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PIANO FUND REACHES TARGET

Thanks to the tremendous munificence of our individual supporters, which also helped persuade the Foyle and D'Oyly Carte trusts to give generously, we have reached our fund raising target thereby allowing us to claim the Steinway B as our very own. To thank donors for their faith in the project there will be a short reception for invited guests on Sunday 14th July at the Goods Shed during which a cheque will be handed over to the Sir Martin Smith Foundation to repay the temporary loan that allowed us to have the benefit of the piano in the Goods Shed for the last six months.

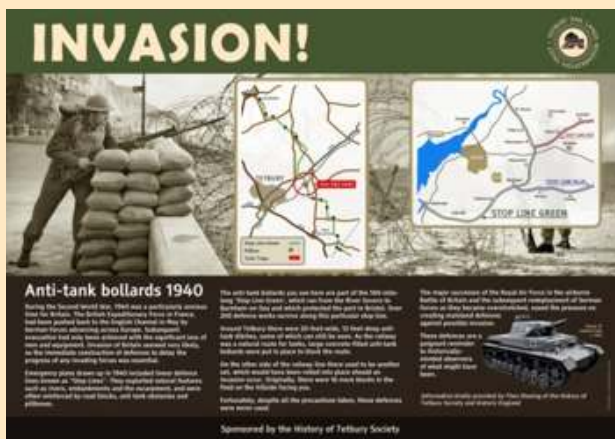


The Steinway piano being played by Richard George with the mezzo soprano Alice Nelson during the Four Sopranos event.



HERITAGE LOTTERY PROJECT

The work of volunteers who have worked on tidying up the old tank obstacles on the Tetbury Trail was highlighted by the Chair of Trustees, Christine Berry, in a speech at the unveiling ceremony on 4 June designed to coincide with Tetbury's commemoration of the 75th anniversary of D-Day. The concrete bollards were part of Stop Line Green, see FoGS Newsletter Issue 6 of January 2017. With historical details provided by local historian Theo Steyning, Brecon Quaddy designed an information board and Mandie Cran, who initiated and worked on the project, had the honour of unveiling the board. Also present were Jane Haines and Mr and Mrs Peter Lisle-Taylor of the History of Tetbury Society and Mr Paul Lockley who leads the Tetbury Trail project.



The new information board on the Tetbury Trail.



Mandie Cran unveils the board with the tank obstacles behind.





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COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE

This year's sponsored Community Bike Ride took place on Sunday 9 June and about 60 riders took part undertaking either the short 5 mile or the longer 20 mile course. The weather held off and all safely returned to the Goods Shed by 1 pm. The event was organised by Paul Lockley who had great support from a team of volunteer scrutineers, marshals and a mechanic. A big thank you to all the riders and the supporters as the sponsor money raised will be going to improve the Tetbury Trail.

Will Cook contemplates the course map while Grayham Cleaver, as volunteer mechanic, ensures the bicycles are safe.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next annual general meeting of members of the Trust has been postponed by a few weeks. Members will be given 4 weeks' notice of the date when it will be held. 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, payable before or at the meeting.

VOLUNTEER PRIZE WINNERS - MAY 2019

The deserving volunteer and lucky prize winner of two cinema vouchers in May was Ros Tildesley. Ros is our bar manager and does great work ensuring that we have all the right drinks and snacks on hand for our discerning customers. In June it was Viv Common. Viv is a dependable cafe volunteer who, when she is not globetrotting to take care of grandchildren, takes on the hard work of being waitress and all-round helper. We congratulate both ladies and thank them for their great work.





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WHISTLE STOP CAFÉ

Competitors start off on their Saturday morning parkrun.



Every Saturday morning for the last few weeks the café has played host to the Tetbury Goods Shed "parkrun", one of the many hundreds of parkruns that take place simultaneously across the country. More than 150 people of all ages, often with their dogs, descend on the café after they have completed their 5 km run around the Tetbury rail lands. The run starts at 9 am and the "greyhounds" start to arrive back 20 minutes later, while the "black labs" drift

in towards 10 am. It is wonderful to see all this fitness enthusiasm but if you are of a more sedate nature and wish to avoid the rush you may wish to defer your Saturday visits to the Whistle Stop until about 11 am!

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RECENT EVENTS



Richard interviews April.

Music. May began with an incredible concert by the "Four Sopranos" accompanied by Richard George on piano. The eclectic programme was put together by Richard who also wrote several of the songs and gave us interesting interviews with all the ladies. Most of the other songs were from classical opera or musical theatre. We knew the excellence we could expect from nationally renowned Maria Jagusz who gave us "Someone is Sending Me Flowers (written and originally sung by Blossom Dearie) and Memory (from Cats) but the amazing talent and quality of her young protégées *cont...*



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The Four Sopranos – (L to R) Maria, Alice, Rosie and April.

was revelatory. Rosie Tuck, who is in her first year at university, sang Sondheim's *Send in the Clowns* and also eight songs from Richard's album "Colour is Life". Alice Nelson, with a wonderful mezzo voice, gave us professional renditions of *Somewhere over the Rainbow*,

Bizet's *Habanera* from *Carmen* and, a capella, *Danny Boy*. Alice Perrott, the youngest of the four and who has only just left school, performed Lloyd Webber's *Think of Me* and *O Mia Babbino Caro*. Her ambition to star in musical theatre will surely be fulfilled if she continues to hold audiences enthralled as she did when performing *The Girl in 14G*. To round off the evening the four sopranos gave us a superb *Nessun Dorma* that drove the audience into a standing ovation and demands for an encore which rewarded us with an entertaining performance of Richard's song "Red". Amazing performances all round by these fabulous ladies (and Richard!), all the more so as they all in effect gave their performances for free for the benefit of the Goods Shed. If you are so lucky as to have the opportunity to see any of these talented and generous ladies in the future, do not miss it.



