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EDITORIAL

It is now several months since the last newsletter so we have compiled all the recent information for members not yet in the know. Notification can be found inside for the Adjourned Annual Meeting.

The new book **BELLEROPHON : Haydock to Haworth** published by the Vintage Carriages Trust has now been truly launched. Have you got your copy yet? Details in this newsletter.

Bellerophon at Crewe, Coaches, Sales, etc. all inside read on

J. Brailsford

'INGROW CARRIAGE SHED'

Preliminary work for the new shed at Ingrow is expected to start within the next few weeks (20th April), after which we will be able to fully launch an appeal for funds for the next stage. This is planned for 1988, which is for the framework of the shed which is expected to be costly. As part of this appeal we need to choose a name other than "Vintage Carriage Trusts Ingrow Carriage Shed Appeal", which lacks popular appeal and is not 'marketable'. Members suggestions please? "Heritage", "Land of . . .", "World of . . ." and similar come to mind.

Your suggestions to Mrs. D. J. Cope.

K.W.V.R. — V.C.T.

BELLEROPHON at Crewe Grand Junction 150 Celebrations.

It is now almost certain that *Bellerophon* will be spending nearly one month at Crewe, leaving Haworth on Monday July 13th and returning on Friday August 7th.

The exhibition is not in Crewe B.R. works but on a new site adjacent to the West Coast main line.

The loco is expected to be in steam on nine occasions giving rides on a 200 metre demonstration track.

We may also operate a sales stand throughout.

Bellerophon's stay at Crewe — Please see sales notes for appeal for assistance.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

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



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

It would appear that a lot of our members are under the impression, albeit a false one, that the membership subscription is valid from one month of one year to the same month the following year, eg; June 1986 to June 1987, this is **not** the case, all subscriptions start on the 1st January and end on the 31st December each year, with the exception of a new member joining on or after the 1st October, this will expire on the 31st of the following December, 15 months membership for the cost of 12 months. I trust all members with still outstanding subscriptions will renew as soon as possible, there are about 60 out there somewhere, are you one of these?

Some of our members are not aware of the current subscription rates, so as to put the record straight they are as follows :-

- Ordinary Annual Subscription £2.50
- Juveniles and Senior Citizens £1.50
- Covenants Minimum per year £5.00

Thanking you in anticipation of your continued support.

Arthur Berry

SALES NOTES

- This year has started on a high note! Rochdale Model Railway Show brought in around £250 and Enthusiasts Weekend brought in over £1,000. Thanks are given to all of our members (and others) who made all of this possible.
- Are you short of a particular magazine to complete your collection? We have literally thousands of magazines dating from the 1890's to the 1980's. Send us a list of your requirements with a S.A.E. and we will let you know if your magazines are in stock and the price.
- New Book: **BELLEROPHON : Haydock to Haworth** by Vernon Smallwood. £2.40 Please see advert on back of this newsletter for ordering by post.
- Are there any exhibitionists out there? The VCT is hoping to attend more shows and exhibitions in the future, therefore we need more staff. If you would like to help out at the shows or know of any particular shows that VCT may benefit from visiting, please contact: Jim Pickles, c/o 5 Mill Hey, Haworth, Keighley.
- **Crewe:** It is anticipated that *Bellerophon* will be on show at Crewe from 14th July until 6th August. Anyone wishing to help out with a stall during this period is invited to contact Jim Pickles at the address above as soon as possible.

BELLEROPHON EVENING EXCURSION TRAINS

6th & 20th June ♦ 4th & 11th July ♦ 8th & 22nd August

On the dates above *Bellerophon* will be in use hauling trains for two return journeys each evening. The timetable is reproduced below :-

OUTWARD

Oxenhope	dep.	1810	1940
Haworth	dep.	1820	1946
Oakworth	dep.	1823	1949
Keighley	arr.	1840	2005

RETURN

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Oakworth	dep.	1915	2040
Haworth	dep.	1918	2043
Oxenhope	arr.	1925	2050

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LETTERS

28th April 1987

Haydock Foundry Trip

This visit took place on Sunday 26th April. It was a revival, albeit on a small scale, of an important annual event in the Haydock area around the turn of the century. In those days, when there was no annual holiday, a day trip was organised for the colliery employees, their wives and families. Most of the population of Haydock, boarded carriages which had been brought to the colliery companies sidings, and set off for Blackpool. In the early years, the colliery engines, among them *Bellerophon*, had hauled them all the way, but in later years went only to the main line at Earlstown. The outings had been discontinued before the outbreak of the first World War.

