

OLD RUN NEWS

Newsletter of the Middleton Railway Trust
Number 13, March 1966.

A.G.M., Saturday February 26th.

The attendance this year was very pleasing, 40 members out of the 96 who had renewed their membership being present. This we consider good, as many members live long distances from Leeds. This is the time to give the Committee the benefit of your constructive criticism and helpful comment. If you feel that the Committee are the equivalent of B.R.B., that 5, North Grange Mount is as impenetrable as 222, Marylebone Road,, that Dr. Fred is a miniature Dr. Beeching, please remember that the Committee are the platelayers, drivers and shunters on our line. They always prefer to HEAR what you think rather than suffer from burning ears.

Your Committee always welcome your comments and invite you in some cases to personally put forward your point of view at a Committee Meeting.

The minutes of the A.G.M. will be sent out with this Newsletter. Here are the names and addresses of the committee elected for 1966.

Chairman	Dr.R.F.Youell.	5 North Grange Mount, Leeds 6.
Vice Chairman	Mr.S.Wolstenholme	3 William St.,Hurstead, Rochdale.
Secretary	Mrs.S.M.Youell	5 North Grange Mount, Leeds 6.
Treasurer	Mr.N.Brampton	81 Bradford Road, Wakefield.
Minutes.Sec.	Mr.M.Teale	5 Hallas Bridge,Cullingworth,Bradford
Membership Sec.	Mr.J.Bushell	12,Trelawn Crescent, Leeds 6.
Publicity Officer	Mr.A.Naylor	3 Hinchliffe Street, Bradford 3.
Operating Superintendent	Mr.N.Fearnley	7 Crawshaw Road, Pudsey, Yorks.
Civil Engineer	Mr.J.Lodge	8 Hayleigh Mount, Leeds 13.
Committee Members	Mr.B.Ashurst	18 Inglewood Drive, Otley Yorks.
	Mr.G.Lee	92 South Parkway, Leeds 14.
	Mr.S.Roberts	35 Bentley Grove, Leeds 6.
	Mr.P.Walton	35a Southleigh Road, Leeds 11.

President : Lord Garnock Vice Presidents : Thé Bishop of Pontefract,
Mr.J.F.Alcock, Dr.R.G.Lawrence and
Professor W.A.Tuplin.

As will be seen in the minutes of the A.G.M., the members present voted that if possible the Avonside 'Swansea' should be lent to any other interested Society in view of the fact that it is occupying space much needed by working vehicles and that it would prove to costly to repair it to a working condition.

Members are asked to inform the Secretary if they know of any Society, Museum or group of enthusiasts who would like this locomotive on permanent loan as a static exhibit.

A further matter raised at the A.G.M. was that of an engine shed and depot. The Committee are to investigate the costs and possibilities of various types of buildings. If any members have any helpful information or know of anyone in the building trade who might be interested and sympathetic please contact the Sec.

The Annual Dinner.

which followed the A.G.M. was attended by over 50 members and guests of the M.R.T. and L.U.U.R.S. The guests were :-

The Bishop of Pontefract; Captain Peter Manisty, RN., Chairman of the A.R.P.S.; Mr and Mrs. T. Robinson; Mr and Mrs R. Cryer, KWVRPS; Mr. R. Bell, Princess Elizabeth Railway Society; Mr Joliffe, Hunslet Engine Company; Mr Rennard and Mr Chapman, Cohen's of Stanningley.

Mr. Brian Ashurst proposed the Toast to our guests which was replied to by the Bishop of Pontefract. Captain Manisty toasted the health of the Societies and Dr. Tony Furniss replied. The speeches were both amusing and illuminating and delighted us all.

Thanks to Mr Terry Robinson of Doncaster we were privileged to watch films of preserved locomotives, including the BBC 2 film 'The most exclusive Club'. Our own Great Marquess was seen pulling a special train to Whitby. The programme concluded with a 1917 film on the building of the Railways in the Mid West of America - something in a less serious vein.

We left the Griffin at 11.45 pm. feeling very happy, tired and replete!

Situations Vacant

oh no - not again !

P.W. Workers at weekends on the Middleton Railway

Apply to Jim Lodge.

Operating Staff, particularly guards and shunters

Apply to Norman Fearnley

Locomotive Maintenance Staff

Apply to Engineer of Locomotive concerned
(see minutes of AGM - write to Secretary if
address not given)

But I am just not able to attend to work on the line !

