



**Preserving and Promoting Horseboating**

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## **Towlines 2011**

Events Diary: watch for updates and amendments on [www.horseboating.org.uk](http://www.horseboating.org.uk)

Horseboating and events organised by The Horseboating Society or other events of interest to members.

For all horseboating activities, crew and other supporters are always much needed and welcomed.

Details from Sue Day: email [suesday\\_horse@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:suesday_horse@yahoo.co.uk) 01457-834863, mobile 07711-121-056.

If you would like to get involved in any of the horseboating activities below, please download our "Crew for 2011" form to fill in and return to Sue Day by email or hard copy. A crew form can be found in the document library on the home page of the HBS website, [www.horseboating.org.uk](http://www.horseboating.org.uk)

Please be sure to use one Crew Form 2011 for each person.

PDF version (Download needs Acrobat Reader or Foxit Reader)

Word version (Download needs Word, Open Office or similar)

## **2011 Events**

### **January 19, Wednesday**

The Horseboating Society has its tenth anniversary, having been founded on 19 Jan 2001.

So everyone can shout out, Hussah! and Hurrah!

### **February 3, Thursday**

Illustrated talk, "Horseboating into the 21st century" by Sue Day, HBS chairperson, 7.45pm, to the Men's Fellowship, Stalybridge Methodist Church, High St, Stalybridge, Cheshire, by The Wharf Inn.

### **March 18, 19, 20, Friday to Sunday**

Shire Horse Society Spring Show at East of England Showground, Peterborough. An indoor show with many classes: in-hand, driven, and ridden. Plenty of tradestands. See [www.shire-horse.org.uk](http://www.shire-horse.org.uk)

### **March dates, horseboating on 6 days including March 26 & 27, Saturday & Sunday**

Horseboating with 2 boats (one at a time), Ironsides and Maria, from Guidebridge on the Ashton Canal to Standedge Tunnel on the Huddersfield Narrow Canal, ready for the April bi-centenary re-enactment.

March 23, Wednesday: Horseboating Ironsides from Guidebridge to Heyrod lock 8W

March 25, Friday: Horseboating Ironsides from Heyrod lock 8W to Uppermill lock 21 or 23W

March 26, Saturday: Horseboating Ironsides from Uppermill to Standedge Tunnel (and through?)

March 27, Sunday: Horseboating Vixen from Standedge (Marsden portal) to Marsden and return X 2

March 30, Wednesday: Horseboating Maria from Guidebridge to Heyrod lock 8W

March 31, Thursday: Horseboating Maria from Heyrod lock 8W to Uppermill lock 21W

### **April 2, Saturday**

**HBS AGM** at Standedge Tunnel Visitor Centre, Waters Road, Marsden, Huddersfield, HD7 6NQ  
Annual General Meeting, 4.30-6.30 pm. Followed by supper in The Leggers Room, Tunnel End Inn.  
HBS website downloads: Chairperson's Reports: Jan 2011, February 2011, March 2011  
AGM 2011 Agenda, AGM 2011 Programme for the day, Minutes of 2010 AGM

### **April 2, 3, 4, Saturday to Monday**

Standedge Tunnel and Huddersfield Narrow Canal Bi-centenary Festival, Re-enactment of 1811.

On 4 April 1811, seventeen years to the day since the original Act of Parliament, the Huddersfield Canal Co. organised a celebration the like of which had never been seen before in Diggle and Marsden. At a formal tunnel opening a crowd of 10,000 witnessed the entry into Standedge Tunnel of a party of 500 guests, who were regaled by a band playing "Rule Britannia" as they progressed towards Marsden.

Activities in 2011 will be by the Horseboating Society working in partnership with British Waterways. We will provide the tunnel activities including horseboating, legging the tunnel with various boats for HBS members and others, and guided walks over the tunnel top following the route of the boathorses. There will also be waterway craft demonstrators and boatmen's games to provide fun for all. All 3 days will be public orientated, but Monday April 4 will have additional invited guests of honour.

#### **HBS EVENT DAYS:**

Saturday, April 2, horseboating, legging one or two boats, Diggle to Marsden, guided tunnel top walk(s)

Sunday, April 3, legging three or four boats, Marsden to Diggle, guided tunnel top walk(s)

Monday, April 4, legging three or four boats, Diggle to Marsden, guided tunnel top walk(s)

NB The HBS AGM will be held on Sat April 2 at 4.30-6.30 followed by supper in The Leggers Room.

### **April 16, Saturday**

Cuckoo Day, Marsden, Huddersfield Narrow Canal, horsedrawn passenger trips on Vixen

### **April 22, 23, 24, 25, Good Friday to Easter Monday**

Friday: Historic boats travel to the museum from Chester.

Easter Historic Boats Gathering at the National Waterways Museum, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire

### **April 23, Saturday, St.George's Day & Easter Saturday**

**HBS EVENT DAY:** legging Standedge Tunnel & "St George and the Dragon" (download details)

The dragon boat will emerge from the tunnel. Can St.George and his horse save the trembling villagers?

