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FOR BOARDS AND COUNCILS

IMPORTANT NOTICES

1/ HRA CODE of CONDUCT : ADOPTION OF REVISED VERSION.

One of the tasks carried out during the review of our activities following the appointment of our new Chairman has been a fresh scrutiny by HRA Board of the Code of Conduct. In his address at the AGM, Brian Simpson has stressed the importance of having both a robust and realistic Code of Conduct and of ensuring that this is adhered to by all of our members.

It was felt that the detailed provisions of the existing Code of Conduct remains very much fit for purpose, but the key omission was that the current Code does not spell out appropriate sanctions for when things go wrong and sadly we find ourselves with members who have 'strayed from the path' and ignore offers of advice and help to rectify their - occasionally very serious - problems. As our Chairman has said: "It's a matter of being professional and if any organisation feels they cannot abide by our Code of Conduct - fine - but you're not being a member of our Association, an Association that represents the vast majority of organisations that do wish to comply and don't want to be dragged down by those who do not".

Adoption of the revised Code of Conduct is an Agenda item for the General Meeting on Wednesday 18th March prior to the Management Forum. The full text has been circulated to members but, for convenience, the new "Compliance with the Code" section is set out below.

Small update amendments have been made in Section 1 'Introduction' to make it clear that, in applying the provisions of the Code, the term 'railways' embraces also our tramway, rail mounted cableways (cliff lifts etc.) and museum members. Also appropriate references have been made elsewhere in the text to our HRA Guidance Notes and the HRA website.

The other principal change is that we are adding as a "stapled Appendix" to the Code the Visit Britain National Code of Practice for Visitor Attractions. Members may recall that for many years we had our own 'Visitors & Passengers Charter', but that we replaced this some time ago with the recommendation that members should adopt the National Code of Practice, the contents of which are very similar to our own former Charter. More importantly, the National Code of Practice is widely known and respected by external agencies.

Peter Ovenstone, Company Secretary

Code of Conduct Additional Section

8. COMPLIANCE WITH THIS CODE

8.1 The Board of HRA may take any or all of the following actions where a member fails to comply with any part of this Code of Conduct:

8.1.1 Give a verbal notice of concern requesting the member to comply or explain why it is not complying.

8.1.2 Issue a written notice of concern requesting the member to comply or explain why it is not complying.

8.1.3 Seek to resolve the issue with the General Manager, or equivalent officer of the railway.

8.1.4 Seek a meeting with governing body of the member to resolve the issue.

8.1.5 Report the matter to the appropriate Enforcing Authority.

8.1.6 Expel the member from the HRA, while taking such further action as may be appropriate.

2/ HERITAGE RAILWAY ASSOCIATION COPS ORR PRAISE!

The Chief Inspector at the Office of Rail Regulation (ORR) was fulsome in his praise of the work done in issuing Guidance Notes (GN's) on Boiler Code of Practice (BCOP) by the Heritage Railway Association (HRA). He singled out for particular praise the leader of the group putting the BCOP GN's together Bill Hillier, a Board Director of the Heritage Railway Association (HRA).

Bill Hillier is Chairman of the Operating and Safety Committee of the HRA and this Committee has worked hard along with other participants to oversee the introduction of the BCOP Guidance Notes. David Keay is also a key ORR delegate to the Committee and is delighted with the way in which they provide the Heritage Railway industry with engineering, operational and safety system data.

In summarising some of the important facets of locomotive boiler maintenance and restoration included in the BCOP Data, Bill was quick to point out that the compilation of these Guidelines has been a mammoth task with around fifty key people from various railways, boiler-shops, insurance inspectors, metallurgists, and railway inspectors providing their input. Each GN is subject to extensive peer review.

The resulting GN's are the distilled wisdom of current practitioners taking into account past documentation and UK practice as well as the documentation and experience from other countries. We are pleased to say that each carries the endorsement that they were "Developed with and fully endorsed by HMRI"

BCOP comprises 26 separate GN's. The first gives the overall framework and the others cover in detail three streams with 16 on repair and reconstruction, 5 operations related, and the rest covering legal and general issues.

BCOP represents current Good Practice and as such is subject to revision at any time; so check the latest version on the Heritage Railway Association website, www.hra.gb.com

This HRA initiative, which will hopefully be the first of many such Guideline series covering a wide range of subjects, was the basis of most of the training syllabus modules created by the Boiler and Engineering Skills Training Trust – BESTT. This initiative has been driven from HRA by its Deputy President David Morgan (recently retired as Chairman) and he is proud that under his chairmanship the HRA has been able to provide leadership in key areas of locomotive engineering.

