

DOGYDKE PUMPING STATION PRESERVATION TRUST

Newsletter No. 11

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Dear Member,

First, please take this as formal notice of the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the members of the Dogdyke Pumping Station Preservation Trust, which will be held on Friday 27th October 1978 in the Fortescue Arms Hotel, Tattershall, Lincoln at 7.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. To read, confirm and sign the Minutes of the last A.G.M.
2. Apologies and correspondence.
3. Statement of Accounts for the year.
4. Chairman's remarks.
5. Resolutions, if any.
6. Election of Chairman for 1979.
7. Election of Hon. Treasurer for 1979.
8. Election of Hon. Secretary for 1979.
9. Election of 12 other members of the Executive Committee for 1979.
10. Appointment of Auditor.
11. Subscriptions for 1979.
12. Any other business, for discussion only.

Hon. Secretary

Mr. R.E. Hooley will present the new film of Dogdyke made by Mr. Ray Fixter, and will be supported by Mr. J. Rundle with some of his films slides etc.

Visitors are welcome, and the meeting is open to anyone interested in the Preservation Trust. The Draw for the Grand Raffle will be made during the evening.

Anyone wishing to book meals and/or accommodation may care to get in touch with Mr. and Mrs. Alderson of the Fortescue Arms Hotel, Tel. Coningsby 42364.

Thanks and Acknowledgements to:

J. Finn	Donation
K. & J.R. Goose	Chairs
L. Brackenbury	Donation
K. & R. Ballinger Editor	Translations “News and Views” – publicity
E. Clipson	Dogdyke Diesel Blueprint
Peta & Mo Hope and D.N. Robinson	Article and publicity in Lincolnshire Life
Museum of Lincolnshire Life	Exhibitions of Ruston Proctor and Foster Threshing Drum
A.N. Means and Chairman	Repair to roof of shed and providing materials. Providing good cartoon material.
Dover Disney B.A.	Dutch Translation
Signor Francesco Mario Ramagusta-Conejero (Frank Conejero)	Italian and Spanish Translations
Peta Hope	Gatekeeper’s hut, delivered and erected
Peregrine Fellowes Lord of the Manor	Irish Gaelic Translation
Duke of Edinburgh Award helpers	General work on site
R. Carr	Genuine period oil can etc.
K. Ballinger	Two cartoons

Scrounging for:

Small piston power-drive water pump – Lister manufacture or similar.
Life raft.
20 foot gang planks.
Long length(s) of half-twist chain for proper display of old damper controls.
Trestle tables.
Fire buckets/pumps?
Stretcher and blankets.

We welcome the following new members:

Ron Bark

F.D. Belton

P. Boulton

Rustic Garden Furniture maker

W.L. Chaplin

D.A.C. Court

Miss M. Jenkinson

M.D. Longdon

C.J. & Mrs. R.M. Rickard

M.H. Temple

Great Steeping

West Torrington

Tattershall Bridge

West Ashby

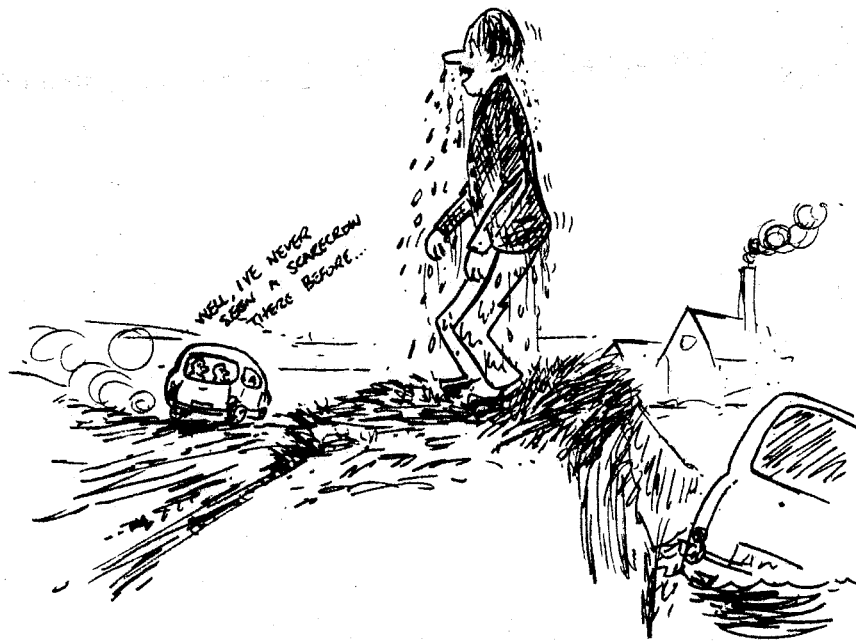
East Keal

Great Hale

Lincoln

Coningsby

Coningsby



Nil Desperandum

Newsletter No. 8 (Spring 1977) asked if any members would be interested in forming a Windmill Group to study reconstruction of the original 1796 “engine” on this site.

