

DOGYDKE PUMPING STATION PRESERVATION TRUST

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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, 4th November 1977 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 20th October, 1977.
4. Chairman's remarks.
5. Resolutions, if any.
6. Election of Chairman for 1978.
7. Election of Hon. Treasurer for 1978.
8. Election of Hon. Secretary for 1978.
9. Election of 12 other members of the Executive Committee for 1978.
10. Appointment of Auditor.
11. Subscriptions for 1978. (See article inside Newsletter)
12. Any other business, for discussion only.

Hon. Secretary.

Guest Speaker, R.E. Hooley (D.P.S.P.T. Historian), with slides and films. 1) "The World's First Caterpillar"; 2) "The French Ruston" – (Ruston-Proctor Agricultural Traction Engine); 3) "Ruston & Hornsby Steam Navvies".

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

Opening Ceremony

After months of hard work by a band of enthusiasts and members, the Opening Ceremony took place on 9th July.

The press, invited in the morning, were received by the P.R.O., Mrs. Peta Hope and coverage was given in the Standard and Horncastle News, by the East Midlands Toursit Board, and the opening was also shown on Yorkshire T.V. on the Monday.

Guests and members were greeted by the Chairman, Mr. Guy Burton in the marquee, where refreshments and drinks, prepared by Mrs. Goose and Mrs. Cheffins with the aid of helpers, were served.

After a speech of welcome from Mr. Burton, Mr. E. Clipson was introduced. Mr. Clipson, who worked for many years as engineer to Foster-Gwynnes, gave an interesting talk on his experiences in land drainage.

Mr. Burton then escorted his wife to the engine house, where metal gleamed and paintwork looked fresh and clean. Here, with the help of Mr. Frank Cheffins and Mr. Harry Benton, Mrs Burton set the engine in motion and declared the pumping station officially opened.

A good head of steam was maintained throughout by Mr. P. Cleasby and Mr. M. Hope so that everyone might see the scoop wheel working.

Mr. R. Hooley arranged a display of interesting photographs, documents and books, some kindly donated by Mr. Clipson and some by Mr. Craven of Wakefield, grandson of the director of Bradley & Craven, who made the Dogdyke engine.

Thanks and Acknowledgements to:-

John Rundle & firm,	not only for connecting up the boiler and getting the engine steaming, but for the extremely generous gift of all labour materials and skill.
The Ladies and all helpers	who made the Opening Ceremony and Open Days such a great success and splendid result.
James Dawson & Co. Ltd.	gift of governor drive belt.
Kris Lawson (Foxline Cruisers)	brand new lifebelt complete.
C.J. Moore	painting lettering signs.
Leslie I. Clark	article in this issue.
W. Rigby	another Land Drainage Book: Gwynnes Pumps
F. Coupland	half ton of coal for Opening, with offer of more which has since been delivered.
Anon	Electrolux fridge in good condition.
Anon	two man-made-fibre ropes.
R. Carr	steel plates.
Catherine M. Wilson	photo album.
Blackburns	galvanised iron pipe.
R. Harness & Sons	coal – delivered to boiler ready for lighting on Opening Day.
E. Clipson	wonderful range of exhibits for historical display, some since being more fully mounted for donation to the Trust.

R.E. Craven	photocopies and loan of Bradley and Craven 1856 book, and much interesting information about his family firm.
R.H. Hill	logs for fuel, delivered.
Miss Marion Hill	signwriting.
C.J. Page & friends	cleaning, polishing, decorating, etc.
David A. Skinns	making and repairing metal parts for pump.
Helen Lubin, Helen Gee, Vivienne Saunders, Terry Johnson, Kate Porter	cleaning, painting, decorating.
John Parkinson from Long Sutton	one of the very few members to respond to request to all members for help get ready for Opening: one full day of painting and another stewarding.

Subscriptions for next year: cost of steaming:

It was calculated last year that of each £1 subscription, not less than 60p was spent on administration, and service of each members. The additional cost of repairs, insurance, fuel etc. thus falls to be met from the tiny balance of 40p x 120 = \$48-00, plus largely donations, raffle and gifts in kind. Another way of looking at what the fair amount of subscription ought to be is to take a look at the Annual Income & Expenditure Account and decide as a matter of policy, which items should properly be met by subscription income, for example and purely as an example, suppose:-

Postages and telephone:	£40-00
Printing & stationery etc	£60-00
Fuel and fees	£80-00
Insurances	£100-00
Bank charges and sundries	£30-00
Half cost coal and logs for season if bought	<u>£90-00</u>
	£400-00

100 members @ £4
OR 150 members @ £2-50 approx.
OR 200 members @ £2

Many members and, indeed, other are extremely generous in gifts of cash and in kind, with practical help of all kinds. Some are unable or unwilling to do anything. The question is really a balance between what benefits membership should include, and at what levels should admission charges to the public be set.

Special Jobs and Projects for Which Volunteers Would Be Most Welcome:

Grass mowing with electric lawn mower in season 1978.
Repairing and repainting signs.
Translations of leaflet into European and other languages.
Panoramic viewing board/map in permanent material.
Repair fencing and handgate.
Cover roofless shed.
Complete the brick paths.
Painting of scoop wheel.
Whitewash/emulsion inside S.W. house.
Gas tar walls where done.
Cottage decoration.