"We can look forward to the HRA taking a bigger role in providing guidance in areas which have historically been the domain of the regulatory authorities such as ORR", commented Brian Simpson, Chairman of the HRA, "the fact that ORR has commended the BCOP efforts and wholeheartedly supports the initiatives which HRA will now take is something which we can all take pride in. My teams are committed to helping our Member Railways achieve their goals in the heritage railway business and provide high quality, safe trains for enthusiasts and tourists alike."

Hugh Harkett HRA Director

3/ NEW MAN AT HMRI.

We are delighted to be able to advise that David Keay has been appointed to the post of Deputy Chief Inspector, and wish him well with his new responsibilities. We have been reassured that David will continue to have oversight for the heritage sector.

Congratulations are also in order to Ian Raxton who is moving away from day to day involvement with the heritage sector to take on new responsibilities of ORR's permissioning work with Crossrail and HS2.

We can also bid a warm welcome to Ian Bertram as Principal Inspector with responsibility for the heritage sector. Ian Bertram is to be our first point of contact with ORR, and it is to him that all day to day queries should be addressed in the first instance, Ian Raxton will continue to provide advice on technical matters that concern the sector as a whole and on any new works. RIDDOR reporting responsibilities are unchanged.

(Continued over)

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Ian will be supported in this role by Steve Turner.
These changes take place with immediate effect.

David Key and Ian Bertram have accepted an invitation to attend and speak to the HRA Management Forum to be held in Wolverhampton on Wednesday 18th March 2015.

Mark Smith
Vice chairman HRA

4/ CHAIRMAN'S PRESENTATION.

The lead item in Broadlines is the presentation made by Brian Simpson at the HRA AGM in Manchester.

5/ BOILER AND ENGINEERING SKILLS TRAINING TRUST (BESTT).

HRA are a major player in this activity which is crucial to the continuing success of our sector, accordingly we are attaching to this mailing the first issue of the BESTT Newsletter to keep members informed of progress. Please pass this on to your training department's attention. The key contacts on the HRA Board are David Morgan and Bill Hillier. Any enquiries, including applications for membership, should be addressed to: enquiries@bestt.org.uk

OPERATING & SAFETY MATTERS

6/ ANNUAL STATISTICAL RETURNS.

The blank forms for the year ending 31 December 2014 have been sent out electronically. They are also available from our website and can be found as documents under "Statistical Return" .

The main form is for Operational members, a shorter form is provided for Non-Operational members.

Both forms are available as Excel forms for electronic completion or as Acrobat pdf files if you need to print them and return by post.

When returning the completed form please replace the text "BLANK" in the filename by the name or initials of your operation.

Where possible please complete them electronically

Please return them electronically to bill.hillier@hra.gb.com , or by post to the address at the bottom of the form, before 15 March 2015.

Please contact Bill Hillier if you are unclear on any of the requirements.

Thanks for your help.

Bill Hillier

BOARDS AND COUNCILS

7/ HRA ANNUAL REPORT.

If any members require additional copies of the HRA Annual Report please email steve.wood@hra.gb.com.

8/ FOOD ALLERGENS.

Following on from a similar item in Sidelines 136 Item 3, the following additional comments have been received.

On the 16th December 2014, new rules came into force regarding allergens in food. There are now 14 allergens to take into consideration:

- Cereals including gluten, such as wheat, including spelt and khorasan, rye, barley and oats and their hybrid strains.
- Crustaceans e.g. prawns, crab and salmon.
- Eggs.
- Fish.
- Peanuts.
- Soybeans.
- Milk.
- Nuts, namely almonds, hazelnuts, walnuts, pecan nuts, Brazil nuts, pistachio nuts, cashew nuts, macadamia nuts, Queensland nuts.
- Celery including celeriac.
- Mustard.
- Sesame seeds.
- Sulphur dioxide / sulphites (preservatives used in some foods and drinks) at levels above 10mg per kg or litre.
- Lupin (this is the flower and can be found in Eastern European foods).
- Molluscs: clams, mussels, whelks, oysters, snails and squid.

Full details can be found in a 12-page publication by entering allergens fsa into your search engine.

When going on line, please check the date of the publication as some information may have been superseded.

With thanks to Cedric Wood for this additional information.

COMMERCIAL / MARKETING

9/ THE GREAT RAILWAY TREASURE HUNT 2015.

Following the success of the event last year, we are planning to run the Treasure Hunt again in 2015.

The exciting news is that this year, we are working with one of the large rail operators; they are planning to take part with a quiz from their trains, and will help to promote the event. They will encourage families to use the mainline railway to visit heritage railways and enter the Treasure Hunt. A “win-win” for all concerned.

