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FRONT COVER:. 150261 after arrival at Okehampton with the 2K02 08.57 from St James' Park on 19th May 2019: *David Hunt*.

BACK COVER: Top: Plymouth Citybus service 279 departing from Okehampton Station with first service to Gunnislake. We think the bus is an ADL (Dennis) Dart SLF. *Photo: David Hunt*. Bottom: Tom Baxter and Graham Isom in the cab of class 08 D4167. *Photo: Dave Clegg*.

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Notes from the Chairman

Rev. Philip Wagstaff

The Annual General Meeting which was held in May gave DRSA members the opportunity to hear about the work that the committee have done over the last year and to ask questions about how DRSA might develop in the future. This is something that the committee explore at their meetings throughout the year but it is good to know at the AGM whether we are on track or if need to change direction!

We are fortunate in having a Committee which meets during the year, volunteers who give their time to work of the Association and members who support the Association through their membership year by year. This allows us to support the Dartmoor Railway CIC in the operation of the railway.

The plans put forward by any organisation sometimes need to be changed or adapted and DRSA is no exception to this! Looking back over my time as a member of the Association and as chair for a number of years I can look back at how members of DRSA have been able to support the railway in many different ways. We have been fortunate in the way that many individuals have given time to support the Association and since the start of the Friends much has been achieved. Over time the Friends became the DRSA and we have continued to explore ways of supporting the railway. This remains the case and the Annual Meeting is one of those places where the membership is able to hear what the committee has done during the year and to ask questions about it so that we can find ways to support the railway in the future. If you were not able to get to the AGM but want to be part of the ongoing conversations around how DRSA might support the railway in the future then please let me know via the website.

Thank you all for your support as we go from the AGM into a new year in the life of the Dartmoor Railway Supporters Association.

Membership Matters

Geoff Horner, Membership Secretary

As at 22nd May 2019 the association has a total of 204 members.

Since the last edition of the 'Dartmoor Pony' we are pleased to welcome the following new members:

- Mary Smale of Okehampton
- Ed & Gillian Shutt of Exmouth
- Richard & Susan Thompson of Okehampton

DRSA Shop

We have been donated a selection of Bradford Exchange, Wedgwood and Royal Doulton train plates. These are £2.50 each and available from the shop on Platform 2. All plates have authenticity certificates.

Online Fundraising

Remember that by doing your online shopping after visiting our [easyfundraising](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/drsa) page you can raise donations towards DRSA at no cost to you - *over £1900 has been raised so far!*

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/drsa

Over 3300 retailers take part in the scheme, including ebay, Amazon, John Lewis, M&S, Asda, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Argos, Booking.com, Flybe, easyJet, Expedia.....

Please contact our Treasurer, Christine Horner, if you would like more information.

Events

DRSA Socials – From 18:30, on the first Wednesday of the month. For all DRSA members, volunteers and DR staff. Taw River Inn, Sticklepath, EX20 2NW.

Keep up to date at <http://www.dartmoor-railway-sa.org/events>

Exeter & Teign Valley Railway visit – May 15th 2019

Jon Kelsey

3 years on from our previous visit, a group of 10 DRSA members visited Colin Burges's E&TVR at Christow on May 15th. It was encouraging to see a couple of unfamiliar faces in the party.



We enjoyed charging around the site's 2 foot gauge peripheral line on the anthropomotive 'Jenny Wren' 4 seater saloon based on a mine wagon, and watched Tony Hill demonstrate the low rolling resistance of a 9 ton railway van, or seeing Colin Burges singlehandedly manhandling 16cwt of Wickham trolley onto the track via a portable turntable. This time the electronic ignition on the immaculate Wickham didn't let the side down and enabled the party to travel the standard gauge demonstration line.

The Matisa Neptune track measuring vehicle is in running order and carried us a few yards sounding very crisp; sadly this almost unique machine might be destined for scrap due to a lack of demand. Since the last visit, Mr Burges has built a Wickham shed and





permanent way tool store with an authentic feel, and started restoring a GWR 'Toad' brakevan for a station-owning neighbour. We enjoyed just wandering around making interesting discoveries, whether artefacts like the length of bridge rail on display, or more abstract concepts like how

embarrassingly well organised the workshops are.

It's an extraordinary place, unlike any other railway site. Several of us have now been twice and would happily go again. Visiting the E&TVR website is essential. Our thanks to Colin Burges for his hospitality, not least of which was an enjoyable high quality lunch in the brakevan. Thanks also to Tony Hill for arranging the visit.



