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## **INGROW CARRIAGE SHED**

Phase 1: Complete – Phase 2: under way

It has not been an easy winter for the VCT volunteers managing the Ingrow Carriage Shed project. All sorts of problems have arisen and have had to be sorted out very rapidly to ensure that VCT complies with the conditions on which we have been given grant aid by the Museums and Galleries Commission. Happily all the problems have been overcome and phase 1 of this major project has been brought to a successful conclusion.

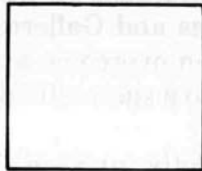
To those who are not directly involved it may appear that little has been done towards the project, with perhaps only a few holes being visible signs of any work done. In fact much has been done with the determination of three members, Michael and Jackie Cope and John Downs these people have helped towards the arrangement of a 99 year lease for the site with the railway, structural calculations, sketches and a large submission had to be made to the local authorities. Planning permission was applied for and granted and the foundation design and preparation of calculations and detailed drawings commenced and a Building Regulations Plan was submitted and approved. Site investigation, bore holes and a level survey had to be undertaken and spoil relocation to allow the foundations to be made and rainwater drainage work has been completed.

As phase 2 progresses the framework of the shed should materialise and we will get a more comprehensive impression of the whole Ingrow project embracing the railway's superbly constructed station, the goods shed, the station yard and our new carriage shed.

## **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

I wish again to bring to the attention of all members that Covenant Membership and Ordinary Membership are TWO separate entities, and are dealt with respectively by Mr D Wilson, 116 Birchlands Avenue, Wilsden, Bradford BD15 0HB. Yorkshire and myself. We would be grateful if all enquiries regarding the different memberships be made to either of us, that is, Covenants to Mr Wilson and Ordinary Membership to me, this will enable each of us to deal with any query much more expeditiously. There has been some confusion this year albeit of a minor nature and we should like to eradicate this in the future.

If an 'X' appears in the box below, then your subscription is now due, please send subscriptions to Membership Secretary:-



Arthur Berry  
8 Bromley Road  
Nab Wood  
SHIPLEY  
BD18 4DS

Subscriptions can also be renewed at either of our two shops, 5 Mill Hey, Haworth, or Platform 4 at Keighley Station.

## **VCT SHOPS**

The VCT shops have had a very busy start to the season, this started well with a major donation of books, significant hardware purchases and a veritable bonanza of model railway equipment. Word has spread rapidly and some of the more exciting items sold very quickly indeed. If there is any particular item which you are seeking perhaps you should leave us details for our reservation list!

Thanks are once again due to the team of volunteers who man our shops, VCT relies very heavily on the money they collect. If you would like to join their numbers please contact Jim Pickles, VCT Roster at Haworth Station.

## LOCOMOTIVE RESTORATION REPORTS

### *Bellerophon*

At the time of writing "Bellerophon" continues to be one of the five usable locos of the KWVR fleet and as such has to be kept in traffic for standby duties as well as VCT trains on Sundays in April and May, added to this is two months of regular work on the Yorkshire Dales Railway (please see back issue of this News) and possibly to work at Tyseley immediately following and any extra work when it returns. Therefore as you will have gathered there is plenty of operation this year and this is where many problems may arise as "Bellerophon" is a money earner for VCT and as such I would like to see the accent on preservation rather than running into the ground. Three coach loaded trains may bring in the money but the loco has to be worked flat out with no chance of regaining lost time which inevitably occurs, therefore I would like to see three coach working the exception rather than the rule.

Bellerophon took part in filming for Granada's Sherlock Holmes series which required it turning round and this was done at Haworth with two road cranes with only a few scratches to the paintwork.

### *Sir Berkeley*

The boiler is expected back at Ingrow in the very near future where a space inside the shed has been cleared. The coupling rods have been fitted and the frames and so forth have been cleaned and tidied up awaiting the return of new expansion links when the rest of the valve gear can be erected. A quote for a new smokebox is still awaited.

Our application to the Area Museum Service for grant aid in the final stage of "Sir Berkeley"s restoration has been successful. However, VCT must still find 57 per cent of the £1500 required and the work must be completed in the current financial year.

While progress on "Sir Berkeley" is highly desirable it must take second place to the second phase of Ingrow Carriage Shed. Can any member help with a loan of £800 to allow work on "Sir Berkeley" to proceed rapidly?

