

DOGYDKE PUMPING STATION PRESERVATION TRUST

Newsletter No. 7

September, 1976

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, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 1976 in the Fortescue Arms Hotel, Tattershall, Lincoln at 7.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. To read, confirm and sign the Minutes of last A.G.M.
2. Apologies and Correspondence.
3. Statement of Accounts for year ended 20<sup>th</sup> October, 1976.
4. Chairman's remarks.
5. Resolutions, if any.
6. Draft Constitution.
7. Election of Chairman for 1977.
8. Election of Hon. Treasurer for 1977.
9. Election of Hon. Secretary for 1977.
10. Election of 12 other members of the Executive Committee for 1977.
11. Appointment of Auditor.
12. Subscriptions for 1977.
13. Any other business, for discussion only.

Hon. Sec.

Guest Speaker, Mr. W.D. Miles, M.B.E., M.S.E., of the Welland and Deepings Internal Drainage Board on "History of Fen Drainage".

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 the with Fortescue Arms Hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Scarborough, Coningsby 42364, or the Lodge Café, Mr and Mrs. Ward, Coningsby 42510.

Committee Meeting Attendances: (out of three Executive Meetings)

Mr. H. Benton (3); Mr. G.A.J. Burton (3); Mr. F.E. Cheffins (3);  
Mr. R.J.W. Day (1); Mr. J.R. Goose (2); Mr. H.N. Hawley (2);  
Mr. R.H. Hill (3); Mr. R.E. Hooley (2); Mr. R.G. Macdonald (0);  
Mr. A.N. Means (3); Mr. C. Antony Parker (3); Mr. J.G. Porter (3);  
Mr. J. Quincey (2); Mr. A.B. Stone (1); Mrs. K. Taylor (0);  
Mrs C.M. Wilson (3).

Stewards (Open Days): (out of seven) (part visits excluded)

Mr. G.A.J. Burton (6); Mrs. Burton (5); Mr. P. Vallance and  
Miss. F. Vallance (2 & 1). Mr. R.H. Hill (6); Mr A.N. Means (6);  
Mr R.E. Hooley (1); Mr J.G. Porter (2); Mr. W.R. Wharff (4);  
Mrs. C.M. Wilson (1); Mrs. Cheffins (5); Mr. A.B. Stone (2);  
Mr. L. Brackenbury (1); Bouchier Family (5); Mr. H. Owen (2);  
Mr H.N. Hawley (1); Mr. & Mrs. Taylor (1).

This list does not include members for Working Parties.

The Editor makes no apology for publishing facts and printing the truth.

Correspondence Column: Entries welcomed.

Progress Report:

Building Repair Scheme – completion date 12<sup>th</sup> February, 1976 – still drags on. Undoubtedly has interfered with and held up work on the machinery restoration and taken up much time of the Committee and Officers of the Trust. However, once done it will be out of the way and, if satisfactory, the building should last for years without further attention.

The Scoop Wheel timber repairs have been completed: Come on you other working parties. The boiler work should receive a good boost as Mr. R.G. Macdonald has undertaken to do all the pipework connections etc. and said he would bring his caravan for a week.

For work outside the scope of the Building Repair Scheme, and beyond the responsibilities of the working parties, there has always been a lack of sufficient volunteers and so the Committee is on the list for workers under a Community Service Order, and has made formal application to the Manpower Services Commission under the Job Creation Scheme.

The growing number of Party Visits in addition to Open Days has included Y.F.C.; Holiday Fellowship; Heckington Village Trust; and Coningsby and Tattershall Local History Society, and we have had visitors this year from Australia, Canada and the U.S.A.

Credit is to be given to Mrs. Catherine Wilson for the production and publishing of a most excellent descriptive leaflet, which is proving a great success.

Dogdyke Pumping Station Preservation Trust appreciate the kindness and consideration of the Press generally in giving the Trust publicity from time to time.

General Acknowledgement:

Grateful thanks to:

Mr. J.H. Rundle for fire bars to complete  
horizontal boiler for display.

George and Tom Crow for Timber, expertise,  
work on windows, glazing and  
for materials for boiler.

Ed. Taylor and Steve for specially difficult  
work on vertical boiler.

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Head for instant stewarding.

Mrs. Cheffins for volunteering to organise  
all catering.

Mr. D.A. Skinns for providing & fabricating  
all those particularly special  
one-off parts.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Bouchier & Family for help  
of all kinds, especially  
technical information on water  
quality.

Mr. Slim Edwards for decorating the ceiling etc.  
and on Grand National afternoon.

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Means for cleaning up,  
wallpapering & painting the  
Cottage Museum to make it  
presentable for first Open Day.

Mr. Philip Boulton for rustic outside bench seat.

Mr. Arthur C. Smith for volunteering to provide  
pointed knobs for the guard rail.

Mr. Philip Boulton again for three rustic chairs,  
much appreciated by visitors  
ready for a rest.

Mr. Rowland H. Hill and his assistant Mr. Derek  
Cross for completion of work re-timbering the  
Scoop Wheel.

Also grateful thanks to all those willing horses who are quietly beavering away all the time.

Having suffered a loss by theft of antique mineral water bottles, the electric kettles and an electric fire, all being items previously donated to the Trust, please note first item on the following Scrounge List.

