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EDITORIAL

The Ingrow Carriage Shed Appeal has now commenced and your support is greatly sought. We hope to be able to produce a fully detailed report in the next issue. In the meantime, please refer to the Shed Appeal Leaflet, which gives further information.

The Vintage Carriages Trust, in collaboration with Mr. Vernon Smallwood, have just produced a new book entitled "Bellerophon: Haydock to Haworth". The book will be of great appeal to all those interested in the locomotive, its' history and sister engines.

We have recently been approached by London Underground for inclusion in the celebration for its' forthcoming centenary and we hope to be able to supply full details, with a possible reply, in the next issue.

The V.C.T. Lunch has now been finalised for Haworth Old Hall on Sunday, 10th May, 1987, full details and sample menu can be found in this issue. We hope members will come along and join in with what is hoped to become an annual event.

John Brailsford

"MEMBERSHIP MATTERS"

May I, through this copy of the "News", introduce myself as your new Membership Secretary, having taken over the position from Mr. Sam Jennings, who remains as Covenant Treasurer, the two now being separate entities, Covenants and Membership matters are now being dealt with by Sam and myself respectively.

I would be obliged if all members would assist by notifying either Sam or myself in any of the following:

1. Change of Address.
2. Resignation of membership.
3. In the unfortunate circumstances, the death of any of our members.

In the first two instances, it will save time and money in postage, in not having correspondence returned marked "Gone Away" or "Not at this Address". In the third instance, it will obviate any further sorrow or embarrassment upon the bereaved.

I trust all members will give me their assistance in the above. I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking my predecessor for handing over the records, etc., in a very well kept order.

Arthur Berry

COVENANTED SUBSCRIPTIONS

Those members who subscribed as donated under covenant last year, increased our funds by £540 and this at no extra cost to themselves. Being a charity, the Inland Revenue refunded this amount of tax to us. The paper work is simple and a covenant need only last four years. Now that we need funds more than ever for our shed and other projects, will YOU make a Covenant?

Write today to Jackie Cope or Sam Jennings c/o Haworth Station for a covenant form.

"BELLEROPHON" BOOK

It is intended, by the time this is read, that the book "Bellerophon: Haydock to Haworth", will be available for purchase.

The book is professionally produced, with over 40 illustrations relating to the history of "Bellerophon", its' builder and family. The text, written by Vernon Smallwood, is highly informative and tells the story right up to the present day.

The price is £2.40, plus postage & packing at 45p.
Available from:-

VINTAGE CARRIAGES TRUST,
HAWORTH, KEIGHLEY.
BD22 8NJ

Please make cheques/postal orders payable to: Vintage Carriages Trust.

"SIR BERKELEY"

All the mechanical parts and boiler fittings have now been found and returned to Ingrow so the completion of the chassis can go ahead as and when time permits.

The boiler has been re-inspected and a small list of faults have been drawn up. It is hoped that, by the time you read this, the boiler will be removed to a Keighley engineering firm for repairs, as well as construction of a new smokebox.

The water tank also needs replating and this could be done by the same firm at a later date.

At this time, a date for re-construction of "Sir Berkeley" cannot be given due to lack of access to the loco at the back of Ingrow shed.

"BELLEROPHON"

While laid up for the winter, we have fitted new oil pots to slide bars and piston rods, as well as fitting steam heat to the cylinder lubrication.

Mick Todd

COPY OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM
"THE SIR HENRY ROYCE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION"
IN RESPECT OF THE RESTORATION OF 'BELLEROPHON'

Dear Mr. Cope,

The Foundation Award committee has given very serious consideration to the entries for the 1986 Sir Henry Royce Trophy for the Pursuit of Excellence. There were originally thirty-two applications, of which twelve were rejected at the first stage of judging because, either the workmanship fell short of the standard required, or the item did not conform in some other way, such as not being associated with transport.

At the Second stage, another twelve entries were eliminated with great difficulty and there are now eight candidates, from which one only must be selected. Yours is one of these. During the next few months, representatives of the Award Committee will be visiting each of the eight to reduce the number to two or three to go forward to the fourth and final stage. This will be towards the end of May, 1987.

