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# ShIPLEY GLEN TRAMWAY

## Newsletter

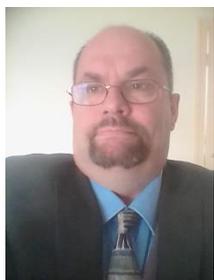
TRUSTEES: Dale Smith (chair,) John Pitcher, Dianne Wyatt, Vince Kitson, Geoff Stanley, Maggie de'Vries, Tish Lawson, Dave Charles, Mike Whitehouse, Paul Armstead. Secretary/Treasurer: Richard Freeman.

### More and new Trustees

At the AGM new trustees were voted in to bring the number to 10. So, welcome to Paul Armstead and Mike Whitehouse. Paul will be doing the roster amongst other things and Mike has taken on overseeing the planning of special events.



This is Dave Charles, a relative newcomer to the tramway according to Yorkshire timescales.



And here's Mike Whitehouse newly voted in at this AGM. He has a particular role concerning special events at the tramway working closely with Dina, Faith and Chris.

### Philip King

A vote of thanks was proposed and given to Philip at the AGM by the trustees and members who were present. Philip has worked very hard for the tramway over the years and not least produced the roster for such a long time. That job requires dedication and commitment. All concerned with SGT look forward to Philip continuing as a volunteer and trainer (with Dina) for greeters and dispatchers.

### Peter Hanson

Congratulations to Peter Hanson who has now qualified as a dispatcher.

### HRA/HSE Meetings in Scarborough.

Geoff and Dave represented the tramway at the above meetings.

A document on braking systems for funiculars was discussed and approved. The important part of it related to new recommendations for testing etc. which we shall be adopting.

Young People - The Bill to allow young people to work/volunteer on funiculars has made no progress due to Brexit, so it is still against the law for under 16s to volunteer operationally. May be up to 2 years before we see progress.

The HRA promoted their award system and asked for applications. The trustees are considering applying in the future.

There were visits to the Central and Spa Lifts and Geoff and Dave also found time to go along to the North Bay railway where they negotiated the purchase of some lengths of rail that can be used in the future to replace our existing.

Presentations were made by:

Radicon Engineering - They make gear boxes as used on Scarborough Central Lift.

Zurich Insurance - Talk about safety and inspections.

Wheelsets – Scarborough Central Lift was suffering from pulley wear and Wheelsets devised a rope compensator system to even out the tension that was causing the problem.

## Trustees' Meeting

Trustees' meetings: - Mon 11th June at 13.00 (tbc)  
At the Link, Baildon.

## More Local Artwork



A second panel showing the tramway is up at 62, Saltaire Rd. Thanks to Hirstwood Regeneration Scheme.

## Visitors' comments mean such a lot?

Check out the entries in the visitors' book in the Information Centre. Someone came over from Australia and was so disappointed that we were open!

## Congratulations

David Robertshaw is a relatively new member of the tramway and attended a recent trustees' meeting to learn something about the background work that goes on. He sent the trustees this note in appreciation. "..... It became very clear from the agenda and discussions around the topics, that a great deal of effort goes into keeping the tramway going. There are not only the practical aspects of maintaining the track and the trams and the associated buildings, but a great deal of effort is needed on administrative aspects such as Health and Safety, Data Protection and other legislative issues." He congratulated all trustees and volunteers recognising their efforts which mean that this public facility is a great success and can continue to function.

## Plea for Tombola Prizes

We'll be having a Tombola at the tramway over the Bank Holiday weekend (Sufragettes/Founders' Day

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](mailto:gilliancharles@btconnect.com) or Dina [dinaplows@gmail.com](mailto:dinaplows@gmail.com). The deadline for contributions to the next newsletter is 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018

celebrations.) **If you have anything that we could offer as a prize could you drop it off at the tramway so Dina, Faith or Chris can collect it in readiness for the event?** Many thanks. And on that topic, on Bank Holiday Monday May 28th a band of drummers called Drum Machine will lead the procession celebrating the Suffragette Centenary of the meeting in Shipley Glen. The procession will leave Roberts Park at 12.30 across the zebra crossing by the north shelter to the SGT bottom station. The band will travel with their drum kit on the tramway and march up to Brackenhall Green from the top station. Some of the procession will walk up the path. It will be busy!

## Track Trouble

*"DEEDS NOT WORDS"*

The recent bursts of hot weather caused as much trouble as too much snow. The tramway track suffered from expansion in the heat and kinked dangerously, even causing brief closure. The maintenance team came to the rescue and normal service has been resumed. Particular thanks to Geoff and Dave who worked on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May to allow the tramway to run on the Bank Holiday Monday. Wrong type of snow, wrong type of sunshine?

## Reminders

- Greeters – please make sure you give firm instructions about traveling safely on the tram.
- Any help on a Tuesday with maintenance would be very welcome. Skilled and general. Thanks.

*We are here, not because we are law-breakers; we are here in our efforts to become law-makers.*

*Emmeline Pankhurst*