Mick Todd

## BELLEROPHON

The discussion at the last Annual General Meeting concerning adding Regimental insignia to our locomotive "Bellerophon" and as recorded in the Minutes of that Meeting (circulated to all paid-up Members) produced the three letters published in the last issue of "VCT News" under the above heading. This has since produced a very considerable further response! Opinion on this matter was fairly evenly divided: but common to both sides was the great intensity of feeling, either "for" or "against". Hornets' nests had nothing on this!

However: unfortunately and inexplicable, much was based on a false premise. The Regiment in question is *not* that mentioned in the Minutes of the Annual Meeting, and consequently in "VCT News". It is in fact the GLIDER PILOTS ASSOCIATION who have offered to provide the proposed two brass plates, and *not* as previously stated. This kind offer was made via Lieut-Col R W G Nicholls MBE Ret'd in his capacity as Chairman of the Executive Committee of that Association, now based at the Museum of Army Flying at Middle Wallop, Hampshire. Our sincere apologies to him and to all others for this confusion and any inconvenience caused.

This matter was extensively discussed at a Meeting of Committee held on 24 April last. After taking all aspects into consideration, the Committee decided to offer to Lieut-Col Nicholls, representing the Glider Pilots Association, space on the wall of our new Carriage Shed (in which, once it is completed "BELLEROPHON" could well be spending a great deal of his/her time). This would give plenty of space for a worthwhile display, in which the historical associations could be properly explained, and which could well include (should the Glider Pilots Association so wish) the appropriate insignia. We would, of course, wish the placing of this display into position to be properly and correctly commemorated at the appropriate time.

A display here would of course include others. For example the National Coal Board Steam Heritage Award, previously gained by our efforts with "BELLEROPHON": and also the Institution of Mechanical Engineers' Engineering Heritage Hallmarks

Scheme "Blue Plaque", and the Transport Trust Commendation plaque. Hopefully, there will be others to follow!

The Committee thanks all those who wrote on this matter, all of whom have now been contacted personally and trusts that this positive approach will be fully acceptable to all parties. This now leaves us with the main task – which is to complete the Shed: without which none of this is possible!

Michael Cope  
Secretary, VCT  
25 April 1988

### **YORKSHIRE RAILWAYS GATHERING, Embsay, Sunday 4th September, 1988**

All VCT members are cordially invited to attend this rather special event. NELPG J72 0-6-0 69023 (Joem), a Yorkshire Dales locomotive and our own "Bellerophon" will be in steam sharing the operation of a two train service. It is expected that VCT members will be able to travel free on production of a current membership card.

So make a note in your diary now and come along on Sunday 4th September to meet our colleagues from the North Eastern Locomotive Preservation Group and the Yorkshire Dales Railway. Would photographers please make a note to load some black and white film to record the event for the Railway Press.

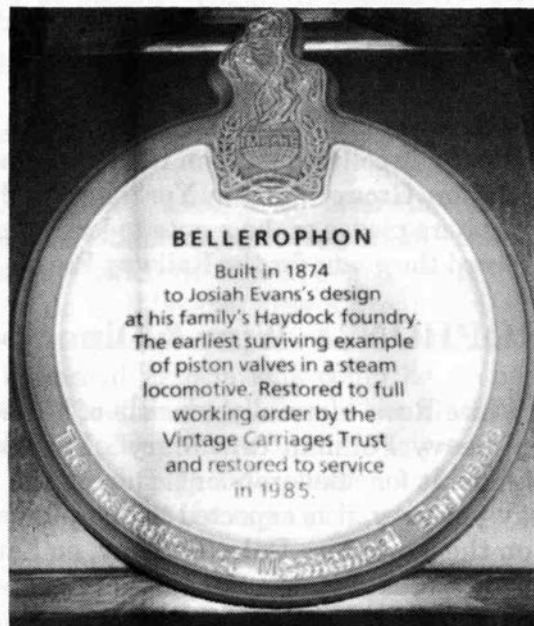
### **"BELLEROPHON" – Wine & Dine Specials**

The KWVR "White Rose" normally consists of 4 coaches, one of them the very heavy Pullman car "Mary". It is therefore too heavy an assignment for "Bellerophon". During the locomotives stay at Embsay however, it is expected to operate two wine and dine specials on the Yorkshire Dales Railway, on Saturday 23rd July and Saturday 13th August. For full details please contact the Yorkshire Dales Railway direct at Embsay Station, Embsay, Nr. Skipton, North Yorkshire. Sorry, no VCT discount for these trains.