You are to be congratulated for reaching this stage in the competition. All the entries have been excellent in their own way, but the remaining eight are absolutely superb examples of Sir Henry Royce's standard of craftsmanship and skill.

I will contact you in the near future to arrange a visit.

Frank Shaw

V.C.T. "BELLEROPHON" DATES

This 113-year old veteran locomotive will be in PASSENGER SERVICE on the following SUNDAYS in 1987:-

MARCH 15th and 22nd
APRIL 12th and 26th
MAY 10th and 17th

"BELLEROPHON" will be running to the following timetable, which is IN ADDITION to the normal Worth Valley Railway Timetable:-

OXENHOPE	1307	1432	1552
HAWORTH	1313	1438	1558
KEIGHLEY	1333	1458	1618
KEIGHLEY	1357	1517	1632
HAWORTH	1417	1537	1652
OXENHOPE	1423	1543	1658

(Normal Worth Valley Railway conditions apply.)

NORMAL FARES APPLY.

Enjoy an afternoon riding behind "BELLEROPHON" and help towards the Vintage Carriage Trust's new Carriage Shed at Ingrow - the Worth Valley Railway has generously agreed that the fares (less the cost of the coal) will go towards the estimated fifty thousand pounds cost.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS: COME AND RIDE BEHIND "BELLEROPHON" ON SUNDAYS 15th and 22nd MARCH, 12th and 26th APRIL and 10th and 17th MAY.

NOTE THESE DATES NOW!

As a "Special Offer", until May 17th: If you "BRING A BOOK FOR 'BELLEROPHON'" (or pre-1968 magazines, or any other item of railway-ana) which we could sell for £3 or more, we will give you a "FREE" TICKET TO RIDE BEHIND "BELLEROPHON" ON ANY OF THE DATES LISTED ABOVE.

Help support the work of Vintage Carriages Trust and enjoy a ride behind "BELLEROPHON" - all you have to do is:

BRING A BOOK FOR "BELLEROPHON"

COACH RESTORATION REPORTS

Chatham Coach

Although this coach is available for service and has been throughout 1986, it was not used on the K.W.V.R. Santa Train in December 1986. Lack of workshop space and other commitments has meant that the Chatham exterior has deteriorated noticeably over the last 12-18 months, not helped by the fact that it has had to stand outside the Exhibition Shed at Oxenhope during this time. It is hoped that some attention will be paid to it during 1987.

Metropolitan Coach No. 2 - Nine Compartments

This coach has received a lot of attention. Both sides have been repainted and varnished to a very high standard. It is hoped that by mid-1987, we will have the "London Transport" transfers (gold colour with black border) to finish off the sides of the coach. Internally, eight of the nine compartments are just about complete, with only relatively minor jobs to do. The paint and varnish on the inside of all eighteen doors has been scraped off and re-varnished. The transfers, including the coach number, will be ordered and placed on each of the doors by the Autumn. It is hoped that the coach will see some service during 1987.

Metropolitan Brake Coach

This coach has been available for service and received limited attention during 1986. This included touching up the external paintwork and a modification to the electrical system. By using modern electronics, the batteries on this coach are charged virtually as soon as the vehicle starts to move - whereas before, a speed in the order of 15 mph was required. This means that the internal lights are brighter at lower speeds and the batteries require less charging by the carriage and wagon maintenance men.

Mike Symm

M. S. & L.

Mr. Cope is progressing upholstery, roof furniture and luggage racks. The luggage compartment door furniture need completing before the end of the financial year if the grant money (43%) allocation currently available is not to be lost.



