

Vintage Trains Society

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

When I stood down from being your Chairman at the 2017 AGM I did not expect to be writing to you again in that capacity. I ceased being a committee member and Chairman because after several years at the regulator I decided that it was time for a new leader to bring in fresh ideas and look at the VTS world through a new pair of eyes.

However, earlier this year, the Chair's seat became vacant at short notice and Robin Coombes stepped in to take up the role temporarily until the AGM when a new Chairman could be elected, saying that he was unable to take on the role beyond the AGM. I was approached by several committee members and asked to consider rejoining the committee and standing for the Chairman's post.

After a lot of thought I decided to put my name forward and I was duly elected at this year's AGM as a committee member and Chair. On behalf of all members I would like to thank Robin for taking over the regulator at such short notice.

This year will be a momentous one for Vintage Trains and for your Society. Like you, I am hoping to hear the good news in the not too distant future that the share issue initial target of £800,000 has been reached and that the Train Operating Company (TOC) is being launched. The setting up and launching of a new TOC involves a lot of hard work and I hope that VTS will be able to play a significant part during the launch period and beyond and that it will provide new opportunities for members to volunteer in ways that have not occurred before.

We will be providing updates as and when we get news so please watch out for future VTS Newsletters and editions of Steam in Trust.

Best wishes

Chris Schroeder

Chairman, Vintage Trains Society

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Society's AGM was held on 25th March at the LMRCA and a copy of the Minutes is included separately with this newsletter.

'AT HOME' OPEN WEEKEND - SATURDAY 30th JUNE & SUNDAY 1st JULY

Please make a note of the dates in your diaries. Planning for the weekend is still in progress, but there will be passenger train rides on the demonstration line between 10.30 and 16.30 on Saturday and from 10.30 to 15.30 on Sunday. TLW hopes to have 7029, 5043, 4965 and 9600 in steam, with 5080 and possibly 5593 on display. The workshop viewing gallery and coal stage viewing area will be open to the public.

Refreshments will be available in the buffet car on Platform 2 and all-day breakfasts will be served in the Pullman cars.

The entrance fee will be £10 for the general public, with one child (aged 16 and under) per adult entering free. VTS members will be charged just £5, on presentation of a valid membership card.

Assistance from VTS volunteers is sought in the following areas:

- car park and entry control
- ticketing
- crowd control at the turntable, level crossing and viewing areas
- buffet staffing
- stewards for passenger trains

Here is a comment from new recruit Richard Dovey on his experience of volunteering for the 'Clun Castle' recommissioning day last year:

"Open days take a lot of preparation, and as a new recruit I was keen to see how I could help. The work starts many weeks in advance, to dust off some engines which have not been in steam to giving final touches to the star attraction - "Clun Castle". "Defiant" needed attention from top to bottom and took several weeks because volunteers only attend one day each week. Washing and polishing one wheel might take an hour so it isn't difficult to see the time needed to bring it all up to specification. The weather on the day was excellent and I would imagine everyone got the pictures they came for."

Please contact Tim Evans at the VT Office (tim@vintagetrains.co.uk) if you are able to help us on either of the Open Days.

OTHER EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 14th to Sunday 17th June: BBC Gardeners' World Live at the NEC (VTCBS stand)

Saturday 29th / Sunday 30th September: '50 Years' Open Weekend

Saturday 24th / Sunday 25th November: Warley Model Railway Exhibition



TED ASHWORTH

We are sad to report the passing of Ted Ashworth in April following an illness bravely borne. Ted was a long-serving train steward before taking on the role of Train Manager in September 2015.

Affectionately known as PC49, Ted was exceptional in generating funds through sales of raffle tickets and memorabilia and kept everyone entertained with his banter. We will miss him greatly and our thoughts are with his wife, Jan, son Ian and family at this sad time.

VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has been coming to Tyseley since the start of the year to help, particularly before the fine weather arrived in May: let's hope it lasts! Here's a summary of volunteer work carried out by groups on different days of the week so far this year:

Tuesdays

The crane truck has been the object of ongoing restoration work, 'Defiant' and 'Kolhapur' have been thoroughly cleaned for presentation at Open Days and the VT carriage set has been deep cleaned. Vegetation has been cleared from the north bank and the signal box and hut have been tidied up, with the latter receiving replacement wood flooring. Refurbishment of the Meeting Room has been started.

Wednesdays

Volunteers have cleaned 5043, 7029, 4965, No 1 and 9600, while members of the Kinlet Hall Society have been coming in to help with the restoration of 4936.

Thursday evenings

Cleaning and maintenance of the undercarriage of 47773 'The Queen Mother' has been carried out, and we have started a 24-month refurbishment of the Volunteers' Hut.

Other tasks carried out by our volunteers include pit cleaning, painting a well wagon and boiler wagon, work on carriage bogies, site tidying and setting up for TLW events.

Saturdays

Volunteers from the BR Class 8 Steam Locomotive Trust and the Bahamas Locomotive Society have continued attending TLW to help with the restorations of 'The Duke' and 'Bahamas'.

Phoenix Railtours Guided Visit

On 5th May, we gave a guided tour of TLW to Phoenix Railtours, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Many thanks to everyone at Tyseley who made this event such a success, particularly Les Ross, Mary McCullough and Richard Bennett, who helped show the visitors around the site.

Signing In

Thank you to all volunteers who have been signing in and out in the Waiting Room before and after working on site, as requested: please keep this up.

Facebook group for volunteers

A Facebook group called 'Volunteers at Tyseley' has been set up. If you are a Facebook user, please feel free to join the group and use it as a platform to discuss and publicise activities, events, socials etc.

Tim Evans

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Stand Stewards

Volunteers are needed to staff our stands at public events. The next one will be at the NEC from Thursday 14th to Sunday 17th June for BBC Gardeners' World Live, where staff will be talking to members of the public about Tyseley, the CBS and TOC, so smart dress is essential.

Registrar / Archivist

We need help with the Tyseley Locomotive Works archives, to which we want to add documents, artefacts, recordings etc. for future exhibitions.

Onsite tour guide

We plan to increase the number of guided tours of the Tyseley site and need to recruit guides for these. Training will be provided.

Fundraising

Lidia Koziel, our Fundraising Development Administrator, needs volunteers to help with future fundraising activities for the companies, site and projects. Training will be provided.

Community Engagement

Local societies, groups and individuals are starting to take an interest in us and we would like to build relationships with them. Guidance will be given to volunteers who can help us to interact with the community around Tyseley.

If you're interested in any of these roles, please contact Tim Evans at the Vintage Trains Office or by email: tim@vintagetrains.co.uk

PLEASE DON'T LOSE TOUCH!

The Tyseley Office has been sending out messages to everyone on its email database about the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which comes into effect on 25th May. From that date, the Office will be obliged to stop sending emails with information about TLW / VT and news of events, railtours etc. to anyone who has not renewed permission for such mailings to continue by 'opting in'.

If you think you are on the VT email database but have **not** received messages with 'Keep Me Updated', 'Review My Details' and 'Opt Out' buttons to register your preferences, please let us know: office@vintagetrains.co.uk If you haven't clicked on 'Keep Me Updated' or given us permission, we will have to stop sending all email communications to you after 25th May.

EPSON INKJET CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

Vintage Trains is very keen to be green, naturally, wherever it can and a huge amount of time and effort goes into recycling as much of the by-product of running trains as possible. Recently the Society has taken delivery of an inkjet recycling box from EPSON and if you are coming to the Open Days and have some used EPSON inkjet cartridges you would like to recycle then bring them along with you. (EPSON only for the time-being.) See you at the Open Days!

