



## Wensleydale Railway Volunteers Newsletter

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### September

22 Ceilidh - CANCELLED  
22/23 Dales Harvest Event Hawes.

#### October

9 Volunteers Meeting  
20/21 Days Out With Thomas  
27/28 Great Days Out (GYS Harrogate)

#### November

3 Fireworks Special  
13 Volunteers Meeting  
17 Annual Dinner

### WRA SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Steam Special and Hog Roast were a resounding success with everyone enjoying the evening, many thanks to those who worked so hard to put it on. On this evening the Social Group, as a thank you to Volunteers, held a prize draw into which the names of all active Volunteers on the train were put into the draw and the 4 prizes of a bottle of whiskey, a bottle each of red and white wine and a box of chocolates were won by Angus Maude, Mike Sheehan, Janet Iggles and Stuart Simpson.

### CEILIDH

Unfortunately the same cannot be said for the Ceilidh as due to low ticket sales this event will now not go ahead as planned, instead it had been re-scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

### ANNUAL DINNER

**17<sup>th</sup> November** at the Queens Head Finghall, Approx £18.00 head. All booking must be made and paid for by 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Please contact me to book and for menu

Raffle prizes for any event always welcome, leave at Leeming office or give to one of the team.

*Diane Sykes – Social Group*

### CLEANING GROUP

Thank you to those who helped through the busy August Steam period, the 7pm Monday cleaning will now stop until further notice. We are currently looking for daytime volunteers to be mobile cleaners on the trains as they are running. If you would like to help keep the trains clean and get a ride on the line at the same time please contact me.

Many thanks - Diane Sykes

01677 426877/ 426600 or

[social@wensleydalerailwayassociation.com](mailto:social@wensleydalerailwayassociation.com).

### VOLUNTEERS MEETING

The next Volunteers Meeting will be held at the Courtyard Room, Leeming Bar Lodge Motel on **Tues 9 Oct** - 7.00 pm for 7.15 pm.

### DALES HARVEST EVENT - HAWES

Sat 22nd Sept 9.30am to 4.30pm.

Sun 23rd Sept 9.30am to 4.30pm

Car Parking is Free

**Currently we are looking for 2 Volunteers to help on the WR Stand on Sunday**

This is the first time that this show has taken place in Hawes and Wensleydale Railway are keen to ensure that Friends / Supporters / General public living at the western end of the Dales, can come along and visit our stand.

Wensleydale Railway will be running a special train from Leeming Bar and a coach from Redmire Station on both days of the event.

Usual Booking Arrangements 08454 50 54 74.

For people who are considering offering their services, let me tell you that it is great fun working as a team at one of these events, there is time during the day to walk around the site, visit the other exhibits and the opportunity to represent and help with the progression of The Wensleydale Railway. If you can only manage part of a day / 11am to 3pm would be handy / please state times available. You can contact us by email; [rodney@rmconsultants.freeseve.co.uk](mailto:rodney@rmconsultants.freeseve.co.uk) or telephone us on 01733 331658 / 07724121355

## REPORTS FROM GROUPS

### WHIFF OF STEAM SERVICE

A Humongous Thank You to all Volunteers and friends who pulled out all the stops in helping with our 'Big Steam Loco 80105' during August and making it such a success. May I make a plea for help in making our 'Small Steam Loco Thomas' just as big a success on 20/21 October. Also the retail outlets at Leeming Bar and on the train and the Kiosk at Northallerton are still desperately short of help and need your support. To let us know what hours you can help please e-mail Amanda at [admin@wensleydalerailway.com](mailto:admin@wensleydalerailway.com) or perhaps more reliably phone 01677 425805 and leave a message.

*Amanda*

### INFRASTRUCTURE

#### 8 Week Plan

##### **Wed 19 Sep**

Erect UWC & FP signs + clear vegetation Finghall - Stoop House

##### **Sat 22 Sept**

Minor track repairs (Fishplate oiling, fishbolts, chairs) Leeming – Bedale.

##### **Wed 26 Sept**

Erect UWC & FP posts and signs, clear vegetation. Stoop House – Leyburn

##### **Sat 29 Sept**

Erect UWC & FP posts and signs, clears vegetation. Wensley – Leyburn.

##### **Wed 3 Oct**

Erect 'Day out with Thomas' banners. Erect UWC & FP posts and signs, clear vegetation. Castle Hills – Ainderby.

##### **Sat 6 Oct**

Minor track repairs (Fishplate oiling, fishbolts, chairs) Bedale – Crakehall.

##### **Wed 10 Oct**

Erect UWC & FP posts and signs, clear vegetation. Ainderby – Leeming Bar.

##### **Sat 13 Oct**

Minor track repairs (Fishplate oiling, fishbolts, chairs) Leyburn – Stoop House.

##### **Wed 17 Oct**

Drainage work at Constable Burton west.

### NEW VOLUNTEERS

There was an excellent response to the announcement in the last Newsletter about Temporary Volunteers and they (and the people who brought them along) should be warmly thanked for their contributions during the Whiff of Steam period.

They are all being contacted with a view to encouraging them to become Members of the Association and to volunteer again, either as Temporary or Regular Volunteers.

### LEEMING BAR STATION SUPPORT GROUP (LBSSG)

The station at Leeming Bar is our first point of contact with most of our passengers but it is, arguably, our least impressive. Clearly, the whole station and car park is in need of some TLC. The WRA Board has agreed that I should try to form a Support Group of volunteers, who would try to match the efforts of the 'Friends of Leyburn Station' as far as improving the gardens, toilets, platform and general appearance is concerned. We would also like to match the FOLS proud boast that their station facilities are staffed whenever there are trains running. If you are interested in this potentially rewarding task, please contact me by E-mail ([msandjs@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:msandjs@tiscali.co.uk)) or leave a message on 01609 776518 and I will then organise an initial meeting at Leeming Bar.

*Mike Sheehan*