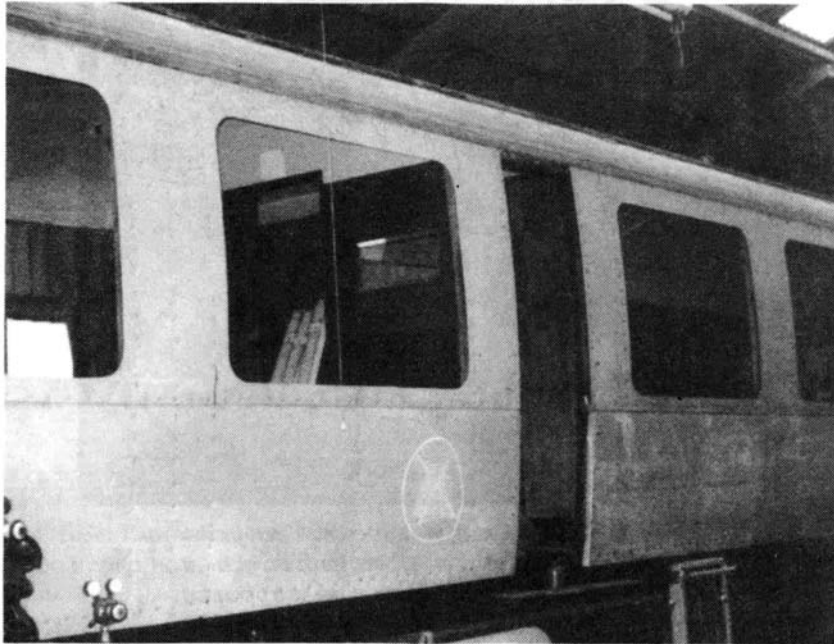
*Interior of Midland 6-Wheeler at present.
The partitions required to give strength to the body
and roof would replace the supports.*

Midland

A proposal had been received from the Stations Committee for this to be restored to its final B.R. guise and used as a Stores Van at Ingrow Station. Possible points for attention, if this were to go ahead, included provision of the partitions (to give strength to the body), physically getting it into the Dock Road at Ingrow, any vandal damage to be repaired to our full satisfaction, and for it to be available to the Trust for full restoration on (say) two years' notice (or less, if by common consent). The Secretary will contact Stations for further information.

Bulleid

The present situation is that all steel panels are on. Three-quarters of the window sections are cut out and the ends have been stripped for new panels to be fitted. All interior trim has been re-varnished and is ready to go back. A new cover for the tank on the roof is being fabricated. One quarter of the windows are to be cut out and the toilet ends require re-building.



The Bulleid showing window sections cut out.

Great Northern & Metropolitan 1st Coach

The position is the same as in the last newsletter.

SUNDAY LUNCH & "BELLEROPHON" FOR 10th MAY 1987

Sunday, 10th May, 1987 is now confirmed for the VCT Lunch.

The time is 12 noon for 12.15 p.m. at a price of £7.50 per person. Please send payment and choice from the following menu to Trevor England, to arrive before Friday 3rd April, 1987.

Menu for Sunday Lunch at Haworth Old Hall is:-

Soup of the Day, with roll and butter

OR

Game Pate, served with hot toast

OR

Egg Mayonnaise

OR

Yorkshire Pudding with Onion Gravy

Roast Beef served with Yorkshire Pudding & Onion Gravy

OR

Grilled Lamb Cutlets, served with fresh mint sauce

OR

Roast Chicken "Forestiere" (bacon, mushrooms, sausages)

OR

Pan-fried Trout, served with Almonds

OR

Selection of cold meats with salad

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Served with fresh seasonal vegetables

Selection of Sweets from the trolley

Haworth Old Hall is near the junction with Main Street and the Bypass at its junction with the road to Oxenhope, only 5 minutes walk from the station.

We will catch the "Bellerophon" hauled train just after 2.30 p.m. and will be back in Haworth shortly before 4.00 p.m. If any members wish to look at the VCT collection at Oxenhope when we arrive at 3.45 p.m. and catch the later service train back to Haworth, I will be pleased to show them around. We will arrive back at Haworth at 4.45 p.m.

The following notes are made from the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Sunday, 11th January, 1987, at Haworth.

Locomotive 957

Mr. J. A. Cox had offered this locomotive to the Worth Valley Society without charge, the main condition being its return to working order by this present Summer (being the locomotive's Centenary). The minimum cash requirement was understood to be some £20,000. It was noted that, if Mr. Cox were to sell (at nominal price), the locomotive to this Trust, rather than to give it to the Railway Society, it could well be eligible for a 50% Department of Education & Science Grant, in the same way as applied to the locomotive "Bellerophon". It was noted that, if this course of action were to be taken, the action would be irrevocable, by reason of V.C.T. being a Registered Charity: and also that the requested timescale was not realistic. It was agreed that the present investigations of the Trust's possible involvement could continue: this was to be without commitment in any way, whilst retaining our interest in the project.

