

DOGYDKE PUMPING STATION PRESERVATION TRUST

Newsletter No. 4

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Dear Member,

For economy reasons, your Executive Committee has decided to limit Newsletters to two per annum.

S A N D means subscriptions are now due, and will all members who have not yet renewed, please send money to the Membership Secretary, Mr. H.N. Hawley, Boston, Lincolnshire. Ordinary £1.00, Family - £1.50, Junior – 50p.

The Trust is very grateful to the organisers and all who supported the Grand Raffle, which raised £92.93 gross.

The competition announced in the last Newsletter for the design of a symbol was won by Master Adrian Parker aged 12 to whom the Committee awarded the prize of £2.00.

Following official inspection of the horizontal boiler, the report declared it to be beyond repair, and with the kind help of the Inspector and Mr. Van Smirren, your Committee has acquired a modern vertical boiler which is to be placed in the space created by shortening the horizontal boiler, which itself will remain preserved and restored, displaying the front view and all pipework as original. Through the generosity of Messrs. Harness, Means, Windley and Skinns, parts of the old boiler will be removed, space prepared and the vertical boiler transported and placed in position.

Work proceeds space on reconditioning the Engine and Scoop Wheel and Messrs. Cheffins, Benton, Hill, Quincey and Day have succeeded in turning the Flywheel and Scoop Wheel by hand, and happily find the piston free in the cylinder. At the time of writing, the difficult and awkward task of truing-up the main cross shaft is testing ingenuity and improvisation.

A professionally prepared Schedule of Repairs to the building has been submitted to the Ancient Monuments Branch of the Department of the Environment which has given approval of the total sum of £2200.00 and offered Grant of £1100.00 later raised to 75% of actual cost or £1650.00 whichever is the lower. To meet the balance, the County Council has offered £220.00 and the District Council £267.00. If the Committee can obtain a Quotation within the estimate, work should be able to proceed.

The Trust welcomes visits from aged, infirm, or handicapped and on Open Days, the Stewards will only be too pleased to give any assistance to visitors.

Members generally, will perform a very useful service for the Trust by interesting their friends and acquaintances and recruiting new members wherever possible.

Open Days for 1975 will be held on the First Sunday in each month May to October inclusive, from 1.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

The Trust is very grateful for some useful publicity given by "Steaming" - the Journal of the National Traction Engine Club, Lincolnshire Life, The Steam Organ Year Book, Model Engineer, and Local Newspapers.

At the Annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee was re-elected for a further year with the exceptions of Mr. Ward, Mr. Smith and Mr. Strange, who did not wish to be considered. New members to the Executive Committee who were elected are Mrs. K. Taylor and Mr. R.J.W. Day. The Chairman, Hon. Treasurer, and the Hon. Secretary were reappointed. The Executive Committee re-elected Mr A.B. Stone as Vice-Chairman, and co-opted Mr. A.N. Means to the committee.

Due to the retirement from office of Messrs. Smith and Ward, Mrs. Catherine Wilson is now in charge of Public Relations, and Mr. Alan Stone has taken on Open Days.

Your Committee has appointed Mr. Arthur N. Means as local Deputy Leader of Site and Building Working Party and will all volunteers for those jobs please contact him at Coningsby XXXXX.

As the season advances, there is much more work to be done. Volunteers for practical work would be most welcome. Anyone wishing to help in any way, please contact one of the Working Party Leaders or the Hon. Secretary.

The Committee wish to acknowledge the following gifts:-

One (LNER ?) Clinker Bar from Mr. Richard Carr.
Illustrated Book on Land Drainage Pumping Stations and
Photograph of wind powered scoop wheel from Mr. B.V. Clover.
Photographs, parts and tools etc. from Mr. E. Clipson.
Quantity of Chairs from Mr. John Goose.
Youthful energy and skills from the Chairman's grandson,
Patrick.
Ornamental Gutter Brackets from Mr. David Skinns.

Members Crow, Means and Owen have done good work voluntarily
fixing Cast Iron Guttering.

