

Vintage Trains Society

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The *Shakespeare Express* season starts again Sunday, 16 July - how important will these excursions be in the future? Find out at the AGM.

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Message from the Chair Chris Schroeder

Welcome to Tyseley News No. 23, the Vintage Trains Society's newsletter.

Dear Member,

As you will have seen in 'Steam in Trust', the AGM of your Society will take place on Saturday, 18th March 2017 and will include some 'firsts'.

The meeting will be held in a new venue, the Tyseley Working Men's Club which is a one minute walk from the TLW car park. This venue has a much larger room which will provide a good environment for this important meeting.

Another first is that the meeting will be in two parts with a lunch break. A buffet lunch will be provided by the Society but we will be asking members to make a voluntary donation towards the cost of the food.

The business of the meeting will be carried out before lunch which will include the election of the committee. There will be new faces joining the committee because of vacancies needing to be filled due to resignations and the death of a long serving committee member. As I will not be standing for the Chairman's position the committee will be electing a new Chairman.

After lunch Mr Michael Whitehouse, the Chairman of the Vintage Trains and Clun Castle Ltd Trusts, will be giving us a presentation which I understand will be on the future plans for Tyseley and Vintage Trains. I am sure this will be very interesting and well worth staying for. This part of the meeting will be open to the public.

This will be followed by a visit to the locomotive works which will give you a chance to see the work that is being carried out on a number of locomotives including *Clun Castle* and *Duke of Gloucester*.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the official notice of the AGM which gives details of times and car parking arrangements.

To enable us to provide sufficient food it will be very helpful if you would complete the slip shown in the enclosed document with the minutes of last year's AGM. If you could return the slip to us **IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO COME TO THE MEETING**. If you do not intend to be at the meeting there is no need to fill in the form. **Please reply by Monday, 13th March**. Thanks for your help with this.

I and your committee are looking forward to seeing you at the meeting and hope you will be staying for the afternoon events.

As I have mentioned, there are three vacancies on the Committee. As well as myself, Henry Pinchin, who has been such a diligent Membership Secretary for 24 years, has stepped down from the Committee due to ill health. Henry has handed the reins of this challenging work over to Peter Brown and if you have any membership queries, then please contact Peter whose telephone number is shown in the Volunteers' report later in this newsletter, but rest-assured, when your subscription is due for renewal Peter will be in touch! I am also very sad to report that Tony Dalley, a long-standing and much valued member of the Committee, died following illness before Christmas.

The remaining Committee Members, Jeff Robinson, Dave Martin, Geoff Middleton, Les Ross MBE, Phil Dalton, Peter Brown, Mary McCullough, have all indicated they are willing to stand for re-election. Ted Ashworth, Tour Manager, has been a very supportive co-opted member of the Committee during the last 12 months, and has indicated he would be willing to stand for election to the Committee. We have received other applications from members to join the Committee and this will be voted on at the AGM. If any other member would like to be considered for election then please write to the Vintage Trains Society Secretary at the address shown on the AGM notice, with a note of your proposer and seconder, by 13th March.

2016 was, of course, quite a year in the history of steam railway heritage and I am sure Michael's presentation on the Vision for the Future of Tyseley will prove what an exciting future it could be.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Chris Schroeder
Chairman, Vintage Trains Society

VOLUNTEERS' WORK UPDATE

Peter Brown

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It is blooming cold out here in the outer lands of TLW working all the hours of daylight, well from 10.00hrs to about 16.00hrs, with a lunch break from one o'clock till whenever, but we have now finished the Toad - except for the sign writing which will be done in the spring by our resident sign writer Mr Chris Schroeder.

In the ~~cooler~~ weather sorry colder weather we can now retire to the Toad where there is a nice little fire in the stove which keeps tootsies and finger tipsies nice and warm whilst we have our sarnies. The fire is tended by Roger Longstaff who also looks after the tea and biscuit monies. Roger also has the most important job whilst he is on site - HE MAKES THE TEA AND COFFEE.

The next project we are going to attempt is the support/maintenance truck to work alongside the Toad. This will hopefully be completed by the next open day.

The running boards have been removed as they are rotten and need to be replaced with brand new wood and painted to British Rail specifications.

Work on the support/maintenance truck is being worked on by Peter Holland, Colin Saunders, John Ridgeway and Roger Prestwood.

Another job we are working on is to paint all the metal fencing on site and there aren't arf a lot of it! Firstly all the old paint has to be removed from the fence then we can undercoat the fence, after the undercoat we need to be putting up to three topcoats to bring it up to BR standards. This renovation of the fencing is being worked on by Beresford Dickens and Steve Foster I would like to point out here that John Ridgeway and Steve Foster both volunteer on a Thursday evening as well.

