

Trust Information

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From the Chairman

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter! I always feel that we've turned the corner once we get to this time of year, and that is certainly true of our Trust's activities at present. While winter gales and rain have lashed and flooded the area, we've been able to make good progress with our various works. None so amazingly than Southern Water's roof project for the main buildings at the Waterworks which, despite all, has kept going even under the most atrocious conditions. Williams Roofing and BTU are carrying out a magnificent job, which is now just a few weeks away from completion. For the first time in many a year there is no longer the sound of rainwater dripping into buckets inside the Engine House, and everywhere inside is benefitting from the drier conditions that now prevail.

The asbestos issue in the Boiler House that has delayed our HLF 'Return to Steam' Project is now successfully behind us, and once the roof works are completed our path becomes clearer to restart this. Our Project Team has been working hard through the winter to bring all the loose ends together in preparation. We've had to reapply for planning permission for the toilet extension and the new workshop, and once we have gained approval again we will be agreeing start dates with our contractors. I'm sure that we'll meet with further challenges along the way, and I'm equally sure that we will overcome these to return to steam at last.

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From the Chairman (cont)

After 8 years I will be standing down as Chairman

at the AGM in July. It's been a great period to be Chairman and I've seen the role and responsibilities grow considerably during this time. A sub group from our Board has decided that the existing role should be split into two – Chairman and Resources Manager – and details of these are included in this

Newsletter. If you feel that you could take on one of these positions, or know someone who may be interested, do please let myself, Terry or Suzanne know and we will be happy to provide more information.

We've got our usual excellent selection of Open Days this year starting with our popular Guided Tour Day on Easter Sunday, so do please come along and join in if you can.

Graham



It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Anne Lea at the age of 76 on 27th December 2013. Sadly, she had been suffering from Alzheimer's Disease for some years.

Anne and her husband, Patrick, became Volunteers at Twyford in the mid-1980s. For the next decade, they were regular helpers, often working around the lime kiln area, and also took charge of booking attractions for Open Days.

My abiding memory of Anne is of her bubbly personality and warmth. She was a caring lady always aware of the needs of others. The centre of her life was always her home life with

Please help!

Our Trust agreed that in return for painting the top half of the buildings as part of the roof work, we would paint the lower window frames and doors, as well as the corrugated

Patrick, to whom she was married for 56 years, and her family. She and Patrick had three children – Jacqui, Christine and Jonathan, and five grandchildren.

As well as supporting Twyford, Anne and Patrick were active in work for Tools for Self Reliance and were members of the then Southampton University Industrial Archaeology Group, now HIAS. We extend our condolences to Patrick, and their children and grandchildren.

Pam Moore

cladding to the Tea Room. We now need to progress this quickly – can you help please? Please speak to Colin and Matthew at the Works, or give me a call on 01929 552973 to offer your assistance.

Obituary Anne Lea

Around the Works

The winter period is usually the busiest time of the year for volunteer projects, and although there has been limited access to some areas of the main buildings as the roof work progresses, this has once again proved to be the case. While some of the tasks fall within the category of essential ongoing routine maintenance, there has been some significant progress which will be readily visible to visitors this season.

Engine House

In spite of the internal scaffolding put up as part of the roof repairs, work has continued with the project to return the handrails to their original polished condition. A



few years ago a trial was made with polishing and then lacquering a stretch of these rails with a suitable clear spray. This has proved to be a durable solution with a reapplication of lacquer only required now despite several thousand people using them in the intervening period. The technique is being repeated to the remaining handrails, including those which have been painted white previously, to create a uniform appearance akin to how they looked during the Hathorn Davey pumping engine's

working days.

Diesel House

During the winter maintenance work has been sustained in the form of the stripping down of the air vessels for their visual inspection (which they passed) and putting them back together again.

A very welcome new arrival has been the donation of a replacement Ruston 6PS air start engine to pump the air vessels in the Diesel House. When the diesel engines were installed in 1935 they were supplied with a little 2PS compressor for the Transfer House pumping engine and a 6PS for the Diesel House. While the former survives and was restored to working order last year, the latter was removed long before the Trust started work. The appearance of this engine, although dating twenty years later than the original, will go a long way to

completing this building and its historic machinery and we are exceedingly grateful to the benefactor for making this possible.

Filter House

The rear portion of the Filter House continues to serve as an interim workshop with four distinct benches currently in use for a variety of different tasks. This has highlighted how useful the new workshop will be, and its completion is being eagerly anticipated.



Around the Works (cont)

Since Christmas the predominant project has been the completion of the floor immediately below the filter tanks themselves. Several of the steel cross beams, noted as requiring replacement when the tanks were installed, have been cut out and new beams welded and grouted in place. The chequer floor plates, also rescued with the tanks from Wimborne, have been cut down to size to form the final floor. The main control and back flush valves are being bolted directly to the chequer-plate floor thus giving the correct appearance. Special spacers have been made and extra supports welded in place as required. The evenings spent sorting the Trust's nut and bolt collection also showed their worth as we



needed sixty identical large bolts to complete the job! Visitors will still be able to look down and see the array of pipes that fed to and from the tanks by means of a grill in front of No2 tank. These pipes are a mixture of those salvaged from Wimborne and others added from elsewhere, including those we've salvaged from the original Twyford plant, to visually complete one tank. Some discrete lighting and paint is all that will be required to finish this project.

