

Friends of Romiley Station



NEWSLETTER

MAY 2020

Last month we indicated that the Newsletter would be the last one until things returned to some degree of normality. Well that has turned out, as a well known politician would say, to be FAKE NEWS.

No doubt you will have spent some time over the last month watching TV only to discover that most programmes are in fact 'recycled' (a more environmentally friendly name for repeats).

So we thought that we would jump onto the bandwagon and 'recycle' some of our previous Newsletters by looking back at what was in them in years past as well as including one or two new things.

HELPING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

It is really good to see that there are a lot of people out there at the moment helping those in the community who are unable to carry out what would have been described as normal day to day activities were it not for the advent of Covid-19 and the need to self isolate.

Three of our members, who are also local councillors, have set up a service which includes the collection and delivery of medical prescriptions, dropping off essential items and generally providing reassurance at this difficult time.

Angie Clark, Mark Roberts and Lisa Smart have split Bredbury Green and Romiley into three and each day pick up their tasks from a central call point.

If you, or indeed anyone that you know in the Bredbury Green and Romiley area, needs help then get them to phone 0161 406 7070 with their requests.

All the local pharmacists (including the one in Woodley, as many Romiley residents were transferred to Woodley Health Centre) are on board with the collection and delivery service so prescriptions can be collected and delivered 6 days a week.

A VIRTUAL TRAIN JOURNEY FROM ROMILEY

Below you will see 12 photos that were taken some time ago now when we ran a competition for people visiting the Romiley Fun Day.

The idea is to identify the stations, all of which can be reached by a direct train from Romiley (one of the photos was of Romiley Station).

Why not see if you can identify the stations. The answers are at the end of the Newsletter, so no cheating.



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If you fancy an actual driver's eye view of the train journey from Manchester Piccadilly to Sheffield then follow this link to YouTube - https://youtu.be/R_fEcLVHsWk

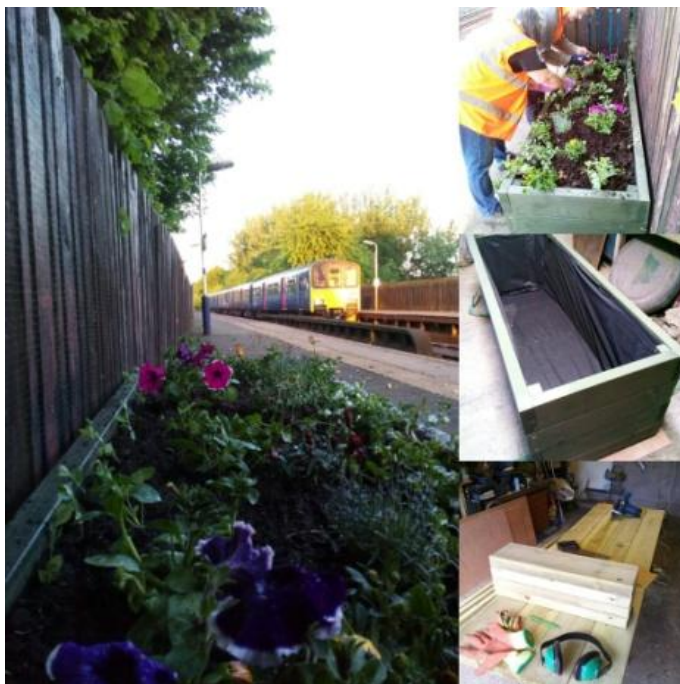
TASK SESSIONS

It will probably be quite some time before we can start look at starting our task sessions again. Goodness knows what the station gardens and planters will be looking like at this moment in time. No doubt nature will be taking its course.

