

DOGYDKE PUMPING STATION PRESERVATION TRUST

Newsletter No. 3

OCTOBER, 1974

Dear Member,

First, please take this as formal notice of the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Of the members of the Dogdyke Pumping Stations Preservation Trust which will be held on Wednesday, 27th November 1974 in the Fortescue Arms Hotel, Tattershall, Lincoln at 7.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies and Correspondence.
2. Annual Report and Balance Sheet for year ended 31st October, 1974.
3. Chairman's remarks.
4. Resolutions if any.
5. Election of Chairman for 1975.
6. Election of Hon. Treasurer for 1975.
7. Election of Hon. Secretary for 1975.
8. Election of twelve other members of the Executive Committee for 1975.
9. Appointment of Auditor.
10. Subscriptions for 1975.
11. Any Other Business, for discussion only.

Guest Speaker, J.C. Robinson Esq., B.A. (Econ.), Assistant Keeper, Fund for the Preservation of Technological and Scientific Material, Science Museum.

The Draw for the Grand Raffle will be made during the evening.

Although the meeting is open to anyone interested in the Preservation Trust, and who are most welcome, only paid up members may speak and vote in the business part.

Since the last Newsletter a good deal of solid progress with practical restoration has been made due to the hard work and sustained efforts of some of the Working Parties, assisted from time to time by willing helpers often also with generous gifts of materials in kind,

for which members as a whole would wish to express grateful thanks. A fuller report of restoration will be given by Mr. R.H. Hill senior to be the leader of the Working Party for the Scoop Wheel, and volunteers please contact him at Horsington 254.

The Officers and Committee have continued their efforts unremittingly to try and conclude the matter of the lease, upon which appears to depend registration as a Charitable Trust, upon which depends eligibility to apply for Grant-Aid from DOE and the Science Museum. We have been waiting since March for written confirmation from MOD of verbal assurance. (25th September this has just come and should now enable us to complete the formalities for a Twenty-One Year Lease).

DOE Architect and Inspector of Ancient Monuments visited the site in May, and as a result gave approval for certain non Grant-Aid work of repair to be carried out, and also invited a detailed Schedule of Repairs to the building with the estimate to be submitted for consideration in advance of other formalities.

Open Days have produced a steady trickle of interested visitors from far afield; far too few members volunteering their services as stewards. On average, about £4 odd in gross takings.

The Trust could do with a suitable visitors book and minute book in which to record the minutes of the Annual General Meetings.

Additional Items now on sale include:-

Picture Postcard 5½" x 3½" of the only known photograph taken of the Engine during its working life (c. 1938) at 5p each.

9½" x 7¾" prints of Boiler, Engine, Scoop Wheel and Station, choice of ten, taken this year by Nicholas Hawley, Archaeological and Technical Photographer, now available at 50p each, cash with order. They may be seen on display at Open Days, or by arrangement with the Hon. Sec.

6" x 5" reduced-size of the "Blueprint" drawing (see Newsletter No. 2) on stiff card at 50p (with acknowledgement to Dr. M.J.T. Lewis and the Industrial Archaeology Group)

From Sinclair's Mill, Dogdyke, Foxline Cruisers (Mr. & Mrs. Kris Lawson and Family) as well as craft hire for all purposes are running boat trips along the River Witham and will call or pick up at the Pumping Station by request to Coningsby 42124. Discussions are being held with IWWA about the possibility of making a landing stage.

Local attractions include the Lincolnshire Aviation Museum at the Old Station Yard, Tattershall, just opposite the Picnic Place on A153: open Sundays, and well worth a visit at 15p, Children 10p.

The Committee would be glad to hear from any member able to make a descriptive sectional drawing of the Pumping Station to show the various working parts.

A prize of £2.00 is offered for the best simple motif or symbol for use by the Trust on its literature. Entries to Hon. Sec. (by the Annual General Meeting).

For the information of members who may need to contact stewards on Open Days, when the cottage is in use, the telephone number is Coningsby 42495.

To help solve a puzzle:-

Visitors may have observed that the wall behind the flywheel is clad with flat metal sheets, which on closer inspection appear to be galvanised. Would anyone know whether these could technically, date from 1855? Information would be most welcome.

It must surely be almost unique in the annals of Industrial Archaeology for a building to be scheduled as an Ancient Monument before it has had time to become recorded upon the latest available O.S. Maps, but this is the case!
How about another Guinness?

Some members having recently visited Stretham Old Engine (1831) which is splendidly preserved. (I for one came home ashamed) we know we need to redouble our efforts.

FILM SHOW arranged by the society for the Lincolnshire History & Archaeology on Friday evening, 8th November, 1974 at the Technical College, off Monks Road, Lincoln, includes movie/sound of

"THE CORNISH ENGINE"

CONSTRUCTION OF THE SEVERN TUNNEL, and the pumping Engines.

RE-BUILDING OF ROBERT STEPHENSON'S BRITANNIA TUBULAR
BRIDGE (over the Menai Strait)

Finally, to recap, members will note that, through the good offices, not to say charming persuasion or Mrs. Catherine Wilson, the Annual General Meeting speaker is to be Mr. John Robinson of the Science Museum, so come early to get a good seat.

Yours Sincerely

J.G. PORTER
HON. SEC. pro tem.