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Shipley Glen Tramway

Newsletter

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Data audit

All volunteers and members will receive a named envelope containing an A4 sheet showing your personal details as are currently held by the tramway. Please have a check through, amending, deleting or adding as necessary. Please then seal the envelope and return it to any driver or trustee. Thanks.

Dragonboat Weekend

Thanks to all volunteers for your contributions towards the successful and busy weekend at the tramway. Dina, Andrea, Chris, Dale, and Maggie made contributory upfront efforts and worked behind the scenes to make the event possible. And of course, the tombola would not have been possible without donations from lots of generous people, so thank you for all your contributions. The tombola raised £105 over the weekend. Particular thanks go to Saltaire United Reformed Church who kindly loaned the tombola tumbler.

Name the Dragon Competition

There were 86 entries for the Name the Dragon Competition. Congratulations go to winners Isabella and Ruaridh who gave the dragon the creative names of Snappy and Roary.

The Co-op just keeps giving

The second donation to the tramway, as part of the Co-op scheme of giving back 1% to local charities, has been made. Co-op members can nominate the tramway by going online or ringing the Co-op with their membership number and requesting that their 1% is donated to us. Please encourage friends, family, casual acquaintances or anyone else to

name the tramway, as every penny counts. If we aren't nominated we won't benefit. The correct name to use is the Glen Tramway Preservation Company.

Cap and Collar, Saltaire

Ann Falkingham put a pot in the Cap and Collar, a local real ale pub, and we have just received £52.67 in donations! The pot is now back in place in the pub as they are keen to continue with their support. Thanks to them and their customers for their generosity.

Trustees' Meeting News

Tram to open 12:00 – 16:30 on Wednesdays during August school holidays as a trial, so we will be looking for volunteers.

A lock will be provided on the cupboards in the Information Centre. One cupboard will be used to store lost property that's handed in. A log to record details of lost property will be kept in the bottom shop which we will be asking despatchers to maintain.

An exchange trip is being organised to the Scarborough North Bay Railway on Friday 26th Oct. Lunch will be included. If you would like to register your initial interest in going on this trip please email gilliancharles@btconnect.com. More details will follow.

Another Social is to be arranged hopefully in September. The date is yet to be confirmed.

Next trustees' meeting is scheduled for the 6th Aug 13:00 at the Link, Baildon. Any members wishing to attend should contact Richard in advance.

Maintenance Matters

Thanks to the good weather the team has been able to make good progress fitting the new roof to the blue tram. The roof is on and fibreglassed and hopefully will have the edging strip fitted and the UV coating added in the next week or so.

Olden Times Fun

Colin Coates, a former SGT driver, has provided a copy of a feature in the Shipley Times dated June 13th 1919 headed: Holiday Scenes at Shipley on Whitsunday. It tells of crowds of holiday makers thronging the tramcars and trains from Bradford to Saltaire as a "kaleidoscope of colour with clothes of every hue worn by the fair sex, while their escorts disdained anything but flannel trousers, sports' coats and straw hats. The stream of people in Victoria Road made it impassable."

The article continues, "The Glen Railway cars were working without cessation and in the case of hilarious parties who made use of the cars, the saying, 'there is poetry in motion', might well be altered to 'there is fun in motion.' Because although the journey is short there are thrills in it especially when one of those little bumps occurs, and Gladys clutches hold of George's arm, with a shriek of dismay (assumed) and the latter with a reassuring look as befitted one who had ridden in motor lorries on the shell swept areas of Flanders tells her, 'It is nothing.'"

Upcoming Events

Saltaire Festival Weekend is the 8th & 9th of September. Plans are afoot to have a fortune teller, Madame Magenta, each day, maybe 1pm to 3pm, saying her sooth in the grotto. Faith will deal with grotto decorations and would appreciate any help.

Particular help is needed to create scarecrows. Two themes: clowns and farming scarecrows. This will suit both the Saltaire and Baildon themes. Please come forward with your offers of help to Faith, Chris, Mike, Maggie or Dina.

Outside the Information Centre there will be a Mini Fair with Hoopla, Balls in Buckets and Hula Hoops. Each participating child will receive a complimentary small bag of sweets. There will be signs requesting donations as all this will be free. Saltaire Co-op will provide snacks and refreshments on one of the days. There will be music at the bottom station/Information Centre. There may also be a dancing troupe to add to the festivities!

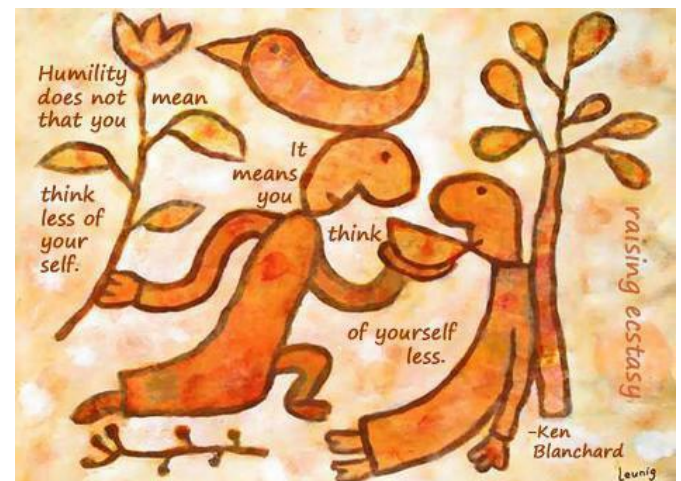
The date for the next Open Day is Saturday 29th of September.

Halloween Wednesday 31st October: - Bracken Hall would like to repeat last year's collaboration where we open in the evening for the ghost walk participants.

Halloween weekend at the tramway will be the 3rd & 4th November. More details to follow.

Reminders

- Family passes for families of four can be good value even this late in year.



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 dinaplowses@gmail.com. The deadline for contributions to the next newsletter is 8th Aug 2018.