

Friends of Romiley Station



## NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2021

Welcome to our August newsletter. July was even warmer than June and to some extent it did limit our activities.

However, quite a bit still took place and it was a month in which we had a number of visitors to the station (more below).

With the changing rules on meeting with other people we have decided that we can now hold a face to face member's meeting, rather than using Zoom. As such we intend to meet at Jake's Ale House in Romiley on Tuesday 10th August at 7.30pm. Further details can be found below.

### JULY TASK SESSIONS

Plenty of weeding took place during July as rain early in the month coupled with the hot sun later on provided perfect conditions for growing.

We also set about repainting the various planters at the station, as can be seen from the photo.

The planters were also prepared by the installation of some netting to help those plants that need something to cling to.



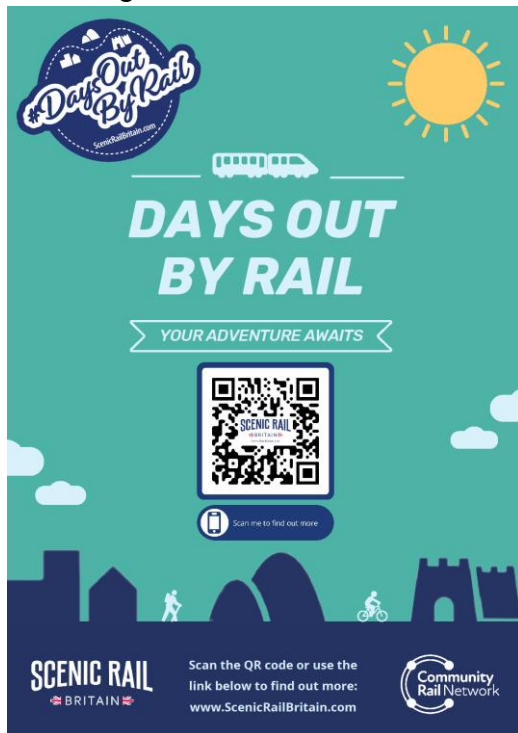
There will be a further Task Session during the evening of Tuesday 27th July (the day after you hopefully receive this edition of the Newsletter). If you can come along we start at 7pm.

The sunflowers in new garden area are flourishing.

## COMMUNITY RAIL NETWORK - "DAYS OUT BY RAIL"

On 26th July the Community Rail Network launched a national awareness campaign to promote the delights and benefits of "Days Out by Rail".

The Friends of Romiley Station have joined this national campaign to highlight hidden gems along Britain's rail network.



Hopefully, the campaign will encourage local residents to get back on trains so as to discover the delights and benefits of "Days Out by Rail".

The "Days Out by Rail aims to inspire and encourage day-tripper and leisure travellers to jump aboard a train, for exciting, fun, eco-friendly outings.

It is an eight-week initiative to raise awareness about rail as one of the greenest ways to travel – especially combined with walking, cycling and buses – avoiding traffic jams, parking and pollution, while enabling exploration of lesser-known spots as part of a day out, short break or staycation.

The campaign will focus on eight themes as follows:

- 26th July - 1st August: Off the Beaten Track
- 2nd - 8th August: Spectacular Views
- 9th - 15th August: Reconnecting with Family (intergenerational)
- 16th - 22nd August: Purse-Friendly Days Out
- 23rd - 29th August: Doorstep Discovery
- 30th August - 5th September Rediscovering Days Out with Friends
- 6th - 12th September: Scenic Walks & Cycle Rides
- 13th - 19th September: Days Out for Grown-Ups



Full details can be found on the Community Rail Network's website  
**communityrail.org.uk.**

# DAYS OUT BY RAIL

## SOME SUGGESTED DESTINATIONS - WORDSEARCH

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**FIND THESE STATIONS ALL SERVED BY NORTHERN  
ALL GO FROM LEFT TO RIGHT OR TOP TO BOTTOM**

