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Supporters Newsletter- October 2013

Much has been going on since our last newsletter in July. With road shows, working days, website updates, and new restoration projects, our committee members have been kept busy generating increasing interest in a line which itself is gaining a lot more local enthusiasm. Also, we have a little 'in house' competition in this issue to win a year's free membership, so read on.

Committee members Richard Dixon and Dave Nugent have attended several venues in East Anglia throughout the summer with the road show stand, promoting the Trust's work whilst bringing in funds to help with this. The most recent, being the Peterborough Model Railway Exhibition, again attracting visitors in the thousands, was held over two days, and Neil Harriss, Janet and Steve Wallace, along with Richard and Dave manned it over the two days. Many visitors were interested to find out about future options for the line. The next road show date is 23/24th November at the Shoeburyness Railway Exhibition being held at Garons Leisure Centre, Southend, SS2 4FA.



Committee members and visitors at the Peterborough Show held on the 19th and 20th of October

Another person whom has been kept very busy is our webmaster, Rod Baron, developing the website with more pages, more interest, and many photos of interest, both past and present day. If you have internet access, have a fresh look, www.bramleyline.org.uk where you can now apply for membership and/or renew membership, and even make a donation through the members page. Also, we are developing a merchandising option where various railway related purchases can be made.

Now for the competition! The committee feels that our supporters' newsletter needs a name of its own, something original, we cannot use names already used by other railways. So, if you can come up with a catchy original title suitable for this, drop us a line or email with your idea, and win one year's free membership if it is adopted as the best name.

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Wisbech - March Railway

Our scouts and contacts have been finding interesting items of vintage rolling stock lately; in our last newsletter we covered the acquisition of a late 19th century carriage, retrieved from a local garden, and now at Waldersea undergoing assessment for restoration.

Since then we have been offered a North Eastern Railway coach, 49 ft in length. These coaches were built at York around 1901-02, being withdrawn in the early 1950's, which was when it arrived at it's resting place for the past 60+ years. None are preserved as far as we know. However, it was decided that with the restoration project that we already had in house, and another on it's way, we would not be able to do this find justice. So one of our members made it his mission to find a good home for it, and did not take long to discover that the Tanfield Railway in Tyneside, said to be the world's oldest railway, was extremely interested, so much so that they have now a significant investment in the coach having transported it back to Tyneside for restoration to begin.



The 49ft coach, having been carefully lifted from it's resting place, leaving the Fens for it's new home at Tanfield Railway.

And the Bramley Lines second restoration project- a 1950's tank wagon has recently arrived from Weeting, and is now majestically sited on the recently laid track siding at Waldersea depot.



Both the tank wagon and the Victorian carriage are to form a key part of the development of our heritage railway, so if you would like to get more involved, do get in touch. The more volunteers we have, the speedier the progress we make.