



The Shed's interior is shaping-up nicely

THE SCAFFOLDING has now gone from the main hall, giving us a first inkling of how great the performance area is going to be. The internal walls have been insulated and clad and the roof trusses have been cleaned and scrubbed to show off the wood to its best.

In the annexe, the walls have been built to roof level, incorporating all the bricks donated and signed by all you generous people. The eaves and fascia boards have been painted chocolate and cream, so evocative of the 19th century Great Western Railway and the early days of British Rail Western Region.

Progress is good and we are still on course for completion by 20 December.



Seat appeal latest

By the end of September over 85 of the 178 retractable seats needed for the Goods Shed had been sponsored and we are most grateful for this generous response.

If anyone would like to sponsor a seat but would prefer to spread the payments by making five payments of £50 over five months, please contact us (see next page) and we will send you a standing order mandate to complete.

Bookings

If you want to book the Goods Shed for your club night or perhaps to run an arts course or event please contact us and we can discuss rates. You can also hold private events there - a wedding reception, perhaps, or a big birthday party.

Share the news

We hope you enjoy the FoGS newsletters. Is there anybody you know who might also enjoy it? Give them an early Christmas present - just let us know their email address and we'll do the rest. Contact details overleaf.

Call for ideas

When Phase One of the Goods Shed is completed at the end of this year, it is likely there will be a few months when there will be no seats or cinema equipment.

This would be an ideal time to run an exhibition or to run introductory arts and crafts days. Ideas so far include linocut printing, a sewing workshop, wire sculpture, creating jewellery and bag making.

Do any of these appeal to you? Do you have some even better ideas? Maybe something for

young people? Is there something you would like to organize? Please let us know.

Upcoming events

Public Presentation on Goods Shed

3pm to 5.30pm Saturday 29th October 2016 at Christ Church, The Chipping, Tetbury, and also at the Goods Shed

Carol Service

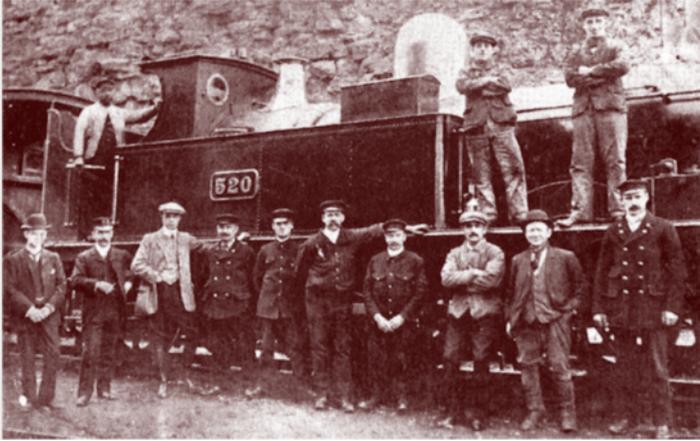
6pm Friday 23rd December 2016 in the Goods Shed or on the Outside Performance Stage

Tetbury Rail Lands Regeneration Trust works in partnership with Tetbury Town Council to manage and develop the town's former railway lands.





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ALTHOUGH WE'RE BUSY turning the Goods Shed into a brand new, exciting arts venue for Tetbury; we don't want to lose the huge amount of history the building itself, as well as the railway, once held. We're on the hunt for your stories and photographs that will help to preserve the history of the Tetbury Branch, the Station and the Goods Shed.

If you, or your parents or grandparents, can cast your mind back to the 20th century, we'd love to hear from you.

We're particularly looking for old photographs we can use to entice others to tell us their tales too. If you have a tale to tell, please email Helen Hyde at helenlouisehyde@gmail.com.

Can you help?

With the work on Phase One development nearing completion we will soon be able to put together a first class programme of arts events, managing a cinema, running a café and supervising the day-to-day activities of a community hall while at the same time still working to raise more funding for future developments.

If you have any relevant experience in running arts events, marketing or fund raising, we would love to hear from you. In fact, if you feel you would like to assist in any way, please get in contact with the team. By helping us now you will be able to shape the future success of the Goods Shed.

From the archives

Before the Tetbury branch line opened in December 1889 there were several attempts to bring a railway to the town. The Wiltshire & Gloucestershire Junction Railway (W&GJR) drew up plans for a branch in 1845, and work started on a line from Stroud to Tetbury and Malmesbury in 1865.

Work stalled due to disagreements between the shareholders and in 1871 the company was wound up. The line from Stroud to Nailsworth opened in 1867. If you ever wondered why the old Nailsworth station was on a separate track and higher than the old goods yard (now Egypt Mill's car park) it is because the line was planned to go on to Tetbury.

The Trust has a copy of a very large cartoon that was probably published by the Bristol Observer in 1869, which satirically comments on the money lost by private shareholders when the W&GJR was wound up. It shows a series of events starting with an express train hurtling along then a great train crash followed by the funeral of the railway company. In the final scene at the interment the grave digger declaims his thoughts on the events.



*"This is the grave that we have made
For the remains of the express trains
That came in a hurry into Tetbury borough
A foolish driver it had
Who treated it so bad
And thro' much dictation it died of starvation
People fancied at least
That they'd been fleeced
And others thought
That they'd bee caught
In a trap of some sort
And it never aught
To have come to naught
For the want of thought
Some of them tried
To keep him alive
They kicked up a fuss
But he only got wuss
Till at last he died and nobody cried
Save the lawyers, who saw
They couldn't get any more
So they agreed to stop
And let the matter drop
Into this large grave
That I've just made"*

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