

Friends of Romiley Station



NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2021

Welcome to our latest newsletter. As you will already know from last month's update there is very little happening at the station, at least not as far as our work is concerned. Not surprisingly Northern introduced revised timetables in the middle of January and they remain in place for now. Hopefully, there is light at the end of the tunnel and as we move into spring even nature itself will brighten things up. Meanwhile though please do stay safe and well.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - TUESDAY 9TH MARCH 2021

Please remember that our Annual General Meeting will take place using the medium of Zoom on Tuesday 9th March 2021 commencing at 7.00pm.

The Agenda and accounts for the year ending 31st December 2020 were sent out with the last newsletter, but they are produced again below (it helps to pad out the Newsletter if nothing else) and the necessary links to access the meeting are as follows:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77771436839?pwd=ejBXbTkyTmNX TkJRN3lWcE90WkQ1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 777 7143 6839 Passcode: kiK09f **(7.00pm until 7.40pm)**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76678822240?pwd=OWljUUlyUkJLNi8xNk55Vk1oOWxSUT09>

Meeting ID: 766 7882 2240 Passcode: 7WyF9w **(7.50pm until 8.30pm)**

They are also in the email to which this Newsletter was attached.

THE MIDDLEWOOD WAY - ROSE HILL MARPLE TO MACCLESFIELD

At this moment in time it is not only important to stay local, but it is also important to get out and partake of some healthy exercise.

A good way to do that is to perhaps follow one of the walks in our "Walks from Romiley Station" booklet a few of which head off towards Marple and Rose Hill. If you are feeling really energetic you could extend your walk onto the Middlewood Way, returning either along the Macclesfield Canal or by retracing your steps.

Either way we came across a lovely short video on YouTube (just 4½ minutes long) which features such a walk. You can see it at <https://youtu.be/sPLPaDPtUcU>

FRIENDS OF ROMILEY STATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
TUESDAY 9TH MARCH 2021 AT 7.00PM

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 3rd March 2020
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Officer's Reports
 - Chair
 - Secretary/Membership Secretary
 - Treasurer (including presentation of Annual accounts (kindly audited by John A Simpson BA ACA)

If anyone would like to put themselves forward for any of the elected positions and cannot be at the AGM please let the Secretary, Angie Clark, know in advance of the meeting at clark.theateam69@btinternet.com

5. Projects for 2021
6. Constitutional Amendments (Notice of which should be given to the Secretary in advance of the meeting)

Please note that a proposal has already been received to amend clause 9 of the constitution replacing the current clause "*9. There shall be an annual and/or lifetime membership subscription to help pay necessary expenses – to be fixed at a members' meeting at such a rate as is from time to time thought appropriate.*" with "*9. Membership shall be free upon the completion of an appropriate membership application form. A member may discontinue their membership at anytime by advising the membership secretary in writing.*"

7. Any Other Business

THE FRIENDS OF ROMILEY STATION

(Incorporating Romiley Remembers)

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

1ST JANUARY 2020 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2020

(1ST JANUARY 2019 TO 31ST DECEMBER 2019)