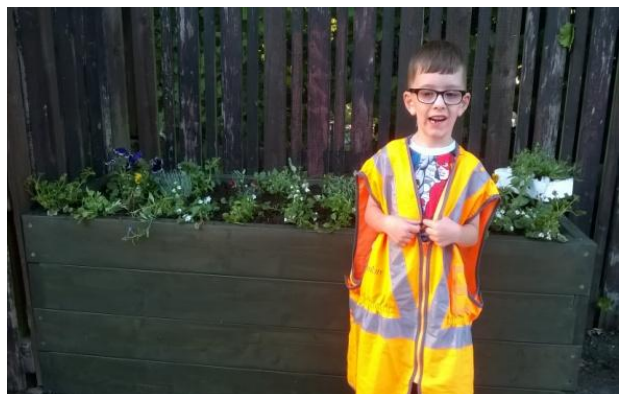


However, with the lack of people passing through the station the local wildlife, including all the insects and bugs, will be having a great time.

So here are a few pictures from 12 and 24 months ago to show what the gardens and planters did look like at that time thanks to everyone's hard work.



No doubt when things are able to return to normal there will be lots of further hard work needed to get things back into shape.



A STATION WORDSERACH FOR BOTH YOUNG AND OLD (Answers next time)

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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

ASHBURY'S

GUIDE BRIDGE

WOODLEY

HOPE

HATHERSAGE

EDALE

GORTON

BAMFORD

CHINLEY

**PUT THE UNUSED LETTERS IN THE GRID BELOW
TO REVEAL A HIDDEN MESSAGE**

Handwriting practice paper with four sets of three horizontal lines (top solid, middle dashed, bottom solid) for letter tracing. The first set contains the letter 'a', the second 'b', the third 'c', and the fourth 'd'. Each letter is formed by a solid line and a dashed line, with a small dot indicating the starting point for the second stroke.

A VIRTUAL WALK FROM STRINES STATION TO MARPLE STATION

Last year we undertook an evening walk from Strines Station to Marple Station passing some lovely and interesting places on the way. Once we are all out of lockdown we will look at creating another walk between two of our local stations.



Strolling along the banks of the River Goyt, as well as crossing under and over the railway we reach the tunnel by Strawberry Hill



Passing the Roman Lakes we head along the Samuel Oldknow trail and past the site of the archaeological dig before heading up towards Marple Bridge



As we walk up and over the brow to Marple Bridge there are some lovely views in front and behind us of the surrounding hills



A LITTLE TASTE OF THE MIDSUMMER SOLSTICE WALK

We set off from Strines Station (at 18.50 or 6.50pm for those with sundials) - which is home to the Railway Children



It's then back to the River Goyt and pass the Fish Pass by the Weir as we head under the railway viaduct on the approach to the Roman Lakes



We then drop down through Low Lea into the village, which is home to a few pubs and wine bars. There is also a fish and chip shop before we reach journey's end at Marple station



NORTHERN'S "STAY HOME - STAY SAFE" RAINBOW COLOURING SHEET

Becky Styles, Northern's Regional Community and Sustainability Manager, has very kindly sent out a "Stay home. Stay safe" rainbow colouring sheet which will be a bit of fun for children everywhere.

You will find the colouring sheet on the next page.

The page can be printed off and shared with either your children or your grandchildren or even with your friends or neighbours children.

In fact share it with anyone you can think of who has children and who would enjoy colouring it in.

After it has been coloured in why not take a photograph of the sheet which you or the relevant adult can send to social.media@northernrailway.co.uk.

They will then share the colourful creations on Northern's Twitter account @northernassist as part of the #ProudToBeHelping campaign.

CO-OP LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND

We were recently sent an update from the Co-op Local Community Fund advising us that at the halfway stage of the scheme Co-op members have so far raised the staggering sum of £863.31 for the Friends of Romiley Station through their purchase of Co-op brand items in the 4 local shops.

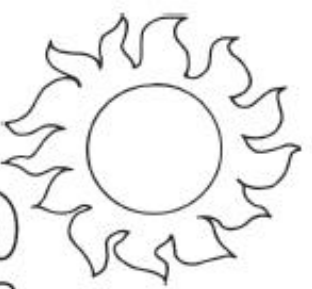
COMMUNITY RAIL NETWORK

ACoRP has now completed the change of their name to 'Community Rail Network' so as to truly reflect what they do.

