

# BACK ON TRACK

Supporters Newsletter for the

**BRAMLEY LINE**

Wisbech - March Railway

Heritage Railway Trust

June/July 2014



*One year on, and this 1876 carriage is now installed at Waldersea depot. It is undergoing the early stages of investigative restoration work to restore it to its former glory.*

## Membership.

As many of our supporters will know, the membership year for the Trust runs from April to March. A number of members have yet to renew for this current year, so if that includes you and it is an oversight, please renew your subscription again for this year. It's easier than ever now, either by Paypal through the website, or by Bacs payment straight to the Trust's account, sort code: 30-99-77 account no: 19967868, or by cheque through the post to the Waldersea Depot address.

## Working at Waldersea

Waldersea is now home to the 1876 carriage, also a 1950's tank wagon and the most recent addition, a dry goods van body. All of these need restoration work of varying types, from painting and cleaning to woodwork and mechanical repair.

So, for anyone interested, there is a variety of opportunities to get actively involved whether you have particular skills or not. A general monthly workday is held on the second Saturday each month, do come and help our small band of volunteers making progress. Renovation work for

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the rolling stock and buildings, preparing items for painting, repairing and maintaining fences, mowing grass, weed management, or just join the 'battle of the brambles' extending the current boundaries.

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### **NEW! Fleecees and Polo shirts for sale**

The Trust will be ordering new fleecees and polo shirts in the near future. These are being made available in a more correct GER blue, for purchase at a cost of £9.50 for the Polo Shirt and £17.99 for the fleece. All orders must be submitted by 15 August 2014, with an accompanying cheque. I am afraid that no returns can be accepted. Please use the order form attached to order.

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### **Network Rail.**

The Trust has recently renewed its agreement with Network Rail having re-licensed its occupation of the line for the next 3 years which will allow us to continue our work. Our original aims have not changed which are to preserve the railway heritage of the area, to provide a heritage railway centre and ultimately to run heritage trains on the

Wisbech to March line, with a possible operating centre at Waldersea depot.

There is much talk at the moment in local and national government circles of addressing the poor transport links that the town of Wisbech endures. The main arterial road, the A47, is single carriageway between Wisbech and Peterborough, excepting a short stretch of dual carriageway bypassing Thorney, and daily proves to be a slow route for commuters.

The Government have recently agreed to release £500,000 to fund two studies, the first in reopening the line between Wisbech and March, and the second, a proposal to dual the A47 between Wisbech and Guyhirn. The £250,000 fund for the line is for a detailed engineering study, known as a Grip 2, to determine how Network Rail can deliver the project of reopening the line.

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### **National Festival of Railway Modelling**

[LINK](#)

The Trust will again be exhibiting at this annual, well attended event in Peterborough. This year it is being held over the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> October and has much of interest for many railway enthusiasts. The organisers lay on special buses running a frequent shuttle service to and from Peterborough main line station, there is ample car parking, and if you fancy a busy railway weekend, the Nene Valley Railway is but a stones' throw away.

If anyone would like to volunteer to assist in manning the Bramley Line Trust stand, please drop us an email, a phone call, or a letter, as soon as possible, to register your interest.

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### **Waldersea Depot.**

Whilst track laying, heritage stock refurbishment, and general site maintenance has been carrying on over the past year, it is always hampered by lack of electricity and water supply. It was recently agreed to obtain connection cost estimates from UK Power Networks and Anglian Water to determine if either or both of these mains resources can be cost effectively delivered to the

depot. Surveyors from both organisations have been working on these requests and we expect to be receiving budget estimates over the next couple of weeks.

The wet weather this year to date has kept everything growing at an amazing pace, to the extent that for a period earlier in the season the grass and other vegetation growth at the depot was getting ahead of our volunteers. A recent surge of activity has rectified this situation, with the depot now looking reasonably tidy again



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## Derek Haynes

It is with great sadness that we have learnt of the death of Derek Haynes. His funeral was held at St Wendredas Church, March on 15<sup>th</sup> July. Derek spent much of his working life on the railways, both as a signalman, and also as a roster clerk. He was a founder member of the Bramley Line, and a keen supporter over many years, regularly attending committee meetings until earlier this year. Our thoughts and prayers go to his family at this sad time.



IN LOVING MEMORY

of

## Charles John Derek Haynes

*(Beloved Husband of Phyl, devoted Father of Liz and Grandee of Tash)*

who passed away  
on 1st July, 2014  
Aged 85 Years

St. Wendreda's Church, March,  
Tuesday, 15th July, 2014 at 1.00 p.m.  
Followed by Interment in Eastwood Cemetery.

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**BRAMLEY LINE FLEECE/POLO ORDER FORM**

<b>POLO £9.50</b>	
Sizes	Qty Required
<b>S 35 - 37"</b>	
<b>M 38 - 40"</b>	
<b>L 41 - 43"</b>	
<b>XL 44 - 46"</b>	
<b>XXL 47 - 49"</b>	

<b>FLEECE £17.99</b>	
Sizes	Qty Required
<b>S 35 - 37"</b>	
<b>M 38 - 40"</b>	
<b>L 41 - 43"</b>	
<b>XL 44 - 46"</b>	
<b>XXL 47 - 49"</b>	

	QTY		TOTAL
<b>Polo Shirts</b>		<b>x £9.50 =</b>	
<b>Fleece</b>		<b>X 17.99 =</b>	
<b>Postage &amp; Packing</b> (*delete if not required)			<b>*£3.60</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			

Prices include VAT  
 Items will be delivered 1-3 weeks after 15/8/14.  
 Returns will not be accepted.  
 Make cheques payable to 'Bramley Line'  
 Send form to address below.

Items will be available for collection from Wisbech, if required, in order to avoid P&P

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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