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### **First Volunteer Prize Winner Announced**

To reward our hardworking volunteers in whatever area they assist, the Trust is holding a monthly draw to award a free pair of cinema tickets every month. To enter the draw one needs to volunteer for at least one spot of "duty" in the month. The first winner of the draw held for volunteering in June was Paul Lockley, who wins 2 tickets to a film of his choice. Paul not only works on carriage restoration but is the leading light in the development and maintenance of the Tetbury Trail for which in June he organized the Community Bike Ride, see photo here and the article below.



Waitrose – Community Matters

We are delighted to announce that we came first in the Waitrose Malmesbury Community Matters Scheme and have been awarded £435 to help towards wheelchair access to the carriage. Thanks to Waitrose and all of you who shopped at Waitrose and put your token in our slot. We still need more money to complete the work and you can still have your name, or a loved one's, on the sponsor board by making a donation in one of the three classes – King, Castle or Star. Fingers crossed for the results of the Tetbury Tesco Bags of Help scheme!

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One hopes it was the warm weather outside and the start of the holiday but attendance at events was generally poor last month. It did not start well when the jazz singing with Collette Cooper was cancelled due to poor sales, however, on the 9th we had an excellent abridged version of Shakespeare's "A Winter's Tale" with all parts, including women and children, being played by the Festival Players, comprising just six men. It was in turns dramatic, hilarious and affecting and one could imagine oneself 400 years ago in the audience at the Globe or Rose; it was an excellent evening that many who missed it would have enjoyed. A children's event on the 10th featuring Jay Foreman was very poorly attended. A better attendance at the comedy night on the 22nd with three comedy acts which were was as funny as usual. Again, poorly attended, but really enjoyed and appreciated by those who were there, was the quirky performance of Keira Martin in "Here Comes Trouble".

A Swing Jive night on the 29th put on by Jimmy Hannaway and Sarah Vernon brought thefaithful in from our neighbouring towns andvillages. Despite the heat it was great fun. Watch out for the time of the start of next term's Swing Jive courses run by Jimmy and Sarah at the Goods Shed – exercise with a laugh and a smile! A complete change of pace followed on the 30th when Cotswold Camerata conducted by Ian Higginson gave us pieces by Beethoven, Brahms and Strauss, and then Haydn's Symphony 104.





The Thursday night film showings continued with two excellent and popular films, Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri, and Darkest Hour, followed by the slightly less cerebral Black Panther. Film nights were interrupted on the 28th by a live television showing of World Cup football, the previous two England matches having been shown at the Goods Shed on earlier dates. This proved to be very popular allowing supporters to get together in a convivial atmosphere to cheer the team on with the bonus of a pie and a pint being readily available.

The exhibition of theatrical costume sketched by Claire Mitchell came to an end in mid-June and by the end of the month we had the welcome return of Simon Packardwith a new series of monumentally large works that againfill most of the wall space to great effect. Don't miss the opportunity to see and contemplate this exhibition. (Picture: Fans celebrating an England goal at the Goods Shed.)



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# Fogs

### Annual General Meeting of Tetbury Rail Lands Regeneration

Annual General Meeting of Tetbury Rail Lands Regeneration Trust will be held at the Goods Shed on Wednesday 25th July at 5pm. All members and volunteers are invited to the meeting but only registered members can vote.

Now that the focus of the TRLRT has moved on from the restoration of the building and rail lands to encompass the Arts Centre, the Trustees are extending an invitation to all volunteers to become members if they so wish. To become a member, there will be a token annual subscription of  $\pounds$ 1. You will be able to fill in the membership form and subscribe as you arrive at the meeting. Current members may confirm their membership in the same way or simply confirm their continuing interest via the Goods Shed (505496).

Tetbury Community Bike Pide

The third Community Bike Ride organised by the Tetbury Rail Lands Regeneration Trust was held on Sunday 10th June. The weather was sunny yet not too hot and was a perfect day for cycling. This year the charity Bike Ride started and finished at the Goods Shed which, with the café being open, gave more of a "buzz" to the event. As the Goods Shed is situated on the edge of town it was possible to avoid routing cyclists through the centre of town which was a lot safer for everyone. There were two routes for cyclists again this year. The long route for the fitter went via Long Newnton, Crudwell, Eastcourt, Oaksey. Kemble. Tarlton, Rodmarton, Cherington, and back along the Tetbury Trail. This was about 21 miles in all, including a pub stop at the Tavern in Kemble. The short route for families took a short cut between Long Newton and the Tetbury Trail giving a cycle ride of about 5 miles that everyone could do. In all 20 people cycled the long route and 30 people cycled the short route.

The cyclists taking part in the Bike Ride covered a very wide age range from 6 years old to a number of pensioners and even a dog in a basket – truly a ride for the whole community. Similarly there was a very varied selection of bicycles being used including a very nice tandem and a rare recumbent tricycle made by Inspired Cycle Engineering (ICE). A modified version of the ICE tricycle was used by Maria Leijerstam when she became the first person to cycle to the South Pole in 2013. Thanks to everyone who gave up their time to help with registration, marshalling, mechanical support and back marking, also to those who sponsored the riders and, of course, thank you to the 50 cyclists who took part on the day. A total of £1,141 including Gift Aid was raised by the Bike Ride which will be split between the Goods Shed and the Tetbury Trail. Look out for the Community Bike Ride again next year.



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Volunteer News

The efforts of the volunteers in June have been much appreciated. It would really help the event managers if volunteers could look ahead each month at the coming events and chose their favourite event to volunteer for and then make their mark in DutyMan. We know many of you will volunteer for an event if asked at the last minute butdoing it via DutyMan takes a lot of pressure off the organizers.

We hope you have noticed that the restoration of the carriage continues, albeit at a much more sedate pace. We are working on the ends at the moment but hope to get started on the back of the coach while the good weather lasts. Just turn up on a Tuesday at about 10am to help. If Tuesday is not good and you would still like to help, contact David and we can set you off in your own time!

If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining as a volunteer, please feel free to pass our contact details on. (Office - Christine Berry 01666 503076) (Events - Jennie Horton 01666 503569)

(Bar– Ros Tildesley 01666 502882) (Café – Caroline Morgan 01666 505744) (Projects – David Walker 01666 500137) (Cinema – Sally Battersby 01666 504473) (Exhibition Stewards – Caroline Morgan 01666 505744)

From the Archive

#### **Rail Fares**

The cost of rail fares is very topical this month. Our item from the archive this month allows you to compare current prices to those in 1896 as given in the Tetbury Advertiser of that year. To remind the youngsters amongst us, there used to be twenty shillings (s) to the pound and twelve pence (d) to the shilling. A return 2nd class ticket from Tetbury to Paddington in 1896 followingthe introduction of reduced tariffs was therefore 90 (new) pence or, if you splashed out on 1st class, about £1.43.

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Contact us if you have any questions or wish to contribute to the newsletter: Kathryn Limoi, office@shed-arts.co.uk, 01666 505496 (9am – 5pm, Tues-Thurs) or David Walker, opheliatheboat@gmail. com. 01666 500137.01666 505744)

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