



PAINTING WINNERS

During the open day of the Don Valley Railway on Sat 29th Sept held in the Stocksbridge library, Helen Jackson, president of DVR, presented prizes to the winners of the children's painting competition. *(continued on page 2)*

RAFFLE RESULTS

The DVR Autumn raffle was drawn at our Open Day on 29th September. The committee would like to thank all who bought or sold tickets for their support. The remaining unclaimed prize was for the free raffle at our Open Day with ticket number 430, please contact us to claim your prize! See page two for all the winning numbers.

ROBERT PENISTONE

Local artist Robert Penistone is continuing to support DVR with his paintings. At our Open Day he was interested in a photograph of the Five Arches, Herries Road Sheffield, with a steam train crossing, taken by Harry Marshall, the father of one of our members, in 1930.

Prints of Robert Penistone's paintings can be viewed on our website. They are also available from Tracey Martin at 'The Lunchbox', Hunshelf Road in Stocksbridge.

Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? These could make an ideal gift!

STOP PRESS.... STOP PRESS.... STOP PRESS....
Woodhead The Lost Railway author Stephen Gay will be joining us for a pie & pea evening on Friday 16th November. He will present his own slideshow and displays based on the book. Tickets are available now, see our website for more details!

COMRADESHIP

Many of the public over the years of the steam era used the railways as a means of transport to travel from one end of the country to the other, with little or no thought for the skill, effort and dedication of the railwaymen who provided the service.

So much of our railway system has now disappeared along with the communities which were built around the loco - sheds. When I joined the Motive Power Department at Darnall in 1947, I felt the comradeship that existed between all the men, all did their job with pride and efficiency.

I was lucky to have been one of that unique group of men and I will always remember those 'special years'; they were the best years of my working life. I started work as an engine cleaner on the 21st September 1947 and left the footplate in 1965 after 18years service. I left because I became disillusioned, the job satisfaction just disappeared. The locomotives were in such poor condition, and every trip was becoming

a struggle on express trains. Sadly many of my old mates have now passed away and are no longer with us, I can still remember many of their names, each one of them a good friend on and off the footplate.

Occasionally I met up with an ex - fireman, and we always get around to speaking about our footplate days, remembering the many characters and firemen alike.

There are too many friends for me to mention, but I wish to give a special mention to drivers:- George Sands, Horace Asquith, Wilf Gray, Bill Pinchbeck, Frank Hill, Albert Whitlam, Cyril Skayernas and Bob Fitzjohn.

These drivers in particular played a role model for me as a fireman, as I progressed through the lower links until I became a regular passenger fireman. I thank them all!

by Joe Patterson

VOLUNTEERS Don Valley Railway Ltd need a TREASURER

REQUIRED We are always on the lookout for fundraising volunteers. Can YOU spare a couple of hours?

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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

— David Goodison, Founder



We have as you will see from other articles had a very busy time since the last newsletter. I would like to say a big thank you to the committee and to the small group of friends who come and help out with our various functions.

Progress is being made albeit slowly due to changes in personnel in the council and Yorkshire Forward etc. These changes have meant making new contacts and

getting them in to our way of thinking what a good idea the railway reopening really is. Meetings are being arranged with Sheffield City Council, South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive and Network Rail to see how best to move forward.

Had the railway been up and running at this time the residents north of Middlewood would have had an easy way to Sheffield and the residents of Oughtibridge and Worrall would be having a quieter life than at present. Please lobby your councillors and M.P.s on this matter and let us make our transport lives a bit easier.

Our most pressing need at the moment is to find the funding to purchase Deepcar Station buildings which would provide us with a working base and the community with a valuable community resource for everybody to enjoy.

Volunteers are always welcome for our committee or just one off functions such as galas, pie and pea suppers etc. All such functions are advertised on our website and you can contact us to let us know if you would like to help at any of these functions. The aim of these days is to have fun and try and raise money for the funds. If you can spare a little time this will be much appreciated.

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Fundraising

It's amazing what some people will do to raise money!
 On 7th October, three of us took to the skies in a sponsored micro light flight. We flew at approx 2,000ft and around 60 mph and between us we hope to raise approx £400.



-Dave, Sue & Chris with Micro Light Pilot Paddy.

Summer was cancelled this year due to the adverse weather conditions so we turned our hands to other ways of raising money and awareness for the project.

We decided to organise a coach trip to York Railway Museum with the option of shopping or sight seeing included. This was so successful many people were asking for another trip. Everyone had a great time with very positive comments from many people. Next year we hope to arrange more trips so keep an eye on the website and local press.

We did manage to get to Parsonage farm for The Steel Valley Project Heritage Fair and we had the train game, tombola, bran tub and books.

During the summer we have been selling raffle tickets for the autumn raffle which was drawn at the open day at the end of September. Details of the winners and prizes appear elsewhere in this newsletter. Thanks to everyone who supported the project by donating prizes and buying tickets

In previous years we have joined in with the local table top sales in the Victory club, while it is undergoing refurbishment we have been looking around for other local table top sales.

On October 21st we had 2 tables at Elsecar Heritage Railway car boot sale which is something different again!

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NYMR TRIP A SUCCESS

The demand for tickets was so high that we decided to book an additional coach for the trip to the North York Moors Railway & Whitby. This was soon filled and 89 adults and 12 children had an extremely enjoyable day out.

bonus was the sighting of the QE2 as she passed by on her way to be decommissioned on Clydeside.

As these trips are proving popular with both our members and the general public, it is possible that further trips will be planned next year. Watch our website and 'Look Local' for forthcoming events.

Following the trip on the steam train there was time to look around the engine sheds etc. at Grosmont, before the coach transported us to Whitby for the afternoon, where an added

If you have an idea for a trip, please get in touch!

RAFFLE RESULTS

£50 John Lewis Voucher (Coles)	0066
Sheffield Wednesday Tickets	0825
Limited edition signed print	2526
Portrait Session at Melissimo valued at £50	1358
Footplate experience at Kirklees Railway	3446
Stocksbridge Park Steels, Bronze season Ticket	3830
Sheffield Eagles Tickets	4670
£30 Crystal Peaks Voucher	3150
£20 Crystal Peaks Voucher	3515
£10 Debenhams Voucher	1180
£10 B&Q Voucher	2799
Breakfast/Lunch at The Lunchbox	0857
Wasgij Jigsaw	3621
Bottle of Whisky	1331
Bottle of Wine	1185
Bottle of Whisky	3679
DVR Sweatshirt	1493
Bottle of Whisky	0182
Model Helicopter	2252
Meadowhall Pen	4308

PAINTING COMPETITION

(continued) Entries, which were judged by local artist, Robert Penistone, had been submitted by the local schools and also some individuals in the categories Reception, Years 1 & 2, 3 & 4 and 5 & 6. Congratulations to the winners (pictured right).

Reception:		Samuel Clarke
Years 1&2:	1st Prize	Millie Bethel
	2nd Prize	Caitlin Washington
	3rd Prize	Adele Johnson
Years 3&4	1st Prize	Andrew Crowhurst
	2nd Prize	Rosie Binns
	3rd Prize	Shelbey Brook
Years 5&6	1st Prize	Simon Crosby
	2nd Prize	Maddy Wilson
	3rd Prize	Shannon Brown