The gardens are looked after by the memsahib a very nice lady called Christine.

On open days we have to use four or five people to be able to successfully control the car park. Geoff Massey is at this time making some easels for notices to direct cars in the right direction for parking (Geoff is our resident chippie). Geoff, who also comes in to volunteer on a Thursday daytime, has made two picnic tables for use in the gardens and we now have authority to make another two.

Change of plan - We have a portacabin in the car park and we have been requested to clean it up and make it habitable. Normally when an excursion takes place on a weekend, Henry Pinchin is first on site to open up and make sure that the train is ready for the passengers to embark. Passengers who come on site from Tyseley Railway Station would, if it is wet, wait inside the portacabin. The problem is that the portacabin is a bit worse for wear. But I have to say in its defence - IT DOES NOT LEAK.

We, as the Tuesday daytime volunteers, have been tasked with washing the inside of the portacabin so that customers coming to Tyseley, by bus or train, will have somewhere to wait which will be dry. This will be accomplished by the use of Sugar Soap and wire wool (this was expected to last at least three Tuesdays and two Thursdays including re-painting).

The ceiling and walls have now been cleaned and have come up sparkling. After having a conversation with Ben Mason, it was decided that the interior of the portacabin was nice and clean so we do not need to repaint the interior, we just need to get some carpet and seats in and therefore THE JOB IS DONE. The Thursday evening volunteers have been tasked with helping to restore the Pullman carriage number 99349 which is now undercover.

At this point I would like to thank all of the Thursday evening team for their valued work and support for VTS.

They are (in no particular order):

Jeff Robinson and Stuart Compton (Team Leaders).

Mary McCullough, Graham Mapp, Saeed Ghinai, Keith Clarke, Ken Kendall, Howard Rowan, Richard Finnimore, Dave Collings, Penny Coles, Richard Day, Ted Peach-Robinson, and Ray Sykes

If I have forgotten anybody I do appol, appol, appol - I am very sorry.

I haven't of course, mentioned the other volunteer groups – the Train Stewards, the Wednesday group, or the Open Day stewards and I hope to catch up with them all to find out what they are up to in due course.

This is **Peter Brown**

Volunteer Coordinator Tuesdays - saying cheers for now

PS - if you feel that you would like to join one of our regular volunteer groups then please phone Peter on his mobile 07980 850940.

Tony Dalley



It is with much sadness that we report the death of Tony Dalley, a long-standing and highly respected Committee member who died shortly before Christmas following a period of ill-health.

As well as his work on the Committee, Tony represented the Society on many occasions at such events as the Warley National Model Railway Show, and many members will recall Tony as a train steward. He was extremely knowledgeable, a great source of reference and will be much missed. We send our condolences to Tony's wife and family.

STOCK LIST

Notes

From time to time locomotives and stock may be loaned out to other railway centres for static display or to operate services. Main line certified engines may be temporarily stabled away from home in order to undertake mainline duties. Guest Locomotives and rolling stock are included. These may be stabled at Tyseley Locomotive Works for attention or using Tyseley as an operating base, including use on Vintage Trains charter trains. Items marked 'p' are privately owned and not part of the Tyseley collection.

Please note that this list is maintained by volunteers and may not be complete at the date shown.

Some locomotives and rolling stock may not be on view in areas accessible by visitors to Tyseley Locomotive Works. Visitors are only admitted to the works site on Tyseley Open Days.

p = Locomotives in private ownership

BH=Barrow Hill ; BR=BR Power Classification ; BRC= Buckinghamshire Railways Centre

Coaches in Vintage Trains mainline operational fleet : TY01 = vacuum braked/steam heat/ TY02 = air braked/aircon

GWR Steam Locomotives

No.	Name	Class	Built	Notes/Owner
2885	p	28xx 2-8-0	1938 Swindon	Practical GW Steam
4121	p	5101 2-6-2T	1937 Swindon	
4965		49xx Hall 4-6-0	1929 Swindon	
5043	Earl of Mount Edgcumbe	4073 Castle 4-6-0	1936 Swindon	
5080	Defiant	4073 Castle 4-6-0	1939 Swindon	BRC
7029	Clun Castle	4073 Castle 4-6-0	1950 Swindon	
7752		57xx 0-6-0PT	1930 Glasgow	LT No. L94
7760		57xx 0-6-0PT	1930 Glasgow	LT No. L90
9600		57xx 0-6-0PT	1945 Swindon	

