## THE HORSEBOATING SOCIETY 2010

## A horsedrawn boat journey on the Huddersfield Narrow Canal in April & May

Horseboating Maria, Britain's oldest wooden narrowboat, built 1854, from Guidebridge on the Ashton Canal, then along the Huddersfield Narrow Canal to Huddersfield, and return.

A return journey of a total of 45 miles, 148 lock passages, legging small tunnels and also Britain's longest canal tunnel, Standedge Tunnel (3 ¼ miles).

## Legging Standedge Tunnel on two event days -

Sunday April 25, Diggle to Tunnel End, Marsden. In tunnel, approx. 1.00-3.30/4pm Bank Holiday Monday May 3, Tunnel End, Marsden to Diggle. In tunnel, 1-4pm These event days are linking in with themes:

April 25, St.George and the Dragon

May 3, Horses at Work at Standedge

## Horseboating itinerary -

Thursday April 22: Guide Bridge to Lock 8w, Heyrod, Huddersfield Narrow Canal Friday April 23: Lock 8w Heyrod to Lock 21w Uppermill, Saddleworth Museum Saturday – no boating

Sunday April 25: Saddleworth Museum, Uppermill to Diggle then **legging** through Standedge Tunnel to Tunnel End, Marsden, 3 and ¼ miles, 1-3.30/4 pm.

Also: a guided walk for the public with the boathorse over the tunnel top, 1-3pm.

- Sunday eve April 25: Horseboat Maria on display, moored at Tunnel End, Marsden
- Monday April 26: Tunnel End, Marsden to Booth, West Slaithwaite
- Tuesday April 27: West Slaithwaite to Slaithwaite
- Wednesday April 28: Slaithwaite to Huddersfield
- Thursday April 29: Huddersfield to West Slaithwaite
- Friday April 30: West Slaithwaite to Tunnel End, Marsden

Saturday/Sunday May 1 and 2: Horseboat Maria moored at Tunnel End, Marsden

Bank Holiday Monday May 3: **legging** through Standedge Tunnel, 1-4 pm. Also: a guided walk for the public with the boathorse over the tunnel top, 2-4pm. Horseboating down the Diggle Flight to Uppermill, Saddleworth Museum.

Tuesday May 4: Uppermill to Guidebridge on the Ashton Canal

Thursday May 6: Uppermill to Guidebridge on the Ashton Canal

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