	2020 Income	2019	2020 Expenditure	2019	2020 Surplus/Deficit	2019
Opening Balance (Yorkshire Bank Account)	£2,326.32	£1,380.09				
Opening Balance (Petty Cash)	£2.81	£49.83				
Opening Total Balance	£2,328.13	£1,429.92				
Allocated as						
Romiley Remembers	£380.78	£255.79				
Friends of Romiley Station	£1,847.34	£1,174.13				
Friends of Romiley Station						
Membership Subscriptions	£115.00	£95.00			£115.00	£95.00
Donations	£570.00	£240.00			£570.00	£240.00
Grant - Northern Rail - Artwork		£172.70				£172.70
Grant - Northern Rail - Platform 2 Storeroom	£950.00				£950.00	
Grant - TfGM/ACoRP - Platform 2 Storeroom	£1,000.00				£1,000.00	
Platform 2 Storeroom			£14.89		-£14.89	
Grant - SEM Community Rail Partnership - Plants etc	£150.00				£150.00	
Grant - Stockport MBC - Ward Flexibility Fund		£55.00				£55.00
Grant - Northern Rail - VE Day 75th Anniversary Event	£200.00				£200.00	
VE Day 75th Anniversary Event			£9.99		-£9.99	
Subway Windows Project			£5.89		-£5.89	
Station Artwork				£255.49		-£255.49
Station Sign			£13.50	£54.80	-£13.50	-£54.80
Subscription to ACoRP				£30.00		-£30.00
Mini Beast Display				£23.99		-£23.99
Cooperative Local Community Fund	£3,640.92				£3,640.92	
Walks from Romiley Station Booklet			£567.90		-£567.90	
Gardening (Plants, Seeds, Tools etc) including Planters			£688.44	£55.95	-£688.44	-£55.95
New Planters / Mural				£140.67		-£140.67
Room Hire	£44.00		£44.00		£0.00	
Station Totem Fridge Magnets		£14.00				£14.00
Prizes for "Bake me a Train" Competition			£9.98	£17.60	-£9.98	-£17.60
Poppy Display				£5.15		-£5.15
Stationery			£38.95		-£38.95	
Christmas Tree and Decorations				£55.95		-£55.95
Compensation from the Financial Ombudsman/Bank		£100.00				£100.00
Payment to change bank accounts		£757.60				£757.60
Bank Interest (RBS Bank Account)		£0.45				£0.45
	£8,888.82	£1,497.66	£1,383.64	£724.45	£5,278.38	£773.21
Romiley Remembers						
Book Sales - In the Footsteps of the Fallen		£220.00			£0.00	£220.00
Blue Plaque - Gertrude Powlicke Service/Ceremony				£95.00	£0.00	-£95.00
Donation - to Royal British Legion			£380.78		-£380.78	
	£0.00	£220.00	£380.78	£95.00	-£380.78	£125.00
Total Income/Expenditure	£8,888.82	£1,717.66	£1,774.33	£819.45	£4,896.58	£898.21
Opening Total Balance					£2,328.13	£1,429.92
Current Total Balance (FoRS + RR + Opening Total Balance)						
Made up of						
Current Balance (Yorkshire Bank Account)	£7,090.91	£2,326.32				
Current Balance (Petty Cash)	£132.81	£2.81				
Total Balance	£7,223.72	£2,328.13				
Allocated as						
Romiley Remembers	£0.00	£380.78				
Friends of Romiley Station	£7,223.72	£1,947.34				

REPORT OF THE EXAMINER TO THE FRIENDS OF ROMILEY STATION

I have reviewed the records and vouchers presented to me relating to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020 and confirm that they are in accordance therewith.

J.A. Simpson

6th January 2021

John A Simpson BA ACA
Chartered Accountant

Given the current situation there is not much happening at the station and most people will not be travelling, so once again we are looking at ways of letting you get round the Northern network in a virtual way.

So this time we have hidden lots of stations served by Northern into the sentences below.

So your simple task is to find each of the stations. Answers are on the last page.

For example - With a desire to learn **Sid** eventually went back to school.

1. To get more spending money John undertook one extra task a month for his dad.
2. Bill put a new bolt on his back door as the existing one simply fell off.
3. Being ever so kind Carl is letting me borrow his bike so that I don't have to get the bus.
4. Linda took some Benecol nearly every day as part of her healthy diet.
5. A ten acre wetland site will easily support thousands of wading birds.
6. The calendar went straight into the bin as it was last years.
7. The men and women dressed in red entertain thousands at Butlins each year.
8. Richard Osman challenged Alexander Armstrong to a Pointless debate.
9. Beryl had taken Dale's sweets when he wasn't looking.
10. It was as light as a box of feathers to Neil as he was a professional weightlifter.
11. The painter got the tin of gloss open by using an old screwdriver.
12. Manchester City lost the cup match because they had fielded a weakened side.
13. During lockdown we decided to only shop every week rather than daily.
14. If you get nonstop heavy rain for days then flooding is likely to occur.
15. I ran a euro mile yesterday in under 4 minutes.
16. Having made a mess of things Ambrose grovelled to his boss.
17. Lucy posted a tweet online to say that she had entered the Bake me a Train competition.
18. Following extensive repairs the works opened again last Monday.
19. Cheshire Oaks is a popular shopping centre situated just off the M56.
20. Politicians speak gibberish to nearly everybody as it's often the only thing that they are really good at doing.

RAILWAY TIMETABLE CONSULTATION

The Department for Transport, Network Rail and Transport for the North have issued a joint consultation paper aimed at seeking views from the public and stakeholders on rail timetable work that has been undertaken during 2020 to address the poor performance of the rail network in the Manchester area.

The consultation will inform decisions to be made in Spring this year on potential changes to the passenger timetable that would be implemented from May 2022.