<http://www.teignrail.co.uk/>



2019 Annual General Meeting

Jon Kelsey

This year's AGM was held on Saturday May 11th at our regular venue, the Ockment Centre, Okehampton. The turnout of 20 members was slightly disappointing, but we console ourselves with the thought that people are more likely to turn out if there's something to complain about. There's also a sense of being in a limbo until major decisions about the railway's future are made later in the year.

Our Chairman, the Reverend Philip Wagstaff, gave a comprehensive report on the heritage services and commercial operations which took place on the Dartmoor Railway in the previous 12 months, and the many ways in which DRSA members were able to support them. DRSA is also contributing to the discussions currently taking place about reinstating an Exeter to Okehampton service. Philip thanked the committee and active volunteers for their work, and the entire membership for their financial and moral support. He noted with sadness the passing of several members in the preceding year, notably committee member and former Pony editor Peter Ritchie, and Dartmoor authority Martin Stephens-Hodge.

Copies of the 2019 accounts were available at the meeting, and are printed on page 10. Clearly our finances are in good hands, as there were no difficult questions for our Treasurer, Christine Horner. Chris drew attention to a generous funeral collection donation by the widow of another recently lost member, Cyril Pawley. This has been used to fund the restoration of the SR brakevan LDS55625.

Membership secretary Geoff Horner announced that we have 112 single members and 46 pairs of joint members, a total of 204, 5 more than this time last year. At the end of 2018 membership stood at 220, a target we hope to exceed this year.

Geoff moved on to his report as Volunteer Coordinator. We have about 40 active volunteers, a remarkable proportion of our total membership. He highlighted the efforts of those who help behind the

scenes, and commented on the frequent praise received from visitors about Okehampton station and museum, and about the condition of DRSA rolling stock. Without DRSA volunteers DR heritage services wouldn't operate, and the events trains would be a struggle.

Several Travelling Ticket Inspectors have recently been trained, and driver training is ongoing, though Geoff didn't know if there will be more opportunities. More volunteers would be very welcome, especially in Station Maintenance and the shop. To this end another batch of brochures has been printed after a small update, and is being distributed.

A Q&A session provided discussion about methods of payment, and about the impact on DR heritage services of the proposed Okehampton to Exeter service – the latter question unanswerable with anything more precise than 'wait and see'.

There had been no new nominations for committee membership, so the existing committee was re-elected. Thus the 2019/2020 committee remains as listed on the inside back cover.

Enhanced refreshments – courtesy of Sue Baxter and Roxana Kelsey – seemed to be a popular 2019 development. After this we started to watch the Dartmoor Railway Highlights 2006 DVD until it failed at one third distance. Fortunately Geoff had had the foresight to bring an alternative, and we watched a DVD about driving and operating Southern steam locomotives with some jealousy.

DRSA Accounts to year end March 2019

Christine Horner, Treasurer

DARTMOOR RAILWAY SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION

Financial Statements for the year ended March 2019

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total for 2018/2019	Total for 2017/2018
Receipts					
Membership	2968.00			2968.00	3162
Donations	858.76	315.00		1173.76	1169
Brake Van Donations	771.45			771.45	0
Shop Sales	3026.26			3026.26	2982
Bank Interest	0.87			0.87	1
Museum Donations	53.33			53.33	140
HRA Railcards	120.00			120.00	90
Peter Flick Memorial Fund	0.00		0	0.00	779
	<u>7798.67</u>	<u>315.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8113.67</u>	<u>8323</u>
Payments					
Stationery, postage & general printing	783.21			783.21	673
Pony Magazine printing	709.00			709.00	925
Carriage, Wagon and Station refurbishment costs	2089.02			2089.02	2293
Shop Stock/Insc	678.24			678.24	1087
Audit Fee	120.00			120.00	130
Miscellaneous Expenses	1263.96			1263.96	1061
Museum	29.89			29.89	138
HRA Railcards	120.00			120.00	90
HRA Membership	66.00			66.00	66
Anon. grant useage			0.00		391
Peter Flick Memorial Fund useage			0.00		25
	<u>5859.32</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5859.32</u>	<u>6879</u>
Excess of receipts over payments	1939.35	315.00	0.00	2254.35	1444
Bank and cash Balances at 1st April 2018	17903.58		753.75	18657.33	17213
Bank and cash Balances at 31st March 2019	<u>19842.93</u>	<u>315.00</u>	<u>753.75</u>	<u>20911.68</u>	<u>18657</u>

