approach walls for birds to continue nesting. This is not unusual apparently and has been done quite successfully on a number of other restoration projects around the country.

## Going for a Burton!

(A Chairman's Tale)

The Trust attended the IWA Festival in Burton to man the Lincolnshire Waterways Partnership stand. It sounds a simple statement but things weren't quite so easy!

If you recall it rained a lot in August and as a result water levels rose dramatically. Pat Taylor had every intention of manning the sales stand but her accommodation, the narrowboat Wigford, was on the wrong side of the flooded river section of the Trent and Mersey Canal at Alrewas! Thankfully the conditions improved so that boats were eventually allowed to proceed to the rally site.

Other members of the committee had returned from boating in order to collect display material from Lincoln and were travelling to Burton by car. A telephone call on Thursday, as we were about to leave informed us that the site would not be open that day as intended in order to give the ground a chance to dry further.

We set up the stand on Friday and were relieved to find that conditions underfoot were not bad. WRG had done sterling service by dumping sand on the worst areas and, apart from a little elasticity at times underfoot, things were good.

Alas, fifteen minutes hard rain on Sunday changed all that and things got decidedly muddier. There was a sensation of walking around with a snowshoe of mud attached to each foot!

Nevertheless the crowds turned out in force and the plum bread proved to be an attraction and was much appreciated as ever. Great interest was expressed in the plans for the future and we collected close to a hundred signatures of people who wanted to be informed of future developments.

Sincere thanks are due to all those who manned the stand over the three days and to all who came to visit us.

Chris Hayes

## **‘The Editor Returns to Boating’ (Memoirs from an old sea-dog!)**

The annual get together for all the boaters amongst our members, known as The South Kyme Boat Gathering, took place over the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> May last year (yes, I’m talking 2003 here!). As this more-or-less coincided with my phone call to the Chairman offering my services as Editor of the newsletter my partner Christine and I were invited to join them for a chat about my new role and to meet other SNT members.

We met Chris and Steve Hayes on their narrowboat ‘Kyme’ at Tattershall Bridge before setting off for South Kyme via Bottom Lock. It was our first time on the actual Sleaswell itself although we had walked a lot of this section already. In fact it was Christine’s first time on any boat other than a cross-channel ferry, and my first time onboard a narrowboat for at least ten years – to say we were both a little excited about it all would be a slight understatement!!

We were blessed with glorious weather for our first venture on the water and were made extremely welcome by everyone we met, especially the elderly gentleman who offered us the use of his mooring at South Kyme. This was especially welcome for yours truly as I had just offered to leap ashore with the rope onto the opposite bank which was covered in a display of nettles like I’ve never seen before!!

As well as a days cruising we also got involved in a small work party at Bottom Lock which included replacing the boards on the downstream landing stage and a bit of general husbandry around the lock. It was a real joy to be amongst like-minded people doing something that we really enjoyed. In fact it was just the sort of experience that we’d hoped to gain by joining the SNT in the first place.

Much to my pleasure it seemed that Christine had now caught the ‘boating bug’ too and declared that its something she’d like to ‘get into’ – I could almost hear the water lapping against the hull of our first boat! Mind you, the sound was in the very far distance!! A big thank you to Chris and Steve for offering us the chance to get afloat; if anyone else out there would like a special mention by the Editor then please feel free to invite us aboard!!

*Martin & Christine*

Barbara Jones  
Committee Member and Fundraiser

When I came to Sleaford in 1977 I lived next door to Martin Chapman who was the first Chairman of Sleaford Navigation Society, later to become a Trust. Very few who know Martin do not become infected with enthusiasm for Inland Waterways!

I do not, nor never will, have a narrow boat of my own, but I do strongly believe that boats in Sleaford would be a great attraction and that boat owners should be able to come to enjoy our town.

Some years ago I played a part in developing Sleaford Water Weekend to promote the River Slea and when the Sleaford Sports Partnership was formed, offering us a "home", facilities for storing our equipment and housing work parties, I became their Secretary.

I gracefully decline to dig holes or lay concrete, instead I play my part fund raising selling raffle tickets and helping Pat Taylor on the sales stall!

*Barbara*

Sleaford Sports Partnership - SSP

As well as regular events, to which all SNT members are more than welcome, the SSP operates a '100 Club' which costs £12 per year with monthly draws for cash prizes of £5, £10 and £20.

Further details of any of the Partnership's activities may be obtained from our SSP Liaison representative Norman Osborne on 01526 832256.

## The Northern Canals Association

### A Report by Dave Turner, SNT Treasurer

The Northern Canals Association is an informal gathering of representatives of local canal societies and trusts in England and Wales north of Birmingham. Meetings take place three or four times a year, revolving around the region, as guests of one or other of the constituent groups. Chris and Steve as Chairman and Secretary usually attend on behalf of SNT but as they were unavailable over this last weekend I volunteered to drive over to Shropshire and represent the Trust. It would also enable me to hear the latest about the Shrewsbury and Newport, one of the newer restoration projects, as well as meet some old friends.