The consultation document sets out the objectives of the work and explains how options have been considered and assessed. It asks for views on the principles for the work. It also sets out the type of changes that are being considered.

The consultation closes at 11.59pm on 10th March 2021, so if anyone wishes to submit any comments there are only a couple of weeks left in which to do so.

Full details of the consultation can be found using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/consultation-launched-to-improve-manchesters-railways>

However, to make things a little easier for you we have attached a copy of the consultation document to the email used to send you this month's Newsletter.

DIESEL IN THE SNOW

The picture below was sent to us recently. It certainly brings back some memories of the sort of Diesel Multiple Units that were used by British Rail on the Hope Valley route in days gone by.





The Hope Valley line is one of the most scenic railway lines in the country and between Romiley and Sheffield every station has something special to offer.

Unfortunately, at the moment travel to these stations should only be for essential purposes but with the aid of photographs from the internet we have put together this quiz. All you have to do is identify the stations. For each one there is a photograph together with some interesting facts about the station. What could be easier??



1. This station was opened to the public on 1st July 1865 having been built in conjunction with the Midland Railway's extension of its line to Millers Dale.

Until the Midland moved to Manchester Central, in 1880, it was where carriages for Liverpool would be attached or detached.

It was rebuilt in 1970 following the demolition of the original buildings. The photo was taken from the A626 bridge.

2. The original station here was built in 1867 by the Midland Railway before being replaced by a new station in 1902.

The old station buildings were dismantled and re-erected on Maynestone Road as a private house. By 1904 this station had become an important junction with five through platforms and one east-facing bay.

Many express trains from London would call here to attach or detach coaches for destinations throughout the North West.



3. No excuse for not identifying this station although the picture, taken from the B6104, is not a view of the station that one would normally consider to be its best angle.

The station itself was opened in 1862 and has a spiral staircase to the Manchester bound platform, which once had a glass-roofed dome.

A line, opened in 1869, also provided a direct train service to Stockport but it closed in January 1967. Bring back the good old days!!!

4. This station, opened in 1894, is very popular with walkers who having got off the train can get some refreshment from the popular back to basics cafe situated near to where the photo was taken.

Trains coming and going to the station immediately pass through the longest tunnel on the Hope Valley line extending to just over 3½ miles.

A lovely National Trust estate is in easy walking distance from the station and it too has a cafe for refreshments, but slightly more upmarket.



5. If you fancy a dip in an open air swimming pool then this station is for you.

When the railway and station were proposed the villagers' initial reaction was unenthusiastic as they had already had an unfavourable experience of the 'iron horse' in the form of a traction engine in 1882, which, drawing two heavy carts, had made the roads almost impassable, killing a boy and overturning a mail cart.

In addition, a private carriage collided with it, killing one of the occupants.

Not a good start. But it's a village well worth a visit once things return to normal.

6. This station is probably the most popular on the Hope Valley line for the long distance walker.

It lies almost equidistant between Manchester and Sheffield. Road access is certainly not as good as the rail access, so much so that when rail replacement buses are needed on the line this station can only be served by minibuses.

The Moorlands Visitor Centre is near the station being both a tourist information centre and a national focus for moorland research thus providing an inspirational experience for visitors to the Peak District National Park.





7. One of two stations serving this small Derbyshire town which is home to a couple of micro breweries and a large sweet manufacturing business.

The station master's house, built in 1864, survives as do some of the original station buildings.

There are some excellent walks that can be started from this station. One of which is along a former branch line that ran from this station to a village some 3 miles away.

There is an interesting micro hydro electric scheme nearby that was opened in 2008

and was the first Community owned scheme of its kind in the UK.

8. This station is about a kilometre from the village that it serves, but it is well worth the walk up to the village if only to visit the community owned pub which also serves as the village post office, a shop and a cafe.

The station itself opened on 25th June 1984, but sadly none of the original station buildings survive, the last of them being demolished during the 1970s.

There is a great walk from this station to the next station up the line that passes right by the Hope Valley Ice Cream shop and cafe.



The Answers are at the end of the Newsletter

TWISTED TREES PRODUCTIONS

We were recently contacted by Ami Horrocks and Melanie Cove, two imaginative local artists, who have come up with a superb idea for a Community Art Project in Romiley. As a Group we are extremely keen to join in and our Secretary, Angie Clark, has already been in touch with Twisted Tree Productions.

