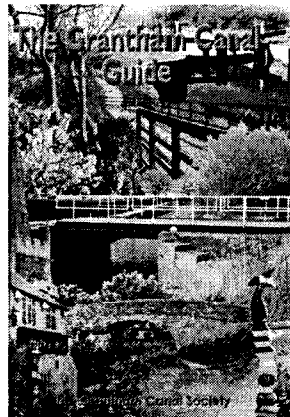


Grantham Canal Guide Review

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Much work has been done on the Grantham Canal over the past few years; the Trail-Boat Rally was held there last year, and several footpath and similar country guides are available for the area. However it is some 20 years since a full canal guide as such was available, and that is now out-of-date. It is very welcome therefore to see a completely new guide covering pretty well all aspects of the canal along its full length from Trent Lock to Grantham, and including historical notes, wild life commentary and fishing possibilities as well as the basic function of a canal as a waterway. Many pictures show early views as well as current ones, and detailed and overall maps show the course of the waterway and adjacent features in full

colour. Much effort has evidently gone into the preparation of the maps, and (conscious of living in a glass-house, Ed.) they would perhaps have benefitted from a finer screening in the printing process. The overall impression is of a high quality, carefully researched and thorough book of 96 pages, meeting the needs of visitors of all kinds to the canal and nearby sites. It may seem an odd thing to add, but one could hope that it is made out-of-date quite soon, so that we do not have to wait another twenty years for a guide to a really navigable waterway along the whole route. PH. 