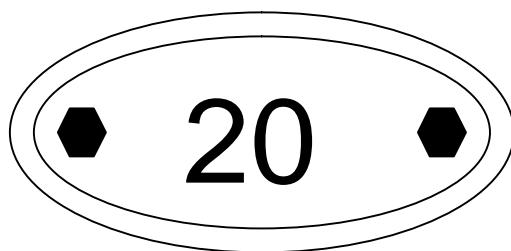
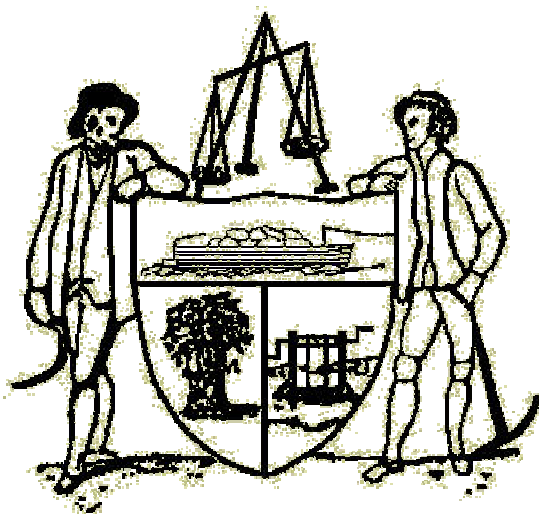


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Aims & Objectives of SNT

The Trust aims to stimulate public interest and appreciation of the history, structure and beauty of the waterway known as the Slea, 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.

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Editorial

So here we are once again then, the start of another New Year – hopefully one that will prove to be extremely fruitful for the Trust. There are a number of plans afoot to drive the restoration programme forward at an ever-increasing pace, more details of which you will find not only within this edition but also in future ones too.

I'll not spoil the articles but suffice to say that we are looking at improving access to the Slea in a number of ways as well as really propelling the Trust and its activities into the limelight. This can only benefit our cause by raising awareness of our aims and objectives and thus hopefully continually increasing the support given to us by members and non-members alike.

The Executive Committee is committed to keeping all of you informed of progress on restoration and conservation measures undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Trust – the chosen medium for doing so being this newsletter. It is through this that we hope to not only entertain you but also to keep you up to date with what is happening along the waterway. A number of you are able take an active role in supporting us through work parties (what better way to get out and get fit this year than to join us at one of our weekend parties? Plenty of fresh air, plenty of physical activity and plenty of good banter too!!) but we also rely on the valuable support offered by each and every one of you who renews their membership with us year in, year out. Thank you and please keep it up!! In fact please get out there and get your friends and relatives to join too!!!

Supporting local activities really is vital these days, with so many global businesses moving in to rural areas it is important not to lose sight of the people and places that really matter to a local economy. The mill at Cogglesford has always been part of the community in Sleaford and is currently bidding for lottery funding to improve access to its valuable history. Even the cottage next door has once again opened its doors to serve the local community, this time as the “Cogglesford Mill Restaurant”. And what a fantastic service they provide, well done to the new owners! I took my partner Christine there for a celebratory birthday meal last month and was delighted with both the service and the food – thoroughly recommended! Go on, treat yourselves!!!

Martin Noble

Chairman's Report for January 2005

Chris Hayes

First of all could I wish all readers a happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year!

Towards the end of last year Steve and I attended the Inland Waterways Association Conference for Canal Societies and Trusts which was held in Sandwell, Birmingham. The venue is the Council Chamber and incidentally it was interesting to see that the new names on the illuminated list of freemen included Frank Skinner and Julie Walters!

Please don't imagine that I was looking around the room because of a lack of interest in the proceedings! To the contrary, the day was spent in hearing of challenges. This included the financial challenges brought about by a different climate of funding towards British Waterways and the Environment Agency and the speakers included Robin Evans, Chief Executive of British Waterways and John Adams from the Environment Agency.

Another topic was the challenge posed by environmental issues where the existence of rare plant life has to be reconciled with restoration to navigation. This has been a particular area of concern on the Montgomery Canal where rare underwater plants may suffer from disturbance by motorised craft. One innovative suggested solution was the use of horses to pull boats through the particularly sensitive section of waterway.

Always one of the benefits of the conference is the opportunity to talk to representatives from other groups and share experience.

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Often a face to face encounter can open the way for receiving valuable information gleaned from another restoration project. In this way we are all able both to give and receive advice and share best practice.