However, on the next 3 pages we have reproduced their letter to us as well as a copy of their flyer so that as many as possible will know what is proposed and hopefully will take part. Please contact Angie Clark (clark.thateam69@btinternet.com or on 07951 567147) for details of what FoRS will be doing.



Dear Friends of Romiley Station,

We are contacting you to introduce ourselves and invite you to take part in a community art project in Romiley.

We are Twisted Trees Productions, artists Ami Horrocks and Melanie Cove who live and work in Romiley.

We recently organised a small festive window art trail on Carlton Avenue to help bring some seasonal cheer to the community during the Christmas period. You can see a few examples of the window art made by residents above.

The local primary school made it a feature of their Light Up Romiley Christmas Trail and Cherry Tree Youth made it one of their socially distanced events. It was shared widely on social media and many families used the street as part of their regular exercise or as an activity to share whilst other Christmas activities were unable to run.

The residents benefited greatly from a feeling of community and shared purpose, the wider community benefitted from having a local, accessible and safe event free of charge.

This small window art trail had such a positive response from our community that we have the support of Werneth Area Committee to create a Romiley wide window art trail.

The theme - Spring: Growth and Hope.

We are excited to invite you to take part! Our aim is to create connection and optimism in our community and spread joy and hope from our homes.

The artwork will be made from inexpensive materials; tissue paper and tracing paper which works in the window by being illuminated from inside. **This turns the room into a light box so the art glows as daylight falls.** The work is also effective during the day as it is coloured. This kind of work is simple, lightweight and relatively easy to make by the average inexperienced person.

- **We can supply packs of paper and the equipment needed for between £4.00 to £8.00 to make the window art. Afterwards it can be stored easily or recycled.**

- There will be Zoom workshops to help with designing and making and a few face-to-face workshops following strict Covid safe procedures for those unable to access help via Zoom.
- We will also be offering the chance for each group or individual to consider a pledge towards their own future growth and hope if you would like to include that as part of your participation in the project. More will be shared on this with participation.

The trail is to be launched on March 20th and we would be very grateful if you would please contact your members and tell them about the Romiley Window Art Trail and invite them to take part. We have attached a flyer with information and our contact details for you to pass on to your members with any further details.

We hope that this trail can help to highlight all the fantastic organisations that are working in Romiley in different ways and you might like to decide on a mini theme or image that links your members' windows. We are happy to help with this idea. The station windows could also be considered as a fantastic central location to display artwork, maybe even the stairway up to the platforms?

We surveyed the households on Carlton Avenue and 85% said 'pride in where you live' was a benefit in taking part, as was; 'Satisfaction of creating something new' (66%), 'learning new skills' (61%), and 'joy of making' (61%). This testifies to the well-being benefits of a creative project. 50% of our window makers found 'connecting and meeting new people' in a Covid safe way an important benefit of taking part. Our proposed project addresses isolation in our community at a time where this issue is important to everyone's well-being. 57% of our window makers found 'coming up with ideas' as a significant benefit, proving how our creative project encourages focussing thoughts in a positive, creative direction. Much needed in these times.

We really hope that you will take part it what will be a fabulous community event. For more information and to register interest please email info@twistedtreesproductions.com

Or call either of us for a chat:

Ami Horrocks: 07795 247318

Melanie Cove: 07903 527364

Best wishes,

Ami and Melanie.

 Instagram: [@twistedtreesproductions](https://www.instagram.com/twistedtreesproductions)

 Pinterest: [@twistedtreesproductions](https://www.pinterest.com/twistedtreesproductions)

ROMILEY RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN

ROMILEY WINDOW WANDERLAND

MARCH 20TH 2021

SPRING: GROWTH AND HOPE

**This is a Romiley wide window art trail
that everyone can take part in,
no artistic skills are needed!
Our volunteers will help you from designing
to how to make your own window art from
coloured paper.**

**Registration is free and we can provide low cost materials and
Zoom support sessions on how to design and make.
We are keen to hear from individuals and local organisations.
However small your window or ambitious your idea
we would love you to take part.**

**To register your interest and get more information:
email: info@twistedtreesproductions.com**

📷 instagram: @twistedtreesproductions ami: 07795 247318

📌 pinterest: @twistedtreesproductions melanie: 07903 527364



STOCKPORT
METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

QUIZ ANSWERS

IDENTIFY THE NORTHERN HOPE VALLEY STATIONS

1. Marple 2. Chinley 3. Romiley 4. Grindleford 5. Hathersage 6. Edale
7. New Mills Central 8. Bamford

FIND THE NORTHERN STATIONS

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