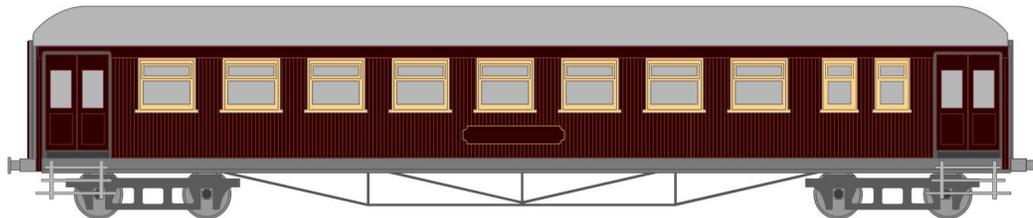


Friends of the Goods Shed FoGS Newsletter No 16 – May 2018

Community, Creativity, Culture



Railway Carriage Grand Opening 12 May 2018

The date for the grand opening of the carriage has been slightly changed so that it stands alone as an important milestone without the distraction of Wacky Race Day. The grand opening of the carriage will now be at 11.00am on Saturday 12th May.

The Tetbury Trail

Gloucestershire County Council has agreed to accept the section of the Tetbury Trail between Long Newnton Road and the Trouble House as a bridleway. The formalities are expected to be completed soon. Congratulations to Paul Lockley for driving this through.

Tetbury Community Bike Ride Sunday 10th June 2018



A sponsored charity cycle ride open to all will be held on Sunday 10th June 2018 in aid of the Goods Shed Arts Centre, Tetbury Trail & Jole Rider (Bikes4Africa). The Community Bike Ride is registered as an official 'Bike Week' event. The Community Bike Ride will start and finish at the Goods Shed where cyclists can buy refreshments and look round the stalls.

There will be two routes following the quiet lanes and through the pretty villages around Tetbury: a short 5 mile route for children and people of all abilities taking about an hour and a longer 21 mile route for the fitter taking about 3 hours including a pub stop.

Cyclists start between 11 am and 12pm from the Goods Shed. The event will finish at 3pm. There will be prizes for the children and adults raising the most sponsorship money. Sponsorship forms for the Community Bike Ride will be available from the Goods Shed, the website and at Special Markets being held on Wacky Races Day and on Woolsack Day. For further information see: <https://shed-arts.co.uk/event/tetbury-community-bike-ride/>



Whistle Stop Cafe

The Whistle Stop cafe reopened on the 21st April in its old location outside the kitchen. Our manager, Sasha Jenner, is doing a great job and is a wonderful cook so please drop in and have some delicious coffee and a cake or even a tasty lunch made from fresh, locally-sourced products.



Recent Events

Last month saw a performance by Wrong Jovi which was well attended and had the audience dancing in the aisles. Big Howard, Little Howard was an excellent production and those children (and adults) attending thoroughly enjoyed it. Parents and grandparents – don't forget to book you and your children for some of the summer holiday events. The Tetbury Community Choir gave a moving concert that featured Maria Jagusz as a soloist, half the profits being donated to the Goods Shed. We were very lucky to have a series of performances and talks by pianist William Howard which brought a better understanding to many, including school children, of the musical process. Everyman's "Watching Out" was much appreciated by all who went, although the Wednesday night slot produced a disappointing attendance. Jimmy Hannaway and Sarah Vernon of Just Jive organized a great swing jive night during the month which had aficionados coming from all over the county. It's never too late to learn (or relearn) swing jive so don't forget that there are teaching sessions every Tuesday night at the Goods Shed., The month finished with a great gig from Iron and Oak, featuring our very own Heather Bristow. The mixture of Blue Grass, Red Dirt and brilliant musicianship was enjoyed by young and old alike with a great atmosphere generated in the Goods Shed.



Volunteer News

We have had a number of new volunteers join us this month – we are pleased to welcome them as part of the great team that enables the Shed events and facilities to run well. Christine Berry has been organising induction sessions explaining how the various volunteer roles work, and helping new volunteers start to find their feet.

