

DOGYDKE PUMPING STATION PRESERVATION TRUST

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Chairman: Mr. G.A.J. Burton
Vice-Chairman: Mr. A.B. Stone
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. J.R. Goose
Hon. Secretary: Mr. J.G. Porter

Dear Member,

It is open to doubt whether the Newsletter in its present form, with a dearth of contributors, is worth the time, trouble and considerable expense involved to produce for circulating to the couple of paid-up members, plus about 70 others.

However, Chairman's instructions are to go on doing it. Likewise, we live in hope that those members of the committee who have so far contributed little more than lip service, will, like some of the dedicated, make time to put in a bit of practical help. Two and a half years have gone by and how near are we, really, to steaming?

OPEN DAYS 1976: Easter Sunday, 18th April and
First Sunday of every month May to October.

13.30 - 17.30

The Membership Secretary asks for the inclusion of the following:-

Dear Member,

The Dogdyke Trust is now in its third year of life and a great deal has been done by its Committee and members. The Committee would have been unable to achieve anything without the splendid support of nearly a hundred members. We can now look forward to seeing the engine in steam, but this is no time for relaxation. Please give us your continued support by renewing your subscription NOW, or if you have already done so, try to enrol a friend to give us a three-figure membership.

Subscriptions (£1 Ordinary; £1.50 Family) should be sent directly to the Membership Secretary:-

H.N. Hawley,
LINCOLN.

So much for poetic prophecy

Soon shall thy arm, unconquered steam! Afar
Drag the slow barge, or drive the rapid car;
Or on wide-waving wings expanded bear
The flying chariot through the field of air.

Erasmus Darwin 1731-1802.

At the Annual General Meeting Messrs. A.N. Means and H. Benton were added to the Committee from which Mr. E. Riggall resigned.

Plaque on the Hundred Foot Engine, 1830

These FENS have oft times been by WATER drown'd
Science a remedy in WATER found
the power of STEAM she said shall be employ'd
And the DESTROYER by ITSELF destroy'd.

Wanted Volunteers to:

Make sectional drawings of Pumping Station, for reproduction and sale.

Make plan in colours of original circulation of water and steam etc. and return to horizontal boiler, for reproduction and sale.

Do some heavy digging, to excavate scoop-wheel race-way and pointing doors.

Do some painting.

Be caretaker for the inside of the Museum Cottage.

"The principal parts of the eye are the pupil, the mote and the beam".

Scrounge List:

Lifebelts, one for the drain (freshwater), two for the R. Witham (Slightly salty).

Repts.

Good quality steam coal.

Several old firebars approximately 2 ft. 1¼ ins.

Outside seats.

Photograph Album – second hand or part used acceptable.

Large flag for Open Days.

"The Union Jack is flown correctly when it is flying in the direction of the wind".

Grateful thanks to:-

Mr. J. Goose for table, chairs and a small flag.

E.C. Brewitt & Son for glass and cutting of.

Canon P.B.G. Binnall for the original watercolour of
Dogdyke by W.B. Thomas.

Mr. J. Quincey for the "three wheel" draw-leaf table and
pressure gauge

Mr A.N. Means for asbestos sheets for outside doors, iron
hasp etc. for vertical boiler house doors

Mr J.R. Goose for asbestos sheets for the inside of above
doors.

Mrs. Carol Goose of 'Trinkets and Treasure' for a
bentwood chair.

Messrs. Means & Sons for loan of Bonser forklift and
bucket, complete with driver.

Lady Tudor Evans for cash donation.

Mr. A. Spielvogel for cash donation.

Mr. G. Bouchier for cash donation.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Taylor for again organising a grand raffle
and all who support it, and which raised £49.65

The Heritage Panel and the Lincolnshire Steam Society
for Grants.

Plaque on the Burnt Fen Engine, 1842

In fitness for the urgent hour,
Unlimited, untiring power,
Precision, promptitude, command
The infant's will the giant's hand;
Steam, might Steam ascend the throne,
And reigns lord paramount alone.

Also grateful thanks to:-

Chairman Mr. G.A.J. Burton, Messrs. H. Benton, F.E. Cheffins,
R.J.W. Day, R.H. Hill, A.N. Means, G. Crow, J.J. Bailey,
J. Quincey and C. Antony Parker for work done.

"Water may be made hard by freezing it, and the hardness removed by boiling it".

Questions to members at large:-

What are the feelings about terms of office being limited to say, three years?

Is November the best time for the Annual General Meeting?

Would members prefer Spring, Summer or Autumn? Maybe combined with some other event? If so, bring it up at the next Annual General Meeting, scheduled for 12th/19th November.

"We trained hard..... but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form up into teams, we would be reorganised. I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by reorganising; and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency and demoralisation".

Petronius Arbiter 210 BC

Work has been commenced on the scheme for building repairs and D. of E. Grant received in advance. Much remains to be done before completion, and it is possible that viewing on Open Days may be affected by work in progress, scaffolding and equipment. Visitors are again warned that they and the public visit the Pumping Station at their own risk.

GDR exhaust pipe: Das Spitenpoppenbangentuben.

The lease from the Drainage Board has been amended a few times by the Solicitors, and the final draft is to be examined at a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee, together with the draft Trust Constitution.

Definitions:

Hysteric: A person who has discovered the secret of perpetual emotion.

Yours sincerely,

EDITOR