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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.

### Thank you to volunteers from Paul Armstead

As you know Paul has taken on the massive job of preparing the roster. He has had some difficulties on lots of levels; access to the web being the most trouble. He has appreciated your understanding about the delays in producing the roster and asks that if you contact him by phone, and he's not in a position to make a written note of your needs, would you follow up that call with a text or email so that he has a written record of any changes. He is working hard to follow in Philip's big footsteps!

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Alec Copland who has qualified as a dispatcher.

### Founders' Day and Suffragettes Celebrations



We had a successful 3 day weekend to celebrate both Founders' Day and the Suffragettes' march to Shipley Glen. Thanks to everyone who worked both customer-facing and in the background in preparation. We even had hand-made bunting (thanks Faith.) Saltaire Co-op provided refreshments and many local people donated

prizes for the raffle. Special thanks to Vera who took £140 on the tombola almost single handedly.

### Carry On Training!

Message from the trainers: Greeters and dispatchers who were signed off two years ago are now due a quick reassessment. Philip and Dina will do this, mainly by observing whilst working on another role. Some drivers in particular might need to request a shift as a dispatcher to keep up their skills.

### Radio Leeds

Radio Leeds gave the tramway some free advertising under the hat of "volunteering" recently. A journalist came to interview Richard and Dave. The audio clip can be heard on the tramway Facebook page.

### Trustees' Meeting

Another open day at the tramway is scheduled to be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept in an effort to attract more volunteers. Last year was very successful.

The Saltaire festival in September will have a circus theme and Baildon is having a "design a scarecrow" event at the same time. Are there any creative volunteers out there who would like to produce a circus scarecrow for either the top and/or bottom station(s) to bring the two themes together?

Next trustees' meetings: - Mon 9th July at 19.00hrs and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Aug at 1300hrs, both at The Link, Baildon. Any members wishing to attend should contact Richard in advance.

## **Data Protection Regulations**

The trustees are working hard to devise systems and processes to ensure that the tramway complies with new legislation. Dave Charles is doing an audit of all the personal data that is held relating to current volunteers and members. We will all be receiving a print-out of the data that is held for each of us. Please check and amend it where appropriate and hand it back, sealed, to any driver or trustee in the envelope that will accompany the form. The form makes it clear what's needed. Thanks.

## **Overheard in the shop**

Two over-excited children in the sweetshop begging mum for every sweet on sale. Harassed mum settles the dispute and orders what she thinks is fair. " Can I have a bag of 15 flying saucers divided equally into two bags?" Even our experienced sweet sellers can't achieve that!

Small boy explains to his friend, "Some of the postcards are in colour, the really old ones are in black and white because there weren't any colours then."

## **Tramway brings back happy memories**

Jill Warwick wrote in the Yorkshire Dalesman to express her thanks to all the tramway volunteers for making her mother's day out so special. Jo (Ethel) Warwick (née Luty) was born in Bradford but moved south during the war and joined the Land Army. She revisited Yorkshire with her daughter Jill to be treated as VIPs on the tramway. Jo hadn't ridden on the tram since the 1930s and said that it was just as she remembered it.

## **Dragon Boat Festival**

Preparations are well underway for the weekend of June 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>. We'll have a "Name the Dragon" competition and colouring in opportunities for children. The Dragon Boat event spans over the Friday as well and always proves popular with locals and visitors from further afield. The tramway will therefore open early on both days of the

weekend - **11am**. Paul's mum has knitted the dragons in the picture. Not sure how they'll be used, but a big thank you to Paul's mum for such a generous effort.



## **Reminders**

- If you're selling tickets in the shop and the phone rings would you try to make time to answer. We've heard that people have complained that they can't get through while we're open. Thanks.
- Please leave the kitchen as you would wish to find it! Thanks.
- Any help on a Tuesday with maintenance would be very welcome. Skilled and general. Thanks.

*By all means let's be open-minded, but not so open-minded that our brains drop out.*

*Richard Dawkins*

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 [dinaplowses@gmail.com](mailto:dinaplowses@gmail.com). The deadline for contributions to the next newsletter is 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018.