Information reaching the Editorial desk that one of the Committee, previously known as "the Sunday Market King" is now referred to as: "oh yes, you're the chap with the Village Pump. "

Puzzle Corner: Old original chimney bricks and marks upon them.

Various theories have been offered, ranging from the curvature or different radius for chimney (or well) being built (sunk); the number of the course of bricks; the kiln number; to indicate the depth of the well or height of the chimney! The most probable reason given by a few visitors who would likely to know, is that the numbers marked on each brick was to identify the batch so that the whole team concerned in the brickyard could be paid on a piecework or bonus basis, calculated on sound finished bricks. Location of origin and of stonework would be interesting now that we know the Pumping Station was built by a Mr. B. Booth of Boston.

Scrounge List:

Sentry box, half a boat, or redundant A.A./R.A.C. box for gate admission stewards.
Life Raft.
20 foot gang plank
Long length(s) of half –twist chain for proper display of old damper control.
Trestle tables.
Fire buckets/extinguishers/pumps?

Add to Library List (Newsletter No. 8):-

Land Drainage by W. Rigby

Allen Gwynnes Pumps.

Richard Trevithick – an illustrated life, 1771-1833 by James Hodge. (Lifelines 6)

Mr. L.I. Clark has written an article on rainfall and run off – River Witham, which may also be borrowed on application.

What is an Editor?

Ever given a thought of what is involved in getting this Newsletter to print?

It is no picnic! If we print jokes people say we are being silly; if we don't they say we are too serious. If we write about Dogdyke the Committee says we ought to be out looking at other Museums. If we're out of Dogdyke, the Committee wonders why we're never in when they phone or call. If we don't print contribution, we don't appreciate genius. If we do the Newsletter is full of rubbish. If we change someone else's write up we are too critical; if we don't we are either sloppy or asleep. If we copy articles from other papers we are too lazy to write them ourselves; if we don't we are stuffy. It's quite likely someone will accuse us of swiping this from some other paper Well, we did.

Change to LIFE Member:- R.J. Betteridge of Lincoln.

We welcome the following new members:-

Ablewhite, C.	Bourne	
Batty, F.A.	Cleveland	(Beamish Member) of Team replicating "Rocket"
Blick, C.R.	Sheffield	Midlands Newcomen
Clark, L.I.	Boston	formerly Black Sluice
Clark, R.H.	Norwich	
Cleasby, Mrs. M and Miss C.	Bassingham	Open Day Stewards
Cleasby, P.W.	"	Stoker
Cope, T.M.	Alford	
Cossons, N.	Ironbridge	"Mr. Ironbridge"
Dowse, J.W.	Billinghay	
Dubber, Mr. G and Mrs. A.	Brant Broughton	
Fellowes, P.E.L.	Chiddinghurst	active Lord of the Manor of Tattershall

Gammons, Capt, J.A.	Boston	
Gammons, J.A.	Boston	
Hicks, L.	Louth	
Hoff, J.	Spilsby	
Hope, M.T.	Fife	Stoker
Hope, Mrs. P.	Coningsby	P.R.O.
Hope, Mr, and Mrs. T.	Bristol	
Humberstone, E.	Sleaford	
Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. C.C.	Dogdyke	Foxline Cruisers
Lea, B.A.	Horncastle	
Leggate, N.G. & Family	Tattershall Thorpe	
Moore, C.J.	Horsington	
Mugglestone, K.	Boston	Open Day Steward
Payne, G.M.	Dogdyke	
Smith, Mrs. J.K.	Boston	
Spikings, J.R.	Louth	
Standley, Rev. R.H.	Boston	
Taylor, N. (jun.)	Sleaford	
Thompson, G.W. & family	Boston	
Ward, H.	Horncastle	

Regretfully Lapsed:

P. Mann; A.J. Kyte; R. Scott; W. Walker; H. Rear; S.A. Wood; J. Hancock; R.J. Bassett;
 G. Green; D.D. Macklin; G.B. Wadsley; J.R. Burdett; H.R. Casswell; D.E. Green; A.J.
 Richardson; W.J. Baron; P. Windsor-Smith; C.H. Banks; H. Cadman; G.H. Taylor.

17 members have still to renew their subscriptions for 1977.

6 have already paid for 1978. Many thanks.

PLEASE LET HON. SECRETARY OR ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER HAVE
 YOUR RENEWAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Individual reminders are very expensive.

The Fire:

On Thursday, 4th August there was a special visit by a private party, arranged for Mr. Jonathon Coad of the Ancient Monuments branch of the D. of E. and colleagues from Castle Acre Castle. At about 2.00 p.m. fire and smoke were seen to come from the roof near the chimney, which quickly spread to the rest of the roof. Despite a bucket chain gang with willing help from the visitors and members, two fire brigades from Billingham and Woodhall Spa and the fire tender from R.A.F. Coningsby, the roofing felt and timbers were destroyed. Fortunately no harm was done to the boiler, engine and scoop wheel. The visitors returned after lunch to help to clear the broken slates and kindly donated £20. There was the usual Open Day on the following Sunday with the engine and wheel working perfectly and it is hoped that all will be restored as before in the near future.

EDITOR