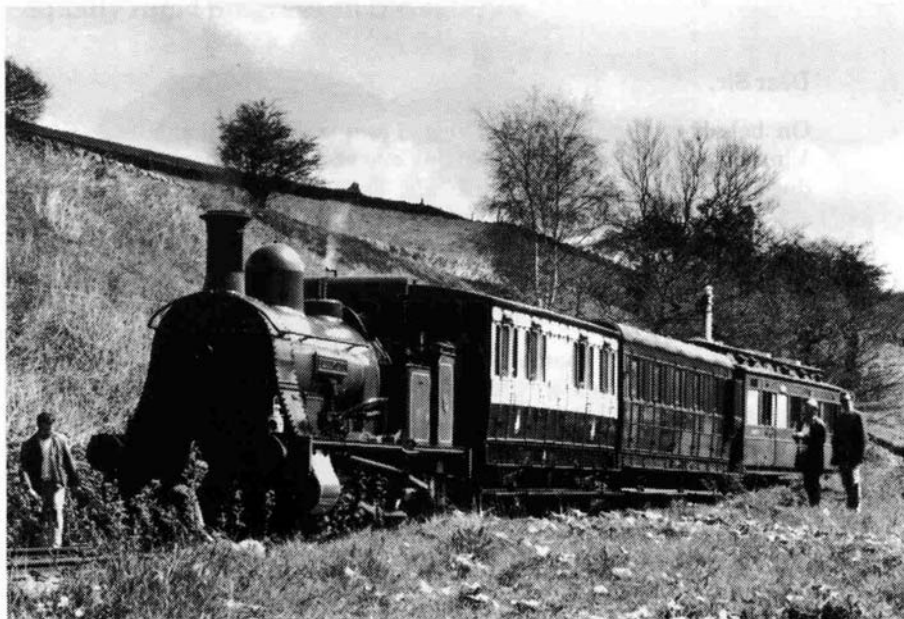
*"Bellerophon" being turned to face Keighley for the recent filming of "Sherlock Holmes"*



*The Award Plaque presented by Mr Oscar Roith of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers in respect of "the earliest surviving successful application of piston valves in a locomotive"*



**“Bellerophon” is recognised by the IMechE with a Heritage Plaque presented by the President Oscar Roith to Chris Smyth, Chairman of VCT with Isobell Pollock of ImechE looking on.**



**“Bellerophon”, MS&L, GNR and NER coach on filming duties on 6th May 1988. Aggregate ages of the locomotive and the three coaches is 443 years!**

## The Institution of Mechanical Engineers

M W Cope Esq  
Secretary  
Vintage Carriages Trust

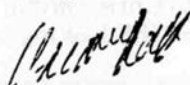
20 April 1988

Dear Mr Cope

Thank you for your very kind letter and the photograph of the presentation of one of our Heritage Hallmark plaques in respect of your locomotive "Bellerophon". Everybody in the Institution greatly enjoyed our visit to you. Indeed, as you know Isobel had a great effort in getting us away to the Panel meeting in Leeds.

Can I add my own personal congratulations to you on the wonderful restoration work which you are carrying out, not just the "Bellerophon", but all the other historical railway equipment. It is enthusiasts like you and your colleagues that are at the very heart of preserving our engineering heritage.

Yours sincerely



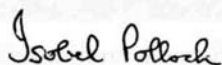
Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Northern Panel, I would like to thank the Vintage Carriages Trust for hosting one of the Industrial Visits during the President's stay in Leeds. The visit to your Railway gave Mr Roith the opportunity to see the investment being made in preserving our history. I know that the whole event went smoothly and we were able to demonstrate some of the good things happening in the Leeds area.

Please pass on our thanks to all your members and volunteers who accompanied us on the rail journey, and who showed us round the sheds. They all talked with such enthusiasm about the history of "Bellerophon" and about all aspects of the railway

Thank you again for creating a very interesting morning at the Worth Valley Railway.

