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Shipleigh 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.

Christmas all wrapped up?

The order for this year's Christmas presents has been made to Santa. He will be dropping them off in a few days for willing volunteers to wrap on his behalf. If you would like to help Santa by taking some presents to wrap he'd be very grateful. Please contact Gill or Dave Charles. Many thanks in advance (says Santa.)

Congratulations

Congratulations to Chris Bush who is now passed as a dispatcher. He's currently receiving training to become a driver.

Trustees' Meeting News

First Aid – Most, if not all people's first aid certificates will expire in December. If you would like to renew yours, or if you don't hold a certificate and would like to, John Pitcher will be organising a St John's ambulance course at The Link in Baildon. The date is yet to be arranged. Please register your interest in this with John.

The cupboards in the information centre now have locks. The keys are on the keyring that holds the main keys to the information centre. Please keep the TV remote locked in the cupboard after use. Thanks.

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.

The social is now arranged for Thursday September 27th at 7.30pm at Caroline Street Club. Introduce someone to the tramway by bringing them along to join in.

Next trustees' meetings are Tuesday 11th September at 7pm and 15th October at 1pm, both at The Link.

Visitors Celebrate a Wedding Anniversary.

Bradford born Jean (90) and Colin (88) Tolson, from Windermere, visited the tramway with their family on July 22nd 2018 to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. They met at Eastbrook Hall Bradford where Colin was the organist. To help make their trip a special one they were presented with a bouquet of flowers at the bottom station.



Maintenance Matters

The blue tram has now been fitted with its lovely new roof. The next project is to strip, de-rust and repaint the chassis of both trams. Ongoing jobs such as checking the motors and moving parts/bearings, together with the back-breaking work of replacing sleepers keep our dedicated team busy. There's always something to be done!

Upcoming Events

The first weekend of Saltaire Festival is the 8th & 9th of September. The activities planned for that weekend mean that we need to use the grotto, which is cluttered. As the maintenance team is busy preparing for the 6 monthly safety inspection by Zurich the Tuesday before, helpers are much needed to clear out the Santa grotto in preparation. **If you can spare an hour to help** please contact Dina, Maggie or Faith. Thanks in advance.

Reminders for Dispatchers

- Dispatchers are respectfully reminded to keep watching the trams whilst they are moving, even if one of the trams is empty!
- Also, please check with the driver if any volunteers who have been working at the top station need to travel down on the tram at the end of the day. Do let them out before you lock up!

If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month.

Theodore Roosevelt

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 dinaplows@gmail.com. The deadline for contributions to the next newsletter is 13th Sept 2018.