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Shiptley Glen Tramway

Newsletter

TRUSTEES: Dale Smith (chair,) John Pitcher, Dianne Wyatt, Vince Kitson, Geoff Stanley, Maggie de'Vries, Tish Lawson, Dave Charles. Secretary/Treasurer: Richard Freeman.

More about Trustees



This is John Pitcher who heads up the maintenance team. He also looks after the new website construction.



Here's Tish Lawson who has a keen interest in anything historical.

Apologies and Clarification

I've caused a lot of confusion, for which I apologise, about who can and can't attend/speak at trustees' meetings. The trustees have now clarified this. Since the introduction of a membership scheme at the tramway – to comply with charity status protocols etc., there are volunteers, member-volunteers, members who are not volunteers and trustees (who HAVE to be members.) Still with me? Membership costs £1 for the year and anyone can apply to be a member. Trustees' meetings are attended by trustees. Members and member-volunteers can ask to attend by contacting Richard

Freeman at least 48 hours in advance, but they cannot contribute to the meeting unless they are asked to do so by the trustees. Volunteers who are **not** members cannot attend a trustees' meeting.

At the AGM, **Wednesday 18th April at 19.30** in the Victoria Hall, Saltaire, members will vote in 7 trustees. Come the AGM 3 current trustees will remain in post (Dale, Maggie and Vince) and the three who have served their term (3 years) will stand down and offer themselves up for re-election. There are 10 places available on the board, 3 of which are obviously taken. To date, 8 members have put themselves forward for election, from which only 7 will be elected. **If you are not a paid-up member, you cannot attend or vote at the AGM.**

Saltaire Co-op

The Co-op continues to support us having donated fab Easter Eggs to give as prizes for our competitions over the Easter weekend. Also, since 12 November Co-op Members have chosen to support **Glen Tramway Preservation Company Limited** with their 1% and have raised **£552.43** for the tramway. This will be the first of four payments we'll receive from the Co-op Local Community Fund. There's still **£1,980.42** up for grabs, and the more members who choose the tramway and buy own brand Co-op products and services, the more we'll benefit. Our cause will be live for members to choose until 27 October. Also, they keep a donations pot there at the store which raises about £15 to £20 a fortnight. Fantastic local support.

Any Budding Pianists?

A raffle prize at the last tramway social has been put back in the bag, so to speak. Paul Cottell is kindly offering a free one hour piano lesson to

anyone connected with tramway. It may be that you know of a youngster who might be inspired by such an opportunity or an adult enthusiast wanting to develop a new skill? You can take Paul up on his offer by contacting Dina and we'll organise it on a first come first served basis.

FINAL NEWS ON FARES FROM SATURDAY MARCH 31ST

Day Rovers

Adult (17yrs to 59yrs)	£2.50
Concession (60yrs+ & students 17yrs+)	£1.50
Child (5 to 16yrs)	£1
Child (under 5yrs)	Free

Singles

Adult	£1.50
Concession	£1
Child (5 to 16yrs)	50p
Child (under 5yrs)	Free

Please note that there are no separate concessions for people who are disabled or for their carers.

Future Events

Easter 3 day weekend (Sat, Sun, Mon) we'll hold a bunny-counting competition and a treasure hunt. Saltaire Arts Trail will be 5th - 7th May (Bank Hol weekend) this year.

Saltaire Festival will be 7th - 16th September.

Weekend 26th, 27th, 28th May - Suffragettes weekend on Shipley Glen so we will incorporate Founders' Day the same weekend. We're hoping to have a giant Tombola and the usual free rides for an old penny or for anyone in Victorian dress.

Dragon Boat weekend 23rd & 24th June. Name the Dragon competition and sheets for colouring again. Open Day in September.

Novelty Success!

Andrea Greathead had the idea of making badges using the SGT logo. They sell for £1 and have been popular with tram enthusiasts. Thank you Andrea; very creative!

Congratulations and Thank You

Chris Bush has now qualified as a greeter. Have you noticed there's a new leaflet holder in the shop

at the top station? Chris has designed this and had his workmates make it. Thank you!

Welcome Back Hassan

Hassan Ali is a greeter who volunteers every Saturday throughout the year. He will start his Saturdays again after Easter. Welcome back Hassan after your stretch of tramway-free Saturdays!

Radios with Yellow Sides

These yellow striped radios are new and should only be used by dispatchers and drivers please. They are more powerful than the other radios. Anyone who uses a radio when they go onto the track etc., should not take the yellow striped ones. Thanks.

Maintenance Matters

Sleeper-replacements continue, when the weather allows, by the hard-working maintenance team. The fencing that's in a very bad condition around the top station is going to be replaced by Eldwick Fencing in the same style as at the bottom station. Zurich passed the tramway with flying colours when they came on their 6 monthly visit to check things out for insurance purposes. That's a well-done to the maintenance crew!

Reminders

- The newsletter is now published on the SGT website so we're worldwide!
- If you hear that a volunteer/member is NOT receiving his/her copy of the newsletter, please ask him/her to contact Philip King. Thanks.
- Trustees' meetings: - Monday 9th April at 13.00 and Tuesday 8th May at 19.30. All in the Link, Baildon.

To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom, one must observe.

Marilyn vos Savant

The newsletter, which will be published the week after the trustees meet, is your way of communicating with volunteers, members and trustees. If you have any contributions, comments or suggestions please contact Gill gilliancharles@btconnect.com or Dina dinaplowes@gmail.com. The deadline for contributions to the next newsletter is 10th April 2018.