**They are all stations that you may wish  
to visit for one of your fantastic "Days out by Rail"**

**ROSE HILL MARPLE** - A fantastic starting point to walk the Middlewood Way

**NEW MILLS CENTRAL** - The Torrs and Sett Valley Way await you

**ROMILEY** - Your starting point (once you have explored the village using the FoRS Walks booklet)

**STRINES** - Only a short hop but some lovely walks. Discover the story of the Railway Children

**SHEFFIELD** - If a city is for you, then why not visit one of the many museums or ride the trams

**HATHERSAGE** - Home to a superb open air swimming pool and great riverside walks

**SOUTHPORT** - From the shops of Lord Street to the beach and sea it makes a great seaside destination

**BAMFORD** - A lovely village, with community run pub and shop. Some excellent walking

**WINDERMERE** - Gateway to the lakes and all the towns and villages. Served by an open top bus service

**CLITHEROE** - A lovely Lancashire town with a castle, great coffee shops and award winning sausages

**EDALE** - For serious walkers it is the southern end of the Pennine Way as well as a very pretty village

**CHINLEY** - Makes a great starting point for walks into the hills (or to the many local pubs)

**MARPLE** - Another short hop but it is the gateway to Marple Bridge, Brabyns Park and the Peak Forest Canal

**HOPE** - Provides access not only to Hope Village but also Castleton and its many tourist caves

**BUXTON** - A real gem of a spa town with so much to see and do. Something for everyone

**LINCOLN** - More than just a medieval cathedral. Lots of museums, cafes and great shops

Now take all the letters that weren't used for a station in the Wordsearch and enter them below for a hidden message about your "Days out by Rail".

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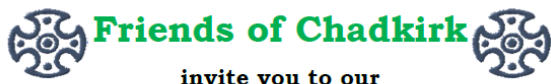
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All the answers can be found at the end of the Newsletter - So no cheating now

## FRIENDS OF CHADKIRK - WELL DRESSING - 31ST JULY 2021



**Friends of Chadkirk**

invite you to our

### *Well Dressing Celebrations*

*at Chadkirk*

**SATURDAY 31st JULY**

**From 12.00pm**

**Blessing & Dedication**

**at 1.00pm**

**Plant Stall, Refreshments, Greetings  
Cards, Tombola**

*Chadkirk Chapel, Vale Road, Romiley*

Come to see us prepare our well dressing in Chadkirk Chapel  
Wednesday 28th - Friday 30th July from 11.00am - 3.00pm

We are delighted to say that this year the Friends of Chadkirk are once again able to carry out their Well Dressing after last year's enforced absence.

The theme for the actual Well Dressing will be "Strength and Resilience", a most appropriate theme given the past 18 months or so.

As usual the Well Dressing will be dedicated and blessed (at 1pm) with the Chapel itself open from 12pm. Refreshments will be available and there will be a small number of stalls.

You could combine your visit to the Well Dressing with one of our walks. Numbers 1 to 4 and 6 from our Walks Booklet all pass by Chadkirk Well and Chapel.



## AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER TASK SESSIONS

We will be carrying out more formal Task Sessions during August and September.

They will take place on the following days:

- Saturday 14th August - from 2pm
- Tuesday 24th August - from 7pm
- Saturday 11th September - from 2pm

Do try and attend if at all possible and please let Angie Clark know in advance if you intend to come along.

Of course, do feel free to contact Angie at any time if you fancy popping along to the station to do a bit of therapeutic gardening or tidying up on your own.

## NORTHERN - STAKEHOLDER NEWSLETTER

**Stakeholder Newsletter**  
West & Central



Hopefully, you like to receive our monthly Newsletter. However, we are not on our own in producing one. Indeed, Northern produce a really excellent Newsletter of their own which is aimed at stakeholders, including Friends' Groups such as ours.

It looks at all aspects of the day to day running a train company and as such often features some very interesting stories about what is going on throughout the Northern network.



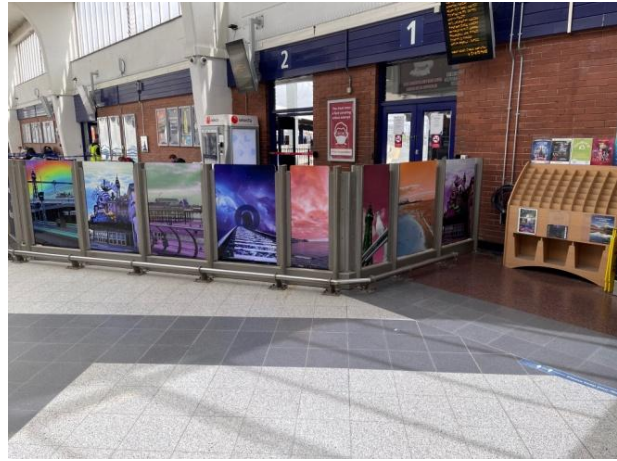
The Friends of St Annes on Sea at work

The July edition featured reports on the presentation of Cheshire Best Kept Station Awards as well as the superb artwork that has gone up at Blackpool North.