Nearer to home, the Trust made the customary appearance at what was this year, unfortunately, a rather wet Christmas Market. Nevertheless Pat Taylor saw many familiar faces who came to say hello and try their hand on the Tombola.

I should like to thank those of you who responded to the request in the last newsletter to be added to the mailing list for the Lincolnshire Waterways Partnership newsletter. If you meant to do so but didn't get round to it, it isn't too late! If you contact me either by phone (01522 689460) or Email to sleaford.navigation@ntlworld.com giving me your name and address I will make sure it is put onto the circulation list so that you can receive the next and subsequent copies of the LWP newsletter.

Chris Hayes

Water4All Study Focuses on Sleaford

Sleaford, or more specifically the Sleaford catchment area, has been chosen as the focus for a study on managing nitrate pollution in groundwater. The study is part of a three-year project, Water4All, being undertaken in Denmark, the Netherlands and Germany as well as here in the UK.

Representatives from local bodies including the Civic Trust and the Inland Waterways Association were invited to a meeting late last year in Sleaford to discuss how they see land and water uses changing in the future.

Results from the study will be shared by all the countries involved with the sharing of best practice being paramount to safeguard our water for future generations.

Martin Noble

SNT Work Parties

Many of our members like to get out and about at weekends and enjoy getting stuck into a spot of manual labour under the direction of one of our gallant Work Party Organisers. For those of you who haven't been able to join us for a while (and for those of you who would like to for the first time once the New Year hang-over has receded) I have been asked to let everyone know that for 2005 the events will take place on the *second Sunday* in every month. This is a slight change from last year so please amend your calendars now!!

Details of planned work parties are always shown on the back cover of the newsletters but you are advised to check with the Organiser just prior to the event for the latest details. No specialist knowledge is required (but is always welcome if you have some!) just a dose of enthusiasm and some waterproof clothing so please do come along and do your bit.

Martin Noble

Advance Notice for 2006 Rally

Yes I know we've only just stumbled into 2005 but plans are afoot for a major rally for May 2006!!

The rally will not simply focus on boats and boating, there will also be a number of activities of interest to everyone. Centring around three main areas along the Slea – Chapel Hill, South Kyme and Sleaford – it should be easily accessible for many of us, no matter where we live. Indeed, I suspect it will be worth visiting all three sites to really soak up the atmosphere.

We will of course keep you updated with more details as they become available; suffice to say it will be a great opportunity for the Trust to promote both ourselves and the waterway that we care so much about. We look forward to seeing you there!

Martin Noble

More about Work Parties!

Due to an ever-increasing workload our Work Party Organiser, John Jackson, has been unable to devote as much time and effort to the logistics of organising effective work parties as he would have liked to have done over the past year.

Fortunately we have amongst our ranks another willing volunteer in the form of Mel Sowerby who has agreed to step in for a while to help John out. Mel, the ~~better~~ other half of the 'Wigford Sultana Slab' queen has promised to keep us all informed of activities, both planned and past (see articles elsewhere) and even managed to make it to our last committee meeting of 2004.

Personally I thought it was a bit cruel of our Secretary to suggest that his attendance was only due to the red wine and mince pies on offer but there we go!! And what mince pies they were too!! Thank you Pat for another wonderful offering, it obviously runs in the family this baking lark!!

Martin Noble

A Local Man and Boats

The written word can give us a wonderful glimpse of the past, no matter how insignificant the entries may appear at the time. Conjure up your own pictures of the following activities taking place in 18th century rural Lincolnshire:

A local writer, William Hall, was born in 1748. At his birth his father travelled by boat from South Kyme to fetch the midwife!

As a child William managed to fall into the Kyme Eau whilst reaching out to pick a flower and went underneath a passing coal lighter owned by Mr Brown of Heckington. His mother jumped into the river and pulled him out!

All of this took place on the Kyme Eau prior to the establishment of the Navigation in 1794.

Editor

Work Party News - Sunday 7th November

The main aim of this weekend was to finish off jobs from the previous work party but heavy rain on the Saturday prevented any painting of the lock gates. Mind you it has been a fantastic year for autumn colours and the lock island at this time of year is well worth the walk from Chapel Hill - even if we couldn't use those paintbrushes!

An early start at 9am ensured that by 10.30am all grass cutting and weeding of the flower beds had been completed. Just in time; the arrival of Norman Osborne and son David with the boat gave us the chance to explore the gate on the island side to see if the paddle was in the correct position. Earlier in the year while I was away boating the paddle gear came away from the paddle and had to be removed.