Deciding to make a weekend of it, Isobel arranged for us to stay with friends and we went over on the Saturday morning intending to spend the day doing tourist type things. Our first mistake. For much of the journey heavy cloud obliterated the sun and rain fell in the way rain can fall when it has made up its mind to continue doing so all day. We had decided to visit Hawkestone Park, an eighteenth century landscaped folly park and one of the first to be constructed in England. As we pulled on our waterproofs before getting out of the car we wondered if we were just a little mad to be on such a venture in all this rain but we had been wanting to visit the place for the last five years. In any case the people in the other two cars must be just as mad.

It is quite a few miles walk around the park following the prescribed route and we were advised to allow three hours at least. It was quite a relief, therefore, when the rain stopped before we had gone very far and all in all we had a very pleasant afternoon. The problems started when we returned to our car only to discover it had been broken into and our overnight bag stolen. All three cars in the car park over lunch time had been done though nothing of any real value had been taken. The other two had suffered broken windows but "luckily" for us they had got into ours by forcing the drivers door lock and we could still lock the door from the inside and get out on the passenger side. Important as we were not going straight home.

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There followed a three hour wait for the police. But Hawkestone could not have been more helpful, reopening their restaurant to provide us with somewhere warm to sit, hot drinks and snacks free of charge and finding plastic to make temporary repairs to the other two cars. Statements taken we could then start to sort out some of the problems caused by the loss of our bag, such as where and when Northern Canals Association were meeting. Luckily Isobel remembered a few random telephone numbers and we were able to ring one friend to get the number of a second friend who usually attended these meetings. The Royal Victoria, 10.00 for 10.30. came the reply.

NCA meetings generally follow a set pattern. The morning is usually devoted to the local project with possibly one speaker on some topic of general interest. The agenda - not that we had a copy by now - had John Yates of English Heritage to speak on heritage aspects of canal restoration, somewhat appropriate in view of the recent BW decision to axe all Heritage Advisor posts in the north of England. Sadly John was not able to make it which left the locals to fill in with more background to the Shrewsbury and Newport project. Three speakers in succession gave us the development of the Shropshire canal network, the history over the last forty years leading to the current restoration project and the engineering angle. Much of the navigation has reverted to agriculture and the long level section to Shrewsbury in particular has suffered from dropped road bridges, the only remedy for which in about five instances is to use drop locks to allow boats to creep underneath. In all they are looking at an £86m operation.

Buffet lunch is a time to catch up with gossip and old friends and generally do some networking. Next it was on the road for the short drive to Wappenshall Junction where the Newport Branch of the Shropshire Union Canal once met the Shrewsbury Canal. Two original brick warehouses testify to the trade once generated by these canals. They are now in private ownership but the canal trust are in negotiations to acquire them and had managed to arrange this visit and first internal inspection. What fascinating structures, particularly the thought provoking remains of the lifting mechanisms. One building is planned to become a workshop on the ground floor with volunteer accommodation above.

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Back at the meeting room it was now time for updates as each project in turn was reported on by one of its group. When our turn came I was therefore privileged and somewhat pleased to be able to report the completion of the land purchase after more than four years with the solicitors. I also gave the latest on the Lincolnshire waterways Partnership and the Slea Implementation Study undertaken by W.S.Atkins on behalf of the partnership with funding from Lincolnshire County Council.

Dave Turner

## **Lincolnshire Waterways Partnership**

The Waterways Two bid, which has now been successful, means, among other things, that money is available to promote the Sleaford Navigation. This strategy was proposed by Atkins in their report as the first stage toward further restoration.

The Waterways Three bid should include some engineering works on the section from Chapel Hill to Cobblers Lock in order to improve facilities and encourage visitors by boat.

The present funding means that additional pages of the Lincolnshire Waterways Partnership will be available specifically to focus on the Slea and bring the restoration plan to a wider audience.

If you have not already put your name on the mailing list for the LWP newsletter could I please ask that you do so? Not only will it keep you up to date with the developments elsewhere in Lincolnshire but it will also provide that evidence of interest and support which is such a vital part of seeking funding. If you already receive the LWP newsletter, perhaps you could think of someone else who would like to read it too and pass the details on to them?

Chris Hayes

## ***Boston's Waterside Visitor Centre***

The new visitor's centre built alongside the lock at the Grand Sluice in Boston was the first of many developments for Lincolnshire's rivers, canals and navigable drains that come under the banner of the Lincolnshire Waterways Project. Providing an interpretation centre for the River Witham (Witham Navigation?) and surrounding waterways (of which the Slea is obviously one!!) it also has facilities aimed at boaters mooring in the area. It is apparently worth paying a visit to if you are in the area. As the local press have pointed out - "exciting things are happening on Boston's waterways"! And on ours too!!!!

## ***Know Your Vole!!***

Did you know that water voles are the UK's fastest declining mammal? They live along lakes, rivers, ditches and streams feeding on vegetation, and that includes along our Slea. Preyed on by mink and suffering the loss of their riverbank homes, their numbers have fallen dramatically. Urgent conservation action is needed to stop this charismatic creature becoming extinct.

Many people mistake water voles for brown rats and accidentally poison them or disturb their homes. The key is to really know when a water vole is a water vole and not a rat!!