WANTED TO SCROUNGE

Visitors Book – Second-Hand or part used acceptable.
Annual General Meeting Minute Book.
Large Flag for Open Days.
Photograph Album – Second-Hand or part used acceptable.

LIST OF MEMBERS

It is felt that members might appreciate the following list of Members (at time of writing) for information. Where family membership only one name is shown.

Alford – Mr. E. Riggall.
 Bardney – Mr. J. Quincey, Mr. P. Quincey.
 Barnsley – Mr. P. Mann
 Basingstoke – Mr. B.T. Hunt.
 Billingham – Mr. J.J. Bailey, Mr. W.S. Ravell.
 Boston – Mr. W. Burnet, Mr. R.J.W. Day, Mr. J. Finn, Mr. A.J. Kyte,
 Mr. A.C. Smith, Mr. W.R. Wharff, Mr. N.R. Wright.
 Brigg – Mr. F. Strange.
 Bucknall – Mr. G. Crow.
 Chapel Hill – Mr. F. Featherstone, Mr. G.J. Means, Mr. H. Rear,
 Mr. D.H. Richardson, Mr. D. Smallwood.
 Glasgow – Dr. P. Swinbank.
 Gloucester – Mr. G.L. Reynolds.
 Grimsby – Mr. S.A. Wood.
 Horncastle – Mr. G.A.J. Burton, Mr. B.V. Clover, Mr. R.N. Loynes,
 Mr. W.H. Medlock, Mr. U.G. Spratt.
 Horsington – R.H. Hill (Snr).
 Leicester – Mr. J. Hancock.
 Lincoln – Mr. F.T. Baker, Dr. R.J. Bassett, Mr. R.J. Betteridge,
 Cannon P.B.G. Binnall, Mr. E. Clipson, Mr. G. Green,
 Mrs. M. Ambrose, Mr. R.E. Hooley, Mr. D.D. Macklin,
 Miss F.A.R. Murray, Mrs. C.M. Wilson, Mr. C. Antony Parker,
 Mr. C.J. Page, Mr. W. Rigby, Mr. G.B. Wadsley.
 Little Steeping – Mr. A.B. Stone.
 London – Lady Tudor-Evans, Mr. A.E. Robinson.
 Long Sutton – Mr. J. Parkinson.
 Louth – Mr. J.R. Burdett, Mr. R.G. Macdonald.
 Metherringham – Mr. L. Brackenbury, Mr. A.F. Wright.
 Newark – Mr. H. Challand.
 New Bolingbroke – Mr. J.H. Rundle.
 New Leake – Mr. H.R. Caswell.
 Nottingham – Mr. D.E. Green, Mr. A.J. Richardson, Mr. T.W. Waterhouse.
 Sheffield – Mr. G. Bouchier.
 Skegness – Mr. H. Benton, Mr. F.E. Cheffins.
 Sleaford – Mrs. K. Taylor, Mr. P. Windsor-Smith.
 Spalding – Mr. C.H. Banks, Mr. G. Clifton.
 Spilsby – Mr. H. Cadman, Mr. H.E. Chapman, Mr. R.F. Osborn.
 Tattershall and Tattershall Thorpe – Mr. B. Eyre, Mr. J. Goose,
 Mr. J.R. Goose, Mr. R. Harness, Mr. A.N. Means,
 Mr. H. Owen, Mr. J.G. Porter, Mr. D.A. Skinns,
 Tattershall Parish Council, Mr. G.H. Taylor, Mr. R. Ward.
 Thumby – Mr. B. Edwards, Mr. D.J. Edwards, Mr. H.N. Hawley,
 Mr. M. Hodgson, Mr. G.E. Taylor.
 Washingborough – Mr. B.P. Brighton, Mr. C.J. Lester.
 Wellingore Heath – MR. A.W. Troop.
 Wisbech – Mr. N.G. Pettefar, Miss P.I. Pettefar.
 Woodhall Spa – Mr. S.E. Brown, Mr. P.J. Topliss.

Yours sincerely,

EDITOR