If any railway would like to take part again this year (or for the first time) please contact Chris Vine on 01505 614513 or info@petersrailway.com It costs nothing for you to take part, you just have to provide us with 10 questions which children can have fun answering during a visit.

10/ VISIT BRITAIN TRADE DIRECTORY.

Further to Sidelines 136 item 5 (Visit Britain have recently launched their new travel trade website which allows tourism suppliers to manage their own listings) a user manual is available – it is mentioned on the page <http://trade.visitbritain.com/en-uk/uk-supplier-directory/supplier-directory-itinerary-builder/>

11/ ENGLISH TOURISM WEEK.

English Tourism Week (ETW) this year takes place on 14 - 22nd March. It is possible to tell them what you are doing during the Week by submitting your events, offers and activities on their new events submissions platform.

By submitting your information, your event could be included in their new online Events Guide. The Guide will showcase what's happening around the country but the deadline for is 6 March.

Visit the Visit England corporate website <http://www.visitengland.org/england-tourism-industry/etw/>
Follow 'Tell us what you are doing for English Tourism week 2015'

12/ TELEPHONE COSTS.

The NCVO and Class Communications have sent out an email advising that Ofcom is introducing regulatory changes affecting non-geographic numbers (08, 09, 116 and 118 numbers). The new measures come into force on 26 June 2015 and aim to simplify call charges. The key changes to be aware of are:

Mobile calls to Freephone numbers will be free of charge to the caller. If your organisation offers Freephone numbers, the cost to you for receiving a call from a mobile phone will increase.

Advertising of call charges. Organisations using non-geographic numbers for inbound calls will have to advertise costs for both parts of the call if they're going to continue to use 08 and 09 numbers. (e.g. calls will cost 5p per minute plus your telephone company's Access Charge.)

13/ MEMBERS' LEAFLETS.

Although we are not now visiting exhibitions with the HRA Stand, I am likely to continue to receive requests from the public for leaflets. I would therefore appreciate a stock of 20 leaflets from members so that I can respond to these. Send them to John Crane, 10 Hurdeswell, Long Hanborough, Witney. OX29 8DH (provided that I am not overloaded I could collect at the Wolverhampton meeting – please bring them in a protective envelope and include a slip with the email address of the person who can send me further supplies if I run out).

14/ PROMOTING HRA MEMBERS – LEAFLETS AND POSTERS.

The present HRA Railway Guide was produced to have a life of four years in order to get the then benefits of larger scale print runs. This is its fourth year and I therefore wish to clear the stock before the end of 2015. I understand they still 'go well' and to my mind are good means of mutual promotion. I can supply smaller quantities but the most cost effective is to send out a box of about 1,200 (just below 15Kgs).

There is a similar print situation with the full size HRA poster/Map.

Please let me know if I can send you one or both items. Please state quantity required and the despatch address. Email john.crane@hra.gb.com or to 10, Hurdeswell, Long Hanborough, Witney. OX29 8DH

15/ EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL HERITAGE YEAR.

We have heard from an organisation called E-FAITH

(the European Federation of Associations of Industrial and Technical Heritage) which is prepared to promote events held as part of this celebration including the use of a logo and inclusion in a calendar.

For further details visit their website <http://www.e-faith.org> (If you are interested I will forward a copy of their email john.crane@hra.gb.com)

CARRIER BAGS – See Broadlines (of interest even to those outside Scotland).

16/ MEMBERS' EVENTS DIARY.

This section on the members' website is aimed at helping organisations avoid clashes or to allow possible co-operation with events in the same area. The list will not be in the public pages of the website in case members do want to make changes based on the information contained. Please send updates to: Email john.crane@hra.gb.com or post to 10 Hurdeswell, Long Hanborough, Witney. OX29 8DH
Please submit information in the form.

Date of event (in date order if possible please)	Type of event
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GENERAL NOTES.

17/ RECENT DEATHS.

It is with sadness that in addition to the death of Allan Garraway, which was mentioned as a late news item in the previous Sidelines, we have now have heard of two others. Clive Morris was Chairman of the North Norfolk Railway and Secretary of the HRA Awards Committee and Lieutenant-Commander Roy Wallace Francis RN (retd). of the Wells & Walsingham Light Railway. Tributes are included in Broadlines.

18/ GIVING TO HERITAGE' FUNDRAISING SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAMME.

Further training workshops (day seminars) on specific types of fundraising are continuing to be rolled out. Very positive feedback has been received from some HRA members who have attended the two 'laying the foundations' level workshops Developing a Heritage Fundraising Plan and Making the Heritage Case to Donors. Participation fee for each workshop is only £ 20 per person, including refreshments and light lunch. New subjects now available include:- Trusts and Foundations; Legacy Fundraising; Using Digital and Social Media. Other subjects will follow over the next months.