### **May 1-8, Sunday to Sunday**

**HBS EVENT DAYS:** Birthday Celebrations, Social Camp, Outings, Training Days for Horse/Human, "Summit Conference" about our HBS future, Fun and Frolics. Based at the Summit, Standedge, HNC.

### **May 1, Sunday**

Northern Counties Heavy Horse Working Society Spring Working, Venue TBA. Entry fee about £5.

See about 20 horses at work, mostly with agricultural implements, such as doing ploughing, harrowing, and doing ring demos including forestry work and boathorse harnessing.

**May 2, Bank Holiday Monday**

**HBS EVENT DAY:** “Horses at Work at Standedge, 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> century” (download details)  
Harnessing demos explaining the work of packhorses, wagon horses, and boathorses.

**May**

possibly horseboating Norton Junction to Crick

**May 28, 29, 30, Saturday to Bank Holiday Monday**

Crick Boat Show: possible boathorse harnessing demos

**June**

Saddleworth Arts Festival in Uppermill on the Huddersfield Narrow Canal, horse-drawn passenger trips

**June** – Possibly horseboating Crick to Stoke Bruerne, legging Blisworth Tunnel

**June 10, 11, 12, Friday to Sunday**

Stoke Bruerne Canal Museum Gala, boathorse harnessing demos and horseboating demos on the locks.

**June** - Possibly horseboating Stoke Bruerne to Braunston, legging Braunston Tunnel

**June 25, 26, Saturday, Sunday**

Braunston Historic Boat Gathering, boathorse harnessing demos and WoW activities by the HBS

**Thursday June 30**

Horseboating Maria from Guidebridge, Ashton Canal to Marple, 10 miles and 16 locks

**July 3, Sunday**

Marple Locks Heritage Society Festival, horseboat 4 locks to the park for boathorse harnessing demo, then horseboating Maria down Marple locks to Guidebridge on the Ashton Canal, 10 miles and 12 locks.

**July 8, Friday**

Horseboating from Guidebridge to Dukinfield for Tudor Cruising Club Social Weekend, 2 miles, 0 locks

**July 10, Sunday**

Horseboating from Dukinfield to Guidebridge for Tudor Cruising Club Social Weekend, 2 miles, 0 locks

**July** - possibly horseboating from Guidebridge to Worsley on the Bridgewater Canal

**July 16, 17, Saturday, Sunday**

Bridgewater Canal 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, provisional horseboating demo

**July** - possibly horseboating from Worsley on the Bridgewater Canal to Guidebridge

**July 23, 24, Saturday, Sunday**

Standedge Georgian/Regency Garden Party, horse-drawn passenger trips, legging the tunnel etc.

**July/August**

Horseboating from Standedge to Huddersfield to Hebden Bridge with passenger boat Vixen

**July 29, 30, 31, Friday, Saturday, Sunday**

IWA National Waterways Festival, Burton-on-Trent, boathorse harnessing demos

**August (6), 7 (Saturday), Sunday**

Horses At Work, National Waterways Museum, Ellesmere Port.

Horseboating and horse-drawn delivery vehicles in the setting of the docks and canal system.

**August 13 – 28 (16 days)**

Rochdale Canal Festival, horseboating Elland the full length of the 32 mile canal with its 92 locks

**September 3, 4, Saturday, Sunday**

Sowerby Rush Bearing Festival

**September 4 – 9**

Horseboating from Sowerby Bridge to Standedge via Calder & Hebble, Huddersfield Broad & Narrow

**September 10, 11, Saturday, Sunday**

National Heritage Open Days. At Standedge with Elland.

**September 16, Friday**

Horseboating Maria from Guidebridge to Marple, 10 miles and 16 locks

**September 17- October 1**

Marple Festival of arts, culture, heritage. Horseboating Maria to Bugsworth and return.

**September 17, 18, Saturday, Sunday**

Huddersfield Narrow Canal Festival at Diggle portal of Standedge Tunnel.

**September 19-24**

World Canals Conference, Groningen, Netherlands

**October 2, Sunday**

Horseboating Maria from Marple to Guidebridge, 10 miles, 16 locks.

## **THE HORSEBOATING SOCIETY**

### **President**

**Derek Armstrong, former operator of the horse-drawn hostel boat Pamela and the horse-drawn passenger trip boat Hyades in the 1970s, major crew member in Millennium Maria journey from Manchester to London 2000, life member of HBS.**

### **Committee**

#### **Directors:**

**Chairperson - Sue Day, trading as Horsesdrawn Enterprises**

**Secretary - Lynnette Crossley, Environmental Health and Health & Safety Advisor**

**Others:**

**Treasurer – Barry McGuinness**

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**North – Sue Day**

**Central – Jayne Bradley**

**South – Rick Muir**

**Liaison with commercial horse-drawn passenger craft operators**

**Sue Day**

**Please address all enquiries, comments, compliments, and criticisms to enquiries@horseboating.org.uk and the committee will ensure that the relevant person receives your message.**

**(Alternatively phone Sue Day, chairperson, 01457-834863, 07711-121-056.)**

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**COMMERCIAL HORSE-DRAWN CRAFT OPERATORS**

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