LMS Steam Locomotives

5593	Kolhapur	5XP Jubilee 4-6-0	1934 NBL	BR 6P5F
670		LNWR Bloomer	1987 Tyseley	Replica, ongoing work

Industrial Steam Locomotives

	Henry	0-4-0ST	1901 H/Leslie	BH
1	Cadbury No 1	0-4-0T	1925 Avonside	
No 1		0-4-0ST	1941 Peckett	
71480	p Fred	WD 0-6-0ST	1945 RSH	(LNER Class J94)
3083	p	0-4-0 VBWT	1923 Société	John Cockerill

Locomotives in the Works

45596	P Bahamas	5XP Jubilee 4-6-0	1935 NBL	Bahamas Loco Society
34028	P Eddystone	WC 4-6-2	1946 Brighton	Rebuilt 1958
4936	P Kinlet Hall	49xx Hall 4-6-0	1929 Swindon	
71000	P Duke of Gloucester	8P 4-6-2	1954 Derby	71000 Trust
3278	P FD Roosevelt	USATC S160 2-8-0	1943 Baldwin	
1744	P	0-6-2T	1921 Glasgow	
3883	P ex 2868	0-6-0ST	1943 Hunslet	Rebuilt 1963
3302	P FD+E Co No3	0-4-0ST	H/Leslie	Registered 1968

Industrial Diesel & Petrol Locomotives

No.	Name	Class	Built	Notes
299099	p	88DS 0-4-0 DM	1950 Ruston & Hornsby	Table Pilot
347447	p	LWS 0-6-0 DM	1957 Ruston & Hornsby	
800	p	0-4-0 Petrol Loco	1920 Baguley	
376	p Princess Margaret	0-4-0 DM	1948 Andrew Barclay Sons	

BR Diesel Locomotives

No.	Name : Other Numbers carried	Class	Built	Notes
13029	08 021, D3029	08 DE 0-6-0	1953 Derby	
40 118	p D318	40 DE 1Co-Co1	1961 EE/RSH	D318 LTD
47 773	D1755 The Queen Mother	47 DE Co-Co	1964 Brush	47161/47541
50 033	Glorious D433	50 DE Co-Co	1968 EE/VF	

BR Coaches

311	Eagle	Mk1 Pullman Kitchen First	1960 Metro Cammell	From NRM
349	Car No 335 : 99361	Mk1 Pullman Parlour Second	1960 Metro Cammell	TY01
349	Car No 349 : 99349	Mk1 Pullman Parlour Second	1960 Metro Cammell	TY01
353	Car No 353 : 99353	Mk1 Pullman Parlour Second	1960 Metro Cammell	TY01
1201		Mk 2RFO	1973/74 Derby	TY02
3309		Mk 2 FO	1973 Derby	TY02
3351		Mk 2 FO	1973/74 Derby	TY02
3416		Mk 2 FO	1973/74 Derby	TY02
5157		Mk 2 TSO	1966 Derby	TY01
5177		Mk 2 TSO	1967 Derby	TY01
5179		Mk 2 TSO	1967 Derby	Top Bank
5183		Mk 2 TSO	1967 Derby	Top Bank
5186		Mk 2 TSO	1966 Derby	Fuel Sidings 4
5191		Mk 2 TSO	1966 Derby	TY01
5193		Mk 2 TSO	1967 Derby	Fuel Sidings 2
5194		Mk 2 TSO	1967 Derby	Fuel Sidings 3
5198		Mk 2 Club Car (ex TSO)	1966 Derby	TY01
5212		Mk 2 Club Car (ex TSO)	1967 Derby	TY01
5221		Mk 2 TSO	1967 Derby	Fuel Sidings 1
5300		Mk 2a TSO	1968 Derby	by No2 Platform
5314		Mk 2a TSO	1968 Derby	at Turntable
5420		Mk 2a TSO	1969 Derby	Top Bank
5928		Mk 2 SO	1973 Derby	TY02
9101		Mk 2 BSO (Buffet Car)	1966 Derby	TY01
9496		Mk 2e BSO	1972 Derby	TY02
17018		Mk 1 BFK	1961 Swindon	TY01
17090		Mk 2 BFK	1968 Derby	Top Bank
35470		Mk 1 BSK	1963 Wolverton	TY01
96100		GUV (Water Carrier)	1959 Pressed Steel	TY01

EXCURSIONS
2017

The Vintage Trains 2017 programme covering the period up to September is now available. Vintage Trains will be offering a choice of scenic routes, interesting destinations and a variety of 'off train' options. Here is a flavour of what's coming up, but check out the website for more details and latest information:

