

Welcome to this edition of your newsletter...

This year has been another success. Despite the hiccup in October when we unfortunately had equipment malfunction, we have enjoyed a varied programme. The 'outdoor' events have again been very well attended and enjoyable. Members who have heard about meetings they missed have suggested return visits for a number of speakers. Please try to attend our AGM as it is essential for the committee to be sure they have a mandate to run the Association.

Peter Dixon – Chairman

Forthcoming Fixtures – All start at 7.45 prompt

December 11th - AGM followed by 30 Years of The 8E presented by Alan Ashurst
January 8th - Karl Jauncey & Dave Richards (PSOV): Mainline Steam 2012 www.mainlinesteam.net
February 12th - Colin White (B&R Video): Archive Cine Film from the 50's & 60's www.bandrvideos.co.uk
March 12th - Tony Icke presents Decades of Change
April 9th - Graham Nicholas presents Tornado
May 14th - Wayne Jones. Presentation TBA

Agenda for the AGM - 11thDecember 2012

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. Membership of HRA
9. Future Composition of Committee
10. Election of Officers
11. AOB

Any additional agenda items you would like to raise at the AGM should be notified to the Committee by 1st December 2012.
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2012 Trips and Outings

Once again we have enjoyed some excellent outdoor activities this summer. Initially in June an evening outing to Knutsford provided an entertaining historical / architectural review (ok then - a pub crawl!) around this pleasant Cheshire market town, where we all learned a few things about King Canute, Mrs Gaskell and mid-Victorian railway development. The quiz provided by Paul also allowed us to catch a flavour of the importance of the Cheshire Lines system. Then in July came the first of our Saturday trips, with an initial walk from Gorton to Levenshulme on the Eastern section of the former GCR South Manchester Loop Line, followed by an afternoon in Buxton where we learned about not only the influence of the Midland and LNWR in these parts but also on which day of the year 'Buxton Carnival' is held - as the picture shows! Escaping from the revelry to the local Wetherspoons proved to be rather welcome! Finally in August we had a splendid visit to the MOSI complex in Manchester where my cousin's lad Matt Jackson (on the staff there) kindly gave up some of his free time to provide a short tour of the site and some interesting background information to many of the exhibits. A few of us rounded the day off at the Moon Under Water on Deansgate to witness Mo Farrah tearing up the track for his second Olympic Gold, a fitting end to a truly 'Olympian' series of well attended days out in true 8E style as we have done on many occasions during the last 30 or so years - more evidence of which will be seen during my slide presentation after the December AGM. Look out for details of proposals for 2013 trips early in the New Year.

Alan Ashurst. Hon Vice-President (and 'Hon 8E Tour Guide').

Other Railway Association Meetings (from September to April)

AERPS (Altrincham) - Meet at Altrincham Methodist Church, Barrington Road, Altrincham at 7:30pm on the second Friday of each month. Further information at www.altrincham-electric.org.uk
RCTS (Chester) - Meet at The Town Crier, City Road, Chester at 7:30 pm on third Monday each month. Further information at www.rcts.org.uk

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Our website publicises our meetings and provides links to other railway related groups. All members are invited to regularly review the site for latest club news. Contact for the association is via the8erailwayassociation@hotmail.co.uk