To date we have the grand total of two members, plus a fund with the credit balance of £1.00. Never mind; greater challenges have been faced – and won.

Straight Talk

One of the privileges members enjoy is free admission to Open Days: privileges go with responsibilities. Each of the seven Open Days – Steaming – requires a certain amount of organisation, a fair amount of preparation, and practical help from workers and stewards on the Day. Apart from engineers, stokers, gateman, reception, refreshments, museum display and sales counter, which jobs fall to the faithful regulars, there are jobs for about six stewards to watch safety, guide parties, help car park, assist reception, museum sales and refreshments. Six volunteers for seven afternoons a season equals forty-two, i.e. less than half the uncommitted membership able to help. So, fairly shared, a member need only give an afternoon once every two years. May we have a few more volunteers please.

For those who cannot manage Sundays, there are plenty of jobs during the week making ready for Open Day. Contact Chairman or Hon. Secretary.

Some Other Preservation Societies: Beam Engines in Steam

Crofton
Papplewick
Leicester
Westonzoyland
Beamish
Kew
Ironbridge
Broomy Hill, Hereford

Special Jobs and Projects for which Volunteers would be most Welcome:

Grass mowing with electric lawn mower in season 1979.

Repairing and painting signs.

Panoramic viewing board/map in permanent material.

Complete the brick pats.

Painting of scoop wheel.

Whitewash/emulsion inside S.W. house.

Gas tar walls where done.

Cottage decoration.

Repair slate roof of cottage.

Letter from Hon. Treasurer

Dear John,

A few words from me might be helpful to all concerned with regard my position as Honorary Treasurer to the Trust. As you know privately, and from my informing the Chairman and members of the Executive Committee at our recent meeting, it is not my intention to seek re-election as Treasurer at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Let me say right away I have very much enjoyed the work and found it very interesting. We have almost completed year V with more or less the same team, and what a team to work with! Whilst it is not possible to mention everyone, what about our Chairman, always “beavering” away. Only a few of us know what the vast amount of work he has done, both on and off the site, and still does, so generous in his praise and profuse thanks to others for all their efforts.

While I do not wish to embarrass you Mr. Secretary, I must publicly thank you for your instant co-operation at all times and help given in matters of the Trust, as well as doing your own job so competently. Over the past five years in particular we seem to have established a kind of affinity in matters relating to Dogdyke. Let us hope we shall continue this as I continue working for the same objects in the future, in various other ways as I am able.

I must say here that I enjoyed my term of office and found the work very satisfying. In order to be consistent with my often stated policy of “rotation of office”, I have had a good innings, now seems to be the time to bow out. A fresh mind could well be brought in to the advantage of all concerned.

Finally I do sincerely wish my successor, whoever he or she may be, will derive as much satisfaction from the Treasurership as I have over the past five years.

Ray
(J.R. Goose)
(Hon. Treasurer)