Yours sincerely,





## COACH RESTORATION REPORTS

### *Nine-Compartment Metropolitan Coach*

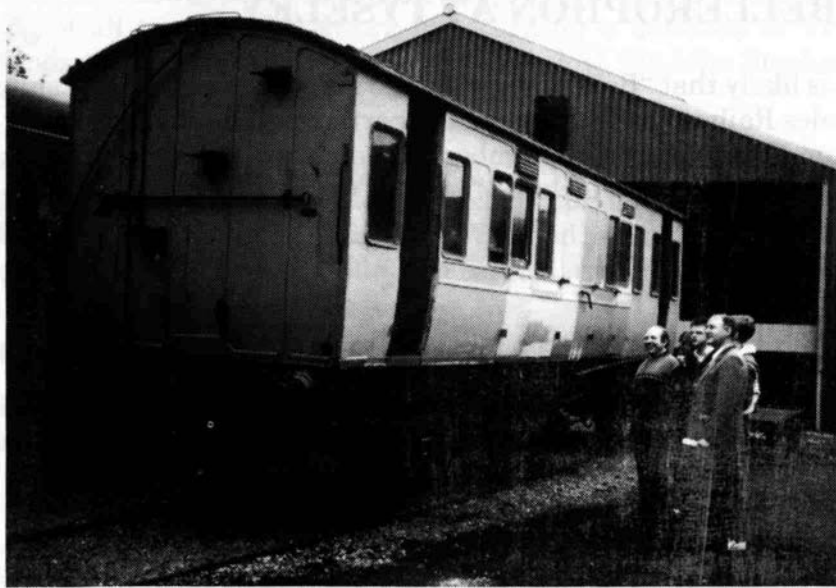
It is hoped that this coach will be lined and lettered during the Summer by Mr Timmins.

### *MS&L 4-Wheel Coach*

This coach has now been entered for ARPS coach competition. The floors in the third class compartments have been painted. This coach was accompanied by Great Northern 6-wheeler and John Dawson's Saloon coach along with "Bellerophon" in a recent filming on 6th May.

### *Midland 6-Wheel Coach*

Although the external appearance of this vehicle has not yet changed significantly the interior is a very different story. Internal partitions have been reinstated and the roof is now much better supported. Hopefully the next few months will see equally rapid progress on the exterior.



*Midland 6-wheeler at Oxenhope*

We should be interested to hear from anyone who has information or pictures on the VCT coach collection in pre-preservation days. We hope to be able to feature each coach separately in future issues of the News, with a possibility of these features being reproduced to make a VCT coach stock booklet, any photographs or interesting information is greatly welcomed. All photographs will be returned. Please write to: John Brailsford, 30 Dene Crescent, East Dene, Rotherham. South Yorkshire S65 2UR

### **Spring operation again successful**

“Bellerophon”'s five Spring Sunday outings in the relief path were blessed with reasonable weather and good patronage. The VCT lunch was again successful and a trip was taken on one of these services after the lunch. On Sunday 22nd May a large party from Haydock made the trip across the Pennines to see how we are looking after “Owd Bell”. By all accounts they all had a very enjoyable afternoon.

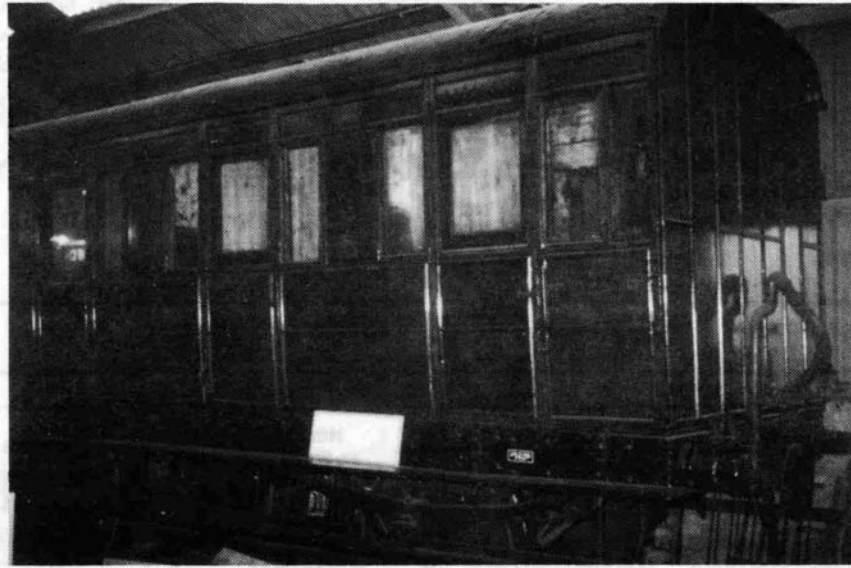
### **“BELLEROPHON AT TYSELEY**

It is likely that “Bellerophon” will go straight from the Yorkshire Dales Railway to Tyseley to take part in the London & Birmingham 150th Gala on September 18th and 19th. The other famous engines expected include “Lion”, “Cornwall” and the reproduction “Rocket”.