Talks. On 29th May Judy Carver, the daughter of William Golding, gave a fascinating talk about how her father had come to write *Lord of the Flies*. It was during the Cold War and thoughts of H-bombs and Armageddon were permeating society. William believed civilization was skin deep and this, with memories of his childhood and schooling, inspired him to create the story of school boys running wild. His work has remained popular for 75 years and has never been out of print. The Goods Shed was very happy to have several young people in the audience who were studying the book for GCSE.

Big Book Weekend 3-6 May. *Writers at the Goods Shed* is a regular event at the Goods Shed and we have had some very popular authors give individual evening talks but the Big Book Weekend, in conjunction with the Yellow-Lighted Bookshop, was a veritable cornucopia of literature spread over four days, featuring nearly 20 authors and a book-binding craftswoman and an expert forager. The very good attendances hold out a promise that this will become a popular annual event.

Tea Concerts. Our series of Wednesday afternoon tea concerts restarted on 1 May. On 8th May we were treated to the return of Richard Smith who accompanied his playing with some interesting and amusing anecdotes about how the pieces came to be written. On 15th May we had a piano performance by Janice Cox. Peter Schnabl on 22nd May was the first singer we have had at the tea concerts and he gave us a splendid mix of songs in his bass baritone. Maggie Dyson, a very talented amateur, played on 29th May. Finally to end the recent series and introduce a new sound the Stroud String Ensemble performed on 5 June. The tea concerts are now taking a summer break but will recommence in the autumn.



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*Peter Schnabel
sings.*



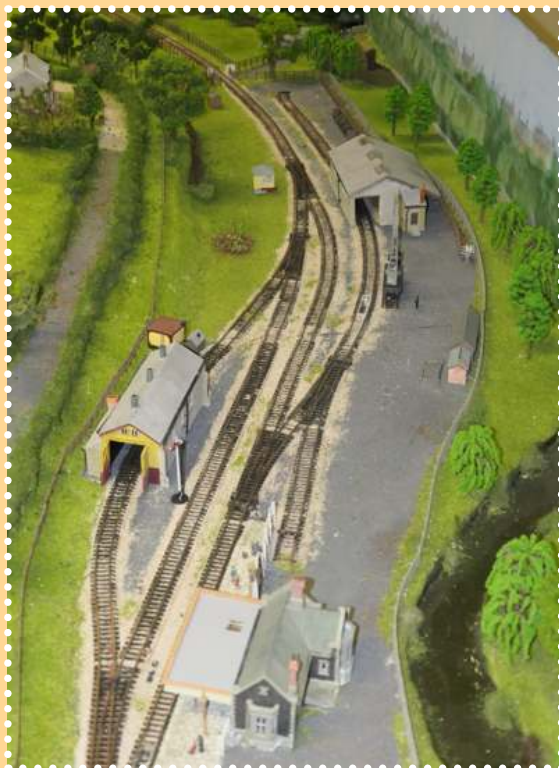
Richard Smith plays



The Stroud String Ensemble entertains.



Maggie Dyson plays.



Tetbury Model Railway Club's model of Malmesbury in the 1950s

Woolsack Day. The Goods Shed was busy on Woolsack day when Jill Dodge and her band of angels gave the regular café workers a break and laid on coffee, tea and home-made cake. With Josie Price in the bar also helping out, the event achieved sales of over £900 with all profits going to help the Goods Shed achieve its artistic ambitions. Many thanks to all the ladies who gave of their time including those generous enough to make the delicious cakes. Everyone was so busy that nobody thought to take any photos so I give you a picture of the model railway exhibited by the Tetbury Model Railway Club in the Goods Shed on the day. It shows the terminus of the Malmesbury branch line in the 1950s. See whether you can spot where you park your car when you go to Malmesbury nowadays!



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U3A

On 8th May the Goods Shed played host to a meeting of U3A (University of the 3rd Age) designed to test the water before setting up a branch of U3A in Tetbury. It was very well attended and interest was such that a steering committee was formed and there are high hopes that the people of Tetbury will be able to enjoy the learning experience provided by U3A; not that U3A always needs to be academic, it merely brings people with similar interests together whether that be for the study of astrophysics, languages, knitting, card games or just socializing. While the Goods Shed keeps many people busy in the evening, U3A allows "students" to meet during the day usually in each other's homes.



