



# FRIENDS OF THE GOODS SHED



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## HERITAGE EVENING - 2 DEC 2019

It was very pleasing to see the large number of people who came to the "Track Tales" evening on Monday 2 Dec 2019 to celebrate the 130th anniversary of the railway coming to Tetbury. Everybody was most impressed by the film shown that was shot, directed and edited by Helen Hyde. There were several other displays put together by Carol Paton, Brecon Quaddy and Paul Lockley, all made possible by the fund raising prowess of Julia Hasler who also managed the whole scheme. We were very lucky to have Stephen Randolph attending with his display of memorabilia especially that of the Tetbury signal box which now resides in his garden. Peter and Anne Lisle-Taylor of the History of Tetbury Society set up an interesting display of historical photographs and Tetbury Model Railway Society, represented by David Groves and Vic Bridgeman, gave us a fascinating preview of their OO gauge model of Tetbury railway station and rail yard. Scattered around the rail lands are now a dozen little information boards that detail local memories of different aspects of the old Tetbury Branch. We must not forget to thank all those



who appeared in the film and allowed their reminiscences to be recorded and used; also to Annie Hooper who read an extract from the Tetbury Advertiser describing the events of 2 Dec 1889 and Philip Hodson who read an amusing contemporary poem. Finally, thanks must go to the Heritage Lottery Fund whose funding allowed all of the above to happen. If you missed the event, the film is still available to see on a video installation at the Goods Shed which is surrounded by some great photographs of the lost line.



*A display of some of Stephen Randolph's Tetbury memorabilia*



*OO Gauge model of the Tetbury terminus - a work in progress by Tetbury Model Railway Club*



*The video installation now available for all visitors to see the Track Tales film*



*An O gauge model (1:43) of Tetbury Goods Shed made by David Walker that will now have a permanent place above a collecting box to help fund the Trust's activities.*





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## CHANGE IN THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



*Christine Berry retiring as Chair of Trustees and John Andrews as a Trustee*



Christine Berry, who has done a magnificent job over the last year, handed over the baton as Chair of Trustees to Richard Warrington at the end of November. We must also record our appreciation of the work done by John Andrews as a Trustee as he retired from the Board last month but remains a stalwart supporter of the Goods Shed.



## *New Foyer*



We have recently acquired a new look to the foyer which until now has been rather makeshift and unattractive. Money always being our problem, we must thank Jill Dodge for requesting that all the money she has raised this year be directed to giving the Goods Shed the entrance it deserves. As pictures speak a thousand words I shall let a picture show the new makeover. As well as the new desk we are also getting a new leaflet display, a lectern and an information video screen.



*Volunteer steward, Elaine Jones, greets visitors at the new reception desk*





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## Recent Events



### Music



Following on from Kiki Dee's blast from the past performance, Smack the 80s on 9th November was a tribute to the popular music of the 1980s. It went down well with those 50 somethings who happily relived their youths on the dance floor and in the bar. On the 16th the first concert of the special piano series took place in front of a full house that thoroughly enjoyed William Howard and the Carducci Quartet. The Bon Jovi Experience had sold out long before it actually took place on Saturday 16th November. Remarkably the audience included people of every age from their twenties to the nineties! With a lesser volume of noise "A Night in Paris", a celebration of the music of Django Reinhardt and Frank Sinatra, Gypsy and Swing Jazz, was also very popular.



Concertgoers dancing to the music of Smack the 80s

### Talks

The U3A's October talk on the 20th November was given by Brigadier Bruce Jackman OBE MC and was about the Gurkha Welfare Trust and the history of the Gurkhas. Born in India and with a father and a son who also served in the Gurkhas, Bruce gave a fascinating description of the brave Nepalese who serve the British Crown, modestly interspersed with some of his own personal experience including being blown up in Borneo. These interesting monthly U3A talks are open to non-members at a cost of £5. On 27th November Steve Russell talked about his experiences as a professional photographer and how the high and remote Rwenzori Mountains in central Africa, the "Mountains of the Moon", opened up a whole new vista for him. See some of his photos below.

### Cinema

Films in November started with Yesterday which was quite popular but the subsequent The Souvenir, Booksmart and Midsommar failed to attract many filmgoers. On 5th December the film Current Wars prove more of a draw perhaps because it starred Benedict Cumberbatch. The enigmatic title actually proved to refer to the battle between Edison and Westinghouse/Tesla as to whether AC or DC current was to be the future. One consequence was the adoption of the electric chair by some states of the USA.

