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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.

### **Christmas is nearly all wrapped up**

Thank you so much from Father Christmas to all the volunteers who have been wrapping away ready for December. The Santa Specials really couldn't happen without this sort of dedicated teamwork. Now all we need is acceptable weather in December to encourage the children to want to meet Santa and receive their gift.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to David Robertshaw who is now qualified as a dispatcher.

### **Reminder to Socialise**

The social is now arranged for Thursday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at Caroline Street Club. Introduce someone to the tramway by bringing them along to join in. If you have anything that could be used as a raffle/tombola prize please give it to Maggie or Dina ahead of the social get-together. Thank you. Also, please let Maggie 07718404923 or Dina 07905000545 know your preference food-wise – vegetarian etc.

### **Trustees' Meeting News**

An exchange trip is being organised to the Scarborough North Bay Railway on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. Lunch will be included. If you would like to register your initial interest in going on this trip please email

[gilliancharles@btconnect.com](mailto:gilliancharles@btconnect.com). More details will follow.

Opening on the Wednesdays in August was a great success raising over £2200. Thanks to the volunteers who helped with this.

Donations from outside SGT – eg ASDA, Co-Op, Gift Aid and others total so far over £1700.

The First Aid course at Baildon Link on Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – there are still a few places – contact John Pitcher 07967918388 if you're interested.

Next trustees' meetings are Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm, and Tues 13<sup>th</sup> November 7pm – date yet to be confirmed, both at The Link, Baildon.

### **Saltaire Inspired**

You may have seen the new revolving leaflet display stand in the information centre. This has been donated to the tramway by Saltaire Inspired, and very grateful we are to have such generous neighbours who continue to offer their support.

### **Saltaire Festival**

The weather on the Saturday must have put people off visiting the tramway as it was remarkably quiet. Madame Magenta of course predicted this, but has still been captured on film expressing her sadness.



Huge thanks to everyone involved over the weekend. Emma gave her all and donations from the games were £45.90 😊

### **Comings and Goings**

Welcome back to John and Judith Bentley who have returned to give us their expertise in the top shop.

And a great big thank you to Pam Rycroft who is taking some time out from the tramway for personal reasons. Everyone sends their best wishes to you Pam.

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 [dinaplowes@gmail.com](mailto:dinaplowes@gmail.com). The deadline for contributions to the next newsletter is 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018.

### **Maintenance Matters**

The 6 monthly insurance safety inspection by Zurich was passed with flying colours. Plans are afoot to get the chassis of the trams cleaned of rust, treated and painted.

### **Reminders**

- Dispatchers are respectfully reminded to make sure that if they put the track lights on they not only turn the lighting string off but the lamp posts as well. The lamp posts switched from the bottom have been left on now on a few occasions. Thanks.
- It's that time of year! All dispatchers please be aware that as it's autumn the deer are becoming active. . . . The male might 'stagger' across the track whilst the females 'doe si doe' about!

*By three methods we may learn wisdom:  
First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second,  
by imitation, which is easiest; and third by  
experience, which is the bitterest.*

*Confucius*