DARTMOOR RAILWAY SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2019

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Bank and cash balances	20912	18657
Assets retained for Association's use:		
Brake Van (February 2011)	2000.00	
FK Coach	9000.00	
LAB11 Coach	17500.00	
Brake Van	10000.00	
Water Tower	1000.00	
	<u>39500.00</u>	

The Shop income and expenditure has been recorded on a cash basis, however at the year end there was shop stock with a value of £800 at cost

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF
DARTMOOR RAILWAY SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION**

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2019

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance of accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
An audit is not required

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions and best practice for community and supporter organisations. The examination included a review of the accounting records and documents kept by the Association and a comparison of the accounts with the records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from trustees (particularly the treasurer) concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, that requirements for the keeping of proper accounting records and the preparation of accounts have not been met.


Ian Barrett

Date 09/05/2019

Rail Operations & Line Update

Paul Martin, Duty Manager

Line Update

Ongoing work has included vegetation control, fishplate oiling and other ongoing maintenance. The track at Okehampton station alongside platform 2 has been slewed to enable it be permissible for trains to run past each other.

Traction Update

D4167/08937: ‘Bluebell Mel’ has worked the heritage service on all non-event days, performing admirably. It has also been used on the events rake in a top and tail formation with 31452. It has also been used on engineering trains.



1132 (Thumper Unit): The overhaul of 1132 continues at Meldon in the capable hands of the Carriage & Wagon crew. See C&W report for full details. It is still hoped that 1132 will form part of the heritage service in 2019 though not clear at present when this might be.

31452: The class 31 has been used on the events rake in a top and tail formation with 08937. There is still no news on the potential arrival of 31285 from Weardale.

Heritage Services

Heritage services started on Saturday March 30th. Using 08937, Lab 11 and the LMS brake van. The FK carriage had issues with its vacuum brakes resulting in it being removed from the rake prior to the start of the service. The train now runs as an air braked rake. C&W is working hard to get the FK back into service as soon as possible

Events Trains

To date we have had Afternoon Tea Trains and the Peppa Pig day. Some events have been cancelled, but there are still a number expected to run throughout the season.

GWR Exeter Sunday Services

This service will start May 19th and run until September 8th. GWR provided Class 150 unit 150261 for the first day of the service. It proved to be well patronised.

This year also sees the return of the bus across the moor, with 2 buses arriving and departing Okehampton station on the same days the Exeter trains run. These buses run via Tavistock to Gunnislake and Callington.



A message from Percy....

I'm still busy at the station. Weekends see me helping on the tombola and bric a brac stand with Kay. The date for the annual Percy day is being finalised, but will be a Sunday in August. Details will be announced soon.

As always keep up to date with me through my Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/Percy-Okehampton-station-cat-1787757494837243/>

Exeter – Okehampton Sunday Rail Service Timetable 2019

St. James' Park	0857	1100	1426	----
Exeter Central	0900	1103	1429	----
Exeter St. Davids	0904	1108	1434	1705
Newton St. Cyres	----	----	1442x	----
Crediton	0914	1119	1448	1715
Sampford Courtenay	0941	1145	1514	1741
Okehampton	0950a	1154a	1522a	1750a
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Okehampton	0953	1214	1552	1756
Sampford Courtenay	1001	1222	1600	1804
Crediton	1026	1247	1626	1830
Newton St. Cyres	----	1251x	----	----
Exeter St. Davids	1037	1301	1636a	1841a
Exeter Central	1040	1304	----	----
St. James' Park	1042a	1306a	----	----

a = arrival time, x = request stop

As the last 2 up services terminate at St. Davids, and the last down service starts from St. Davids, the following connecting services to or from Exeter Central may be of interest:

- 1552 Okehampton departure connects with 1646 St. Davids departure to Exeter Central arriving 1649.
- 1651 Exeter Central departure connects with 1705 St. Davids departure to Okehampton
- 1756 Okehampton departure connects with 1846 St. Davids departure to Exeter Central arriving 1849, or 1925 St. Davids departure to Exeter Central arriving 1928.

Okehampton – Gunnislake Sunday Bus Service 2019

Summer Sunday buses are running this year between Okehampton station and Gunnislake from 19th May to 8th September 2019 inclusive. They will connect with some trains and the normal bus fares will apply, with no concessionary/bus pass travel and a maximum fare of £3 charged for those presenting valid Okehampton and Tamar Valley line rail tickets to the bus driver.