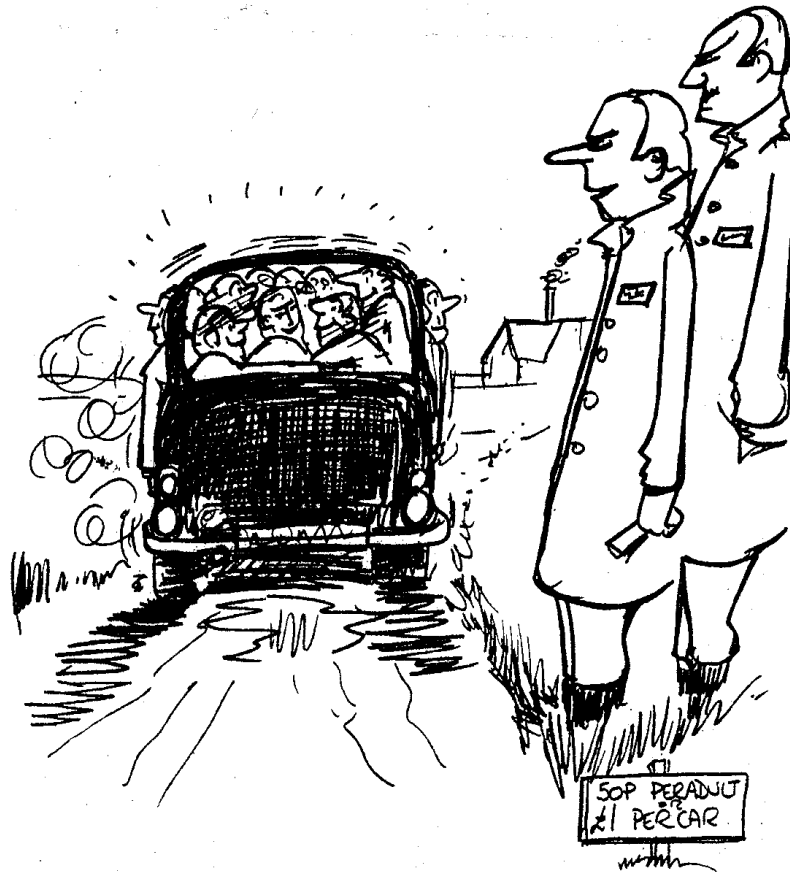
Letters to the Editor

Did anyone notice a letter in a National Daily Newspaper recently from a visitor to Stonehenge, Britain’s oldest Ancient Monument, that whilst there he was unable to purchase a picture postcard, and on enquiry of Dept. of Environment who run the place, that there are no translations of the leaflet available.

One of Britain’s younger Ancient Monuments, DOGDYKE, always has photo postcards, etc. on sale and can, on request, supply translations in at least six languages, free. Dogdyke is run by a free enterprise voluntary Trust workers.

“Rugged Individuals”

THATS THE FIFTH CAR THATS GONE THROUGH
WITH TWENTYFIVE PASSENGERS..... I THINK
WE SHOULD HAVE A WORD WITH JOHN PORTER...



Dear Mr. Editor,

Plus ça change, plus c'est le même chose

Have you ever observed closely those preservationists intimately involved with their own projects, meeting a similar species for the first time? They circle warily at first, very much on guard, working out whether the other is qualified, sufficiently initiated, or bears gifts and trophies worthy of consideration. The preliminaries are most important and highlight significant. This is a ritual of mutual appreciation which may be seen often in the wild and has been widely reported in tribal ceremonies. The stage of "Have you seen our Engine?" is soon followed by the display of a leaflet, with vague mutterings about the proverbial inefficiency of P.R.Os., and then, for further ice-breaking, the formal exchange of descriptive literature. Barriers becoming rapidly broken down, with the necessary rapport established the intertribal ritual develops and gathers intensity. Taking

the place of say, one bag of salt for a couple of goats, a picture postcard and poster are solemnly offered, with gesture and slight dance, in exchange for a glossy illustrated brochure. Hearty jokes and slanderous comments follow about one's stupid committee, slave-driving Chairman, shortcomings of the Secretary, the tight-fistedness of the Treasurer, the prima donna tendencies attaching to Head Boilermen and Chief Engineers; and members of the tribe who expect the equivalent of two first-class returns on Concorde, with free copies of Hansard, and l.v.s. thrown in, all for thirty bob paid two years late after half a dozen reminders. This symbolic lettering of blood, running together as two kindred suffering spirits, finally joins the parties in eternal bonds and inseparable friendship even into the happy hunting grounds up there beyond the steam and smoke. Full comradeship is now secured, and each would trust the other with the loan of favourite spanner or head spouse. Trading proceeds apace, "I'll swap you five of our pencils (=beads) for two plastic badges (=shark's teeth), a blueprint (lap-lap) and life membership of your broken-down outfit which won't last till Christmas (=dual tribeship)". Finally they depart bowing, scarping, with signals and salaams. Exeunt.

Yours etc.

Student of Human Nature.

Dear Editors,

In one of your newspaper advertisements, one of the added attractions was described as "Ruston-Proctor steam engine driving Foster Flashing Box". Please let me know when this will on show again and if the weather is fine I will bring my Pornograph, or if at night I will have my luminous gnomon.

"Band Cutter"

Outing to Kew Bridge Engines

This has been arranged for Sunday, 15th October, starting from Coningsby.

Applications to: Mrs. Peta Hope,
Providence Place,
Coningsby.

Closing date 7th October.

NEWSFLASH

CORONATION HALL WAINFLEET

Saturday, 4th November, 1978

Old Time Steaming Slide Show

By Author

Ronald H. Clark, A.M.I. Mech.E.

And

Mr. E. Clipson of Lincoln

ALSO

Entertainment by

Wainfleet Theatre Club

Grand Raffle and Bar

Tickets £1.25 each including Buffet Supper

Hon. Editors

Dear Member,

Your subscription is paid to the end of 1977. Arrears, therefore, amount to £1-50

Renewal of subscription for 1979 will be accepted at present rates until the AGM (which may vary them).

To save us all work and correspondence, would you like to let us have your remittance of £3-00 please.