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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. Secretary/Treasurer: Richard Freeman.

So Many Events.....

Thank you to everyone, volunteers and patrons, who contributed to the success of Halloween events, Bonfire Night and WW1 commemorative weekend. Bracken Hall held a variety of Halloween celebrations and included a tram ride as part of their programme. This called on extra volunteers to staff the tramway on the actual night of Halloween. We also held a whole weekend dedicated to Halloween with a skeleton-counting competition and a chance to Name the Witch!



Vera and Dina in witchy mode!

Benjamin Hall, aged 2 and a half, with his prize for counting the skeletons.



And congratulations to Rhys Butterfield who also won a prize for counting correctly.

Passengers and ghouls taking part in the Bracken Hall event.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Sheila Nelson who has qualified as a greeter just in time to be a greeter elf at the Santa Specials!

Trustees' Meeting News

In keeping with other passenger-carrying systems the trustees have decided to reintroduce random breath tests for all operational volunteers. This is a safety matter and will affect drivers, dispatchers and greeters. Your understanding is appreciated.

Initial ideas have been received from the architects for improving the top station.

We will be having a stall at Victoria Hall for the Saltaire Lights Switch On and thanks go to Ann Falkingham and Faith Bush who have kindly volunteered to staff this. There will be a Tombola so if anyone has anything they could donate as a prize please contact Ann, Faith or Dina. Dina's email details are below. You are also welcome to leave your donations in either shop, but leave a note to say what they're for. Many thanks.

Thanks go to Stephen H Smith (Wilsden) who have once again agreed to donate a Xmas tree to the tramway.

Paul Armstead has resigned his trusteeship but continues as a volunteer.

Next trustees' meetings are Wed 9th Jan 2019 at 1pm and Mon 11th Feb at 7pm both at The Link, Baildon.

Maintenance Matters

Routine maintenance continues and some rails have been replaced from rails bought from the North Bay Railway in Scarborough. Many thanks to Vince Kitson for organising this and having the rails cleaned and treated.

The top shop roof had a rainwater leak which hopefully the team has managed to fix. If you spot a drip on the floor in front of the counter, that's a water drip, please let the driver know so that he/she can tell the maintenance team.

The painting of the trams has now been put off until next March at the earliest as it is now too cold for the new coating.

Reminders

- Reminder to dispatchers that you are the only eyes on the tracks for the bottom half of the tram journey. Your vigilance is appreciated for everyone's safety.

Prejudice is a great time saver. You can form opinions without having to get the facts.

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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 10th Jan 2019.