

Friends of Romiley Station



NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2020

Welcome to our June 2020 Newsletter. So much should have been going on this last month but alas it wasn't to be. However, we do hope that everyone is keeping safe and well and perhaps getting out that bit more so as to enjoy some fresh air.

We hope that you enjoyed reading last month's 'virtual' Newsletter and had a go at the puzzles. We have some more puzzles for you this month as well as the answers to the station wordsearch. Stay safe and well.

MINI-BEAST FORTNIGHT (2019)

It doesn't seem like a year since we were getting everything together for the Mini-Beast fortnight (which eventually lasted for a month)

Mini-Beasts invade Romiley Station

with a little help from



Romiley Women's Institute



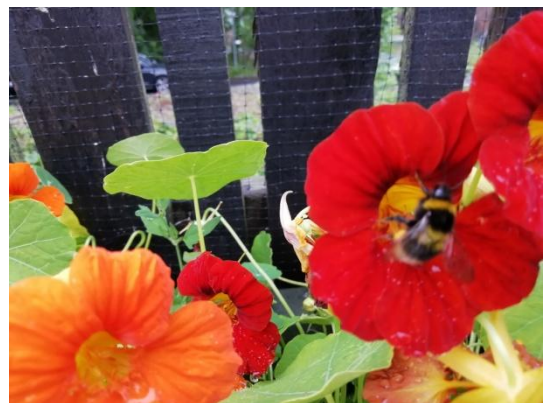
It was a lovely event that brought together so many different groups and people from the area.

We did get plenty of photographs throughout the event but a couple of weeks ago whilst trawling through You Tube we came across a video that someone had taken at the station.

It is a very nice video which highlights some of the displays that were put together.

If you want to watch it then paste this link into You Tube - <https://youtu.be/jPFkD8hXfrc?t=10>

Given the situation this past couple of months we expect that those real life mini-beasts have had a whale of a time at the station enjoying the gardens/planters as nature has done its bit and they have been largely undisturbed.



IDENTIFY THE STATION

Below are some very loose clues to stations that are all served by Northern services.

See if you can work them out - the answers are at the end of the newsletter.

Number 1



Number 2



Number 3



Number 4



Number 5



Number 6



Number 7



Number 8



Number 9



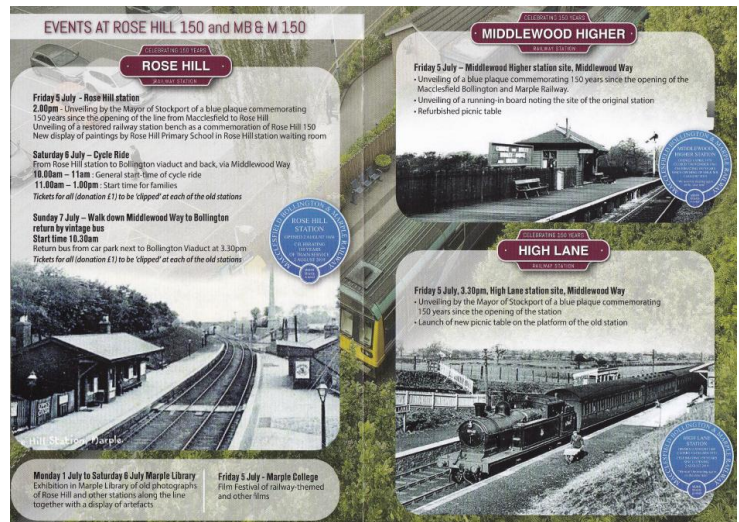
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MIDDLEWOOD WAY

Last year you may recall that the Friends of Rose Hill Station ran a weeklong celebration to mark 150 years of train services to Rose Hill Station (and beyond).

They put on a fantastic exhibition of old photographs and artefacts at Marple Library, organised walks and cycling from the station along the Middlewood Way (formed along the old track bed of the Macclesfield, Bollington and Marple Railway).



Since the easing of lockdown restrictions it has been possible to drive to the Middlewood Way, park up in one of the many car parks/lay bys and to walk the old railway line as part of your daily exercise.



