

Bishop`s Castle Railway Society AGM will be held on Friday 8th April 2022 at 7pm.

It will once again be a Zoom meeting to allow as many members as possible from all over the country to participate.

Full details of how to gain access on the night will be included with the AGM Agenda, Directors Nomination Form, Accounts, Annual Reports and any other related documents. All members will receive these documents by the 11th March, either by email if an email address has been provided or by post if no email address is available.

This is your chance to have your say on how the Society is run. Please send any items for the agenda to the Secretary, Mike Boyd by 4th March - email: theselectary.bcr@gmail.com

Director / Trustee Nominations

Directorship is open to all members of the Society. To become a Director/Trustee, you need a member entitled to vote at the meeting to give signed written notice to the Company Secretary of their intention to propose your appointment as a Director. It should contain the details that, if you were to be appointed, the Charity would have to file at Companies House i.e. Full Name, Address, Date of Birth, Occupation. It should also be signed by you to show your willingness to be appointed, then sent to the Company Secretary Mike Boyd either by email - theselectary.bcr@gmail.com or by post to Sunny Bank Farm, Banks Head, Bishop`s Castle, Shropshire, SY9 5JW, to arrive between 3rd and 8th of March. Your nomination will then appear on the ballot paper sent out to all members prior to the AGM.

It is a dual role as Directors of Company Charities will always be Charity Trustees. All Directors have equal authority, and have equal voting rights. The Board of Directors is not hierarchical.

The role is not particularly onerous. The main requirements are an interest in the future running of the Society and the ability to attend a short monthly meeting.

All Directors are required to retire on a regular basis, with the longest serving director retiring in rotation at the annual AGM. They may immediately stand to be voted back if they wish, and if that is the decision of the Membership.

WEIGHBRIDGE RAILWAY MUSEUM

Bishop`s Castle Arts Festival Open Day

Part of Bishop`s Castle Arts Festival
Saturday 26th February 10am—4pm Free Entry
The Weighbridge Railway Museum, Station Street, Bishop`s Castle.
Hot Drinks & Home made Cake will be available

A WORK IN PROGRESS
Members of BCRS Model Group reveal how they are recreating the Bishop`s Castle Station complex circa 1932

Traditional Sign Writing Demonstrations

HORNBY *LIMA* AIRFIX
OO Gauge
LOCOS & COACHES
FOR SALE
BOXED AS NEW

CHILDREN`S RAILWAY QUIZ
Free Ginger bread engine for everyone who has a go



Volunteers have been busy tidying the site in readiness for the first full open day of the year.



Gravel has been laid to the front and side of the building to provide a level, more stable surface for visitors to walk on. In addition Ransfords have provided a free quantity of wood chippings that have been spread at the rear of the building providing not only a mud free path to the shed behind the marquee, but an area where tables and chairs can be placed to provide a picnic area during the warmer months.



Volunteer Malcolm Reeves, a sign writer by trade, is kept busy producing various signs for use on the site and will be demonstrating the skill of sign writing at the open day. He will be recreating the original Bishop`s Castle Station sign, true to size. When finished it will be erected at the entrance to the site. Examples of his work will be on display, including the Canal Art frame he produced to display the brass canal plaques donated by Ray Jeavons and on sale at £5 each. (photo right with Malcolm).

There is also a children`s railway quiz produced by Hilary Moor to encourage younger visitors to really look at the exhibits. All entrants will receive a free ginger bread engine biscuit.

More details of what`s on in Bishop`s Castle for the Arts Festival can be found at <https://bishopscastleartsfestival.com>



BCRSMG UPDATE

The group meet regularly once a fortnight at the weighbridge and work is progressing rapidly on the Bishop's Castle Station complex.