A good turnout for the inaugural U3A meeting

EXHIBITIONS

The featured artist this month is local artist, Gillian Keightley, whose exhibition features several large, acrylic paintings brilliantly executed and often featuring a vibrant luminescence. Her subject matter is possibly inspired by her time living in Palma de Mallorca and Los Angeles as well as her work in film, theatre and photography. Now living in South Gloucestershire, Gillian is a tour guide at Chavenage House.

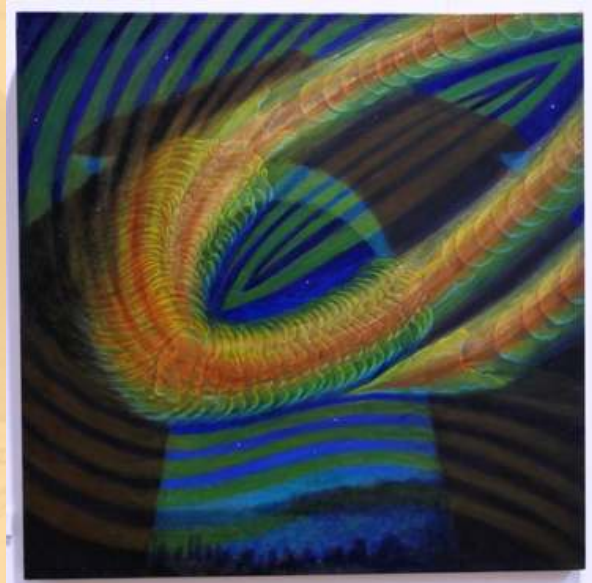




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CINEMA

Films in May included two foreign films, Shoplifters on 2nd May and Sorry to Bother You on 23rd; both were somewhat unusual but mostly enjoyed by the audiences. More conventional was Robert Redford on 9th May in Old Man with a Gun. The Oscar-winning The Favourite on 16th May was unsurprisingly popular though also very quirky for anyone expecting a standard historical film. On the 30th May Colette was shown and on 6th June Mary, Queen of Scots.





FROM THE ARCHIVE

TETBURY RAILWAY MEN AND WOMEN

Here in the archive we have occasionally mentioned the men and women who worked on the Tetbury branch during its operating years. It would be wonderful to have a definitive record of them all and maybe a few memories from them or any of their relations who are still around. If you can help add any people or other details, or offer any amendments, to the list below, please get in touch.

Station Masters

Dec 1889 – Jun 1900	Mr J W Boyd
1 Dec 1900 – 1907	Mr Edward J Faulkener
6 Nov 1907 - 1917 – 1930?	Mr Henry Edward Hawker
1930? – Dec 1932	Mr George Johns
Dec 1932 – 1935	Mr A Brinkworth
1935 – ?	Mr R Stephens
Late 1940s	Mr R Harris
C 1953 – Feb 1960	Mr Ratcliffe
	Mr D C Donnithorne



Other Tetbury Personnel

Dec 1889 – Mar 1932	Guard	Mr Tommy Curtis
Circa 1900	Fireman	Mr Smith
C. 1900	Shunter	Mr Roberts
C. 1910	Travelling Porter	Mr Charlie Griffiths
C 1916	Clerk?	Miss Olive Curtis
C. 1930? - c.1960	Driver	Mr Albert Woodward
	Driver	Mr Jack Ford
C 1932	Ganger	Mr Ray Peer
c. 1932	Guard	Mr Tom Ackrill
C. 1907	Clerk	Mr C Stokey
? – Dec 1922	Clerk	Mr L P Iddles
1923-1958	Guard	Mr Frank Waters
? – 1959	Fireman, later Driver	Mr Harry Bird



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May 1925 - Mar 1926	Clerk	Mr J M Taylor
Oct 1925 - Jun 1926	Signalman	Mr H W Graves
Mar 1926 - ?	Clerk	Mr E J Stephens
1940 -1947	Porter	Miss Waters
C. 1947	Signalman	Mr Radway
C. 1947 - 1964	Goods Clerk	Mr Len Boulton
? - 1964	Driver	Mr Bryn (Bryan?) Lander
? - 1964?	Fireman	Mr Tim O'Shea
C1959-1964	Guard	Mr Eric Ford
Oct 1962 - Apr 1964	Driver	Mr Walter "Jim" Long
? - Apr 1964	Guard	Mr Fred Harrison
		Mr Johnny Waters
	Driver	Mr Arthur Davies
? - ?	Engine Cleaner	Mr Brock
? - ?	Fireman	Mr Grayham Cleaver
? - ?	Fireman	Mr Sonny Cleaver
		Mr Cleaver (Grayham and Sonny's brother)
Other Personnel		
? - 19	i/c Culkerton	Mr Lewis Cox
	Parcel Vehicle Dvrs	Mr Bill Bignal
	(based Cirencester	Mr Frank Habgood
	but delivering in	Mr Bill Lyons
	Tetbury area)	Mr Sparrow

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, 01666 505496 (9am - 5pm, Thurs-Saturday), or David Walker, opheliatheboat@gmail.com. 01666 500137, or visit the Goods Shed itself by the long stay car park - for satnav use GL8 8EY.