#### Scrounge List

1. Window bars of the following lengths: 1' 9"; 2' 6"; 3' 4" and 5' 5".
2. Replacements for above losses.
3. Museum exhibits appropriate to land drainage always welcomed, e.g. old tools.
4. Lifebelts, one for the drain (freshwater); two for the R. Witham (slightly salty).
5. Good quality steam coal for boiler.
6. Photograph Album – second hand or part used acceptable.
7. Hopefully, a new visitors book for 1977.

#### Publications and Items on Sale:

Picture Postcards 5½" x 3½" of the Engine (c. 1938) 10p each.

20" x 27" 'blueprint' side elevation of beam engine. 50p per copy.

Colour Print 6½ x 4½" of painting by W.B. Thomas. £2.00.

Prints of Boiler, Engine, Scoop Wheel and Station, choice of ten.  
50p each. Also small size blueprint at 50p.

Frank D. Woodall - "Steam Engines and Waterwheels". £3.50.

(Limited number available only until Mid November, while stocks last).

The Pumping Station is now mentioned in entries in a variety of publications and guides so it may be as well to reiterate the position about:

### Open and Closed:

Apart from the advertised Open Days (Easter Sunday and first Sunday in the month, May to October, 1.30 – 5.30) and party and special visits by prior arrangement, the pumping station is closed except to working parties. The private farm road is closed to the public at all times except on Open Days.

### Other Local Attractions

Half a mile away on the A153, the picnic site – on the opposite side of the road to the Lincolnshire Aviation Museum (open Sundays and Bank Holidays in season).

National Trust – Tattershall Castle. 1m.

Boat trips on the river from Dogdyke (Coningsby side) – access past RAF Coningsby, where Battle of Britain Flight may sometimes be seen on the ground near Dogdyke Road, or in flight.

Foxline Cruisers, tel. Coningsby 42124.

Touring caravan site at Chapel Hill (Orchard Caravans), with fishing and mooring.

### Other Beam Engines:

With Scoop Wheels may be found at Pinchbeck and Stretham.

Others at Crofton, Kew, Wollaton, Loughborough, Papplewick, Leicester and the Birmingham Museum of Science and Industry.

Abbreviated List of Members (at time of writing) for year ending 30<sup>th</sup> October, 1976.

	<u>PAID UP</u>	<u>UNPAID</u>	<u>LAPSED</u>
Alford		E. Riggall	
Ancaster	A.W. Troop		
Bardney	J. Quincey P. Quincey		
Barnsley			P. Mann
Basingstoke	B.T. Hunt		
Billinghay		J.J. Bailey W.S. Ravell	

	<u>PAID UP</u>	<u>UNPAID</u>	<u>LAPSED</u>
Boston	A.C. Smith W.R. Wharff R.A. Jacques J. Finn	R.J.W. Day	A.J. Kyte W. Burnet
Brigg		F. Strange	
Bucknall	G.T. Crow	R. Scott	
Burton on Trent		W. Walker	
Chapel Hill	F. Featherstone G.J. Means D.H. Richardson	H. Rear D. Smallwood	
Gainsborough		P.B.G. Binnall	
Gloucester	G.L. Reynolds		
Grimsby		S.A. Wood	
Heckington	Mr. & Mrs. Glover		
Horncastle	G.A.J. Burton J. Morton	B.V. Clover R.N. Loynes W.H. Medlock U.G. Spratt	
Horsington	R.H. Hill (Snr)		
Leicester		J. Hancock	
Lincoln	Mrs. M Ambrose R.J. Betteridge E. Clipson C. Antony Parker C.J. Page H.N. Hawley C. Ellam R.S. Ellam	F.T. Baker R.E. Hooley W. Rigby Mrs. C.M. Wilson N.R. Wright	R.J. Bassett G. Green D.D Macklin G.B Wadsley
Little Steeping	A.B Stone		
London	Lady Tudor-Evans A.E. Robinson		
Long Sutton	J. Parkinson		

	<u>PAID UP</u>	<u>UNPAID</u>	<u>LAPSED</u>
Louth	R.G. Macdonald A. Speilvogel	J.R. Burdett	
Mablethorpe	J.H. Bell R.W. Dales		
Metheringham	L. Brackenbury		
Newark	H. Challand D.F Rolt		
New Bollingbroke	J.H. Rundle		
New Leake		H.R. Caswell	
New York	Hy. Leggate		
Newfound'd	P. Cook		
Nottingham	T.W. Waterhouse	K. Tuttey	D.E. Green A.J. Richardson
Sheffield	G. Bouchier		
Skegness	H. Benton F.E. Cheffins W.J. Baron		
Sleaford	J. & K. Taylor		P. Windsor-Smith
Spalding	G. Clifton	C.H. Banks	
Spilsby		H.E. Chapman	H. Cadman
Sutton on Sea	F. Cox		
Tattershall with Thorpe	B. Eyre J.R. Goose A.N. Means H. Owen J.G. Porter D.A. Skinns C. Scarborough Tattershall P.C.	J. Goose R. Harness R. Ward	G.H. Taylor

	<u>PAID UP</u>	<u>UNPAID</u>	<u>LAPSED</u>
Tumby	M. Hodgson G.E. Taylor	B. Edwards D.J. Edwards	
Washingborough	C.J. Lester		B.P. Brighton
Wisbech		N.G. Pettefar Miss P.I. Pettefar	
Woodhall Spa	P.J. Topliss	S.E. Brown	

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE IN NOVEMBER FOR 1977 – PLEASE RENEW IN GOOD TIME.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1977 ACCEPTED NOW AT THE EXISTING RATE.

Editor