Their new name is designed to make it easier for people to get involved be they volunteers, community groups, charities, train operating companies or local and national government.

If you visit their website (communityrail.org.uk) you will find full details and a lot more besides.



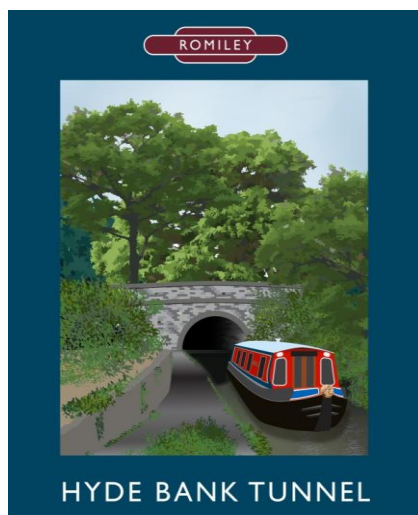


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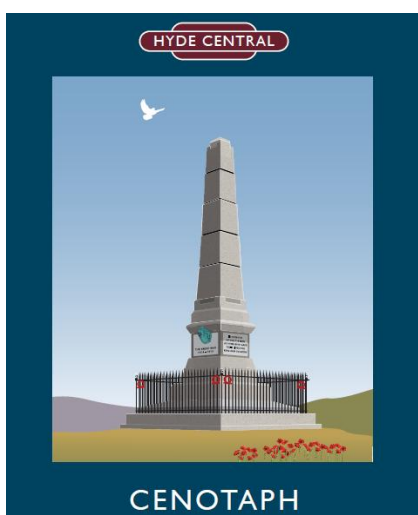
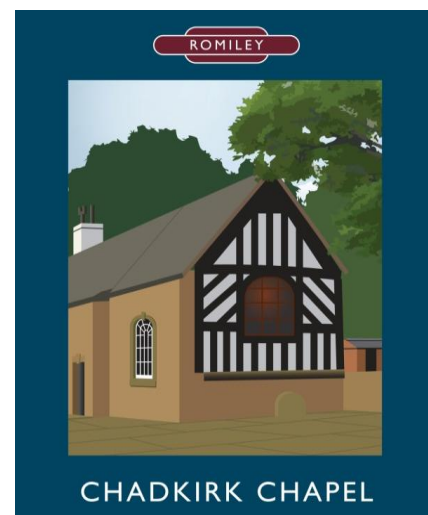
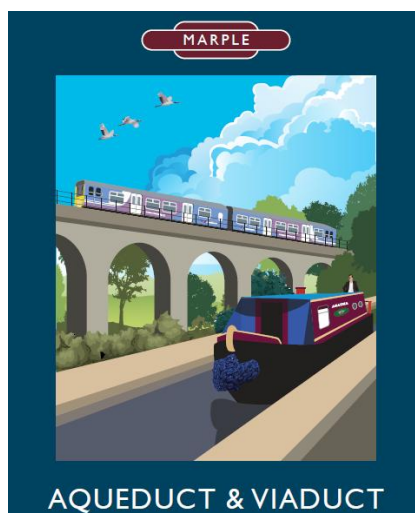


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STATION CONNECTIONS ARTWORK



As you know thanks to artist Eamonn Murphy we have four 1.3m x 1m posters printed on aluminium displayed on Platform 2 at the station. As we are not visiting the station at the moment here are the posters. They are always worth looking at, as they are wonderful pieces of art.



If you want to look at more of Eamonn Murphy's fantastic and unique artwork please visit www.stationconnection.co.uk.

DO STAY SAFE

Finally, we hope that you are all staying safe and well during this difficult period.

Also if you think that we can assist you in any way do get in touch.

VIRTUAL TRAIN JOURNEY - ANSWERS

1 Sheffield, 2 Edale, 3 Guide Bridge, 4 Woodley, 5 Manchester Piccadilly, 6 Fairfield, 7 Hyde Central, 8 Romiley, 9 Gorton, 10 Marple, 11 Hyde North, 12 Reddish North

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