



The 8E Railway Association 2013 Newsletter



Welcome to this edition of your newsletter...

Comments from your Chairman

The Association has had another successful year. Meetings at the Gladstone Club have been well attended. We had a very successful and enjoyable involvement with the 'Railway 150 Weekend' at Weaver Hall. Thank you to all those who manned our stands during the event. Our new programme has some very interesting speakers and I would encourage you all to attend.

Peter Dixon – Chairman

2013 – 14 Fixtures. All start at 7:45 prompt

10th September 2013	- Russell Hatt presents Chocolate to Coal (Industrial and Mainline Steam)
8th October 2013	- Chris Banks presents Engine Sheds - Part 2
12th November 2013	- Phil Braithwaite presents British Steam 1948-68
10th December 2013	- AGM followed by a light hearted quiz chaired by Alan Ashurst
14th January 2014	- PSOV - Mainline Steam 2013 http://www.mainlinesteam.net/
11th February 2014	- Colin White presents Historic Railway Films http://www.brvideos.co.uk/
11th March 2014	- Paul Sackcloth presents Locomotives of the L&YR - Part 1
8th April 2014	- Les Nixon presents Railways of Scotland
13th May 2014	- T.B.C.

Notes from the AGM held on 11th December 2012

Minutes of the 2011 AGM were accepted

Finances remained very healthy. Thanks had been received from the Talylyn Railway and from The Railway Children for the donations made from the Preservation Fund.

Currently there are 33 Ordinary Members and 22 Life Members.

Preferred method of communication with members is via e-mail.

The Association has withdrawn its membership of HRA as it is no longer clear there are any benefits.

Officers for 2013 were elected as follows: Chairman – Peter Dixon; Vice-Chairman – Wayne Jones; Secretary – David Hawkes; Treasurer – Keith Roberts; Membership Secretary – Roger Morris; Publicity Officer – Paul Tench; Auditor – David Hawkes; Fixtures – Wayne Jones. Subsequent to the AGM Tina Mclaulhin-Knowles also joined the Committee with a view to taking on a specific role in the future.

Full copy of the minutes is available from Paul Tench or David Hawkes

Agenda for the AGM - 10th December 2013

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. AOB

2013 Trips and Outings

Once again we have enjoyed some jolly times exploring the north west transport infrastructure using the marvellous value 'Wayfarer' tickets this summer, although sadly the inability of Metrolink to notify the travelling public of short notice engineering work led to significant revision to our plans on the two Saturday trips, which was rather unhelpful to say the least. Initially we enjoyed a very



8E Members at 'The Baum'

pleasant evening trip to Stockport in June for a mid-week visit to look at the surviving Victorian railway infrastructure around Heaton Norris, followed by an excellent social 'session' in the recently re-opened and significantly re-vamped Hope Inn on Wellington Road North. Then in July we attempted to get to Rochdale by tram all the way from Didsbury, although as noted above the southern section was out of use on the day in question so the tram was only available from Manchester itself. Nevertheless a good time was enjoyed visiting a number of hostelrys, including The Baum in Rochdale (national 'pub of the year' winner) and The Steamhouse in Urmston (located in the former CLC station buildings there). August then found us embarking on a Saturday trip to the East Lancs Railway, but again tram route closures forced us onto the lengthy bus replacements (90 minutes journey for 13 miles from Manchester to Bury!). Anyway, consensus was as ever that a grand time was had by all participants so planning for similar in 2014 is already underway!

Alan Ashurst: Hon Vice-President and 8E Tours Coordinator

Notes from the Northwich Railway Weekend 27th & 28th July 2013

Northwich Guardian

MORE than 600 visitors helped to celebrate 150 years of railway history in Northwich at the weekend. Weaver Hall Museum, in London Road, hosted a railway weekend complete with model railway exhibition, outdoor miniature railway, railway films and displays about local railways.

Veteran engine driver Ron Carey spent the Saturday afternoon reminiscing with visitors on the golden age of steam and Don Rustage from Mickle Trafford, near Chester, reported that his great grandfather travelled on the footplate of the first train out of Northwich when the Station opened on January 1, 1863.

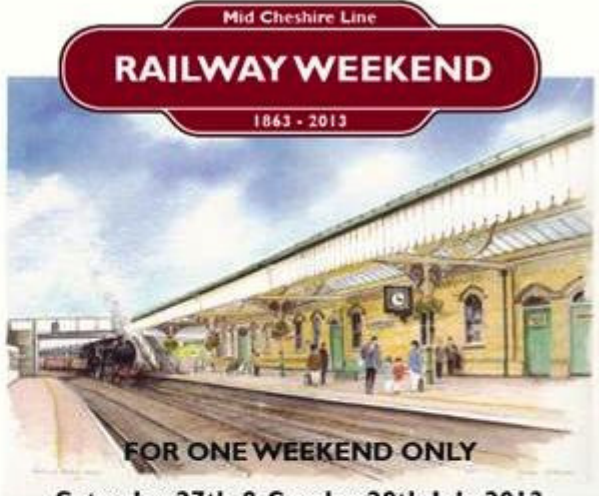
The mayor of Northwich, Cllr Bob Robinson, spent more than two hours at the celebrations with his son and four-year-old grandson. He said: "I am so pleased to see so many people at the museum celebrating Northwich's rich heritage."

"My wife's father, Jim Elmes, worked with Ron Carey on the trains at Northwich and I was so pleased to show my young grandson a picture on display of his great grandfather on a steam engine at Northwich."

Northwich resident, Keith Roberts, who visited the celebrations said: "I used to walk to school at Sir John Deane's in the 1960s and remember steam trains thundering across the Weaver Viaduct. "These celebrations have brought back many nostalgic childhood memories including the model trains I received at Christmas and on my birthday".

Mike Lenz, former chairman of the local 8E Railway Association, said: "Everyone who has visited the weekend has had their own railway story to tell."

"The star attraction was the Model Railway exhibition, youngsters enjoyed the outside miniature railway and the Regalette Cinema has been packed all weekend with visitors watching local railway films."



Mid Cheshire Line
RAILWAY WEEKEND
1863 - 2013

FOR ONE WEEKEND ONLY
Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th July 2013
10am – 4.30pm

WEAVER HALL MUSEUM
London Road Northwich CW9 8AB
Adults £3.00; Children £1.50; Concessions £2; Family (2 + 2) £7.

Railway Films - 150 Years of Rail Travel
Model Railway Exhibition & Miniature Railway

Travel by Train to Northwich Railway Station
then walk via Vickersway Park and the Arches to the Museum

Creative Partnership Working in Northwich

Supporting Weaver Hall Museum and The Friends of Weaver Hall Museum

Other Railway Association Meetings (from October 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
- SLS (Manchester) - Meet at The Friends' Meeting House, Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS at 2:00pm on 5/10; 2/11; 7/12/13; 25/1; 22/2; 22/3/14. Further information at slnwsecy@gmail.com

www.8erailwayassociation.org.uk

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