

March 2014

THE
Velocipede **GROUP**
Research Restoration Rebuilding
of all Railway Hand Power

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th June 2014

The 14th National Velocipede Rally, Froghall, Churnet Valley Railway.

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mobile contact numbers during the Rally will be in the newsletter before the day

Dear All,

The Annual Pie and Mash supper with crusty bread, followed by tea or coffee and cake on the evening of Saturday the 28th of June at the Froghall Station Refreshment Rooms will be **£15** per person this year. Margaret Mountford the Commercial Manager tells me she will **ensure** that there is bottled real ale on sale. (*The Churnet Valley Railway will not be charging us rental for the room, which was covered by a donation last year.*)

The Steam Trains will be bedded down earlier this year so we get a **longer Possession** of the whole line before returning for our supper.

We also get to play all day on the 2 miles of track down to Oakamoor between our platform run throughs, the railway does look after us very well and the increase in the meal price goes to a good cause.

If you are planning to come to the meal please let me know **as soon as you can, with the names of each person in your party** (names avoid confusion and double counting).

We had 37 last year and only have 40 seats available.

The Prize Giving and a DVD film show will take place at the Supper again this year.

We have : **Velocipedes and Pachyderms in India**

The Brown family velorail adventure at Medreac in France

The La Trochita Railbike Ride across Patagonia

Yours Jacqui.

With this letter there should be an appeal for help from the National Railway Museum, the **Diary of events for 2014** for you to print out and stick on your fridge and the **List of 75 Preserved Hand Powered Rail Vehicles in Museums and Private Collections in the British Isles** (you can go spotting at the Rally and cross them off).

Historic Catalogues to come during 2014 :

We have a scan of the **1905 Buda** Catalogue from Lary Shaffer's collection, which is a beauty.

The **1887 Kalamazoo** Catalogue and a copy of the **1902 Buda** Catalogue, another Lary Shaffer find.

Your NRM



Here at the National Railway Museum we are looking for people with an interest in research and/or railways to work from home to help us complete a new railway research tool based on the work of esteemed railway historian Alan Jackson. Jackson wrote many books in his lifetime and, as part of his work, created an extensive collection of reference cards of railway-related themes from books, magazines and accompanying boxes of clippings. The Railway and Canal Historical Society have provided the funding to have these hand-written cards digitised. They have also helped us find volunteers needed to transcribe the many thousand entries of the digital index cards into a useable spreadsheet – the goal being to create an online reference tool. However, the more volunteers we have, the sooner the tool will be ready to use, which is why we need your help.

It marks an exciting change to our volunteer programme as this is the first time we have supported volunteers who work away from the museum. All our transcribers work at home from all over the country.

If you would like more information about this project or would like to become involved in making this resource a reality, please contact me.

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