The lock is self-draining at the moment and it appeared the paddle may have jammed. Armed with boat hook there was no obvious gap where the paddle should be but this is a deep lock and I still could not reach the bottom of it. The gates are normally left open over the winter but some obstruction is stopping the gate from opening fully. Not the first time this has happened on the waterways system. Paddle, motorcycle or shopping trolley? Maybe none but we wait to find out!

See you soon
Mel Sowerby

Live in Lincolnshire? Interested in Conservation? Still more time to spare after working for your favourite waterway?

Then why not take a look at what the Lincoln Conservation Group is up to? Carrying out practical conservation work in and around Lincoln they also stray outside of the county some weekends. Looking after the natural history and biodiversity of the area the group of volunteers may be contacted through either Richard Davidson (01522 525725), John Tuner (01522 530512) or via their website at www.billhooks.freeserve.co.uk.

Websites Worth a Visit

This month's trip into the ether takes us to another lovely site that I happened to come across last month while searching for information on Cogglesford Mill!!

Although the site, which may be found at www.lifeontheslea.co.uk , is still under construction it looks like it should become a firm favourite for all the members out there who share an interest in both wildlife and the Slea itself. Having been set-up in 2004 by Terry Slater it is '*dedicated to the wildlife and scenery that makes up the River Slea environment.*'

It will prove to be of particular interest to those members (and to all those potential members out there on the Web) that may not live locally or are unable to access the waterway on a regular basis. Terry has set out to record many of the wonderful sights that occur along the Slea corridor but which pass some of us by for one reason or another.

As yet I have been unable to communicate with Terry at all but if anyone out there knows of him please pass on my congratulations on a wonderful site! I am guessing that he lives locally and would be interested in speaking to him myself if he cares to get in touch. Meanwhile click onto his site and enjoy a quiet few minutes floating down the river!

Martin Noble

Fancy a Swim?

During a recent visit to the 'Museum of Lincolnshire Life' Chris and I came across a rather unexpected reference to the Slea. The museum is the custodian of a collection of objects brought together by a local gentleman by the name of Hossack. Within that collection is a fascinating photograph of Ruskington School prepared for their swimming lesson. Taken in the 1930s it shows a group of about 60 schoolchildren dressed in swimming costumes on the bank of a river. Having no swimming pool in the area the school made use of the River Slea! As the caption says '*a sight which could never be seen today*' - imagine the health and safety implications, especially with just one teacher present!! I wonder if any of our members remember similar experiences, or indeed if any of them might well be in the photograph?

Martin Noble

WRG Work Party

There are plans afoot to invite the Waterway Recovery Group (WRG) to assist us with some footpath work. More details will follow as the plans firm up but please make a note in your diary for the last week in June so you can come along and lend a hand or perhaps bring along some tea and cakes for the workers!

It is the intention of the Lincolnshire Waterways Partnership to meet the needs of all users, whether we walk, ride, push buggies or wish for more disabled access. Ultimately a 'multi-user surfaced' path will really open up the waterway to many more user-groups.

It will always be the intention of the SNT and its active members to focus on all activities associated with waterways and not just boating. As you will be aware from previous newsletters I personally am very keen that as a Trust we consider everyone when we undertake restoration or preservation activities along the Slea.

Martin Noble

Shrewsbury & Newport Canals Trust form Partnership

It has recently been reported that our compatriots in Shropshire have taken the next step to realising their dream of restoring the 25 miles of canal from Newport to Shrewsbury. The Trust have joined together with six local councils, British Waterways, IWA, English Heritage and the Shropshire Union Canal Society in order to find the funding required to make the dream a reality. The partnership will also be appointing a full time project leader to oversee the programme which, it is anticipated, will bring at least £4 million into the county economy *each year* as well as creating hundreds of jobs.

Great to see that others facing the same issues as ourselves are approaching them in a similar fashion. The S&NCT will once again be holding a May Day Canal Festival at Norbury Junction this year so if you're in the area please pop along and support them.

Martin Noble

A Chance Encounter by Chris Hayes

I have already mentioned in the Chairman's Report that we attended the Canals Conference at Sandwell. As I waited in the queue for lunch I was approached by a rather slight, white haired lady who asked me where I was from and what waterway I represented. I explained about the Sleaford Navigation and was delighted to recognize my questioner as Sonia Rolt.

