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Subject: Marple History Society Film show New Navvies, Operation Ashton, Plaque dedication.
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Recently I donated to Marple Local History Society for safe keeping the following films:-

DVD "The New Navvies" Year 1965. Digital copy of standard 8m.m. film. R/T 27 mins.
.DVD "Operation Ashton" Year 1968 Digital copy of standard 8.m.m. film. R/T 32 mins.
.DVD "Peak Forest Canal Society Plaque Dedication" 10th July 2005. R/T 11 mins

Marple History Society announcement

The Restoration of Marple locks Peak Forest canal and Ashton canal

At the December meeting and in last month's newsletter we gave information about a set of original film we have received of 'The New Navvies' (1965), 'Operation Ashton' (1968), 'Peak Forest Canal Society Plaque Dedication' (2010). An offer was made to show these DVDs if there was sufficient interest. Thank you to the people who replied and said they would like to see these DVDs and a date has been agreed which will be: **Tuesday 17th February 2026 at 2:30pm**

at Marple Methodist Church

Church Lane Marple

Stockport SK6 7AY

Michael Heap who donated the information will be present and he is the person who made the original films as part of the Peak Forest Canal Society's 1960's and 70's ten year vigorous campaign to restore Marple locks and the Ashton canal. Mike is happy to answer any questions.

All are welcome. It is appreciated that this date will not suit everyone but if anyone cannot make this date, please contact the archive group of Marple History Society and probably arrangements can be made to make the DVDs available in other ways.

The above announcement was a bit of a surprise to me but I have agreed to go ahead with showing the films giving a brief introduction to each of them. The films show quite clearly the Peak Forest canal Society's (PFCS) case for restoration to the British Waterways Board (BWB).

I do hope you can come to this event. Help me out with any questions that may arise ! Please forward this email to anybody who might like to attend this event.

Regards Mike.

To go to Marple History Society's DVD showing of films on Tuesday 17th February 2026 at 2:30pm Marple Methodist Church, Church Lane, Marple, Stockport SK6 7AY

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