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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next annual general meeting of members of the Trust will be held on Wednesday 26 June 2019. All subscribing members will receive a copy of the calling order and will be invited to attend. If you are not currently a member of the Trust and would like to be, please contact David Walker at opheliatheboat@gmail.com. The current subscription is £1 per annum.

## HERITAGE LOTTERY PROJECT



The Goods Shed's heritage project funded by the Heritage Lottery was showcased on TV and radio in early April. The project is now well under way and has several elements: a short video to describe the history of the railway branch line and the Goods Shed, six information boards for display around the park lands area, two extra finger posts, twelve canvas prints of archive photographs for display in the railway carriage and a 1:43 model of the Goods Shed. There will also be leaflets and information packs for School visits.

## COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE



This year's Community Bike Ride will be held on Sunday 9 Jun 2019. The aim is to have fun and raise money for the Tetbury Trail and the Goods Shed Arts Centre on a sponsored cycle ride along quiet lanes and through the pretty villages round Tetbury. The event is open to all and will start and finish at the Goods Shed in time for cyclists to have Sunday lunch. Sandwiches, tea and cakes, etc. will also be available and there will be stalls to look round. There will be two routes: a short 5 mile route for children and people of all abilities taking about an hour and a longer 20 mile route for the fitter taking about 2 hours. Both routes will be fully signed with marshals at strategic crossings.

Cyclists start between 10 am and 11 am from the Goods Shed where a mechanic will be present at the start to check and repair bicycles. A breakdown rescue service will be operating all day. The event will finish at 1 pm. There will be prizes for the child and adult raising the most sponsorship money. All participants who hand in their completed sponsorship form will be entered into a free prize draw. Full details and an entry form can be found on: <https://shed-arts.co.uk/event/tetbury-community-bike-ride-2019/>




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## CHANGE OF POST CODE

Due to several visitors ending up lost at the bottom of Gumstool Hill, the Trust has managed to get the Goods Shed's postcode changed. The new address and postcode is now The Goods Shed, Cirencester Road, Tetbury, GL8 8EY.



## VOLUNTEER PRIZE WINNERS - MARCH 2019

Our latest two deserving volunteers who have won cinema vouchers are Margaret Gibbs and Debbie Tetley. Margaret and husband, Rob, have been long-time and generous supporters of the Goods Shed. Over the last few months Margaret has also been doing a wonderful job organising stewards for the exhibitions and manning the post herself; a very time consuming task but it is very important for us to have a welcoming face in the foyer when the Goods Shed is open. Debbie has been a regular Event Manager and more recently a Duty Manager, taking charge of managing the staging of a whole event. The Trust is very grateful to all those volunteers who take on these duties. Despite the responsibilities, being a volunteer can be fun and interesting.



In March popular member of the café staff, Ellie Greenwood, left to pursue a vocational career. Catherine Pyne, who has been working hard in the kitchen since last August, has now become a permanent member of staff. The café continues to be very popular but Sasha Jenner and Will Cook continue to look for new ventures, anticipating the day when the café will have to start giving a lot of its money to the VAT man. Sasha is planning a special Mediterranean evening in the carriage on Friday 7th June 2019, definitely a date to put in your diaries. And if you want to give a big thank you to someone, there is now a £20 gift voucher for spending in the café that you can purchase; just ask at the counter.







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## RECENT EVENTS



*BJ Big Band*

**Music.** March began with a show by the BJ Big Band on the 2nd. The fourteen instrumentalists filled the Goods Shed with big band music and enticed some keen dancers on to the floor. On the 8 March the folk duo Harbottle and Jonas gave a memorable performance. On the following day a ceilidh with Threepenny Bit providing the music got everybody onto the dance floor. A classical concert on the 15th, Rhapsody in Red, White and Blue, featured pianist Ralph van Raat and flute and piccolo player Ilonka Kolthof, both Dutch, who came to the Goods Shed as musical colleagues of our own Jan Vriend. There was a complete change of style on 23rd March when AK47 returned to the Goods Shed by popular demand with their own comedic, but highly professional, brand of male voice singing. This time they brought along their friends, the Gulls of Port Isaac, a smaller but just as talented female choir.