### **FOUND**

A mini movie-camera was found among some recently donated goods – was this intentional? If not please apply with description to Mrs Cope (0535 – 46472)

Out thanks to our Chairman and all others who have contributed to this issue of VCT News. Press date for next issue is 14th September.



*GNR 6-wheel Coach in Oxenhope Museum*

## **RAILWAYANA RESTORATION**

Mr John Stephenson has offered his services to restore small items of railwayana, cast signs, lamps and cleaning and polishing of all types of brasswork in return for a donation to VCT funds some example prices can be seen below. Mr John Stephenson can be contacted on 0532 – 637142.

Cast Iron Notices and Bridge Plates – Strip down to bare metal, prime and paint plus lettering picked out in black or white. Large signs Midland, L&Y, LNWR and similar – £8 each donated to VCT funds. Collection can be arranged in Yorkshire area for a small petrol charge.

Bridge Plates restored as above – £3 each

Railway Lamps – stripped, polished and/or painted. (If complete) left in full working order – £10 each donated to VCT.

Vintage Carriages Trust wishes to purchase your surplus railway hardware for re-sale in our Haworth and Keighley shops. We are wishing to purchase for cash; cast signs: bridge plates: lamps: makers plates and other items of railway interest.

Experience the excitement of our steam heritage—pure nostalgia.



YORKSHIRES  
FRIENDLY LINE

## EVENTS LIST · 1988

EMBSAY STATION · SKIPTON · YORKSHIRE · TEL: SKIPTON 4727

13th May  
**AN EVENING WITH  
DAVID SHEPHERD**  
AT SKIPTON TOWN HALL 7-30pm.  
ADMISSION: £3.00 ADULT £2.00 CHILDREN & OAP.

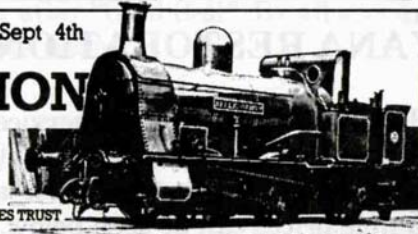
14th May  
**DAVID  
SHEPHERD**  
AT EMBSAY  
STATION

25th June  
**DIESEL  
DAY**

Every Sunday from July 3rd – Sept 4th  
Inclusive  
**BELLEROPHON**

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE AND  
EXPERIENCE 114 YEAR OLD  
VETERAN STEAM LOCO

BY KIND PERMISSION OF VINTAGE CARRIAGES TRUST  
AND WORTH VALLEY RAILWAY



30th/31st July  
**HARVEST  
OF  
STEAM**

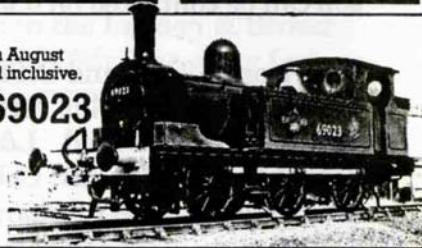
28th/29th August  
Also 4th September  
JOINT STEAMINGS OF  
**BELLEROPHON  
& JOEM**  
and  
**YDR Locomotive**  
Don't miss this unique  
spectacle

August Bank Holiday  
Sunday 28th August/Monday 29th August  
and every Sunday until October 2nd inclusive.

**J72 CLASS No. 69023  
JOEM**

(OF BBC SERIES RAILWAY CHILDREN FAME)

By kind permission of  
North Eastern Locomotive Preservation  
Group.



1st/2nd October  
Participate in the  
**VICTORIAN  
EXTRAVAGANZA**  
on our  
Centenary Weekend  
TO COMMEMORATE THE  
CENTENARY OF EMBSAY STATION

Saturday Evenings  
14th May · 4th June · 23rd July  
13th Aug · 3rd Sept · 8th Oct

**WINE & DINE  
TRAINS**

The ultimate in meals  
on wheels!  
(Please book in advance)

Tuesday afternoons July to August  
**MURDER, MYSTERY & SUSPENSE  
BUS & TRAIN RIDES**  
**WITH VICTORIAN AFTERNOON TEAS  
ON A STEAM TRAIN.**

(Please book in advance)

Trains run Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, July and August

All reasonable attempts will be made to comply with the above programme. However circumstances beyond the control of the Yorkshire Dales Railway Museum Trust, may result in the cancellation of events without notice.

## CENTENARY YEAR · 1888-1988 ·