Those of you who have walked it may well have noticed some cast iron distance markers like the one pictured here. It has been put to us that such a marker (but giving the distances to Manchester and Sheffield by rail and having Manchester, Sheffield and Lincoln Railway at the bottom) would look great as a central feature to one of our gardens. What do you think? If you have any thoughts please do let us know.

PHOENIX ALTERNATIVE PROVISION, STOCKPORT



One of our major projects this year was to have been in partnership with Phoenix Alternative Provision, Stockport which as previously mentioned is an organisation which provides practical opportunities for young people.

The project was to create a beautiful garden on the site of what is now bare land at the bottom of the approach up to the Station Car Park operated by Stockport MBC.

In order to fund the project we made an application to the Co-op Local Community Fund for grant aid. From last month's Newsletter you will have read that so far over £860 has been promised by the Co-op. Of that they paid £830 of it into our bank account last month. They also confirmed that given the current situation with Covid 19 we will be able to take somewhat longer in

delivering the project without losing our grant and that in addition we can spend the money in other areas if necessary, provided that it is for the benefit of the station and the community it serves.



So having received the money we have taken the step to spend some of it straight away and have ordered a number of high quality hand tools which can eventually be put to good use in delivering the project as well as maintaining all the station gardens and planters.

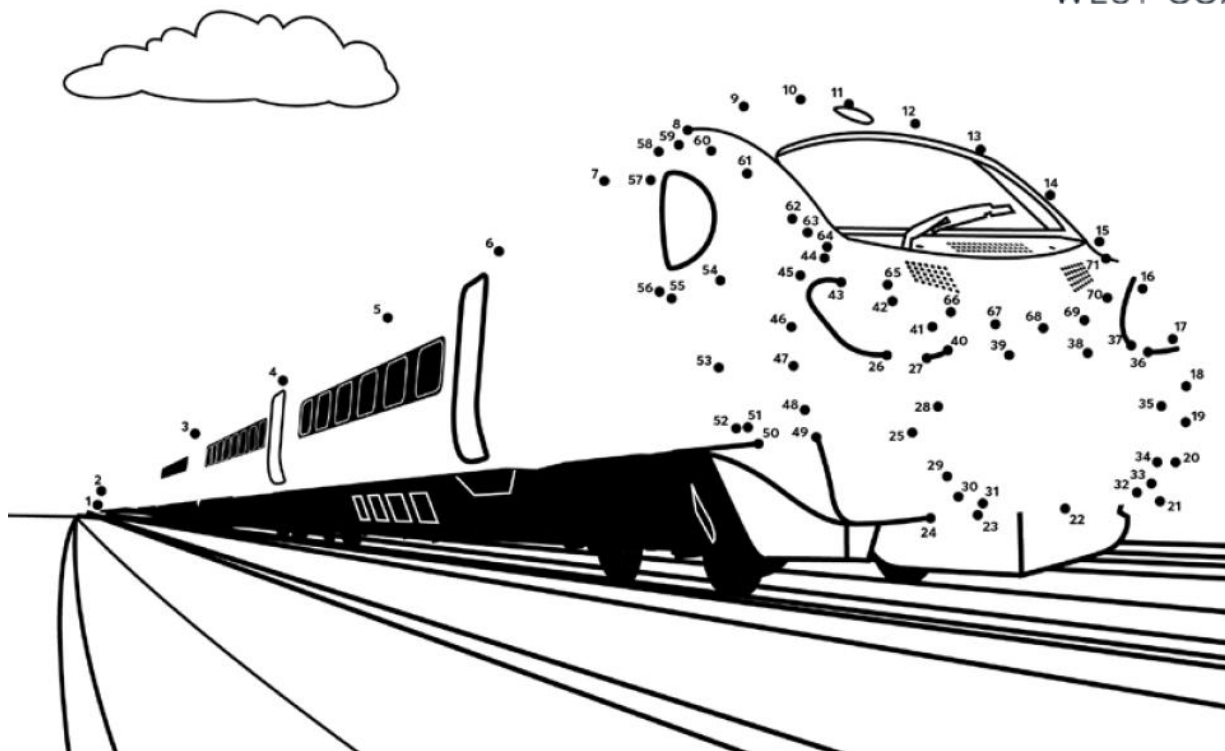
Obviously, once things return to normal there will be a lot to do in all of the garden areas so the tools will be most useful there as well.



