



### From the Chairman

This is the first of a new look Pennine Link e-newsletter. The aim is to send one out when we have sufficient news rather than to specific print

deadlines as in the past. If you have anything that you think may be of interest please send to me at [chair@huddersfieldcanal.org.uk](mailto:chair@huddersfieldcanal.org.uk)

### Pennine Explorer

Continuing our celebration of the Huddersfield Narrow Canal's 'Coming of Age' we are running another Pennine Explorer cruise for 12 narrowboats in June/July 2022.

Starting from at Portland Basin in Ashton-under-Lyne on 25 June, the eight-day cruise will visit Stalybridge, Mossley, Uppermill, Diggle, Marsden, Slaithwaite, Milnsbridge and Huddersfield arriving on 3rd July, with an optional final day on the Huddersfield Broad Canal for those with suitable sized boats.

The Standedge Tunnel passage will take place on Thursday 30th June with the aim of all boats being assembled at Tunnel End Marsden by around 6pm. This year the Canal & River Trust will be publicising the Tunnel End gathering and there will be food stalls and a bar for refreshments. It would be good to see some of our members enjoying the spectacle of 12 boats not seen since 2017.

*As you will all be aware our Administrator, Dr Bob Gough, retired recently after over 33 years' service. He is pictured here receiving a gift from the Huddersfield Canal Society. We wish him well for a long and happy retirement and hope that he will keep in touch now that he has been given Life Membership of our Society.*

### The E-Shuttle has Landed



*Pictured being off-loaded at Portland Basin Marina is the Society's new flagship. It will be publicly 'launched' by Robbie Cumming, Star of BBC's Canalboat Diaries, at Standedge Tunnel & Visitor Centre at 2pm on May 2nd 2022.*

*Come along to enjoy the fun!*

### Farewell



## Uppermil Community Action Network (UCAN)

As regular readers of Pennine Link are aware, the UCAN Volunteers are out and about every month throughout the year litter picking to do their bit to keep Uppermill village clean and tidy, protect the environment, ecosystems and wildlife generally. It is also a really nice way of meeting like-minded people who stop to talk with them about how they care about the village and how proud they are that the local environment is just so beautiful.

The group report that it is always a very exciting time when the national annual Great British Spring Clean comes around as it gives them such a great opportunity to give even more of their focus and time to this activity.

The Great British Spring Clean is the nation's biggest mass participation environmental campaign which is back for its seventh year, and took place this year from 25th March 10th April. The theme for 2022 is "One Bag - Big Difference" and highlights that every act to protect the environment, no matter how small, makes a difference.

UCAN has certainly found over the many years of regular litter picking that every individual act to protect the environment by people living, working or visiting the village

really does have a positive impact, and that commitment and collective effort continues to make a huge difference.

UCAN worked alongside Oldham Council as part of their commitment to keeping the Borough clean and litter free and thank them for their support, supplying the appropriate bags and litter picking tools for the day.

Future diary dates for 2022 are:

*May 12th and 28th, June 9th and 25th.*

UCAN usually meet at Spring Gardens, Moorgate Street [by the canal bridge], Uppermill at 10:00 AM but sometimes this varies so they will confirm this nearer to each of the above dates.

As usual, all equipment will be provided by the Canal and River Trust (CRT). Volunteers are recommended to wear suitable clothing and stout footwear for the weather conditions on the day.

The group is always pleased to welcome new volunteers and anyone who would like further information please contact:

Peter Killan on 01457 878361 or email [peterkillan@hotmail.com](mailto:peterkillan@hotmail.com) heading 'UCAN'.

### 220 Club

***Congratulations to our  
32nd quarterly winners:***

**£78.40** 1st Prize to Mr P. Killan

**£39.20** 2nd Prize to Mr T. Thompson



### Interested in helping to run your Society?

The Council of HCS are volunteer Trustees of the Society which is a Registered Charity. Currently there are 8 members from diverse backgrounds but none of us is getting any younger! If anyone reading this would be interested in joining the team to help manage the Society, please send an email expressing interest to: [chair@huddersfieldcanal.org.uk](mailto:chair@huddersfieldcanal.org.uk) and give a little background about you and your motivation to apply. If you want to know more you can ring me on: 07500 828123 to discuss what it involves.

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