The choirs had fortuitously met when AK47 were on tour in Cornwall which has been great for audiences as the two choirs complement each other perfectly. March finished with a jazz cabaret evening on the 30th with Mr Ray's Jazz Band. Sadly due to illness William Howard had to cancel his masterclass on 31st March but he was back in top form on 13th April to give a Romantic Piano Recital of Mendelssohn, Schubert, Chopin, Faure and Debussy to the delight of the arge audience.



*Tetbury Community Choir*

On the 10th April Tetbury Community Choir returned to the Goods Shed and sang an eclectic selection of sacred, popular, old and new pieces but special mention must be made of the 16 year old soprano soloist, Alyssia Waite, who sang superbly belying her tender years.

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*Left, a future opera star, soprano Alyssia Waite.*



*The Gulls of Port Isaac.*

On 27 April the Neil Maya quartet gave us the Brubeck Project, their tribute to one of the most iconic jazz groups of the 20th century. Attendance approached the Goods Shed's capacity and everyone applauded a great performance. Finally in April on Sunday 28th in the afternoon we were treated to the Corinium Players Guitar Ensemble, 26 young guitarists who gave us a wonderful selection of pieces from the classical Albeniz through the delightful Pachelbel to the smooth tones of Mancini. Special mention must be made to the two very accomplished soloists, Ruth Walters and Simon Crew, both in their final year at school.



*The Corinium Players Guitar Ensemble*



**Talks.** After Rosamund Portus's lecture on bees in February on 27th March we had Jemima Parry-Jones talking about birds, birds of prey to be precise. Jemima is a British authority on raptors, a conservationist, author, raptor breeder, and is the Director of the International Centre for Birds of Prey. The talk was made more lively by at least one Jemima's birds, an owl, launching itself into an aerial display within the Goods Shed. A slightly different take on the normal talks was given on 24th April when jazz musicians, Class Act, gave a talk entitled Bebop, Blues and Banter, interspersed with illustrative jazz interludes.

**Goods Shed Piano Series.** In an exciting new initiative to celebrate the presence of the Steinway piano the Goods Shed has joined with William Howard to launch an annual subscription series of master concerts. William will curate the series of 4 concerts which will start on 16 November 2019 with the Carducci Quartet and then continue on 18 Jan 2020 with Martin James Bartlett on the piano and on 14 March 2020 with Ivana Gavric, finishing on 16 May 2020 with the Gould Piano Trio. Pre-concert talks and pre-concert suppers will also be available. A series ticket for all four concerts will cost £60. Tickets for individual concerts will be £18 in advance, £20 on the door.







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*Lady Smith plays the Steinway*

## TEA CONCERTS



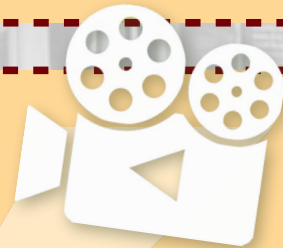
*Twelve recorders, large and small, and one harp!*



The series of Wednesday afternoon tea concerts have continued with some wonderfully entertaining performances. Elise, Lady Smith, a generous sponsor and adviser to the Goods Shed, played some of her favourite pieces. Nigel Court played 'Magic of the Musicals' and Richard Smith played and sang "Old ones, new ones, loved ones and neglected ones."

We have also had a recorder ensemble accompanied by a harpist. Still only £2.50 entry, the tea concerts will recommence on 1 May 2019

## CINEMA CLUB



For all film lovers a new cinema loyalty scheme is to be launched by the Goods Shed. Buy 10 tickets for £70 and receive an additional ticket free. Watch out for details of the scheme on the website or enquire at the Goods Shed office. Also don't forget the café does pre-cinema suppers in the carriage that allow you to make the whole evening a real treat.