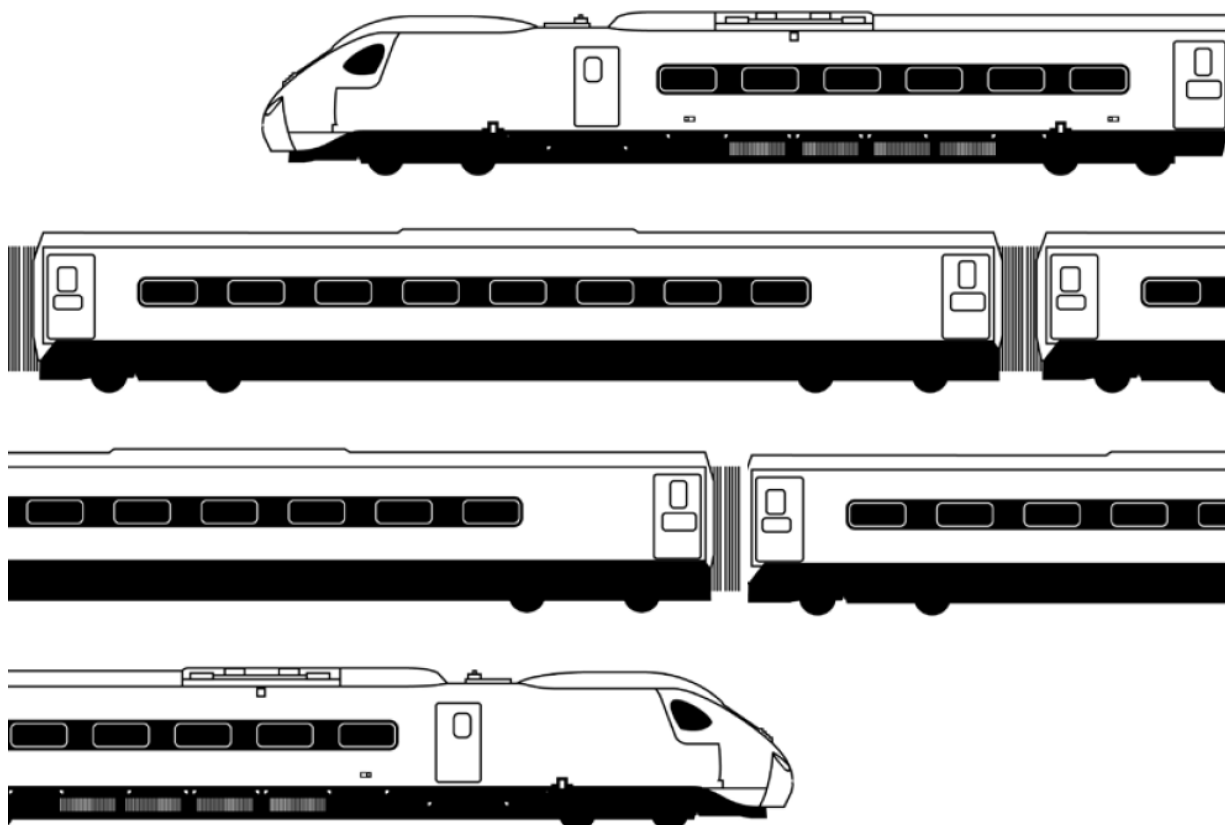
FOR OUR YOUNG (OR NOT SO YOUNG) READERS

Avanti West Coast has issued a few things designed to provide a bit of fun for the young (and not so young). We reproduce a couple of these below.

Join the dots to draw a Pendolino



..... or you can let your imagination run wild and design a new colour scheme (aka livery) for a Pendolino.



SUBWAY WINDOWS PROJECT

Another of our projects for this year (and which was to be delivered alongside the refurbishment of the room on Platform 2 as a storeroom) was to replace the boarded up windows located halfway up the steps to Platform 2 from the subway. The windows face out towards the station car park.