A new development of the G to H programme has been the launch of a 'Heritage Funding Helpline' as a result of several requests from various heritage organisations for ad hoc advice on specific difficulties and issues. Basic information about this new service can be found on www.givingtoheritage.org.uk website [which links to The Heritage Alliance main site]. Also fuller details by email direct to heritagehelpline@institute-of-fundraising.org.uk As with the series of skills training workshops, HRA welcomes feedback from members who make use of this new additional facility.

Another element of the G to H scheme is a "one to one" mentoring service which is due to be launched with sessions in London and Manchester at the end of March at which heritage organisations will be matched up with suitable mentors to give guidance and advice. Again, more background info on the www.givingtoheritage.org.uk website.

An appeal specifically to members in Scotland and the north of England - it seems that the Training Workshops at northern locations have been much less well-supported than those in the south. For example, very low demand led to one workshop scheduled for Newcastle in late January being cancelled. Due to complications with HLF support for this project The Heritage Alliance are not able to stage workshops at locations in Scotland - but Scottish HRA members are nevertheless very welcome to attend and will gain as much benefit from these events as English colleagues. As locations in north-east and north-west England are likely to be more convenient to access, please do support these.

Sample Future Workshop Subjects + Dates

Mon 2.03	Measuring Success and Reporting Impact (London)
Tue 10.03	Major Donor Fundraising (Blandford Forum)
Wed 11.03	Trusts and Foundations (Portsmouth)
Wed 11.03	Legacy Fundraising (Coventry)
Thu 19.03	Using Digital and Social Media (York)

The entire programme for the February - April period can, again, be found on the G to H website and bookings can be made from the website.

A reminder once again - the G to H programme is a short term project running throughout this year. Members are urged to grasp and take up these opportunities while they are still available.... Within HRA, principal contacts for Giving to Heritage are our Heritage Alliance liaison officer, Sam Bee (Email: sam.bee@hra.gb.com) or myself Peter Ovenstone (Email: peter.ovenstone@hra.gb.com Tel: 07740 289702).

Peter Ovenstone
Chairman, HRA Heritage Committee

19/ CROWDFUNDING.

Further to the information given during the November midweek meeting, members can obtain further understanding of how this works, more (free) workshops have been arranged as follows:-

Scarborough – March 12th in partnership with Yorkshire Coast Festivals – contact Caroline Simpson – Co-ordinator on 01723 384545 or by email on festivalcoast@gmail.com

Bristol – March 25th in partnership with 'Social Enterprise Works' – phone 0117 204 7511 or email info@socialenterpriseworks.org

There is also a workshop in London, however there is a small fee with this one. It is taking place on 3rd March 18.00 – 20.00 hrs at:-

Innovation Warehouse London
1 Poultry Avenue
EC1A 9PT

It is being run by Anna Strachan of Crowdfunding UK. The cost is £25.00 but a 10% discount can be obtained by following the link:-

<http://www.monkfeet.com/class/crowdfunding-for-entrepreneurs/81?ref=efec8e3a>

Enter the code 476e8456. for your discount

Martin Smith Training & Education Committee Secretary

20/ ENERGY EFFICIENCY SOLUTIONS FOR HISTORIC BUILDINGS.

Taken from the Heritage Alliance newsletter 'Heritage update No. 294

A new handbook on maintenance and energy retrofitting of historic and listed buildings has been made available online.

The handbook, [Energy Efficiency Solutions for Historic Buildings](#), is designed to help building owners and professionals undertake renovation of their specific historic building.

The book outlines the basic principles of building physics and cultural heritage protection. It then sets out the typical sequence of a renovation project from pre-intervention analysis and general planning guidelines, to a more detailed description of technical solutions. The handbook ends with a description of the project and the buildings in eight case studies, showing best practices where technical solutions were implemented.

The handbook's is intended to act as a support in finding optimised solutions that take into account the differing requirements of historic buildings.

The Handbook forms part of the European research project 3ENCULT, which aims to bridge the gap between cultural heritage and climate protection. 3ENCULT has also published [technical guidance on energy efficient renovation of historic buildings](#), and the publication, [Integrating energy efficient retrofit of historic buildings into policy and planning](#). For more information see the [3encult](#) website.

The full text can be downloaded for free from the website:

<http://www.degruyter.com/viewbooktoc/product/429524>

21/ HAVE YOU JOINED THE IRO?

The Heritage Railway Association is proud to be a Corporate Member of the Institution of Railway Operators (IRO) which exists for its members and the rail industry, promoting best practice and representing the interests of railway operators at all levels.