### Tea Concerts



Tea concerts have continued through November and continue to be popular as a venue to meet, socialise and listen to a range of interesting live music.




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## Whistle Stop Cafe



The bad news is that the café will be closed 23 Dec – 1 Jan inclusive while Sasha and her team take a well-deserved break. The good news – if you are quick – is that delicious mince pies are now on the menu.



## Volunteer News



*Jill Dodge and Beryl Champion brave the cold to raise more money at the Christmas lights switch-on*

The latest deserving volunteers and lucky prize winners of two cinema vouchers are Jennie Horton (October) and Shona Cole (November). Jennie well deserved her prize as she has been a hardworking volunteer for several years as an event, duty and bar manager as well as being very involved in the management and administration of volunteers. Shona is a regular weekend exhibition steward.

Yet another mention must be made of Jill Dodge and her hard working team of volunteers. Jill raised over £800 in November from her annual coffee morning; well done, Jill. Not content with that Jill and Beryl Champion braved the damp and cold to run a fund raising stall under the Market Hall at the recent Tetbury Christmas lights switch-on on 6th December.



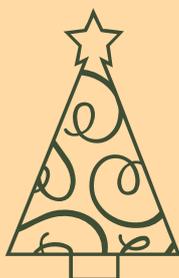
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## EXHIBITIONS

On display in November were Steve Russell's magnificent photographs of the "Mountains of the Moon".

*The following photos are all from exhibition:*



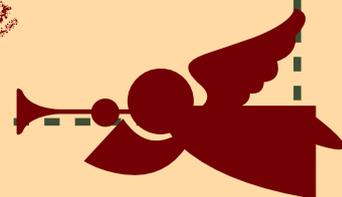


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## Christmas is Coming



You can read about some of the great things to do at the Goods Shed over the Christmas period on the website – the Christmas community art exhibition, Tetbury Community Choir concert, Spitfire Sisters, tea concerts, pantomime, films - but please don't forget those two great traditions that have built up over the last few years as we have developed the arts centre – carol singing and the New Year's walk. Carols at the Goods Shed will be at 6.30pm on Saturday 21 December. Note that it is Saturday and not a Friday as in previous years but it will be the usual festive occasion with mulled wine and mince pies. The traditional New Year's walk will be just the thing you need to recover from the previous night's festivities. Meet at the Goods Shed at 10.30 am and enjoy an hour's ramble along the Tetbury Trail. If you are thinking of volunteering at the Goods Shed, it's a great opportunity to meet other volunteers and talk to them about what volunteering involves.

*The Goods Shed Christmas tree fairy contemplates how she is going to get to sit at the top.*



## DESIGNER NEEDED

I would like to express the editor's appreciation of the voluntary work down by Steve Shotton over the last two and a half of years providing the graphic layouts for this newsletter. Due to pressure of work Steve is having to step back from doing this. If anyone knows somebody who could help the editor publish the FoGS newsletter, please let me know – contact David Walker at [opheliatheboat@gmail.com](mailto:opheliatheboat@gmail.com).





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## From the Archive

Again there has been too much going on to do any research into the archives so perhaps a few more photos from the Heritage evening will suffice:



Detail of Tetbury Model Club's OO gauge layout showing the Goods Shed and the cattle loading dock.



Some historical photos of life on the Tetbury branch line 1889 – 1964; now on display at the Goods Shed.



## VOLUNTEER NEWS



We always welcome new volunteers and there is something for everyone at the Goods Shed. We run training courses so there is no need to feel that you would not be able to do anything. If you can spare some time to help out please feel free to come to an event and ask any volunteer on duty how you can help; or contact the individuals below:

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 - Sue Dykes 01666 504276

Contact us if you have any questions or wish to contribute to the newsletter: Kathryn Limoi, [office@shed-arts.co.uk](mailto:office@shed-arts.co.uk), 01666 505496 (9am – 5pm, Thurs-Saturday), or David Walker, [opheliatheboat@gmail.com](mailto:opheliatheboat@gmail.com). 01666 500137, or visit the Goods Shed itself by the long stay car park - for satnav use GL8 8EY.



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