On the other side of the main walkway the Sutton Scotney

Tangye pump has been connected to the water tank and, for the first time in around forty years, is now capable of pumping water. It is expected that fettling work will be required during this year as the new glands bed down. The pipework is predominantly cast iron while reusing as much as possible of the original which came with the pump. The big-end bearing of the Crossley gas engine has finally been scraped back to ideal condition. Previous attention was given to the other bearings as they were in worse condition but the time has now been taken to get this bearing right too. Now with new shims in place it should be good for many years to come.

Rectifier House

An often ignored part of the Waterworks the Rectifier House contains the old-Owslebury booster pumps and is the first building visitors see when

entering the grounds from the car park. The west

doors have been in poor condition, with one permanently sealed, for many years augmented with a multitude of repairs. Exact facsimiles have been constructed and these will be hung in due course. This will greatly enhance the look of the building.

Despite the terrible weather, the roof works have continued throughout the winter and spring. At times we found our access in some of the buildings restricted due to the internal scaffolding, but we can now look forward to being able to work in dry conditions, and the regular task of placing and emptying buckets will be a thing of the past!

Matthew

Railway Roundup

The Waterworks' railway collection is unique in having three locomotives built by R A Lister Ltd, and all can be found on the kiln railway. The youngest of the trio - no. 52886 of 1962 – came to Twyford in February 2012 on a 2 year loan from Hereford Waterworks Museum, and agreement has just been gained for the loco to stay with us for a further 10 year period. We'll be operating the loco at Open Days this year, and plan to give it a much needed



overhaul during next winter.

Down on the quarry railway Motor Rail Ltd locomotive no.7374 'Ayala' will be 75 years old this year, the last 33 years being owned by Graham & Lesley. 'Ayala' has been based at the Waterworks for the past 10 years.

A small wagon from a limeworks has been offered to the Trust by the Bursledon Brickworks Industrial Museum, and it is planned to move this and display it at the Works shortly.

Graham



Here we are at the start of another season, and so Friends' membership subscriptions are due for 2014!

If you have already sent me your renewal, or make an annual or monthly donation, your new membership card is enclosed. If you haven't yet renewed, then you will find a reminder in this newsletter. Thank you all for your support.

Thank you as well, if you have supported The Works with an extra donation. More than

ever we are really grateful for these, as costs increase.

Don't forget your Friends membership entitles you to free admission on all Open Days, so I look forward to seeing many Friends during the year.

Finally a very warm welcome to new Friends who have joined since the last newsletter: Mike Powell, Mrs H Phillips, P Richardson and John Wall.

Lesley



Friends Report

HLF Return to Steam Project

With the asbestos in the Boiler House removed and the roof works at an advanced stage, our Project Team has been concentrating on getting the project restarted as quickly as possible. Our two main contractors for the boiler and building works have stood by us throughout the last 18 months as we sorted the asbestos issue, and have confirmed that there will be no price change for their work, for which we are most grateful. Another hurdle to clear now is planning permission for the building work – it is now more than 3 years ago that we were granted this, and hence the need to obtain this again before we can start work. We are hoping to hear about this

during April. Once we have this we can at last agree a start date and the project work can commence. This will not be before the May Rally Open Day, so this may be your chance to record how things are now before all the work starts. The work may cause some disruption to subsequent events, but we'll endeavour to keep this to a minimum. It will all be worth it when we finally get back to steam!

All the extra work is putting a strain on our finances, and we would be extremely grateful for any further donations please to our Return to Steam project. Although the asbestos work was largely met by a significant contribution from Southern Water, the Trust has had to find an additional and unexpected £8,000 to cover all the costs.

We want to keep everyone up to date with the Project as it

moves forward, and we'll be featuring the work in our Newsletter and on the website. We'll also continue with our monthly e-news sheet. Send your email address to me: chairman@twyfordwaterworks.co.uk if you don't receive this and I'll add you to the circulation list.

Graham

HLF Return to Steam (cont)



¹³Appeal for
Chairman &
Resources Manager

The Trust seeks to appoint a new Chairman.

This is an unpaid post involving leadership of the Board of Trustees and the provision of guidance to ensure that the aims of the Trust are upheld. Ideally, candidates will have management experience in the heritage and/or museum environment. Interpersonal skills at all levels are essential.

The responsibilities of the Chairman include:

- Leadership of the Board of Trustees, Site Management Team and other Trust activities
- Oversight of the work of the officers of the Trust and others with responsibilities, to ensure all aspects of running the Trust is in order
- Liaison with the Trust's landlord, Southern Water Services and their

representatives

- To be an ambassador for the Trust by working with other Museums and Heritage bodies
- Management of volunteers through the Volunteer and Events Manager

The Trust seeks to appoint a new Resources Manager

This is an unpaid post for a volunteer to provide support to the Chairman, Trustees, Management Team and volunteers.

The responsibilities of the Resources Manager will include:

- Maintain and carry out a schedule of essential actions eg: reviews and renewals of agreements, affiliations and statutory requirements
- Review, develop and maintain role profiles for all volunteer positions, and maintain a record of volunteers' training
- Compile and issue written reports for the Trust's Annual Report and for affiliate Associations
- Work with the Chairman

and Management Team to ensure that all Actions agreed at meetings are carried out and fully documented

- Liaise with external organisations

We welcome applications from both men and women.

For further information and to register your interest email enquiries@twyfordwaterworks.co.uk

¹⁴Appeal for
Chairman (cont)

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