The IRO is a focal point for raising standards through operational training, sharing knowledge and expertise to provide their members with the very best developmental opportunities. The institution delivers a range of career enhancing courses tailored specifically to the needs of the industry, all of which lead to internationally recognised qualifications.

As well as this, the IRO has a commitment to lifelong learning and has developed a range of Continual Professional Development activities to identify, define, improve, develop and monitor relevant professional skills and work-related knowledge to support your on-going or future career.

Why join? Membership of the IRO will give you access to a great network of professional expertise, professional development opportunities, industry endorsed qualifications and professional affiliation

and recognition. Furthermore, as HRA is a Corporate Member of the IRO all HRA employees, members and volunteers are eligible to join the IRO for free!

If you would like to join or find out more please visit www.railwayoperators.co.uk/membership or alternatively, call 03333 440523.

22/ SCOTTISH FORUM.

This year's Scottish Forum will be held over the weekend of 27-29 March 2015, with the main events on Saturday 28 March at the Scottish Industrial Railway Centre, Dunaskin, Ayrshire, courtesy of the Ayrshire Railway Preservation Group. Brian Simpson, HRA chairman, will be present and so will Ian Raxton of HMRI. The focus subject at the business meeting will be fund-raising. The Sunday visit will be to the Leadhills & Wanlockhead Railway. The full programme is being mailed to corporate members based in Scotland and Friends of the HRA resident in Scotland. Anyone else associated with the HRA who would like it should contact Scottish Committee Secretary, John Ransom, Woodside, Craggan, Lochearnhead, Perthshire, FK19 8QD, tel. 01567 830243, fax 01567 830309.

23/ FEDECRAIL "ITALIA 2015" : BOOKINGS LAST CALL!

A reminder that this year's Fedecrail Conference will be held in April in northern Italy. Core programme will be similar pattern as previous years **Thurs 16.04 - Sat 18.04** in the historic city of Padua, a few miles north-west of Venice. Over-arching theme of the Business Sessions will be "Working with our European Partners" including speakers from the European Rail Agency, [the official EU body on which Fedecrail gained formal representation last year] and also from 'Europa Nostra' the organisation representing all forms of Europe's heritage, of which Fedecrail is also a member. From our host country, contributions will include a presentation on the relatively new Italian government foundation for rail heritage.

Second part of the conference programme **Sun 19.04 - Tue 21.04** will be based at Trento in the Italian Alps - the Padua to Trento transfer being achieved by a special steam train for delegates visiting en route the new museum project of Fedecrail member SVF at Primolano in the Dolomites. Final element of the programme will maintain the Fedecrail custom of visiting a second country between **Wed 22.04 - Sat 25.04**, on this occasion Tyrol in Austria including visits to the well-known Achernseebahn and Zillertalbahn.

Last but not least, an opportunity has been seized on **Wed 15.04** to make a pre-conference 'behind the scenes' tour of the historic former naval dockyards in Venice, the 'Arsenale' access to which is not normally allowed to the public. Not railway heritage, but something very special! This has been made possible through our contacts with 'Europa Nostra'.

Packages to cover various durations are available [and if none fit something can be 'tailored' to meet individual requirements]. If the conference Business Session dates do not fit your diary, participation is welcome also for all/part of the post-conference tour programme. Full details and booking forms were circulated in early January to all who have attended previous Fedecrail Conferences, but we would emphasise that new participants - HRA members and others - will be warmly welcome.

Booking Deadlines – as always early booking is strongly recommended but the key dates are Fri 13.03 (hotel bookings) and Tues 24.03 (conference and visit bookings). Unfilled hotel rooms will be released on Fri 13.03 so bookings cannot be guaranteed thereafter.

Queries and Information - please contact conference@fedecrail.org or the organisers John & Liz Fuller [Tel: 01474 362208] or Peter Ovenstone [Tel: 07740 289702]. Information and booking forms are also available on the Fedecrail website www.fedecrail.org

AWARDS AND COMPETITIONS

24/ NATIONAL RAILWAY HERITAGE AWARDS - ADVANCE NOTICE OF CHANGES!

The Awards will shortly be "Calling for Entries" but this year there will be several procedural changes in the method of making entries. All entries will have to be made via the NRHA website (nrha.org.uk) where the sections "How to Enter" and "Entry Form" are located. They are fairly simple and convenient to use but, in case of difficulty, please contact me. Also the closure date for entries has been brought forward and for this year will be 17th May 2015

I look forward to receiving your entries for the restoration of a station, signalbox, bridge, viaduct, engine shed or, basically, any restoration/reconstruction scheme of a railway structure! (Every year I am amazed at the range of projects being undertaken by the heritage railway organisations)

Clive Baker (Joint chairman of the Judges) NRHA

25/ THE TRANSPORT TRUST AWARDS 2015.