There were also details of the fine work undertaken by the Friends Group at St Annes on Sea.

If you would like to receive a copy of the latest edition then please email Alf Clark ([alfredvclark@btinternet.com](mailto:alfredvclark@btinternet.com)) and he will forward one on to you.

You can then use a link in the newsletter itself so as to subscribe should you wish to receive future copies.



The Artwork at Blackpool North Station

## **FRIENDS OF ROMILEY STATION - MEMBERS' MEETING**

As touched upon in the introduction to this month's Newsletter we are going to hold our first face to face members' meeting since our Annual General Meeting which took place as long ago as 3rd March 2020.

It will be on Tuesday 10th August 2021 commencing at 7.30pm in Jake's Ale House on Compstall Road, Romiley.

It will very much be an informal meeting where we will run through what we have on at the moment (plus what is in the pipeline). We will also look at ideas for the future so do please come along armed with all your ideas.

There will also be a Treasurer's report looking at our financial position.

## **PLATFORMS 1 AND 2 - WAITING ROOMS**

Last month we reported that there had been a collapse above the ceiling of the Platform 1 waiting Room (which had also damaged the waiting room's own suspended ceiling).

We are pleased to say everything has now been fully repaired and made safe so that the waiting room can be brought back into use.

It was great that everyone in the rail industry moved so quickly to resolve the situation.

Unfortunately, some mindless individual did cause some damage to our book swap in the Platform 2 waiting room recently by throwing what appeared to be the contents of a canned drink all over the wall and books.

## VISITORS TO THE STATION

July was a very busy month in terms of visitors to the station.

On Tuesday 13th July we were delighted to welcome a visit from Chris Jackson, Northern's Regional Director accompanied by Theo McLauchlan (Station Manager North/East Manchester & High Peaks) together with Becky Styles (Regional Community and Sustainability Manager).

Chris, Theo and Becky were given a tour of the station by Alf and Angie Clark who were able to inform them about what we as a Group were not only getting up to but also let them know our plans and aspirations for the future.



Chris Jackson - Regional Director

It was fantastic that they were ready, willing and able to take time out from their very busy schedule to come along to Romiley, especially with so much going on throughout the Northern network at the moment.

It is so encouraging to have such visits and to then sit down, over a coffee and cake, to discuss everything. A simply great couple of hours.

Then on Saturday 17th July Alf Clark met up with PC Brandon Fairbrother-Clarke from the British Transport Police (BTP).

Brandon, who is based on the Neighbourhood Policing Team, polices both the Buxton and Edale lines, which includes Romiley.

He is fairly new onto the scene and having been made aware of our group he wanted to come along and have a meeting.

He too was given a tour of the station, although the emphasis this time was upon ways that the Group and the BTP can work together, especially given that we are in many ways the eyes and ears as to what goes on at the station.

Some minor vandalism was shown to him and rail trespass was discussed.

We have heard that rail staff are to be trained in spotting and dealing with potential trespass and possible suicide risks. Hopefully, Groups such as ours can also be suitably trained so as to tackle such issues.

As observed there are Samaritan's posters displayed at the end of each platform but anything further that can be done would be most welcomed.



## STOCKPORT'S GIGANTIC LEAP FROG ART TRAIL

The Stockport Frogs, last seen during 2019, are back again for 2021, only this time some 17 of the 38 can be found lurking in local centres, including Romiley and Woodley.



This year sees a totally new breed of frog following themes chosen by members of the public through a Stockport wide consultation.

The Romiley Frog, located in the Precinct is "Theatre Frog" whilst the Woodley one is "Baker Frog".



All the artwork was carried out at the Stockport Hat Works by Arc Creative Arts who specialise in providing workshops and arts projects for vulnerable adults and young people.

The frogs will be around until the end of September. They will then be auctioned off with all the proceeds going to charity.

So do get out and have a look at them all before they hop it.

There is a website dedicated to the frogs ([www.stockportsgiganticleap.co.uk](http://www.stockportsgiganticleap.co.uk)) but unfortunately in their wisdom those compiling the website, at the time of writing, make no mention whatsoever of the frogs in the district centres (or indeed those kind people and businesses who sponsored them). They have confined themselves to the 21 frogs located in the town centre, for which they have also published a walking trail.

The leaflet for that is available on the website with paper copies available around the town.



## DAYS OUT BY RAIL - WORDSEARCH - ANSWERS

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THE WAYFAYER TICKETS														