Many readers will instantly recognise the name but for others some explanation may be necessary. During the Second World War the government introduced a scheme to help staff the narrowboats which were so necessary to carry cargoes, particularly from London to Birmingham, after many of the men normally employed had joined the armed forces. Initially I think the concept had been that women who would otherwise have been employed in factories would take up the challenge but in reality the life appealed to quite a number of well educated women of a much higher social standing. Their accounts of life on the boats as 'Idle Women' a name given to them as a result of the initials, Inland Waterways, make fascinating reading. If you have not already met them try reading 'Maiden's Trip' by Emma Smith, 'Troubled Waters' by Margaret Cornish and 'Idle Women' by Susan Woolfitt.

Sonia Rolt was one of these 'Idle Women' and it came as somewhat of a shock to realise how comparatively slight and tiny she was in view of the hard physical work she had undertaken all those years ago. At the end of the war she had married into the boating community and as Sonia Smith lived on a working boat for a further five years. She later married Tom Rolt, one of the founders of the Inland Waterways Association and a renowned engineer and writer.

I had recently bought a book containing a collection of photographs of canal life, 'A Canal People', where the images taken by Robert Longden are introduced and commented on by Sonia Rolt. With her particular knowledge the photos are not just of 'canalfolk by the Oxford Canal', they become specific and personal, 'Mr and Mrs Sid Gibbons with Sid jnr.'. She is a link with that different life on the waterways where boating was for a living and not just for the better weather and a link too to the whole beginning of a movement for restoration. I felt very honoured to be able to tell her about the Slea.

Chris Hayes

Lincolnshire Heritage Weekend 2005

Many of our local members will be aware of this great event that has been running for a few years now, aimed at opening up the county's heritage to everyone it offers an insight into the many and varied aspects of our wonderful history.

Each year the organisers set a theme for the weekend and for 2005 they have decided on 'Transport'. What could be a more fitting subject for a waterways restoration group?! Due to take place over the weekend of 10/11 September we are, of course, planning to get involved with the activities. In fact we are hoping to hold a joint event with our friends at Cogglesford Mill, a natural combination given that the mill would have relied heavily on the Slea not just for power to turn its millstones but also to deliver raw materials and then to distribute finished products.

Anyone wishing to be involved in this event is requested to contact our Chairman in the first instance, either with ideas for activities or to offer support in any way. I'm sure that with a bit of imagination we can make it a wonderful weekend and should be looking to work with the Friends to really promote both the mill and the navigation to their best advantage.

Even if you feel you have nothing to offer in the way of ideas or practical assistance you can still contribute by making a note in your diary and coming along to support us on the day.

Martin Noble

"Friends" of Cogglesford Mill Who are they and what do they actually do?

The "Friends" of Cogglesford Mill (FoCM) are a group of like-minded individuals who share an interest in one of the most historical buildings in Sleaford. They aim to support, advise and guide the mill owners (NKDC) on all matters relating to the mill as well as to raise both funds and awareness of the mill. Simon Pawley, eminent local historian and SNT member, currently chairs the group. Should you too wish to find out more about either the Mill or the "Friends" group itself then please contact Sylvia Walker on 01529 414155.

'SNT Attracts New Members at Sleaford Library?'

It was great to see that Sleaford Sports Partnership were once again in the limelight at the entrance to the library here in Sleaford leading up to Christmas. Along with shots of rugby players and netball teams the SNT members could be seen working at Bottom Lock with the RAF divers.

Half a dozen photos showed what an adventurous bunch we all are - and hopefully it will encourage more like-minded individuals to come along and lend a hand. A number of our new leaflets were also made available adjacent to the display to help spread the word! Many thanks to the SSP and to Library staff for their efforts throughout the past year.

Martin Noble

Wanted ...a 5 Tonne Tirfor!!

I guess it's fairly safe to assume that those of you sat there scratching your heads at this point definitely haven't got one!!

Those of you in the know will be aware that all those tree stumps determined to take root in or along the waterways will finally succumb to the efforts of a well-handled tirfor, as far as tree-removal winches go there are none to surpass it (or so I am told!!).

Tirfor winches are lever operated by one person and can be used in any position to pull or lift awkward or heavy loads. As specialist pieces of equipment they are not that common and we do find ourselves struggling at times to acquire one in time for work parties. As the Trust's members restore more and more of our navigation so the need for these mechanical aids becomes more pressing.

Please have a rummage through your garage (just in case you have one lying around that you'd forgotten about?!), scour those bootsales or ask your neighbours to see if you can help us out! Anyone knowing the whereabouts of one is requested to contact Mel Sowerby on 01522 856810 - he loves having new toys to play with!