### *Water Vole*

Small hidden ears

Blunt nose

Short furry tail

Silky, mid-brown fur

### *Brown Rat*

Big visible ears

Pointed nose

Long pink scaly hairless tail

Grey-brown fur

More information on this, and many other wonderful creatures, can be found at [www.wildlifetrusts.org](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org). The Wildlife Trusts partnership is the UK's leading conservation charity dedicated to all wildlife. Contact them on 0870 036 7711 for more information on how you can help.

*Martin Noble*



## Wigford's Sultana Slab A Recipe by Sue Sowerby

*Sue Sowerby has been renowned for her Wigford Slab within the SNT boating fraternity for some years now and has been kind enough to agree to share her secret recipe with us all here for the first time. Although I have only been able to taste it once myself I must say its worth dusting off those aprons boys and girls and getting down to some serious culinary activity!*

1lb sultanas  
3 eggs  
12oz caster sugar  
2tsp almond essence  
8oz butter  
12oz plain flour  
2tsp baking powder

8 x 12in roasting tin

- Preheat oven to 160°/325°F/GM3. Grease tin. Place sultanas in a saucepan and cover with water. Bring to the boil and simmer for 15 mins.
- Meanwhile mix the eggs, sugar and almond essence in a large mixing bowl.
- Drain the sultanas and put them back in the saucepan with the butter. Stir occasionally over a low heat till the butter has melted. Remove from heat and add to the egg mixture.
- Finally fold in the flour and baking powder, mixing thoroughly. Pour the mixture in the tin and bake for 1¼hrs until golden.
- When cool, dust with icing sugar and cut.
- Enjoy!!!!

### **Navigation House - Stop Press!!!**

The restoration of Navigation House (see our Chairman's article elsewhere) got a nice little mention in the 6<sup>th</sup> October issue of the local newspaper, the Sleaford Target. All good publicity for the continuing regeneration of differing aspects of waterways in the area; more indirect publicity for our own cause too as it links in so nicely with the waterway that it served!

## **E-mail to the Editor:**

Martin, just remembered to pass on a bit of info!

You mention a Karl Wood painting of one of the Slea mills at the Usher Gallery (in Lincoln). If you ring them you can get an A4 print for a very moderate cost - about £4 I seem to remember (I got one of our village windmill).

I think Fox's Lock sounds much nicer than Bottom Lock - how about getting the Arts Dept to do another fox sculpture for it?

Izzie Turner

## **Websites Worth a Visit (Again!!)**

Sorry but I just had to squeeze this one in before leaving you for the month.....

Peter Hardcastle has researched and written about a vast number of waterways and has published his finding on [www.canalroutes.org](http://www.canalroutes.org) . This extremely professional site looks at the history and routes of Britain's Inland Waterways, covering almost every British canal ... including Sleaford Navigation!

From the Home Page you can quickly find our own waterway through the Canal Alpha Index tab where you will find six pages dedicated to the history of the waterway from 1375 through to 1996 which makes very interesting reading. Another three pages then describe the route working upstream from Anwick. A lovely selection of pictures (both old and new) accompanies the text throughout.

Well done Peter, you've done us proud!!

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## Dates for your diary...

The following activities are planned over the next few months so please make a note of them and endeavour to support your Trust in any way you can.

Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October Sleford History Group	Sleford History Group meeting at St Denys' Church Room, Market Place, Sleford at 7:30 pm. Speaker Nigel Panting on "William Jessop (1745-1814) the Forgotten Engineer". Non (History Group) Members welcome. Donations towards expenses accepted. Enquiries to 01529 455327
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> October FoCM	Annual Halloween Event at Cogglesford Mill, Sleford. 11:00 am until 4:00 pm. Displays by the Lincoln Bat Group plus themed events and refreshments. Milling will take place at regular intervals throughout the day. Further details may be obtained from 01529 414294.
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> November SSP	Sleford Sports Partnership invites you to their <i>Bonfire Night and Firework Spectacular</i> . The event will take place at the Sleford Rugby Club. Entry charges: Adult £3, Child £2, Family £10. Food will be available on site.
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> November SNT Work Party	Please contact the Chairman for details of how you can get involved in a practical way.
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> December FoCM Annual Event	The Friends of Cogglesford Mill will take you back in time to discover a traditional Christmas. Watch out for more details in the local press nearer the time.
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> December SNT Work Party	Please contact the Chairman for details of how you can get involved in a practical way.
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> November Sleford Christmas Market	SNT promotional stand at the Sleford Christmas Market. Please contact Pat Taylor on 01522 790652 if you are able to help in any way.
January 2005 SNT Work Party	Please contact the Chairman for details of how you can get involved in a practical way.

FoCM = Friends of Cogglesford Mill

SSP = Sleford Sports Partnership

### ***Sleford Navigation Trust is a member of the Sleford Sports Partnership (SSP).***

**All Sleford Navigation Trust Members are welcome to join in any of the SSP events**, which are all held at the David Williams Pavilion, Sleford Rugby Club, Ruskington Road, Sleford. Further details may be obtained from Norman on 01526 832256, or Barbara on 01529 303749