This is the honest truth for most of our members, the most distant being Mr. Hoffmann of Germany. Many have other responsibilities; other commitments which make the vital practical work on the line impossible - Traction Engines, Ailing Aunts, Sciatica, Studies, Church Commitments, Bawling Baby boys or even sheer physical exhaustion. Like 7777 we may have a broken frame.

If so what can a member DO to help Middleton ?

Your Membership Secretary was encouraged at the AGM by meeting Mr. A Butler who has arranged to give a talk to his School Railway Club on M.R.T. David Spencer who is busy writing an article for his School Magazine and distributing prospectuses, Mr. Hobden of Doncaster, who volunteered his services as an Artist to assist with the Poster programme, Mr. Dews who volunteered to help with Exhibitions.

Here then is Situations Vacant for those unable to visit the line.

Salesmen of Middleton Goods at your shop, works, school etc.

Biros 1/- or 6d. Pencils 4d. Combs in cases 9d.

Histories 1/-. 3rd. Century at Middleton 6d.

Steam-Loco. in 1812 6d. J. Arthur Dixon Colour Photos 6d.

Ask Susan Youell for a definite quantity on a sale or return basis.

Photographers Is there a member proficient at printing Postcard size prints who could produce pictures of our locos. for sale ? We also need some good quality prints suitable to send to Railway World etc. for publicity purposes. Contact Mrs. Youell.

Journalists Could you write an article for OLD RUN for Brian Ashurst (Editor) - general railway subjects welcomed. An article on Middleton for any other journal.

Andrew Naylor, new Publicity Officer, would be glad to hear of any activity in this field. Member W.B. Stocks of Huddersfield had an article on Matthew Murray in Railway Mag. recently.

Organise an Exhibition When is your local Railway/Model/Traction Engine Society holding an exhibition ? Could you arrange a Middleton Stand ? We can usually arrange for suitable materials. Write to Andrew Naylor.

Down at the line

On Saturday March 6th. there was a unique event at Middleton! - three, yes three, engines were running. The Y7, the Bagnall and the diesel. For those with cameras there were fine shots of the Y7 and the

Bagnall hauling as many loaded wagons as the loop would take, blasting up the incline and slipping against each other. On the same day we were very pleased to see our Halifax friends who hope to restore the Swansea and Mumbles coach. In fact the day was a hive of activity in that as well as the aforementioned, work on the Sentinel was continued and the floor under the coal bunker was cut out with oxyacetylene equipment.

Recently a larger than usual P.W. gang have 'attacked' the fishplates and starting from the yard all have been either tightened, replaced or 'put right' over at least half the line. On one occasion we were most pleased to have the help of a member from Nottingham.

Ben Wade hopes to obtain some crates of Coca Cola for sale to our ever thirsty members at the line.

The Y7 will be steamed again on Saturday April 2nd. Our congratulations go to Mr Ken Cockerill of the Steam Power Trust. His wife has just produced a son. It is interesting to note the number of times that the arrival of offspring coincide with other railway activities! Indeed, when your Chairman was asked if 'IT' had arrived and what 'IT' weighed replied 'yes, it has and is 23 tons!'. This was in June 1960 when his daughter and the Swansea and Mumbles car arrived on the same day!

Of interest to Junior Members

Any Junior Member of our Society interested in visiting principal scenic lines, engine sheds and locomotive works in Scotland during Whit week? John Bushell is taking a party of Schoolboys Youth Hostelling- rail roving during that week and has one spare seat. Cost (half) is about 10 gns. and full would be require further calculation. If you are interested write or ring.

12, Trelawn Crescent, Leeds 6. Telephone Leeds 54282.

Keighley and Worth Valley R.P.S.

are to hold their A.G.M. on Saturday, March 19th. at 7pm. During the day it is planned to move stock from Keighley to Haworth. The 'Pug' and J52 are to be steamed and the English Electric Loco. to be run.

The Annual Dinner is on March 26th. at the Victoria Hotel, Bradford. The guest will be the Bishop of Pontefract. Tickets 27/6d.

Members are asked to note that there was a typing mistake in the balance sheet for 1965. In two instances where 1964 appears this should read 1965.

The Secretary apologises for the fact that information given about the Annual Dinner in previous Newsletters was incorrect. Mr. Whitehouse found that he could not, after all, come to Leeds and Lord Garnock made another of his numerous journeys across the Atlantic to Canada. Telegrams of good wishes were received from both and much appreciated by the members attending.

Due to holiday arrangements of the Newsletter Staff, the next Newsletter will not be sent out until the end of April. Happy Easter.!