

## **WRA VOLUNTEERS MEETING: 30 JANUARY 2007 WEBSITE REPORT BY ADRIAN LAZENBY**

The 1st Volunteers Meeting of 2007 was held at the Courtyard, Leeming Bar Lodge, and 32 volunteers attended. It was pleasing to see some new attendees to the meeting and their attendance was welcomed.

### **WR News**

Peter Annison gave a brief overview of his role in the "financial sector" of the railway. Peter highlighted that we need to improve our internal processes with regards to monies and its associated paperwork. The paperwork needs to identify more clearly what the money relates to.

Chris Leah, the Safety Director, advised that the Railway had taken part in a Safety Audit the previous week. A draft report will be produced shortly – it is not a question of pass or fail – it will identify any weaknesses in the Safety Management System.

Finally, Brian Ledger requested additional items for a Bric-a-Brac stall and items for an auction. All proceeds from the events go to the Wensleydale Railway. Brian can be contacted on 01904-701170.

### **Focus Groups**

The Focus Group representatives gave their presentations.

#### **Northallerton Branch**

The Branch has been active at Leyburn station, decorating! They have produced excellent results; their workmanship is a credit to them and the Railway. A Branch program for 2007 has been prepared and is now available. Details will be published on [www.wensleydalerailwayassociation.com](http://www.wensleydalerailwayassociation.com) website.

#### **Rolling Stock Group**

Work on the Class 117 DMU centre car continues. However, due to a period of inclement weather, it hasn't been possible to do a great deal of work. Hopefully, the weather will improve, and the Rolling Stock Group can get out there in the dry.

Sadly, 2 more coaches have suffered graffiti. It is a sad reflection on society that certain individuals see fit to destroy the hard work of dedicated volunteers in this manner.

The Shark Van was damaged in the gales and there is still work to do on the Mess Van on the gas & electrics.

#### **Infrastructure Group**

The Infrastructure Group has been busy as always.

- a) The Yorkshire Dales Caravan Crossing has still to be completed
- b) The drainage at Redmire has been cleared
- c) Vegetation clearance
- d) Leyburn station

#### **Friends of Leyburn Station**

The Friends of Leyburn Station, in conjunction with the Northallerton Branch, the Infrastructure Group and many other volunteers have played their full part in the renovations at the station – a very sociable event was one description.

### **Operations**

Operations reported that repairs have been undertaken on both the Class 101 and the Class 110. Both Class 101 vehicles will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> birthdays in the coming 12 months or so, the first one being in November – further investigations continue to identify the exact date.

### **Marketing & Promotions Group**

The Group reported that progress on the 2007 Timetable and Special Events brochure continues, although some special events outside the control of the Wensleydale Railway have yet to decide on their dates for 2007.

In addition to the normal timetable, special events will include:

- a) Driver Experience Courses
- b) Day Out with Thomas
- c) Santa Specials
- d) Guided Walks
- e) Dales Food Festival
- f) Vintage Bus Tours

### **Social Committee**

The Social Committee reported on the success of the Ceilidh (Barn Dance), held at BASA, Bedale.

Diane Sykes distributed a "WRA Social Group flyer" with proposed events for 2007.

Contact Diane on 01677 426600/426877  
or email [Social@wensleydalerailwayassociation.com](mailto:Social@wensleydalerailwayassociation.com) for details

### **Short Illustrated Infrastructure Presentation**

Phil Kirkland provided one of his illustrated presentations of Infrastructure work on the railway. Full details should appear under the Features page of the website [www.wensleydalerailwayassociation.com](http://www.wensleydalerailwayassociation.com)

### **Any other business**

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2007 starting at 1915 hrs **NOT** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2007

All meetings are at the same venue (Courtyard, Leeming Bar Lodge). Feel free to meet earlier in the bar for a pre-meeting beverage and social gathering.

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