

Developments at Robertsbridge

Since the last newsletter, work has continued at the RVR site in Robertsbridge. At the beginning of the year, the PMV wagon was shunted closer to our area at the site which now means it is more-or-less adjacent to the tram bodies which is quite beneficial. Inside the wagon, Roy and Derek have now fitted a wood burning stove (for those cold winter days!) and electrics (to run the kettle!), which means the tram club is now virtually self-sufficient at Robertsbridge.

Despite the bad weather at the beginning of the year, a small amount of work has been done on the tram car bodies recently. Mostly, work has been focused on fitting some new panes of glass in the windows of car 56 to make it more presentable to visitors.

Work which still needs to be completed includes the reconstruction of the disassembled tram truck, repainting of the outside of the PMV wagon and construction of some dummy platforms for the two tram cars.

Lots to do but not enough time in the day!



AGM - held 23rd February 2010

The club's annual general meeting was held at the RAFA club on Tuesday 23rd February. It was good to see several faces there. The AGM meant it was time to elect the officers for 2010/11. It was completed *en bloc* as proposed by Howard Williamson and seconded by Mike Turner. Below is the list of officers for 2010/11:

Chairperson	Roy Austen	Membership Secretary	Derek Masters
Vice Chairperson	Steve Chapman	Fundraising	<i>vacant</i>
Secretary	Chris Sweatman/ Oliver Boorman	Newsletters	Oliver Boorman/ Roy Austen
Treasurer	Derek Masters	Archives	Barry Enefer

Treasurer's report

At the time of the AGM, takings for 2009/10 were £388.28 and expenses were £194.50. This means we made a profit of £193.78 for last year, which is not too bad in the current climate. We now have £946.70 in the bank.

Tram display in Hastings?

At the AGM in February, we discussed the possibility of showcasing a modern tramway system for Hastings in the town centre. Hastings Borough Council has recently been pushing for artists and organisations to produce exhibits for some of the empty of the shop fronts in the centre of the town. Would it be possible for the tram club to produce a display promoting the idea of a modern tram system for Hastings? Ideas on a postcard, please!

Hastings Tramways Website

The club's website has recently been re-launched with a new look to include more information. New features include a newsletter archive, where visitors can access copies of club newsletters from 2004 until present day, information about our cars 48 and 56 and the potential for modern trams in Hastings. If you can, give us a visit at hastingstramwaysclub.tripod.com.

Forthcoming Events

The Great K&ESR Gala Weekend - 1st & 2nd May 2010

The club will be holding a stall at the Kent & East Sussex Steam Railway's Gala Event at the Northiam Station. For details of the event, contact the K&ESR on 01580 765155.

RVR Model Railway Exhibition - 8th-9th May 2010

The club will have our trams open to the general public at the Rother Valley Railway site throughout the weekend. For further details contact 01580 881833.

The Oval Bus Rally - Sunday 17th May 2010

The club will be holding a stall at the annual vintage bus rally on the Oval, Hastings. Contact Ion Castro for more details of the event .

Hastings Tramways Club Meeting - Tuesday 25th May 2010

The club will be holding its regular meeting at the RAFA club, Hastings. It is open to all members or members of the public. Contact 01424 751798 for more details.

Subscriptions - 2010/11

For those of you who have not already paid this year's subscriptions, they are now due as soon as possible. For the year 2010, the membership charges are as shown in the table below.

Please send your payment to
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Couple	£8.50
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