Entries are invited for The **Transport Trust Restoration Awards**. A number of cash awards, normally up to a maximum of £3,000 each, are made annually for high quality transport restoration projects which are well advanced, but which would be helped towards earlier completion by a modest cash injection.

The closing date for Restoration Award entries is 30th June and inspection of projects will take place before the end of August, with declaration of winners made during October. Award criteria and entry forms are available from The Transport Trust, 202 Lambeth Road, London. SE1 7JW – email: info@transporttrust.com or telephone 020 7928 6464.

Nominations are also invited for the Trust's **Preservationist of the Year Award**, **Lifetime Achievement Awards** and **The Young Preservationist of the Year Award** (which carries with it a cash sum of £500 for the winner). These three Awards enable the Trust to acknowledge and publicise a wide range of endeavours in the cause of transport preservation – from management or administration to hands-on restoration work.

Entries are invited from individuals or organisations and should reach the Transport Trust office not later than 1st June. Presentation to winners will take place in the summer on a date and at a Greater London venue to be announced.

For queries contact Ian Horner, Transport Trust Awards Programme email.

ian.horner@transporttrust.com Tel. 02380 842223 or 07561 523975.

26/ ENGLISH HERITAGE ANGEL AWARDS.

Do you know of a heritage site that's been rescued from ruin and would benefit from wider recognition? If you do, then Andrew Lloyd Webber, the Telegraph and English Heritage invite you to enter for the English Heritage Angel Awards 2015. The competition is open for entry from now until 26th April.

Entries for the Awards will be evaluated by a panel of experts from the heritage sector who will determine a shortlist of 16 sites to put before the judges. Chaired by Andrew Lloyd Webber, the judges will include historian Bettany Hughes and TV's "Restoration Man" George Clarke.

Applications are welcomed from anyone involved in a heritage rescue, for example, private owners who have turned neglected buildings into treasured homes, commercial organisations and companies which have restored historic industrial buildings, volunteers who have saved a local landmark for the community, and groups including trainees or apprentices who have employed exceptional skills on a rescue. You can apply on your own behalf for a project you are involved with, or nominate a group or individual whose efforts you feel deserve acknowledgement.

By applying, you'll be in with the chance of having a short film specially made about your heritage project. Previous winners have found that being an Angel has given a massive boost to their fundraising and publicity drives.

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Award Categories

The English Heritage Angel Awards are for:

the best rescue or repair of a historic place of worship;

the best rescue of a historic industrial building or site;

best craftsmanship employed on a heritage rescue by an individual or group of trainees, apprentices, experienced craftspeople or a company; and

the best rescue of any other heritage site.

How to Apply

To be eligible for the Awards, the heritage site must be designated as nationally significant, and be, or have been, at risk from neglect or decay. Your rescue project must have been completed since 2008 or currently be well underway.

For full details on how to enter for an English Heritage Angel Award visit

www.english-heritage.org.uk/heritageangelawards

If you're not sure if your heritage rescue is eligible or if you have any other questions, they will be pleased to help at email angels@english-heritage.org.uk

27/ HRA FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP AND INTER-RAIL CARDS 2015/16.

This is a reminder that subscriptions are now due for Friends membership from 1 March 2015 to 29 February 2016 and many thanks to those members who have already renewed for 2015/16.

The cost of membership is **£21.60** (£18 + VAT). The cost of an Inter-Rail card is £80. Membership and Inter-Rail is therefore **£101.60** to 29 February 2016.

The Inter-Rail card gives free or reduced-cost access to over 100 heritage railways, cliff railways, tramways, railway centres and "park" railways such as are in country- or safari-parks. The list of railways etc. participating in the inter-rail scheme in 2015/16 will be finalised shortly.

It is not necessary to send me a completed renewal form (available on request), but please notify me of any changes in your details, e.g. new email address, home address, phone numbers, etc., or if you require a password to access the members area of the website.

If you are paying by cheque, please send it to me, payable to Heritage Railway Association, with at least your postcode (so that I can identify you correctly).

If you wish to pay by credit or debit card, please visit the HRA Sales website:

www.hra.gb.com

and click on Individual Membership. Payment is made using PayPal (instructions given – call me if any problems).

Donations are very welcome to support the work of HRA and will be acknowledged, as will all renewals, and a membership number (Fxx) issued (FRxx if you are buying an Inter-Rail card).

Many thanks again for your support in 2014/2015 and I look forward to hearing from you again.

Alan Saunders

Friends (Private Members) Secretary

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AVAILABLE

28/ CAST IRON ARCHED BRIDGES.

