



Western Lineside April 2006

News from the WLA

Dear Member,

Application for Charitable status

At the 2004 AGM it was resolved that the WLA should investigate making an application for charitable status. This has been done and the committee consider that the case for making the application is overwhelming and should be made immediately.

The main advantage is that donations and membership subscriptions from members who are taxpayers can be made under the gift aid scheme. This means that we can claim an additional 28 pence from the Inland Revenue for every pound that you pay. This would make a significant difference to the WLA financially. In simple terms it could bring in an additional £3,500.00 a year.

The WLA is a company limited by guarantee and is governed by Articles and Memorandum of Association.

It will be necessary to amend these by a special resolution to reflect charitable status. This can only be done at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

It is intended to hold this EGM at the next committee meeting which is to be held at the YHA, 14 Narrow Quay, Bristol at 13.30hrs on Saturday 13th May 2006.

The existing and revised documents are available for inspection on the WLA website at www.westernloco.com. Hopefully they will be fairly self-explanatory.

The meeting will only take about 5 minutes to pass the special resolution. Although we would be delighted to see you at the meeting, you may wish to use the form of proxy attached and cast your vote in that way.

The Committee are delighted to welcome Hadyn Mudford who has been co-opted onto the committee as charitable officer. Hadyn will be bringing his considerable experience and enthusiasm to undertake the onerous task of administering the task.

We are very hopeful that the application will be granted. The Class 40 Preservation Society, The Diesel and Electric Preservation Society and the Deltic Preservation Society are all registered charities.

Sales

A long-standing vacancy on the committee is that of sales officer. John Glover, who is to be assisted by Paul Gardener, has now taken this role.

John has some exciting plans for a new range of sweatshirts and polo shirts which will have our new logo embroidered on them. As soon as these have been finalised we will let you know. We also hope to be able to sell badges and stickers. Don't forget that there is also the existing range of fine art prints available including the evocative 'Western Storm' picture of D1013 on the seawall at Dawlish. Please do support John and Paul with your orders. Sales will be a valuable source of income for our locomotives.

Double-glazing!

Not another money raising idea! The cab windows in our locomotives are now some 43 years old and are starting to delaminate. The Diesel Traction Group are experiencing the same problem with D1015 and it is proposed to place a bulk order for new windows for D1013, D1015 and D1062. A bulk order will mean that we can negotiate a discount. The likely cost however is going to be in the region of £500 to £650 each window. That is £2000.00 to £2300.00 for each loco!

Could you sponsor a window? D1062 is being finished to the highest standards and brand new windows would not only mean that the locomotive will be very smart externally, it will be a further step on the road to getting it ready for mainline running.

If you are feeling particularly generous, then you may also like to contribute towards the cost of a new turbo charger. We have been offered one for £2,500.00

It may seem as though the WLA is constantly asking for money (that is because we do!) but this is because locomotive preservation is an expensive exercise.

The end result of this spending and hard work will be truly splendid. If you want to see where all your money is being spent then go and look at the inside of D1062. You will be impressed by the quality of the workmanship

2006 Events on the Severn Valley Railway

When you consider the cost of a mainline ticket, the price of a trip on the Severn Valley Railway for a full days Western haulage is one of this life's bargains.

D1013 will be running on these dates on the table C service:

3rd June, 17th June, 15th July, 12th August and 26th August.

The member's day will be on the 12th August when D1062 will be open for inspection.

In the evening, D1013 will be working the dining car special when you can enjoy a meal in the Great Western dining car set – booking form on the web site or contact Roger on 01746-769301 to reserve your seat(s)!

Lets hope that we have a long hot summer so we can revive memories of 1976!

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Extraordinary General Meeting

Notice is hereby given of an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at the Youth Hostel Association, 14 Narrow Quay, Bristol on Saturday 13th May 2006 at 13.30hrs. to consider the following resolutions:

1. To authorise the Committee to make application for Charitable status;
2. To approve the amendment of the Articles of Association and Memorandum of Association to facilitate the above.

The existing and proposed amendments will be published on the WLA website at www.westernloco.co.uk

Form of Proxy

Name.....

Address.....

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Membership number.....

I, hereby appoint the Chairman of the meeting as my proxy and direct that he cast my vote accordingly:

1. For / Against

2. For / Against

Please circle your preference.

Signed

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Please return to the secretary, Henry Coates, 5 Rake End Court, Hill Ridware, Rugeley, Staffordshire WS15 3RW