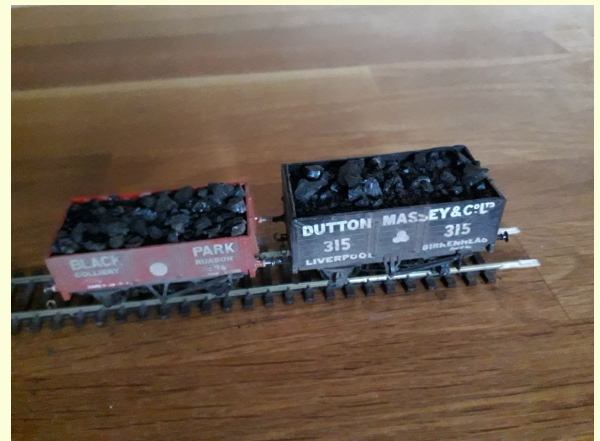
What started as a diorama to show visitors to the weighbridge railway museum where the station and buildings were in relation to the site circa 1930, is becoming a first class working layout suitable for taking to exhibitions.

On the right is the first photograph of some of the Bishop's Castle Railway's freight stock in 4mm scale. Jonathan Moor has made all of them up from kits - there are three more to come and, like the buildings, are works in progress.

The larger open is a coal wagon belonging to Dutton Massey from Birkenhead and the smaller to Black Park Colliery from Ruabon. Next in line is a Great Western cattle wagon. It needs more transfers on it and finally the first of the three cattle wagons which belonged to the BCR and is an ex-Midland Railway vehicle. It too needs lettering and then weathering along with the other three. The Private Owner wagons, of which there will be three on the model, are all ones which are recorded as having traversed the metals of the BCR and of which photographs exist showing them on the line.

In addition, David Hemsley has kits of two iron mink wagons which belonged to the BCR to make up. We anticipate having a total of 12-15 wagons, opens and vans, which will include one of the BCR's two brake vans.

Meanwhile Roger Dalton, photo right & below, has been busy in his garage at home making the baseboards. The finished boards will be in three sections totalling 3m x 0.75m, enabling them to neatly fit into a room in the weighbridge and also light enough to take to model railway exhibitions.



A WORK IN PROGRESS

Saturday 26th February 10am-4pm

Members of BCRS Model Group will be on hand to reveal how they are recreating the Bishop's Castle Station complex circa 1930



The Weighbridge Railway Museum
Station Street, adjacent to the Public Hall,
Bishop's Castle, SY9 5AQ.





Mike Boyd draws attention to

Government-sponsored vandalism

*“Just because they consider such
structures to be a liability”*

(Photo above) Great Musgrave in Cumbria where a delightful masonry arched bridge was in filled by Highways England despite the company's own engineer recording it as presenting no significant risk to public safety.

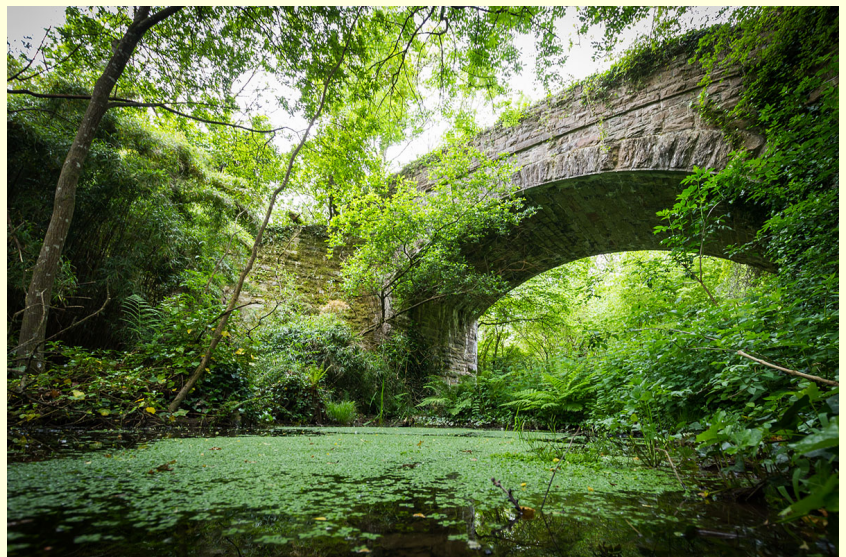
The bridges and tunnels earmarked for infilling or demolition by Highways England stand as monuments to the courage, ambition and determination of the great Victorian engineers who constructed them. But many have more than just heritage value.

Around one-third of the 134 threatened structures are already proposed for reuse as part of active travel routes, reopened railways or heritage line extensions, or they have identified potential to play such roles in the medium term.