RIVER TEME DUAL ARCH BRIDGE is urgently being made available by Balfour Beatty with permission from Network Rail. The rib arches appear to be sound whereas the spandrels on one have fractures. Each rib arch is made of four sections with bolted splices at quarter points – so sections would be 'fairly' handleable. The decks comprise of cross girders at approximately two foot centres overlaid with 3 / 8 or 1 / 2 inch deck plate but this would need to be replaced (possibly with timber). Possible use of what appears to be a fine bridge would probably be either for a narrow gauge line, or as a foot bridge offering up to 11m clear span. For further information contact Julian Mason of Balfour Beatty 07517 491107 or email julian@julianmasonassociates.com

WANTED

29/ HERITAGE WAGON.

Pretty, Grade 2 listed, Victorian Station at Yatton in Somerset is to benefit from a package of station enhancements soon. Yatton Station is the starting point for the popular Strawberry Line Cycle/Walking path which runs along the route of the old branch line out to Cheddar where, until the 1960s, strawberries were harvested and brought up to Yatton for onward shipping to the whole of the UK. As part of the station enhancement programme we are looking to install a cycle hire facility to be run by the award winning Strawberry Line Café (which provides employment and training opportunities for local adults with learning difficulties as well as serving superb cups of tea or coffee and cake to station users). The currently proposed lock up facility consists of an old container which, whilst practical, will neither enhance the station environment nor pay homage to the history of the station and the Strawberry Line. An historic wagon, on the other hand, would potentially do both! So, if anybody has a suitable wagon which is in need of a new home and which they would be prepared to donate to this worthy project we would like to hear from you. Transport arrangements would be agreed with the donor based upon size of vehicle and collection location.

For more information please contact Emma Walker at Network Rail on 0117 372 1110. Email. emma.walker@networkrail.co.uk

30/ INFORMATION HISTORY OF LOCOMOTIVE BY 4247 GROUP.

4247 Limited owners of Ex GWR 2-8-0T No 4247, which is 100 years old next year, are urgently seeking help in locating any past history of 4247 from 1916-1964, especially data of trip workings, personal accounts, photos etc. etc.. please contact Neil Powles (Founder Member) email janet.powles479@btinternet.com or write to 15 Claydon Close, Washford, Watchet, Somerset TA23 0PQ.

FOR SALE

31/ LIMESTONE HOPPERS.

For Sale or free loan to good home. Two I.C.I. limestone Hoppers, require full or cosmetic overhaul. For details see Hoppers section in Society website (8fsociety.co.uk).

For further details contact: pedderp@hotmail.com

John Pedder, Stanier 8F Locomotive Society.

HRA MEETINGS & EVENTS CALENDAR 2015

Details of other organisations' events of possible interest are also included.

HRA MANAGEMENT FORUM + SEMINAR

Tuesday 17th - Wednesday 18th March, 'Grand Station' Wolverhampton (former GWR station building - please note new venue).

Seminar: Marketing with emphasis on effective use of new media (Tue 17); General Meeting and Management Forum (Wed 18) including presentations by Network Rail and ORR Railway Inspectorate and also HRA General Meeting.

HRA SCOTTISH FORUM

Saturday 28th - Sunday 29th March at Dunaskin, Dalmellington, Ayrshire.

Hosts will be Ayrshire Railway Preservation Group at Scottish Industrial Railway Heritage Centre, Dunaskin in southern Ayrshire. Hotel base Ayr. Sun 29 visit to Leadhills & Wanlockhead railway. Full details & booking forms from John Ransom (Tel: 01567 830243) or Peter Ovenstone (Email: peter.ovenstone@hra.gb.com).

FEDECRAIL 'ITALY 2015' CONFERENCE

Thursday 16th - Wednesday 22nd April

Pre-conference special visit to Venice Arsenale (Wed 15); Business Sessions + General Assembly, Padua (Thu 16 - Sat 18); Post Conference visits to railways operating heritage services in the Dolomites, based at Trento (Sun 19 - Wed 22). Also 'Add On' Tour to Tyrol, Austria (Wed 22 - Sat 25). Full details from: conference@fedecrail.org or John & Liz Fuller (Tel: 01474 362208) or Peter Ovenstone (Tel: 07740 289702)

HRA AUTUMN MEETING WEEKEND

Friday 11th - Monday 14th September

West Country venue, meeting hosted by the Lynton & Lynmouth Cliff Lift. The format is likely to be similar to previous September meetings, more information next issue.