Tour Date	Tour Name / Event Name	Locomotives	Stations (Pick up and return set down, if different)
Saturday 4 March	'Belated' Valentine's Diner Evening round trip through the Leicestershire countryside	5043 'Earl of Mount Edgcumbe'	Tyseley Warwick Road, additional pickup at Coleshill Parkway
Saturday 11 March	The Red Dragon Journey to Cardiff (<i>Caerdydd</i>) along the Welsh side of the Severn Estuary	5043 'Earl of Mount Edgcumbe'	Tyseley Warwick Road, Birmingham Snow Hill, Stourbridge Junction, Worcester Shrub Hill.
Saturday 25 March	Welsh Marches Express The Welsh Marches line traverses the hills of Central Wales	5043 'Earl of Mount Edgcumbe'	Tyseley Warwick Road with an additional pickup at Birmingham Snow Hill.
Saturday 8 April	Moonraker 5043 takes us on a market day trip to the walled Wiltshire cathedral city of Salisbury.	5043 'Earl of Mount Edgcumbe'	Solihull with additional pickups at Dorridge, Warwick Parkway and Banbury.
Saturday 29 April	Llandudno Victorian Extravaganza and Transport Festival	5043 'Earl of Mount Edgcumbe'	Walsall (returns to Tame Bridge Parkway or Birmingham New Street) Wolverhampton Stafford
Saturday 13 May	East Midlands Rambler A fun day out with Panniers 9600 and 9466 to Burton-on-Trent and Leicester.	9600 and 9466 Pannier Tanks	Tyseley Warwick Road, Coleshill Parkway, Nuneaton
Saturday 27 May	The Welsh Dragon and Ffestiniog Railway Our second trip to Llandudno Junction but with an optional visit to Ffestiniog	47773 'The Queen Mother' 5043 'Earl of Mount Edgcumbe'	Tyseley Warwick Road, Coleshill Parkway, Nuneaton, Tamworth
Saturday 3 June	The Devonian For Paignton Airshow / Paignton and Dartmouth Steam Railway	Diesel and Steam Hauled	Tyseley Warwick Road, Birmingham Snow Hill, Stourbridge Junction, Worcester Shrub Hill and Bristol Temple Means
Saturday 17 June	Whistling Ghost V 46233 "Duchess of Sutherland" to haul our train to the West Somerset Railway	49233 'Duchess of Sutherland', and WSR steam loco	Tyseley Warwick Road, Birmingham Snow Hill, Stourbridge Junction, Worcester Shrub Hill, Bristol Temple Meads
Sat 24 June Sun 25 June	Tyseley 50th Anniversary Open Weekend	Tyseley Locos + Guest locos	Locos in steam and static displays, passenger rides, cavalcades and more.

Saturday 1 July	Scarborough Flyer Derby to York through Malton to Scarborough.	49233 Duchess of Sutherland	Tyseley Warwick Road, Coleshill Parkway, Tamworth (HL), Burton- on-Trent
Sundays 16 July – 3 September	The Shakespeare Express Birmingham - Stratford	Tyseley Locos	Birmingham SH, Birmingham MS, Tyseley, Henley to Stratford-upon- Avon. (Two round trips from Birmingham. One round trip from Stratford)
Saturday 12 August	Melton Rambler	4965 Rood Ashton Hall, 9600 Pannier Tank	Tyseley Warwick Road
Saturday 12 August	Harringworth Shuttles Melton Mowbray to Harringworth Viaduct and return	4965 Rood Ashton Hall 9600 Pannier Tank	Melton Mowbray
Saturday 30 September	Shropshire Express	5043 Earl of Mount Edgcumbe	

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or telephone bookings can be made by calling the Vintage Trains Office (0121 708 4960)
during office hours Mon - Fri 09:30 - 16:30

Memories of The Shakespearian Rail Tour, 1966 - 2016

Then and Now

Talking of excursions, passenger Des Shepherd reminisced with fellow passenger and former Train Steward, Colin Owen, on the Pannier Rambler trip in November 2016. Des recalled details of a tour he went on with his father 50 years ago.

Des has set up a web page with images he took of the November run, and also mementoes of the 'Shakespearian Rail Tour' undertaken on 12 November 1966, part of which, and particularly the run from Banbury into Stratford-upon-Avon, was hauled by none other than our very own 7029 *Clun Castle* (photo shown here).

If you would like to see more details of the 1966 run then go to Des's webpage www.desshepherd.com/stratford66.htm



Photograph: courtesy of Des Shepherd