

Our next winter talk will be on 8 April 2019 at 7:45pm on Emmeline Pankhurst. All are welcome.

The Daniel Adamson

by Les Green and Bob Cannell

Our Speakers:

Les Green born within 100 yards of Latchford Locks in Warrington and lived mostly within 2 miles of the ship canal as the crow flies. Regularly passed over Warrington`s famous swing bridges as I went to grammar school close to canal and spent much of youth on Latchford Locks watching ships passing. Completed 3 year course on London University (LSE) curriculum and eventually got job on graduate programme for GEC Power Engineering (formerly AEI -Metropolitan Vickers) and worked with transport manager who organised heavy loads for Manchester Docks. Eventually became H.R. Director for Bombardier Transportation (Services - Crewe and West). Played rugby league for 18 years with 6 years at Swinton RLFC. Former director of Llangollen Railway, Railway Benevolent Society and Webb Crewe works charity fund. Trustee at DAPS for 5 years mostly on fundraising.

Bob Cannell, born in Old Trafford within sight and sound of Manchester Docks, my Dad worked closely with the Ship Canal PR department, designing and producing all their PR material and House magazine, in the days of the printed word before the advent of the internet. As such I was able to have a few privileged trips on the Danny as a young man in the 60's and see first hand the Ship Canal PR machine at work. In the late 60's and into the 70's I worked in transport heavily involved in the last years of the traditional cargo ships working the Manchester Docks and saw the transition to the modern containerisation and larger ships which eventually meant the end for the upper reaches of the Ship Canal. Working for the last 30 years in the food manufacturing industry I retained my interest in anything Ship Canal related and volunteering with the Danny gives me an opportunity to tell not only the story of our little steamer, The Danny and her part in promoting one of the modern engineering feats of the world, The Manchester Ship Canal..