On 9th March there was the third in a series of 3 cinema showings aimed at youth and young children, generously paid for by Tetbury Lions. The normal Thursday night films have included Bohemian Rhapsody, which was first shown on 7 March and was our first sell-out. For those who were unable to see it on that day or who just enjoyed it so much they had to see it again, there was a second showing on 25 April that was almost as popular. Other recent films shown have included Black Klansman, Distant Voices – Still Lives, Widows, Juliet Naked, Peterloo and The Wild Pear Tree.





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## EXHIBITIONS



Since the last newsletter we have had two wonderful art exhibitions at the Goods Shed. The first was by the ladies of Bath Textile Artists who produced some fascinating combinations of art and textile design. The second was by Tetbury artist Peter Unsworth who gave us "Different Places". His paintings include seascapes, landscapes, fantasies and everyday life, with some almost drifting into the surreal, but his meticulous detail and wonderful use of light make everyone a gem to contemplate and savour. Peter's exhibition will continue until 27 May 2019 so make sure you do not miss it.







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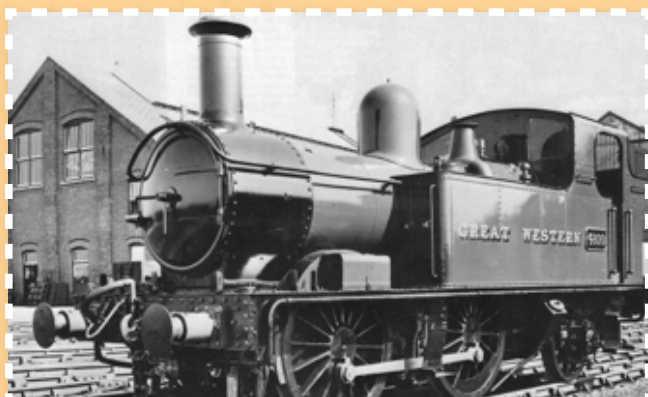
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## FROM THE ARCHIVE

### STEAM ON THE LINE

As related in FoGS Newsletter Issue 7 of Feb 2017 the first steam locomotives on the Tetbury branch were the venerable 0-4-2 tank engines of the 517 class. Records show that between 1902 and 1933 it was only Class 517's that worked the Tetbury branch with at least 22 of these engines doing duty. In 1934 the 517s were replaced by the more modern Class 58xx 0-4-2's. From 1942 to 1948 the 58xx's were joined by the, only slightly different, Class 48xx's. Unfortunately the records do not show which locomotives operated on the line after 1948 but there were certainly 0-6-0 pannier tanks of the 16xx and 57xx classes and even the odd prairie (2-6-2) Class 45xx tank engine. With dieselisation of the regular passenger services most of the Class 58xx's were scrapped, however, steam continued to be the motive power for the freight services and passenger specials, such as for Westonbirt School, until the line was closed in 1964. As always, many thanks to Stephen Randolph for information and photos.



*The first of its class and newly outshopped, No 4800 stands proudly outside Swindon Works in 1932*



*Built in 1933, a slight variant of the 48XX class, No 5800, leaves Kemble on its way to Tetbury in July 1954*



*Class 16XX pannier tank No 1664 stands in front of the Goods Shed in July 1962*



*No 1664's last duty on the Tetbury branch, hauling the Westonbirt School end-of-term special on 2 Apr 1964*

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*Class 57xx 0-6-0 pannier tank, No 3666, shunting wagons into the goods yard.*

*No 4502, a Class 45XX prairie tank engine arrives at Tetbury station in 1948*



## VOLUNTEER NEWS

We always welcome new volunteers and there is something for everyone at the Goods Shed. We run training courses so there is no need to feel that you would not be able to do anything. If you can spare some time to help out please feel free to come to an event and ask any volunteer on duty how you can help; or contact the individuals below:

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 - Margaret Gibbs 01666 502622.

Contact us if you have any questions or wish to contribute to the newsletter: Kathryn Limoi, [office@shed-arts.co.uk](mailto:office@shed-arts.co.uk), 01666 505496 (9am - 5pm, Thurs-Saturday), or David Walker, [opheliatheboat@gmail.com](mailto:opheliatheboat@gmail.com). 01666 500137, or visit the Goods Shed itself by the long stay car park - for satnav use GL8 8EY.