So, through its destructive policy, Highways England is compromising our ability to build a better future.

Access beneath four bridges is needed for the proposed Hereford-Hay Greenway; three concrete structures span the route of the Neilston-Uplawmoor Community Link in East Renfrewshire which is at the detailed design stage; two masonry bridges lie on the route of the Alnwick Greenway, passing through the fabulous landscape of Northumberland. All are on the at-risk list.

Under-threat structures in Scotland and Wales will be needed if the devolved administrations press ahead with reinstating the Dumfries-Stranraer line - currently under consideration as part of the South West Scotland Transport Study - or the socially-important Carmarthen-Aberystwyth route, a missing link through west Wales.



Highways England informed Cornwall Council that this bridge (photo above) near Saltash - built by Isambard Kingdom Brunel - would be in filled "to prevent an emergency arising", despite it being in fair condition and only carrying a little-used farm track.

These are the losses Highways England intends to inflict on good people trying to do positive things for their communities. Not only are its actions damaging, there are no engineering, public safety or financial grounds for progressing them. Most of the bridges are in fair condition and infilling costs an average of £145K per structure, whilst routine inspection and maintenance typically involves £25K of expenditure every ten years.

<http://thehregroup.org/> has the full story.

FOR SALE OO Gauge LOCOS & COACHES



Member David Hemsley has donated a quantity of Lima Mk1 coaches and 1980s Hornby/Mainline/Lima/Airfix locos from his father's late friends estate and he has suggested that we try selling them to raise funds towards the BCR Station layout that is currently being constructed. They are all boxed as new. Locos include Hornby R303 92220 Evening Star, R262 46231 Duchess of Atholl and R033 70021 Morning Star.



There are also a selection of Lima Mk1 and Mk2 coaches in various liveries, all boxed as new. Including Mk1 CK in Engineers Department olive livery, Mk1 Restaurant Car maroon livery, Mk2 TSO blue and grey and Mk1 Restaurant Cars chocolate and cream, also blood and custard liveries.



If you would like to receive a list of all locos and coaches, with a view to reserving a specific item, please email – Lin Dalton at mail@ludfordpark.plus.com

Items not pre reserved will be on sale at the Weighbridge Open Day on 26th February 10am -4pm





The Queen`s Platinum Jubilee will be celebrated at the Weighbridge Railway Museum on Saturday 4th July. We are investigating possible events for that day including small model railway layouts, miniature ride on traction engines and vintage vehicles. If anyone is interested in exhibiting any of these or has any other ideas, please let me know. This is a once in a lifetime celebration, let`s make it memorable!

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Jim`s monthly selection of videos.....

A day on the railways in a time long gone by. Running time 15:57

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=34Dj-gIS-ew>

This is the "Duchess of Sutherland", a restored 4-6-2 built at Crewe in 1938, hauling the Welsh Marches Express at Craven Arms on 13 November 2021. I don`t think that I`d have crawled under the engine like the worker at 4:52! Running time 12:27

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VfP6sKAok98>

The Little Bytham model railway set in 1938 for this video, the year Mallard set its speed record for a steam locomotive, a record which still stands today Running time 21:50

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7jrORyGN3pk>

<https://www.railwaymuseum.org.uk/whats-on/mallard-worlds-fastest-steam-locomotive>

Membership Renewal & New Members

Membership renewal was due on the 2nd January 2022. Many thanks to all of you who have renewed your membership, your support is much appreciated.

New Members are always welcome. For just £15.00 single membership or £22.50 joint membership you will receive a quarterly Journal, a monthly Newsletter, free admission to talks in person or on Zoom and free membership of the Model Railway Group.

Please consider using Bank Transfer or Standing Order, using details - Bishop`s Castle Railway Society Co. Ltd Account No: 01229877 Sort Code:- 40-12-02 Ref: membership number or new member

Cheques made payable to Bishop`s Castle Railway Society Co. Ltd. with your membership number on the back of the cheque, can be posted to- Lin Dalton, 37, Mary Elizabeth Road, Ludlow, SY8 1LP.

Members who have joined since 1st August 2021 do not have to renew until 2nd January 2023.

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