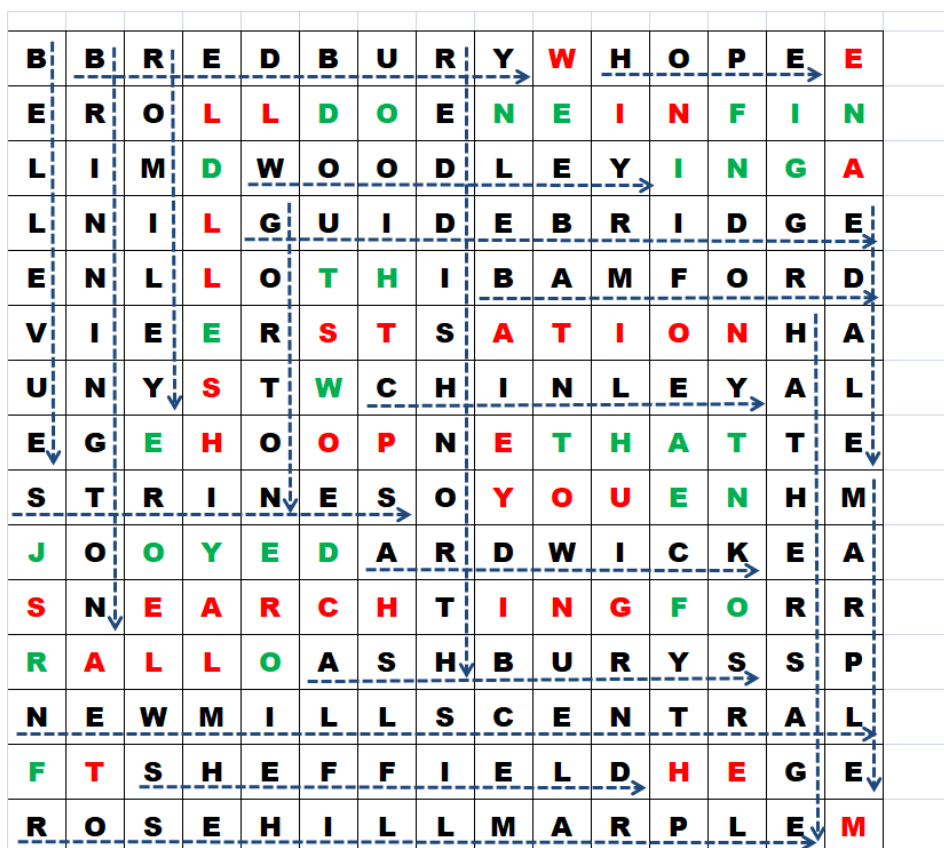
Of course, this project has also been put into abeyance but that did not stop us completing the design for the 3 windows (with a little help from the National Railway Museum (Search Engine)).

Our proposed design is set out below.



Just before the lockdown began we did seek prices for creating and installing the windows. To date, not surprisingly, we have not heard received any sort of response. However, once things return to normal we will be following everything up with a view to completing the work later this year or in early 2021.

LAST MONTH'S STATION WORDSEARCH - ANSWERS (AND THE HIDDEN MESSAGE)



FIND THESE STATIONS IN THE WORDSEARCH
THEY GO FROM LEFT TO RIGHT OR TOP TO BOTTOM

ARDWICK	ROSE HILL MARPLE	SHEFFIELD
NEW MILLS CENTRAL	STRINES	MARPLE
ROMILEY	BREDBURY	BRINNINGTON
REDDISH NORTH	BELLE VUE	ASHBURYS
GUIDE BRIDGE	WOODLEY	HOPE
HATHERSAGE	EDALE	GORTON
BAMFORD	CHINLEY	

WELL DONE IN FINDING ALL THE STATIONS
WE HOPE THAT YOU ENJOYED SEARCHING FOR ALL OF THEM

IDENTIFY THE STATION - ANSWERS

1 Adwick 2 Bolton 3 Saltire 4 Nottingham 5 Northwich 6 Middlewood
7 Knutstord 8 Bishop Auckland 9 Cross Gates 10 Greenbank