Office (publicity, general; contact – Christine Berry 01666 503076)

The Office has welcomed some new volunteers this month, who are lightening the load by helping with regular tasks. If you enjoy admin, publicity or paper work, or are happy to work on the office computer and can offer a couple of hours, even if it is only once a month, any time you have will be much appreciated.

As always, the Events group have been busy, with mainly weekend events. Some of us have begun to get to grips with the lighting system, (with some interesting results sometimes!) If anyone has any experience in this area or would like to learn then please get in touch. The Shed events included classical, rock, choir and folk music, adult and children's theatre, and a dance night. That certainly kept us busy! *Cont....*



 *Volunteer News Continued...***Café (all areas; contact – Caroline Morgan 01666 505744)**

The Café opened to the public on Saturday 21st April, accompanied by a glorious sunny day. There were events in the shed during the weekend and we were delighted to be extremely busy. Although the weather got colder in the following week and we welcomed fewer visitors, the bonus was that it gave Sasha more time to prepare cakes and for those volunteers who were new to the job, an opportunity to find out what working in a kitchen is about. Indoor seating is going to be available in the carriage, which is due to open 12th May and we will need extravolunteers. If you feel you can help please call in to the kitchen Wednesday to Sunday (preferably when they are not too busy - at the beginning or end of the day) and speak to Sasha (the café manager.)

Projects

Over the last few months our railway carriage has undergone extensive repair and refurbishment by the Projects group. The inside is almost complete and we are confident that as long as we get a few more days of sunshine we shall have the external paintwork done. We have already landscaped the area in front of the carriage and we now have a gravel terrace area as opposed to the previous mud bath. Even after the opening of the carriage restoration work will continue on the far side of the carriage so more volunteers will be most welcome.

Cinema (front of house, bar, projection; contact – Sally Battersby 01666 504473)

The Cinema is now running regularly on a Thursday evening. We had an afternoon showing of Paddington 2 during the Easter holidays for the younger ones (and their accompanying grown-ups!). We have moved the film start time to 7.30pm, as customers were indicating that the original 7pm start was too early. The bar is open from 7pm, though, so come along and enjoy a drink in the sun before the film. The DVD equipment is very easy to use, and we would welcome offers from anyone who would like to help in this area. And of course, any volunteers who offer to help at the box office and bar also get to see the film!

Exhibition Stewards

As well as acting as a reception and information point, the Exhibition Stewards have done a great job talking to the visitors about the current exhibition of portrait photos. Anyone interesting in joining this group should contact Caroline.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining as a volunteer, please feel free to pass our contact details on. (Office - Christine Berry 01666 503076) (Events - Jennie Horton 01666 503569) (Bar- Ros Tildesley 01666 502882) (Café - Caroline Morgan 01666 505744) (Projects - David Walker 01666 500137) (Cinema - Sally Battersby 01666 504473) (Exhibition Stewards - Caroline Morgan 01666 505744)

Waitrose Malmesbury Green Token /Tesco Tetbury

Please don't forget to put your tokens in the Goods Shed collecting box when you shop at Waitrose in Malmesbury and Tesco in Tetbury, from 1 May 2018. Another way to give at no cost to you is to sign up to easyfundraising.com and nominate Tetbury Goods Shed to receive a percentage of what you spend on internet



From the Archive

This month we have a photo from Stephen Randolph's book of the Tetbury branch the caption for which is: "The station approach road was not a public right of way, although in 1963 it served as a bypass while the causeway was being repaired. In the background above the builder's yard is the Tetbury District Hospital." We publish this photo because we are delighted to say that Keith Richards has presented this very sign to the Goods Shed. Although Keith bought the sign at auction, we are confident that it is indeed the very one that graced the Malmesbury road entrance to Tetbury station.



We have the auction catalogue description, the sign has a note on the back saying that it was from Tetbury and there are markings on the back that indicate it was supported by a single post in the manner shown in Stephen's book.



Contact us if you have any questions or wish to contribute to the newsletter: Kathryn Limoi, office@shed-arts.co.uk, 01666 505496 (9am - 5pm, Tues-Thurs) or David Walker, opheliatheboat@gmail.com. 01666 500137.