Martin Noble

Cottesmore Divers Update

The Sub Aqua Club based at RAF Cottesmore are planning another trip for February to help us investigate the problem with the other lock gate at Bottom Lock. Currently we are unable to open the gate fully due to some kind of obstruction lying between the gate assembly and the lock chamber wall.

Surely Bottom Lock is too remote for a shopping trolley to have found its way into the waterway? Some of those trollies in the Tesco's advert are very clever but surely even they are not that determined in their efforts to escape from the drudgery of supermarket life?!

Hopefully the problem will be easily remedied using the skills of our friends from the Royal Air Force. The dive team is still keen to support the Trust in future activities despite a number of their personnel moving around the county of late – and indeed rather farther afield too to somewhat more hostile environments than the Fens, welcome back H!!

Dave Pullen, our resident engineer, will be co-ordinating the activity so if you wish to get involved or simply come along to see them in action then please give him a call. You'll find his number inside the back cover.

Martin Noble

Restoration Update

The long-awaited restoration of Navigation House continues to make good progress. Walking past the site over the Christmas holiday it was plain to see just how much work has already been completed. And to see what a vast improvement they've made to such a wonderful building that had deteriorated to such a sorry state! All of the cracks in the external walls have been repaired, the chimneystacks realigned and the window frames restored. Although there was no one on hand to talk to all the signs are that the external work is well on schedule, which will just leave the internal work to be completed by Easter. I know there are a number of people desperate to get inside the finished product - me for one!!

Editor

The Waterways Museums Campaign For Government Funding

**A Plea by Roger Hanbury
Chief Executive of The Waterways Trust**

I am writing to ask you and your members to support our bid to government for new funding for the waterways museums at Gloucester Docks, Ellesmere Port and Stoke Bruerne, which are operated by The Waterways Trust.

Together the three museums hold the inland waterways collection and designated by government as nationally important. £1.1m per annum for ten years is needed urgently to conserve the collection and provide for free entry.

The waterways museums have suffered from lack of funding for many years. In recent years we have secured new sponsorship from British Waterways but more is needed, even though our costs have been reduced to an absolute minimum. Now we also face competition from nationally funded free entry museums, which has seen our visitor numbers fall by over 11% and net income reduced by nearly £100,000 pa.

We believe the waterways museums should be funded on the same basis as the national museums for rail, maritime history and mining which receive government support worth between £8 and £19 per visitor and offer free entry.

With new investment the waterways museums can realise their full potential for education and life long learning, and as centres of excellence for cultural tourism and public enjoyment. But without action these museums and the many treasures they hold could be lost.

How you can help? Write to your MP!!

The most important way you can help us is by writing your local MP (at The House of Commons London SW1A 0AA) to express concern about the current funding for the waterways museums. We know that letters will make a difference and create pressure for action by the government.

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Alternatively you can also send a fax direct to your MP from the Trust's website. The website makes this very easy!

Letters do not need to be long but should be written in your own words and refer to some of the key points made above and on the campaign flyers you may have seen around. There is more detail at www.thewaterwaystrust.org.uk.

Please send a copy of any letter sent by post to Roger Hanbury at The Waterways Trust, Llanthony Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester, GL1 2EH or roger.hanbury@thewaterwaystrust.org.uk

In addition we are running a petition which can also be signed on line at www.thewaterwaystrust.org.uk. Whilst we welcome signatures we cannot emphasize too much that a letter to your MP will have the greatest influence.

With your help we believe we can safeguard the waterways museums for present and future generations and bring to life the continuing story of the waterways that have shaped our cultural, social, economic, technological and environmental development in the UK over 300 years. Thank you for your support

Yours sincerely
Roger Hanbury
TWT Chief Executive

Snippet

The latest edition of the County News Monthly for Lincolnshire used a lovely photograph of the Sleas as its front page header. The picture, taken by Mr E G Round of Anwick was taken looking downstream at Cogglesford Mill and the adjacent lock. The snow lying all around added the final touch to a wonderfully atmospheric shot. Well done to Mr Round and thank you to the County News team for the free publicity on behalf of the Sleas!! Shots like that never fail to attract yet more visitors to the area.

More on Mills and Locks....!

