



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday October 28 – Volunteers meeting at The Lodge, starting at 7.15pm  
Wednesday October 29 – David Joy walk – see below  
Saturday November 1 - Fireworks Special – (Redmire, Leyburn, Finghall to Bedale)  
Saturday 8 November – Folk Night for Volunteers and Friends – see below  
Saturday November 29 – special walk and lunch (see below)

### AUTUMN WALKS

Why not use your WRA membership travel benefit to join one of our October walks? Catch the 10.05 from Leeming Bar on **any October Tuesday** – more detail on timetable and a different route each time. Also on **Wednesday October 29**, author David Joy will lead one of his fascinating Walk and Talk events from Redmire to Aysgarth.. No charge for any of these walks with a same day WR ticket (otherwise £3) but please book for David Joy walk as we need to know numbers.

**Festive Special:** Please book as soon as possible for the special walk from Redmire to Aysgarth on **Saturday November 29** as this includes a delicious seasonal lunch: £15 includes return train fare, mulled wine on arrival at the Coppice Cafe, hot main course and festive sweet (NOT turkey or Christmas Pudding!) and for return transport to Redmire.

**Santa Specials:** Dates on timetable but this year with an innovation as there will be Santa Specials between Leyburn and Redmire on two dates - Sunday Dec 7 and Sat Dec 13 Please tell your friends who live in the area. (Booking essential)

**Ruth Annison**

### LEYBURN STATION

We have completed a new lease for Leyburn station, which significantly reduces the railway's long-term liabilities and costs at this site. Please be alert to any changes, especially as these may affect car parking arrangements during forthcoming building work and when new tenants arrive. The new public toilets (within the Goods Shed, access from platform) have been installed (including disabled facility) and will be opened for use when FOLS volunteers have finished the decorating work. More information next month but meanwhile

many thanks to those who have helped with the reorganisation.

**Ruth Annison**

### CONGRATULATIONS

To all those whose hard work provided the Summer Steam operation, the 1940's weekend and the Diesel Gala. When all the bills have been received (not all are yet in, even for the steam operation) a report will be given on the financial results of these three events.

**Ruth Annison**

### VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Our volunteer of the month for September (nominated by several people) is **Kate Draffin**.

Kate is at the railway on many days for her main duty of level crossing keeper. However, after signing on at Leeming Bar, she cleans the station toilets before the first train departs and does many other cleaning and tidying jobs, many of which may go unnoticed; although, as one nominator said, "it is just magic what she does". She also turns up on most special days and seems always willing to do anything. Congratulations and the thanks of all of us to Kate.

Why not send in your nomination for October volunteer of the month?

### WRA VOLUNTEERS ON THE EAST COAST MAIN LINE

The Northallerton Link engineering options appraisal is underway under the stewardship of John Graham. WRA volunteers who work in Corus Rail Infrastructure Services have been undertaking much of this work and a crucial part of this is to conduct a survey of the route alongside the main line into Northallerton. This should take place soon and will help inform the viability of the various possible routes for the link. This is a major step forward for the Northallerton Link project.

**Ian Sesnan**

## 250 CLUB

The first monthly draw as recently taken place. The prize winners are as follows:-  
1st (£66) Club No 70 HF Booth-Bedale  
2nd (£ 33) Club No 146 Charles Dunne-Bedale  
3rd (£16) Club No 59 John Bowles- London  
4th (£10) Club No 103 Richard Hemmings- Worcester.

During the ensuing year there will be eleven payments as set out above and a Christmas bonus draw of £100, £50, £25 and £15.

The 250 Club Committee wish to thank the 169 members who have purchased 275 Units. The Committee is more than pleased with the excellent start to this venture, which will raise substantial funds for the railway.

We also require someone to join the sub-committee to take responsibility as Treasurer - don't be put off! The duties are not onerous and it would relieve some of the pressure from the current 3 members. Please contact me for further details - tel 01609 770317 or email at peterblakey21@tiscali.co.uk

Peter Blakey

## INFRASTRUCTURE

New Volunteers are always welcome in this Team. To help us get on top/catch up on the work required in keeping the track up to a compliant standard we now have work parties 3 times per week starting from the venues mentioned below:-

Saturday 09.00 to 17.00 alternating between Leeming Bar and Leyburn

Wednesday 18.00 to 21.00 Leeming Bar

Friday 18.00 to (late) Leeming Bar

Finish times are, of course, approximate.

Starting times are all "Meet before" at the appropriate station. It is not cricket and rain does not stop play!

Why not come along and give it a try whenever you can make it for one or more of the above dates?

New members are always made to feel very welcome and a part of the team. For further details contact me on 01748 812715 or see WRA website.

John Thompson

## RTIAS

As well as being a WRA member, I am a member of the BAE Systems 'Rail Transport and Industrial Archeology Society' ( RTIAS). Meetings are held every month except summer months and an invitation is extended to WRA members who might like to attend. Of special interest on the 20th October, is a talk by Ruth Annison. The meetings are held at the Warton Sports and Social Club, starting at 7-30 pm.

Any members interested can contact me on 01772 612059 evenings after 7-00.

**Jim Wareing**

## FOLK MUSIC EVENING

For all volunteers, and friends, at Londonderry Lodge on Saturday 8th November. Doors will open at 7.30 and there will be a licensed bar.

The music has been organised by Mark Newman, a shareholder and there will be 3 folk musicians, all recording artistes, who are giving their time without charge.

Tickets will be £5.00, available at the door, Leeming Bar station or from me (email [john.ozelton@tesco.net](mailto:john.ozelton@tesco.net) Tel 07940 889736) and Ken Monkman. All proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to the WRA.

John Ozelton

## PORTABLE TOILETS

There are several portable toilets in use now and at special days. Please do ensure that the instructions are followed, both for use and for preparation and cleaning (including health and safety considerations. Any queries about this, please ask Andrew Ripley.

## VOLUNTEERS MEETINGS

Why not come along and meet other volunteers? Have the chance to express your opinions (and hear others!) We have a meeting about every 6 weeks at The Lodge, Leeming Bar and the dates for the coming two months are 28 October and 9 December.

## NEW VOLUNTEERS

If any new volunteer (or anyone else for that matter) is wondering what they should be doing or where they can be of most help, please contact me.

Any volunteer who currently receives this Newsletter in hard copy but who now has access to e-mail is asked to forward their email address to me. This helps reduce the number of copies sent out by post. Similarly if your e-mail has changed please let me know (contact details below).

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEWSLETTER

**Deadline for contributions (welcome from anyone) for the next newsletter is 31st October. Send to:-**

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