Mary McCullough

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

We extend a warm welcome to the following members who have joined the Society during the last year:

Mark James	London	Michael Cotes	Chichester
Richard Dovey	Solihull	A & H Ashby	Yorkshire
John Turvey	Birmingham	Judith Lungley	Birmingham
R T Sault	Kidderminster	Martin Carr	Warwickshire
Mrs E M Such	West Midlands	Thomas Walsh	Birmingham
Mr S J Such	West Midlands	Beth Rudd	West Midlands
Cheyenne Hughes	Gloucester	Stuart Stone	Birmingham
Aaron Matthews	Gloucester	A J Terry	West Midlands
Leo Thomas	Gloucester	Simon Edmunds	Birmingham
G A M Wood	Scotland	J A Smee	Scotland
S D McAuliff	Kent	Jack Bannister	Birmingham
A Clay	Leicester	J Salter	Birmingham
B Eldridge	Stafford	M Mole	Birmingham
John Irons	Nuneaton	G Bowskill	Birmingham
R J Lawrence	Telford	Anthony Stewart	Oxfordshire
D T Evans	Walsall	Robert Horsley	West Midlands
I W Cooke	West Midlands	P & S Tilbury	Berkshire
Mr & Mrs Ayres	West Midlands	Ian Bliss	Stoke on Trent
Mrs D V Brice	Surrey	James Day	West Midlands
M J R Mandley	West Midlands	Roger Sanders	Birmingham
Molly Fox	Birmingham	Brian Davis	Coventry
		Mr & Mrs Oliver	Leicester
		Mr & Mrs Malin	S Derbyshire

VOLUNTEER SOCIAL EVENTS

Over the last few years some volunteers have spent days out together on a social basis.

Invariably, these have involved visiting heritage railways which have included the Welshpool and Llanfair, Llangollen, Dean Forest and Great Central. To add a bit of variety we have also toured Shrewsbury's Victorian Prison and the steamship 'Balmoral' in Bristol Docks.



VTS members enjoying a break in a pub at Carrog on the Llangollen Railway

A date is announced in advance and participants simply buy their own tickets and just turn up at an appropriate departure point. So far this year we have been to our friends at the Severn Valley for a ride behind 6023 'King Edward II' and to the Gloucester and Warks to view the new extension to Broadway. Future events include a visit to Statfold Barn on 19th June, the Dean Forest Railway Steam Gala on 15th June and, logistics permitting, a trip on the Bluebell Railway. Please contact me at neilewart88@gmail.com for more information about these and any future social events.

Neil Ewart

STOCK LIST

Notes

From time to time locomotives and stock may be loaned out to other railway centres for static display or to operate services. Main line certified engines may be temporarily stabilised away from home in order to undertake mainline duties. Guest Locomotives and rolling stock are included. These may be stabilised at Tyseley Locomotive Works for attention or using Tyseley as an operating base, including use on Vintage Trains charter trains. Items marked 'p' are privately owned and not part of the Tyseley collection.

Please note that this list is maintained by volunteers and may not be complete at the date shown.

Some locomotives and rolling stock may not be on view in areas accessible by visitors to Tyseley Locomotive Works. Visitors are only admitted to the works site on Tyseley Open Days.

BR=BR Power Classification ; P= Locomotives in private ownership.
Coaches in Vintage Trains mainline operational fleet : TY01 = vacuum braked/steam heat/ TY02 = air braked/aircon

GW Steam Locomotives

No.		Name	Class	Built	Notes/Owner
2885	p		28xx 2-8-0	1938 Swindon	Practical GW Steam
4121	p		5101 2-6-2T	1937 Swindon	On overhaul
4965		Rood Ashton Hall	49xx Hall 4-6-0	1929 Swindon	
5043		Earl of Mount Edgcumbe	4073 Castle 4-6-0	1936 Swindon	
5080		Defiant	4073 Castle 4-6-0	1939 Swindon	
7029		Clun Castle	4073 Castle 4-6-0	1950 Swindon	
7752			57xx 0-6-0PT	1930 Glasgow	LT No. L94 at PDSR
7760			57xx 0-6-0PT	1930 Glasgow	LT No. L90
9600			57xx 0-6-0PT	1945 Swindon	