GUNNISLAKE - OKEHAMPTON Via Tavistock, Lydford Plymouth Citybus 279

Sunday Only until 8 September 2019*

CALLINGTON New Road	0945	-	-		<i>Train arrives Okehampton</i>	1154	1522	-
ST ANNS CHAPEL Post Office	0954	-	-					
GUNNISLAKE Station Arrive	0959	-	-		OKEHAMPTON Station	1220	1550	-
<i>Train arrives Gunnislake</i>	0956	1352	-		OKEHAMPTON West Street	1225	1555	-
GUNNISLAKE Station Depart	1005	1400	-		BRIDESTOWE Fore Street	1237	1607	-
TAVISTOCK BUS STATION Arrive	1025	1420	-		FOX & HOUNDS HOTEL	1242	1612	-
TAVISTOCK BUS STATION Depart	1030	1420	1655		LYDFORD Dartmoor Inn	1244	1614	-
PETER TAVY Cross	1038	1428	1703		LYDFORD War Memorial	1246	1616	1730
MARY TAVY Garage	1044	1434	1709		LYDFORD Station Road	1251	1621	1735
BRENTOR War Memorial	1051	1441	1716		BRENTOR War Memorial	1256	1626	1740
LYDFORD Station Road	1057	1447	1722		MARY TAVY War Memorial	1304	1634	1748
LYDFORD War Memorial	1102	1452	1727		PETER TAVY Cross	1309	1639	1753
LYDFORD Dartmoor Inn	1104	1454	-		TAVISTOCK BUS STATION Arrive	1318	1648	1802
FOX & HOUNDS HOTEL	1106	1456	-		TAVISTOCK BUS STATION Depart	1325	-	1805
SOURTON Windard Terrace	-	1500	-		GUNNISLAKE Station Arrive	1345	-	1825
BRIDESTOWE Fore Street	1111	-	-					
OKEHAMPTON West Street	1125	1510	-		<i>Train departs Gunnislake</i>	1358	-	1835
OKEHAMPTON Station	1130	1515	-		GUNNISLAKE Station Depart	-	-	1825
<i>Train departs Okehampton</i>	1214	1552	-		ST ANNS CHAPEL Post Office	-	-	1828
					CALLINGTON New Road	-	-	1838

* - NOTE: This service does not operate on Public Holidays - there is no Exeter - Okehampton train service on Public Holidays.

The timetable is reproduced above, or to view/print your own copy of the leaflet please go to the following link:

<https://www.dartmoor-railway-sa.org/cms/files/dartmoor-sunday-bus-poster-FINAL.pdf>

[Photo above is the Plymouth Citybus service 279 arriving at Okehampton Station with the 0945 departure from Callington New Road on 19th May 2019. Taken by David Hunt].

Volunteer Activities

Geoff Horner, Volunteer Coordinator

With the 2019 heritage train service between Okehampton and Meldon Viaduct well underway our DRSA volunteers, around 40 in number, are once again to be found busy working all round the railway.

Carriage & Wagon group

Geoff Horner, Volunteer Coordinator

‘Thumper’ unit 1132

The driving trailer’s repaint was completed in the latter part of last year since when the power car has been in the shed and work on this has kept members of the group busy. The driving cab and guard’s compartment have been repainted, both sides of the vehicle have had the grey undercoat applied and by the time you read this at least one green top coat to the south side will have been completed. The painting of the bogies and under frame has commenced as has the freshening up of the interior paintwork.

Ex SR Goods Brake Van

The old timber flooring to the cabin and verandas has been removed and new flooring installed. The same has been done to side and end timbers and roof. The laborious task of chipping off the rust to the under-frame continues. The buffers to the west end have been removed, overhauled, refitted, primed and repainted. New vacuum brake hoses are in stock ready to be fitted and new footboards to both sides have been made, installed and painted. The next major task to be undertaken will be the laying of the new canvas roof covering – a task the group have never undertaken before so possibly a steep learning curve lies ahead.

First class corridor compartment carriage (FK) - S13436

The repainting following the graffiti attacks of last year has now been completed. Unfortunately the vacuum brake system failed its Fitness To Run examination. However replacement parts have been purchased

and fitting of these has commenced so hopefully the carriage will soon resume its place in the heritage train.

Lab11 and ex LMS Goods Brake Van

These two vehicles are currently forming the heritage train set fortunately so far without any major problems arising – touch wood!