Further to the previous articles within the newsletter on names of locks and their oft-accompanying mills more information has come to light about Bone Mill on the outskirts of Sleaford. As its names suggests this mill was used to crush animal bones for use as fertiliser. In 1773 it appears in records as **Dyers Mill** and there may even have been a dye-pond just down river from here (*Ed - but what would they have been dying? How and why?*)

Even more interesting is that in 1766 it was known as **Walk Mill**. This was a fulling mill where woollen cloth was cleaned and shrunk; wooden hammers beat and turned the cloth in a process originally carried out by human feet, hence the term 'walk'. (*Ed – is it safe to link this fulling process with its later intimation of dying some 7 years later?*)

As a fulling mill it may thus be the 'Teleby Mill' listed as one of the possessions of Haverholme Priory in the 16th century.

Fascinating stuff once again, thanks to Julia for providing the information and if any of you have anything else to add please do get in touch.

Martin Noble

Sleaford's Slipway

“What slipway?” I hear many of you ponder!!

Exactly there isn't one! Well not yet anyway! Although it is still at the conceptual stage, the Trust are approaching the Town Council with a view to constructing an access point for small craft. It is hoped that this will be somewhere in the area of the Hub and the adjacent pay-and-display car park although final details have yet to be ratified.

This will greatly enhance the upper stretch of the waterway, allowing easier access for canoeists and owners of small boats who wish to enjoy the peaceful nature of this wonderful part of the town. Once again we will be able to see waterborne traffic in and around the area of the Mill at Cogglesford and the (by then) recently restored Navigation House – although admittedly the boats won't quite be of the same scale as at the opening of the Navigation!!

Martin Noble

The Last Work Party of 2004 by Mel Sowerby

The weather stayed fine for the last work party of 2004 and Dave Carnell and myself set about tidying the lock area with the help of strimmers to be joined by John Jackson, Dave Turner, Dave Pullen and Norman Osborne who set about removing the tree stumps above the by-wash. A tirfor was not available but Dave T brought a very old but effective 'winch' and with a bit of oil and persuasion it did the job. Hopefully we can rely on it in the future and lay our hands on a tirfor to speed up progress.(see attached photo).

The first dog walker passed about mid morning and shortly after Dave C saw a deer swim across the river and head towards the Priory. It was nice to see a number of people out enjoying the countryside and those we spoke to were keen to see this waterway restored. Bulb planting was done around the by-wash to add to last years stock and to remind us what can be achieved over the winter months when we see the outcome in the spring.

We can now concentrate on removing tree stumps blocking the entrance upstream of the lock and this will require chainsaws to remove the long branches first. The work party on January 9th 2005 (2nd weekend of the month) will make a start on this work and equipment required will be spades ,axes, pickaxes and trench shovels together with the winch and /or tirfor; so plenty to do for those that join us after the Christmas festivities.



Removing one of the more stubborn tree stumps at Haverholme.....
Norman, Dave C and Dave T consider how difficult it must be to operate that winch!!

Photo supplied by Mel Sowerby

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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.

Sunday 9 th January SNT Work Party	Continuing the clearance work at Haverholme. Contact Mel Sowerby on 01522 856810 for further details.
Sunday 13 th February SNT Work Party	Working at either Haverholme or Cobblers Lock. Contact Mel Sowerby on 01522 856810 for further details.
Saturday 12 th March SSP	<i>Horse Racing Night</i> at Sleaford Rugby Club. See SSP box at bottom of page for more information.
Sunday 13 th March SNT Work Party	If you wish to clear your head after the SSP Horse Racing Night please come along and lend a hand!! Contact Mel Sowerby on 01522 856810 for further details.
Sunday 27 th March FoCM	Easter Sunday Event at Cogglesford Mill, why not pop along and check out the activities there? And why not pick up an application form there to join the "Friends"?!!
Sunday 10 th April SNT Work Party	Dig out those wellies and get stuck in! Contact Mel Sowerby on 01522 856810 for further details.
Saturday 16 th April SSP	<i>Quiz Night</i> at Sleaford Rugby Club. See SSP box at bottom of page for more information.
2/3 July Lincoln Water Festival	The ever-popular Lincoln Water Festival is planned for the first weekend in July. Further details to follow in local press.
13/14 August Sleaford Water Weekend	Loads of activities planned on and around the waterway in Sleaford (let's hope the water stays in the river this year and doesn't fall from the sky!) Further details to follow.
10/11 September Heritage Weekend	With a theme of 'Transport' this year SNT aim to join with FoCM for a joint venture.

FoCM = Friends of Cogglesford Mill

SSP = Sleaford Sports Partnership

Sleaford Navigation Trust is a member of the Sleaford Sports Partnership (SSP).

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