For our trip, a 53 seat motor coach had been booked. Many of the people had not met for years, so much of the journey was spent in trying to remember faces and catching up with what had been happening over the years. We arrived in Oxenhope, southern terminus of the Worth Valley Railway soon after noon in beautiful Spring sunshine. The train was not due until one, so we split up in search of refreshment.

We got back in time to see *Bellerophon* drawing into the station with our train. Seats had been reserved for us and the engine carried a special headboard so that all and sundry knew it was the "Haydock Foundry Trip". After a few blasts on *Bellerophon's* whistle we moved off, along the line to Keighley, passing the beautifully restored stations. A real trip down memory lane for those who remember things like gas lamps, milk churns and porters with waistcoats and watchchains.

At Keighley we disembarked while *Bellerophon* took on water and ran round the train. There was much clicking of cameras and among other things, a donation of £100 from the party was accepted by Mr. Michael Cope, on behalf of the Vintage Carriages Trust. Many people had also taken the opportunity to buy copies of Vernon Smallwood's new book about *Bellerophon*, which was on sale at Keighley Station.

A lot of people got out at Haworth during the return journey, some to see the locomotive sheds, while others visited the village and Bronte Museum. It was very pleasant just walking along the line-side footpaths and then riding back on the train. It was a splendid day out, and our thanks must go to all who made it possible; the people at Haydock who organised the trip, the Worth Valley Railway and Vintage Carriages Trust, and the men who made *Bellerophon* 113 years ago and kept her running. Last but not least, Vernon Smallwood, who got the restoration under way.

Ken Turner



*Bellerophon arriving at Keighley on 26th April 1987 with the
Haydock Foundry Trip*
Photo: T. England



Ex-Haydock Foundry workers at Keighley Station. 26th April 1987.
Photo: Ken Turner

COACH RESTORATION REPORTS

NINE-COMPARTMENT METROPOLITAN COACH

The painting of the exterior of this coach is now complete and finished to a very high standard. The London Transport transfers are yet to be obtained but it is hoped that they will be in position on the sides before the end of 1987.

The new roof covering has now stretched smooth and looks very neat and tidy. We have in stock some flame retardant paint which we will put onto the covering to protect it from sparks emitted from the engines.

Internally one compartment remains to be restored out of the nine and there is a relatively small amount to do in some of the other compartments.

The coach was transferred from the carriage workshop to the Exhibition Shed at Oxenhope several months ago where it has remained except when removed for a TV filming job.

CHATHAM COACH

This coach has been available for service but requires attention to the external woodwork and paintwork. It is unlikely that any significant amount of work will be carried out until space can be made available in the carriage workshop.

METROPOLITAN BRAKE COACH

The Metropolitan Brake requires attention to the external woodwork but at present is out of traffic due to weak buffer beams and corroded strengthening structures behind them. This is likely to be expensive to repair and we are currently investigating various methods to enable the vehicle to be returned to service.

Mike Symm

MS&L 4-WHEEL COACH

The repaint in Great Central livery is a joy but have you seen the interior? It is now a focal point for evening railbus tours. The first class compartment is the height of luxury. The first (uprated second) is comfortable but much less opulent. The two thirds are very spartan. Have a look next time you visit Oxenhope Exhibition Shed. The only 1987 Transport Trust commendation was awarded to this coach for its restoration.

We would like to install at least one more oil carriage lamp on this coach. One such lamp is now in position on the coach, this is virtually identical to an original MS&L carriage lamp in the possession of the Railway Society of the (former) Doncaster Grammar School but very clearly labelled 'BR'. We would be interested to hear from anyone who may know of one (or more) of the lamps which might be available to us. Please contact: Secretary, VCT, c/o 5 Mill Hey, Haworth, Keighley.