Regular weekly reports and photos of the C&W group's activities are posted on our website: <https://www.dartmoor-railway-sa.org/wip>

Arthur Westlake Museum

John Caesar

Recently DRSA has acquired, via Ebay, this former Okehampton signalbox telephone. It would have been used for communication with other signalboxes. It was made by Ericsson. After a good cleanup, and some research into it, it will go on display in the Okehampton station museum.

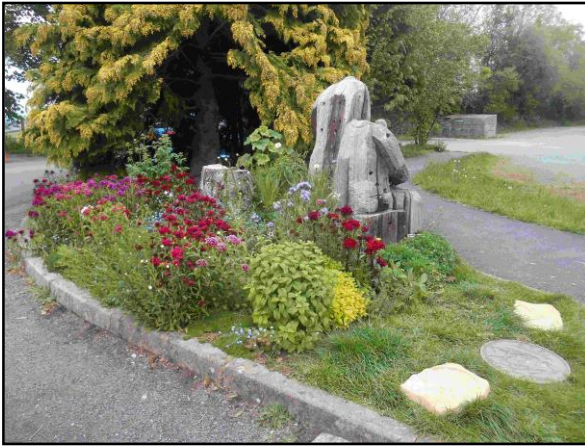
Progress is being made, albeit slowly, on smartening up some of the museum paintwork and adding additional individual items to the displays. Another recent addition is a milk churn from Ambrosia at nearby Lifton.



People from all around the UK and overseas continue to sign the visitors' book and the feedback comments are overwhelmingly positive.

Station Gardening – Just Step Across!

Sue Baxter



Just step across!
Penny had the idea of making a stepping stone path where passengers already take a short cut across grass from the car park. It enhances the area and the stones themselves have reliefs of a half penny, a dragonfly and a honeybee which

young children might like to feel.

The three-year old *sweet williams* are a “wow” at the moment, having taken a year longer than usual to flower. In the foreground are clumps of golden oregano and lemon balm which give a lovely colour contrast and can be rubbed and smelt by those “in the know” as they pass by.

Our watering team is in full swing. Mavis arrives with her trolley on which Ann balances up to five watering cans. Then with great patience Ann waters each parched container a little at a time and repeatedly over the course of a couple of hours so that they are ready for the next dry week! We are also lucky that Paul, when watering the train, will also turn the hose to our tubs and the grit boxes on Platform 2. Shrinkage of the compost away from the sides in dry weather is generally less in our wooden and ceramic containers than in the plastic.

Jobs for the weekend ahead include moving crowded foxglove self-seeded seedlings (after watering well!) to the bank by the Signal Box so they can flower and seed again. Also a clean out and replacement of sticks in our Bee Hotels. Research shows that they can harbour

disease, so it is best to change the sticks each year. Leaving hollow sticks standing overwinter or on the ground also gives insects safe nesting and hibernating spaces. Hopefully you all have a chance to enjoy plants and insects too this summer!



The Sturgeon wagon had a rare outing at Meldon in early May, being used on an engineers' train worked by class 08 D4167 to transport flat bottom rails from Bow to Meldon for onward transport by lorry for scrap. Photos: Geoff Horner.

Crediton Museum 2019 Exhibition

Jon Kelsey

For 2019, the volunteer-run Crediton Museum is presenting a railway-themed exhibition entitled 'Crediton Station: A Brief Encounter'. Its aim is to show how the coming of the railway affected the town and its people. Crediton Area History and Museum Society's exhibition team has depicted the social impact of the railway, constructing a number of tableaux illustrating local men going off to war, wounded soldiers coming to the VAD hospitals, local trades which utilised the railway, holidaymakers, commuters etc.



Part of the exhibition, and to an extent the inspiration for it, is the Scale Seven Group's excellent model of Crediton's historic station in Edwardian times, previously on display at the station tearoom. When the Turning Tides Project took over the tearoom, CAHMS became custodian of the model, thanks to the good offices of the Devon and Cornwall Rail Partnership.



The exhibition opened on April 10th and will be open until October 26th Wednesdays to Fridays from 1000 to 1600 and Saturdays from 1000 to 1300. The Museum is at The Old Town Hall, High Street, Crediton, EX17 3LF (the junction with Searle St.)

<http://creditonhistory.org.uk/>

DRSA Shop

Platform 2

We welcome donations of railway books, railway miscellanea, model railway items, paperbacks and hardback books, railway DVDs and videos.

Contact Christine Horner for further details:

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The first Sunday service of the year to Okehampton (formed of unit 150261) arriving slightly late into St James' Park (Exeter) on Sunday 19th May. Photo: John Caesar.



