



The 8E Railway Association Newsletter Winter 2009



Welcome to this edition of your newsletter.

Following an uncertain start, we have had a successful year. The increase in committee numbers, and the willingness of these people to take responsibility for different areas, has made the job of running the Association a lot easier. Let us not be complacent. The work of the committee can only succeed with the support of the members. We need that support at fixtures. The results from the questionnaire showed that we are generally providing speakers etc. which meet the interests of the members. If you have information about any prospective speakers then please let the committee know.

We are facing some difficulties with finances at the moment. The cost of the room is going to rise for the second time this year. Producing a varied programme of fixtures is also becoming more expensive. To maintain the quality of our fixtures and continue at the Gladstone Club, we are going to have to increase income. The committee is considering how we can achieve this increase. There will be discussion about finance at the AGM.

Forthcoming Fixtures – All start at 7.45 prompt

November 10 th	– Russel Hatt & Bill Besford-Foster present ‘Charlie Haywards Film Legacy’
December 8 th	– AGM followed by John Penn’s interactive ‘Do You Know Where This Is?’
January 12 th	- Karl Jauncey & Dave Richards present PSOV Mainline Steam 2009
February 9 th	- Colin White from B&R Video presents Archive Steam Film from the 50's & 60's
March 9 th	- Stephen Gay presents his ‘Picture Postcard Railway Rambles’
April 13 th	- Chris Banks presents ‘Engine Sheds (part 1)’
May 11 th	- Dave Bathurst presents ‘The Chasewater Railway: 50 years On’

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting on 8th December 2009

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Chairman’s Report
4. Secretary’s Report
5. Treasurer’s Report
6. Membership Report
7. Publicity Report
8. Election of Officers
9. To Consider Future Finances
10. Association Constitution
11. AOB

Trips and Outings

We have only been able to arrange one outdoor fixture this summer and this was an evening visit to Stockport on 11th August. It was indeed most pleasing to find around 20 members and friends gathered at Edgeley Station at 7.30pm that evening to explore the remains of the former CLC station at Tiviot Dale and other reminders of bygone railways hereabouts. After a lovely sunny afternoon the prospects were good for a pleasant evening stroll but as we headed towards the town centre the clouds rolled in and heavy drizzle was to feature for the rest of the night. Nevertheless our spirits were not dampened and we achieved all our objectives, including rounding off the evening in style at ‘The Crown’ and ‘The Olde Vic’ pubs where a good selection of quality ales was enjoyed prior to the train home.

There is plenty of scope for further exploration in a railway context in Stockport so no doubt we can programme a repeat visit sometime, perhaps on a Saturday afternoon to allow wider scope and better light. In the meantime I will be glad of suggestions of any evenings out you might feel are viable for summer 2010.

Alan Ashurst.

GWS Warrington Meetings

As you know we now have no official role in joint sponsorship of meetings in Warrington, but the GWS still greatly value our support at these events. Future dates are Fridays 27 November (Adrian Bodlander on European Railways) then 29 January (Glen Atkinson on The Manchester Ship Canal). Please consider joining us if you can at St. Hilda's Mission Church Clubroom, Slater Street, Latchford, at 7'45pm where it must be said attendance figures continue to be rather poor despite the warm welcome on offer.

Alan Ashurst

A Puzzling Time at the Shed....!

Four privately owned steam engines are stabled next to each other in a small 4 track shed. Each engine is of a different colour and is owned by a different family. One member of each family is the driver. Can you work out who owns and drives each engine....?

1. Alan's track is immediately left, as you look at the shed, of the Piston's family Blue engine
2. Mike Tender does not have a Red engine
3. Peter's engine is on track C
4. The Green engine is not on track A
5. The Black engine on track B does not belong to the Crank family.

A	B	C	D
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<u>Driver</u>
<u>Family</u>
<u>Colour</u>

*Drivers names – Alan, Colin, Mike, Peter;
Family names – Buffer, Crank, Piston, Tender;
Engine colours – Black, Blue, Green, Red*

The solution is on our new web site (see below) and will also be available at the AGM



The 8E Railway Association **<http://8erailwayassociation.org.uk/>**

A web site to publicise our meetings and to provide links to other railway related groups is currently being tested on **www.8erailwayassociation.site11.com**. All members are invited to view the site; all comments, suggestions, and/or material for the site are very welcome – please email to paulandgilltench@hotmail.com.

Prior to the AGM the test site will be transferred to our own permanent location at **www.8erailwayassociation.org.uk**



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