CHESHAM BRANCH CENTENARY

As briefly reported in the last News, London Transport have approached the VCT for inclusion in the Celebrations of the Chesham Branch Centenary in 1989. We have agreed in principle and on 6th June John Downs and Michael Cope met Mr. Greenslade, Divisional Operations Manager of the Metropolitan and Jubilee Lines and Mr. Patterson, whose responsibilities include operation of the Neasden Depot. They were shown the three Metropolitan Coaches and the South Eastern and Chatham Coach. We now hope to discuss further a package of two or more of the four coaches going to London in 1989.

VINTAGE CARRIAGES TRUST

NOTICE OF ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting adjourned from Sunday 23 November 1986 will be held at No. 3 Mill Hey, Haworth, on Saturday 8 August 1987 at 4 p.m. The sole business of this Adjourned Meeting shall be to consider and if thought appropriate to adopt the Audited Accounts for the year ending March 31 1986.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

The above Adjourned Annual Meeting will be followed by a Meeting of Committee. All Officers and Members of Committee are requested to attend: and all Members are reminded that they are very welcome to attend this (and all other) Committee Meetings. Any requested Agenda items should be given to the Secretary well in advance of this Meeting.

All are reminded that this is the day of the Keighley Gala: a special evening railbus service will operate on the Railway. IN ADDITION to the special *BELLEROPHON* evening excursions that evening – these last are as advertised elsewhere in this edition of *VCT News*.

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Congratulations to Robin and Marjorie Higgins on their recent wedding over the Easter Holiday weekend. Robin is president of VCT and was responsible for the production of the Midland Railway Album.

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LOCOMOTIVE REPORTS

BELLEROPHON

During the past 3 months *Bellerophon* has worked 6 Sunday VCT trains which I believe, were quite well patronised. *Bellerophon* coped quite well with 3 coaches but could not catch up on the lost time or late running to keep to a tightly scheduled timetable. If you run into Keighley late then it takes all the spare time filling the well tanks up as this is quite a slow process waiting for the three tanks balancing themselves out.

So most Sundays it ran with 2 coaches and timewise coped a little better.

Sunday April 26th saw the 'Haydock Foundry Trip' descend on Haworth, which is hoped to become an annual event. The chime whistle fitted for the day appears to have caused a few comments, but I can assure you it was only fitted because the crews could not find the original one where I had left it.

The beginning of April saw *Bellerophon* starring in a new John Huntley victorian video.

Bellerophon's next steaming dates are to be in July at Crewe's 150th Anniversary Celebration and later, Saturday evenings on the KWVR as advertised in this newsletter.



Bellerophon with North Eastern Saloon and Great Northern six-wheeler coach at Haworth during filming for a new John Huntley victorian video.

Photo: M. Todd

SIR BERKELEY

Only slow progress to report. The boiler work has not been started as yet but it is hoped to be taken away for repairs in the not too distant future.

The rolling chassis is still at Ingrow in its small corner, but if some volunteers can stand on their heads and see in the dark, then work should start quite soon.

Seriously though, work cannot start until the 'Crab' is mobile again and the shed connected back to the railway.

Mick Todd

INGROW CARRIAGE SHED

We are pleased to be able to report that we have received confirmation of the grant from the Museums Galleries Commission for the first stage of the Carriage Shed at Ingrow. The grant is for £4350 being 50% of the £8700 required for the first stage which includes surveying and laying the foundations. The first payment to the architect for arrangement of the various requirements for the construction of the shed has been made. Test borings have been carried out and arrangements are being made to finalise details of the plans including access and drainage for future toilet facilities. The finance required for this first stage should be available from the present healthy balance of funds. We now need to organise fundraising towards the second and much more expensive stage, the construction of the framework and cladding.

We anticipate that the first visible signs of progress with the laying of the foundations will help to increase funds to a project which is well under way. We need to increase our fund raising activity and any new ideas will be most welcome. Any suggestions on what may be more eye-catching than the present Shed Appeal leaflet – Have we any marketing men (or women) in our organisation who are able to sell our product?