A spoil train during works at Crediton station on 2nd February 2019, with a Colas class 70 on the Plymouth end and a DBS class 66 on the Waterloo end. Photo: Tony Hill.

English Electric Weekend

As this edition goes to press, we have received photos from Tony Hill of the DR English Electric weekend which took place over the weekend of the 8th and 9th June 2019.



Loco 31452 and its train at Sampford Courtenay on 8th June.



The leading vehicle (DTSO DB977335 aka 'The Rocket') of five being propelled from Coleford to Meldon Viaduct Station by loco 31452 near Sampford Courtenay.

Rosie's Diary – Just Padding Along

by Rosie



Now a 4 legs does not just pad along on wet sand, it has to be dug up!



I was really enjoying myself until 2 legs shouted at me. They should know by now that I do not read signs. I was happily oblivious to the fact that I was committing a crime, undermining a sea dyke at Den Helder in the Netherlands. However, when I looked at the hole in the sea defence wall right beside the track into Harlingen, I thought double standards were being applied. The Dutch 4 legs must all be able to swim as they told me

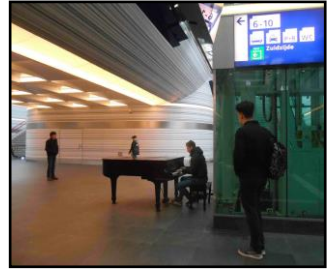
that 60% of them live below sea level!!!!

We were below sea level apparently for most of 8 days, during which time the best exercise my 2 legs got was climbing the dykes, which seem to be raised to at least 4 storeys high.

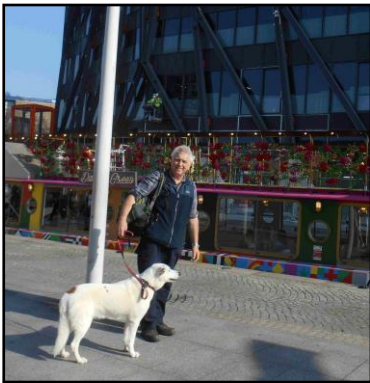




We visited a Railway Museum at Zuidbroek where I met the Booking Clerk. Unlike our Gerald at Okehampton he was not able to issue tickets or talk, but his uniform was splendid. Utrecht and



Zwolle both had large stations where the sounds seemed unusual. It turned out that both had Grand Pianos which able members of the public were playing.

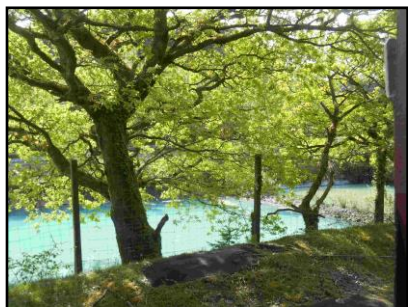


Back in London, at Paddington, I had to paw my eyes and check what I was seeing. First, as we came up from below I saw Paddington himself, looking very handsome at the start of his trail. Then we also found a smart restaurant boat (although not smart enough to take canines) and a canal basin, a whole new side to Paddington Station!

Back home it's time for a committee meeting beside the Langridge Plantation Railway of member Tony Hill, proving that meetings can be good fun! Although Heather, his Jack Russell, barks constantly as we move on the rails thinking that the rumblings are of some underground rodent!



Riding in the Brake Van I hear plenty of questions about the beautiful blue pool we pass on our way into the quarry. I must alert all fellow



woofs of the danger of even thinking about visiting it as it is where caustic soda is used to neutralise the acid water that runs off the quarry, before it is discharged through pipes to the West Okement River.

Mind you I do not know what 2 of our train crew had drunk recently at Meldon Viaduct Station, captions please?



Finally I want to share with you a bit of heaven. If you pad out of the station up the hill towards Dartmoor you will pass a five-bar gate to a wood, where there was a short terrace of railway cottages, and then existing railway houses to the right. The woods are full of bluebells, but if you continue and cross over the A30 on the footbridge you come to a whole hillside in the open covered by bluebells amongst flowering gorse, apple trees and May blossom on the hawthorn. Can you sniff the scents?



Committee of the Dartmoor Railway Supporters' Association

Chairman: Philip Wagstaff

Vice-Chairman: Sue Baxter

Secretary: Jon Kelsey

Treasurer: Christine Horner

Membership Secretary & Volunteer Coordinator:

Geoff Horner

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