

Friends of Romiley Station



NEWSLETTER

MAY 2021

Welcome to our May newsletter, which we hope you will enjoy reading. Firstly, a big apology to those of you who did last month's Days of Old Quiz. We managed to transpose two of the answers just to confuse everyone (and ourselves). The answer to No. 2 was in fact Chapel-en-le-Frith Central and No. 3 Hayfield (not the other way round as set out on the answer page). Thanks to those eagle eye readers who spotted our error and alerted us.

It has been great these past few weeks to be able to get back to doing things at the station. There are some photographs in this issue of the first Task Session a few weeks ago (in the snow to start with). The next one (if you read this in time) takes place on Tuesday 27th April from 7pm.

ARTWORK ON PLATFORM 2

We were somewhat concerned a couple of week ago that a person or persons unknown had made efforts to try and steal our artwork from Platform 2.



When we were undertaking the Task Session on Saturday 10th April we noticed that the screws securing the pictures to the bottom of the platform fence had been removed.

However, the top of the pictures are secured by locking nuts and bolts and as a result they had not been removed. So although the pictures were flapping in the breeze they were still safely secured to the fence. New screws have been inserted at the bottom of the pictures. Nuts and bolts are not a practical option at the bottom given the positioning of the fence which at the base has concrete cable ducting behind it.

Clearly someone rather likes Eamonn Murphy's work. If so we wish that they would go online and buy the pictures that they like rather than try to steal them.

RAILWAY ORIENTATED DINGBAT TYPE PUZZLE

The 11 clues below all have something to do with the railway. Can you work them out?

Answers on the last page

1. R E T U R N

2. ← recap ←

3. RAILWAY
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4. RUN
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5. H
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7. 1ST TRAIN
 2ND TRAIN
 3RD TRAIN
 4TH TRAIN

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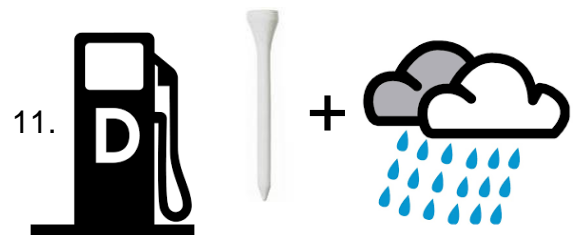




8. AUTUMN ✓ ET

9. LOUNGETONKITCHEN

10. OFF  ICE



PLATFORM ONE - FORMER DOME

Those of you who are long enough in the tooth may well recall that many years ago there was a dome above the stairs running from street level up to Platform One (see the left hand side of the picture below).



Unfortunately, the dome was removed by British Rail to be replaced by a flat roof, which now lets in water as if it were a colander.

So we are delighted to see that scaffolding etc. has been erected to facilitate roof repair work so as to try and redress the flow of water.

As can be seen there is currently some heavy ponding on the stairs when it rains.



So the work being undertaken is very much appreciated.

You never know with a lot of luck and a following wind one day we may even see the return of a glass

dome. That would look great as well as being able to let in lots of natural light so as to brighten up the stairs.



TASK SESSION - 10TH APRIL

It was really good to be able to return again to the station in April so as to carry out a number of tasks, including gardening and a much needed litter pick.



The first session was on Saturday 10th April which was quite surreal weather wise as we had several seasons in a short space of time. We kicked off in the snow, then witnessed a rapid thaw before the sun came out to warm everything up.



It is fantastic how nature works though with plenty of colour returning to the garden areas. We were able to replenish the herb planter with a number of different herbs as well as undertaking further planting in the Waiting Room Garden.



spent some money on purchasing a lot of sunflower seeds and small fibre pots.

We are hoping to team up with a local Primary School by getting the pupils to sow the seeds into the pots.

Once they have grown sufficiently the pots can then be planted, probably by the car park, so that later in the year we will get a lovely sunflower display.

One of our next purchases will be a large number of daffodil bulbs which we will plant along the top of the wall by the Waiting Room Garden in time to bloom next spring.



Two members got stuck into a litter pick, mainly on the station car park and garden areas.

We have this past month



STEAM TRAIN - SATURDAY 5TH JUNE

We would like to thank one of our members, Alan Prentice, who contacted us recently to say that he had seen an advert placed by www.railwaytouring.net promoting a steam special "The Scarborough Flyer".

The Scarborough Flyer is scheduled to travel from Manchester Victoria to Scarborough (via the Hope Valley) on Saturday 5th June.

It will be picking up passengers at Romiley (departure time 08.40) returning that evening at 21.20. The train will be steam hauled on the outward journey through Romiley, but will be diesel hauled upon its return.

You will find full details of the trip (including prices, which for adults start at £99 for the round trip, should you want to book any tickets to travel on the train) on the website mentioned above.



It is not known yet which steam engine will haul the service (but our picture shows "Braunton" passing through Romiley last year).

MAY, JUNE AND JULY TASK SESSIONS

We will be carrying out Task Sessions during May and June on the following days:

- Saturday 8th May - from 2pm
- Tuesday 25th May - from 7pm
- Saturday 12th June - from 2pm
- Tuesday 22nd June - from 7pm
- Saturday 10th July - from 2pm
- Tuesday 27th July - from 7pm

If you are able to attend any of these sessions please do let Angie Clark know in advance on 07951 567147 or by email to clark.theateam69@btinternet.com.

Also, if you fancy doing any gardening in between sessions do contact Angie so that she can let you have the appropriate gardening tools.

ABSEILING FOR CHARITY

As we reported last month 3 of our members (Angie Clark, Mark Roberts and Lisa Smart) were due to undertake a charity abseil on Saturday 17th April down the side of Stopford House in Stockport.



Unfortunately, the abseil had to be postponed, as on that day



HRH Prince Philip was being laid to rest following his funeral service in St George's Chapel, Windsor.

However, the abseil was rearranged and took place on Sunday 25th April.

Many thanks to those of you who sponsored the intrepid trio (pictured above). If you haven't sponsored them, and would like to do so, then there is still time. The Just Giving details were in April's Newsletter.

WALKS FROM ROMILEY STATION BOOKLETS

We are delighted to say that The Butchers Shop on Stockport Road in Romiley has very kindly agreed to stock copies of our Walks from Romiley Station Booklet.

So if you (or your friends) want any copies then call in to see Callum Harrison and his staff and they will be pleased to let you have as many copies as you need.



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RAILWAY ORIENTATED DINGBAT TYPE PUZZLE - ANSWERS

1. Open Return
2. Pacer
3. Northern Railway
4. Run on Time
5. Kings Cross Station
6. Timetable
7. Last Train of the Day
8. Season Ticket
9. Waiting Room
10. Booking Office
11. Diesel Train

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