LMS Steam Locomotives

5593		Kolhapur	5XP Jubilee 4-6-0	1934 NBL	BR 6P5F
670			LNWR Bloomer	1987 Tyseley	Replica, ongoing work

Industrial Steam Locomotives

		Henry	0-4-0ST	1901 H/Leslie	At Barrow Hill
1		Cadbury No 1	0-4-0T	1925 Avonside	
No 1			0-4-0ST	1941 Peckett	

71480	p	Fred	WD 0-6-0ST	1945 RSH	(LNER Class J94)	
3083	p		0-4-0 VBWT	1923 Société John Cockerill		
Locomotives in the Works						
Industrial Diesel & Petrol Locomotives						
No.			Name	Class	Built	Notes
299099	p			88DS 0-4-0 DM	1950 Ruston & Hornsby	Table Pilot
347447	p			LWS 0-6-0 DM	1957 Ruston & Hornsby	
800	p			0-4-0 Petrol Loco	1920 Baguley	
376	p		Princess Margaret	0-4-0 DM	1948 Andrew Barclay Sons	
BR Diesel/Electric Locomotives						
No.			Name/Numbers	Class	Built	Notes
13029			08 021, D3029	08 DE 0-6-0	1953 Derby	
40 118	p		D318	40 DE 1Co-Co1	1961 EE/RSB	D318 LTD
47 773			D1755 The Queen Mother	47 DE Co-Co	1964 Brush	47161/47541
50 033 56 301	p		Glorious D433 56 045	50 DE Co-Co 56 DE Co-Co	1968 EE/VF 1978 BREL	due for SVRly temporary
BR Coaches						
311			Eagle	Mk1 Pullman Kitchen First	1960 Metro Cammell	From NRM
335			Car No 335 : 99361	Mk1 Pullman Parlour Second	1960 Metro Cammell	TY01
349			Car No 349 : 99349	Mk1 Pullman Parlour Second	1960 Metro Cammell	TY01
353			Car No 353 : 99353	Mk1 Pullman Parlour Second	1960 Metro Cammell	TY01
1201				Mk 2RFO	1973/74 Derby	TY02
3309				Mk 2 FO	1973 Derby	TY02
3351				Mk 2 FO	1973/74 Derby	TY02
3416 5148				Mk 2 FO Mk 2 TSO	1973/74 Derby 1967 Derby	TY02 at Telford
5157				Mk 2 TSO	1966 Derby	TY01
5177				Mk 2 TSO	1967 Derby	TY01
5179				Mk 2 TSO	1967 Derby	Top Bank
5183				Mk 2 TSO	1967 Derby	Top Bank

5186	Mk 2 TSO	1966 Derby	Fuel Sidings 2
5191	Mk 2 TSO	1966 Derby	TY01
5193	Mk 2 TSO	1967 Derby	at Telford
5194	Mk 2 TSO	1967 Derby	Fuel Sidings 1
5198	Mk 2 Club Car (ex TSO)	1966 Derby	TY01
5212	Mk 2 TSO	1967 Derby	TY01
5221	Mk 2 TSO	1967 Derby	at Telford
5300	Mk 2a TSO	1968 Derby	by No2 Platform
5314	Mk 2a TSO	1968 Derby	at Turntable
5420	Mk 2a TSO	1969 Derby	Top Bank
5928	Mk 2 SO	1973 Derby	TY02
9101	Mk 2 BSO (Buffet Car)	1966 Derby	TY01
9496	Mk 2e BSO	1972 Derby	TY02
17018	Mk 1 BFK	1961 Swindon	TY01
17090	Mk 2 BFK	1968 Derby	Top Bank
35470	Mk 1 BSK	1963 Wolverton	TY01
96100	GUV (Water Carrier)	1959 Pressed Steel	TY01

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