

# VRMES NEWSLETTER

March 2016

## NEWS

- Grass cutting season is upon once more – enough said
- Trev has modified the station exit gate in an attempt to stop the little darlings limboing onto the platform
- AGM – All existing officers were re-elected with the welcome addition of Peter Garrod to fill one of the vacant posts as a general committee member
- General meeting – To demonstrate to our new landlord our commitment to the site the topic of maintenance works required to keep the area looking it's best was brought up. During the course of the coming year various gardening, painting and repair tasks will need to be undertaken and it would be appreciated if all members could chip in to lighten the load. A complete list will be displayed on the notice board.

The possibility of extending the track was discussed but any final decision would have to wait until we have the full agreement of the new landlord.

Concern was raised about passengers taking photographs of themselves and others while travelling on the trains, it was proposed that notices be displayed warning passengers of the consequences of the above.

Train crew becoming aware should stop the train and advise passengers accordingly.

The meeting was informed of ongoing maintenance issues with the turnout from the steaming bays. A proposal was put forward for a traverser type switch, which prompted other ideas to be put forward, it was agreed that all alternative proposals should be discussed at a future meeting. Any ideas should be put forward before June, to the Track Superintendent.

- The public running season kicked off on Easter Monday with the usual dismal bank holiday weather keeping the public away until after lunch. Services were handled with the club class 20 and Steve Weaver's Sweet Pea. The latter doing a sterling job for a little un, but with dire consequences to the ashpan (see photo)



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Public Running Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> April – Club Running Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> April – Public Running Day

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