Ingrow Carriage Shed

It was also agreed that the Architect include an area for toilets, etc., as a future stage, as indicated in Mr. Greenwood's letter. It was noted that Mr. Greenwood requires also an updated and possibly more detailed, plan for submission to the Railway Inspectorate and separately to British Railways Board. Subsequent to the meeting, it was noted that this cannot go ahead until site survey is completed and until after first payment to the Architect: both these are included in Museums Association Grant request, the success or otherwise of which will not be known until March. We need to wait until it is known whether or not we have been successful here before proceeding. It was noted that the "Shed Appeal" did not involve the setting up of a separate Account from the main accounts of the Trust.

"Bellerophon" Booklet

This is in hand. Proofs should be available in about a fortnight: there was a delay with the intended colour picture for the cover. At this stage, the timetable is such that there can be no further amendments. The anticipated selling price is £2.40 (subject to confirmation).

Use of "Bellerophon" for 1987

"Relief Path" operation, under the same conditions as applied for the October 1986 operation, has now been kindly agreed by the Railway for Sundays 15,22 March, 12,26 April and 10,17 May. Six dates had been tentatively agreed for Worth Valley operation for six Saturday evenings in June, July and August. It was unlikely that the locomotive could be used elsewhere during that time, other than very briefly. It was agreed that Mr. Smyth could investigate trips away (e.g. Crewe for the Grand Junction 150: North Norfolk Railway 100: Manchester Liverpool Road: Buxton: Southport) and would draft Conditions, for consideration at the next meeting.

Exhibitions

"Enthusiasts' Weekend is 4/5 April and will include a market stall at Oxenhope, as well as Haworth and Keighley shop. Volunteers contact Jim Pickles.

Other Business

The VCT Lunch at the Haworth Old Hall is confirmed for Sunday 10th May. The charge of £7.50 includes a round trip behind "Bellerophon". Please contact Mr. England. See details in this issue.

Sales

Mr. Cope presented the figures requested at the previous meeting, which showed a 6% decline so far, by comparison with the corresponding period last year. The overall Summer daily-running period showed an increase of 6%: however, within this period, the midweek (paid staff) trading figures were down by some 5%, this being concealed by a substantial increase in the weekend (volunteer staff) figures for this period of some 15%. Mr. Cope was of the opinion that the terms of reference for the midweek (paid) staff needed further consideration, with particular reference to timekeeping and to the "Welcome" approach.

PRESS DATE FOR NEXT ISSUE IS 11th MAY 1987

MIDLAND RAILWAY LOCOMOTIVE ALBUM, 1880-1910

The Vintage Carriages Trust is pleased to announce its new publication:
"Midland Railway Locomotive Album, 1880-1910"

The turn of the Century was an exciting time for the railway observer in the Leeds and Bradford area. The Midland Railway was steadily developing its fleet of elegant passenger locomotives, culminating in the famous "Compounds". Fortunately, the late John Harold Wright was there with his camera to record this fascinating period. Some 120 of (mainly) his photographs have now been brought together in this album with a comprehensive commentary by VCT President, Robin Higgins.

Single copy softback - £5.95 plus £1.00 p&p
Single copy hardback - £9.00 plus £1.00 p&p

(A 35% wholesale discount is available for 3 or more copies: softback £3.87 each, hardback £5.85 each, post free.)

For VCT members, the membership discount makes the cost:-

Single copy softback - £5.20 plus £1.00 p&p
Single copy hardback - £7.88 plus £1.00 p&p

(Please include your membership number when claiming members' discount by post.)

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ISSUE OF THE NEWS.

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"BELLEROPHON" EVENING DATES

In addition to March, April and May dates, "Bellerophon" will be operating an evening service on:

JUNE 6th and 20th
JULY 4th and 11th
AUGUST 8th and 22nd

Times are not yet finalised, but more details will be available soon.