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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.

Keeping it in the Family!

Congratulations to Faith Bush who is now qualified as a greeter and to her husband Chris who is passed off as a driver.

Trustees' Meeting News

Architects are being commissioned to explore ways to improve the top station.

Dale has arranged for the trams' chassis to be refurbished and repainted. Thanks to him and Bagnalls who have agreed to undertake the work at no charge!

Open day went well with 386 travellers and quite a few people showing an interest in joining the teams.

Halloween night on the 31st Oct is a ticket-only event. Opening times are 1700hrs to 2000hrs with tickets only available in advance from Bracken Hall for £5. Halloween will of course also be celebrated over the weekend after the 31st and prizes are to be won in the competitions.

The social at Caroline St. Club was a success – the buffet was much enjoyed. Quiz-wise, John will compile the next one and will take no prisoners!

The next trustees' meeting is Tues 13th November 7pm at The Link, Baildon.

Maintenance Matters

There were problems at the start of service on the open day, following maintenance the previous week. The rope kept dropping off two of the rollers near the bottom station but, fortunately, two of the team that day were also engineers so temporary work was done to allow the trams to run. This could only happen because Chris Bush, as a newly qualified driver, happened to be available to test drive the trams during the process. He sacrificed joining in on a pub lunch with his family so many thanks Chris. Opening was only delayed by 20 minutes. Further work to prevent it recurring was completed the following Tuesday.

A skip had to be organised to clear much of the rubbish that the team needed to dispose of and they just had to start the season off with fire . . . works! Boys will be boys



Young Local Poet Receives Recognition

Ira Dalby who is 9, entered his poem about a trip on the tramway into the Saltaire Review poetry competition. He came an amazing second in the under 18yrs category. What an achievement! He's pictured here with his family and Dina who presented him with a framed copy of his poem. Chris Bush designed and produced this for Ira and we've also put a copy of the poem on display in the information centre. Ira has been inspired to write more poetry; remember, you heard it here first.



Amy Seymour

Philip Ratcliffe, Amy's partner, kindly sent to the tramway a donation of over £500 from the collection taken at Amy's funeral service which was held on the 7th of September 2018. He and Amy enjoyed spending time locally in the park and on the tramway. Everybody who supports the tramway will benefit from this thoughtful gesture. Thank you.

Reminders

- If you need to clear the platforms of leaves before opening please be sure to blow/sweep them away so that they don't land on the tracks. Many thanks.

Life is like playing a violin solo in public and learning the instrument as one goes on.

Samuel Butler

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 14th Nov 2018.