If you have been considering sending a donation to the appeal but have just not got round to it PLEASE DO SO NOW! Your donation **WILL** safeguard the future of our important collection of historic coaches and locomotives. Any donation over £5 can be covenanted if you pay U.K. Income Tax at no extra cost to yourself. Arrangements can be made with the Covenant Treasurer to pay monthly for four years instead of four annual payments. If anyone was able to donate say just £2 per month by standing order they would be donating £96 over four years but VCT would receive over £140 by reclaiming the tax. Obviously any larger amounts are welcome.

All donations should be sent to :- Mrs. D. J. Cope, Ingrow Shed Appeal Secretary, c/o Haworth Station, Haworth, Keighley, West Yorkshire BD22 8NJ.

WORTH VALLEY

THIS SUMMER, WHY NOT ENJOY A
LEISURELY JOURNEY ON ONE OF OUR

EVENING EXCURSIONS

6th & 20th JUNE, 4th & 11th JULY,
8th & 22nd AUGUST

Take in the atmosphere of a typical Yorkshire branch line on a warm Summers evening whilst you are hauled by 113 year old **BELLEROPHON**, (one of the world's oldest working locomotives), pausing at our stations, watching gas lights come to life as the sun sets. Then retire to a local inn or hotel. Or, on August 8th only, start Keighley Festival Week by combining an Evening Excursion with the Gala Evening Events in Keighley's Victoria Park.

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WORTH VALLEY

Putting the Worth back into Keighley

**START KEIGHLEY FESTIVAL WEEK WITH
A DAY OUT AT**

KEIGHLEY GALA

SATURDAY 8th AUGUST

travelling by means of our specially extended train services.
Fast diesel trains will supplement the advertised services linking
all Worth Valley stations with Keighley station,
on the Gala Procession route and just 10 mins walk from the
Gala Field, until MIDNIGHT.

OUTWARD													
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Oxenhope	dep.	0920	1023	1145	1230	1310	1350	1433	1515	1558	1635	1710	1900
Haworth	dep.	0925	1028	1150	1236	1315	1356	1438	1521	1603	1641	1715	1905
Oakworth	dep.	0928	1031	1153	1239	1318	1359	1441	1524	1406	1644	1718	1908
Keighley	arr.	0944	1043	1205	1255	1330	1415	1453	1540	1618	1700	1737	1920

ALL TRAINS CALL AT DAMEMS & INGROW WEST BY REQUEST

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Oakworth	dep.	2033	2203	2253	2343	Haworth	dep.	1015	1120	1250	1329	1410	1454	1535
Keighley	arr.	2045	2215	2305	2355	Oxenhope	arr.	1021	1126	1256	1335	1420	1500	1545

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Keighley	dep.	1600	1640	1710	1818	1943	2130	2220	2310	0000	midnight	D-Diesel Train Max Fare 60p
Oakworth	dep.	1614	1650	1724	1828	1953	2142	2232	2323	0013	Sunday	S - Steam Train Standard Fares apply
Haworth	dep.	1619	1655	1729	1835	1958	2145	2235	2325	0015	9th	
Oxenhope	arr.	1625	1705	1735	1840	2005	2150	2240	2330	0020	August	

**MAXIMUM FARE AFTER 6pm ON
ANY OF THE ABOVE TRAINS 30p**

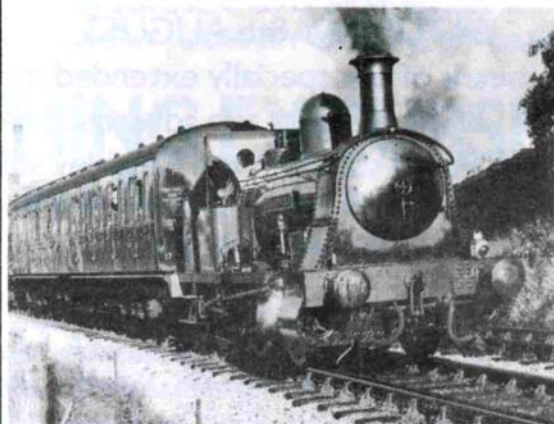


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May 1987

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