



Supporters Newsletter for the



Heritage Railway Trust

Spring 2019

Bramley Line Heritage Trust AGM

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2019. Top of the agenda this month, is advice of our Annual General Meeting, to be held at Waldersea depot on Saturday 13th April at 2pm. Everyone is very welcome, and for anybody that hasn't visited Waldersea, a chance to see the work in hand, and hear about visions for the future. For paid up members only, the opportunity to vote for candidates for the various offices involved in running the Trust. Any members that would like to put themselves or others forward for any roles, including committee membership, please contact the office. Please note, that this AGM should not be confused with the Wisbech and March Bramley Line Ltd AGM which will follow on from the Trust AGM, notice of which is found on Page 4 of this newsletter.

Membership

As most current members will be aware, March is membership renewal anniversary, excepting any new members who have joined in the last 6 months. For some, you may not be aware of the revised membership fees and structure, so these are outlined here, also available on the website.

Membership Fees for 2019/20

Annual Membership:

Individual	£12.00
Couple	£18.00
Family	£24.00
Individual Life Membership ONLY for the over 55's	£250.00
Individual Life Membership ONLY for the over 65's	£150.00
Corporate Membership	£100.00

Existing or expired memberships can be renewed by card through Paypal, just go to the links on our website, or by cheque through the post to the Waldersea depot address below.

The extended period membership options have been discontinued, and a new design membership card will be issued to every renewing member. The Trust continues in it's focus to restore railway heritage to the Wisbech to March line, and is continually looking for opportunities to retain the rail link between the two Fenland market towns of Wisbech and March.

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BACK ON TRACK

We are pleased to have welcomed new members and volunteers this year who are helping improve maintenance and development efforts at Walderssea. The ongoing challenges facing the Trust continue, whilst the process of the Network Rail Grip 3 study runs its course. To this end, we have recently received this invitation from the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority, who are leading on the re-opening of the March to Wisbech Line:

"Please accept our apologies for the slow response, it has been an extremely busy month, not least on Wisbech Rail. Our Technical supplier is under way with teams working on both heavy rail and an alternative. As you will appreciate it is not our intention to announce specific progress or outcomes as we go, as this can often prejudice the overall study outcome. In addition to the technical supplier activity, we can also confirm that we have been having meetings with organisations to consider independent cost and rail planning plus meeting with others to discuss collaborative activity in relation to establishing potential investors. We would be more than happy to meet with you personally to discuss Wisbech Rail, where we would be interested in discussing your knowledge of the line, but also investment opportunities and insight based on your local and regional knowledge. Perhaps you could provide dates and times and we can arrange diaries accordingly, We would be happy to meet with you at a venue of your choosing."

Meanwhile, Network Rail have been out and about checking various parts of the line, the photo below shows evidence of recent activity on a culvert bridge at Redmoor Lane. The original double track orientation of the line clearly seen to the left of the picture.



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Ray Fothergill

We have to announce with sadness, the resignation of Ray Fothergill from the Trust. Ray has been a longstanding member for many years, serving in various roles as the trust developed, most recently as President. After much consideration, Ray has decided to resign due to health issues. We wish both Ray and Hazel best wishes in their retirement.



This photo of Ray, taken in 2011, shows Ray enjoying a break whilst working with fellow volunteers.

GDPR

GDPR, or the EU General Data Protection Regulation, came into force on 25th May 2018. It was originally intended to manage the data information of individuals in the business environment. Like so many laws and regulations intended to protect people and their rights, it grows into a significant challenge for many organisations that communicate with people in a variety of spheres. We have had to ‘crop’ the above picture, because some of the other volunteers pictured with Ray 8 years ago have moved on, and we are unable to contact them for permission to publish their photographs.

Similarly, we have to have your agreement to contact you by email, and you have the right to advise us if you no longer wish to hear from us. Should you wish to be deleted from our database, please respond to this contact accordingly.

Membership Renewals

Please remember to renew your membership either at or before the AGM is held in April.
Your railway needs YOU

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THE WISBECH & MARCH BRAMLEY LINE LTD
Company No: 05224482

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Wisbech & March Bramley Line Limited will be held at:

3.00pm on Saturday, 13th April 2019

To consider and if thought fit to pass the following Resolutions

1. That the appointment of the Directors be approved:
Currently the directors of the Wisbech & March Bramley Line Limited are David Bunting, Ray Fothergill, Richard Gilbert, Simon King and Roy Miles.

David Bunting, Ray Fothergill and Richard Gilbert are resigning as directors in rotation and that David Bunting and Richard Gilbert are re-appointed as directors.

2. That the date of the next Wisbech & March Bramley Line Limited AGM follows the Wisbech and March Bramley Line Heritage Railway Trust AGM on 4th April 2020

Content of proxy notices:

Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in writing (a "proxy notice") which –

(a) states the name and address of the member appointing the proxy;

(b) identifies the person appointed to be that member's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;

(c) is signed by or on behalf of the member appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine; and

(d) is delivered to the company 48 hours before the meeting to 27, North Brink, Wisbech, PE13 1JR and in accordance with the articles and any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting to which they relate.

Proxy notices may specify how the proxy appointed under them is to vote (or that the proxy is to abstain from voting) on one or more resolutions.

Unless a proxy notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as –

(a) allowing the person appointed under it as a proxy discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting;

(b) appointing that person as a proxy in relation to any adjournment of the general meeting to which it relates as well as the meeting itself.

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