WATTRAIN World Association of Tourist Trams & Trains CONFERENCE - JAPAN

Friday 23rd - Friday 30th October (add on tour Sat 31st Oct - Tue 3rd Nov)

Conference theme 'Sustainability of Tourist Trains and Trams. Hosted by Japanese Railway Museum at Omija, north-east of Tokyo. Mixed business sessions and visits Sat 24.10 – Tue 27.10; Further visits to rail heritage locations Wed 28.10 - Fri 30.10. Add On tour to southern Japan Sat 31.10 - Tue 3.11. Full details from David Madden [WATTRAIN Chief Executive] Email: davidmadden@btinternet.com Tel: 01263 824924; Tel: 07788 753302. Also information on WATTRAIN website: www.wattrain.net

HRA MANAGEMENT FORUM + SEMINAR

Tuesday, 10th - Wednesday 11th November 2015 Venue: TBC

Seminar: 'Young Volunteers' Issues (Tue 10); General Meeting and Management Forum (Wed 11)

For enquiries and booking details for HRA events (unless otherwise shown), contact: - Bill Askew (HRA Meetings Organiser) Email: bill.askew@hra.gb.com Tel: 0800 756 5111 x 427. 24 Grosvenor Road, Broxbourne, Herts. EN10 7JG

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SEE OVER FOR DETAILS FOR THE MARCH 2015 MID WEEK MEETING

**TUESDAY 17th MARCH 2015 - BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR
&
WEDNESDAY 18th MARCH 2015 - GENERAL MEETING & MANAGERS FORUM**
venue:
Grand Station Conference & Events Venue, Wolverhampton WV1 1AA

Registration at 10.00am for a start at 10.30am

Tuesday 17th March 2015 - SEMINAR INFORMATION

Attendance at the Seminar including tea/coffee on arrival, with the buffet lunch and mid afternoon tea. The buffet lunch comprises cold buffet menu plus Soup and a Roll.

The price per delegate is £69 (including VAT)

Our 2nd (in the recent series) of Business Development Seminars on the 17th March has been designed to help you increase your profitability.

We have 6 renowned speakers who will cover various aspects of this topic, including:-

- **Gerrard Baldwin, General Manager of Cadbury World**

who will be sharing with us the lessons he learnt in setting up and running his business;

- **Chris Walton of Secondary Spend**

who is full of simple and clever ideas about how to increase your business;

- **Tony Sefton of Vision XS**

who has a wealth of experience in helping attractions all over the world improve their performance,

- **Paul Tickner**

who will be explaining how you can attract and secure visitors from North America and overseas;

- **Mike Bailey**

will be helping us to understand the power of branding and online activities;

and finally we will be getting some top tips from

- **Nick Booker**

on how to broaden your offer.

So there will be plenty of ideas and inspirations for you whatever your experience or size of operation. Plus we have set aside time to ask questions of each presenter and you have the ability to network over refreshments and lunch as always.

Come along and be inspired!

Wednesday 18th March 2015 - General Meeting & MANAGERS FORUM INFORMATION

10.00am for a 10.30am start.

General Meeting

Attendance at the short General Meeting due to be held at 10.00 and which will last approximately 20-30 minutes is free to members.

Managers Forum

Attendance at the Managers Forum including tea/coffee on arrival and with the buffet lunch. The buffet lunch comprises cold buffet menu plus Soup and a Roll.

Inclusive Price: £30 per person.

CATERING INFORMATION

On each day cold buffet lunch menu is included in the price with the addition of Soup and a Roll.

Tuesday 17th March 2015 EVENING MEAL

An optional informal dinner at the Novotel Hotel Wolverhampton consisting a 3-course hot and cold buffet at £15 per person has been planned. This needs to be pre-booked as we need to give numbers to the hotel before we arrive.

ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS

Hotel Accommodation

Rooms have been reserved at the **Hotel Novotel** Wolverhampton, Union Street WV1 3JN (approx. 10 min walk from the conference venue)

Tel: 01902 871100

Booking Ref: 180266974

Contact: Linzi Cotton Reservations Coordinator

Single £85 B&B per night

Double/twin £95 B&B per night

Optional group 3 course H&C buffet dinner on Tuesday 17th March £15 per person (see above)

Car parking £3 for 24 hours

Alternative hotels;

Premier Inn Wolverhampton City Centre, Broad Gauge Way WV0 0BA (the hotel is adjacent to the conference centre). Tel: 0871 527 9186

Britannia Hotel, Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton WV1 1DD Tel: 0871 474 2755

Travelodge Wolverhampton Central Hotel, Bankfield House, Waterloo Road, Wolverhampton WV1 4QL

Tel: 0871 984 6221

Clarendon Hotel 38 Chapel Ash, Wolverhampton WV3 0TN Tel: 01902 420587

For further information please contact the Meetings Organiser:

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