



The Lynton & Barnstaple Railway

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Dear Member ,

My wife , Gail , and I have just returned from a lovely week at Woody Bay - and are now trying to catch up with everything in the garden ! I went to the AGM, as well as enjoying the Vintage exhibits at the station - and we were so lucky with the weather !!

The past few weeks have been very busy for Trevor and I , with presentations to the Loco Club of GB at St Albans , followed by a trek to Lutterworth (north of Coventry) to speak to the Lutterworth Railway Society .However ,the two visits produced £236 for our funds so well worth doing . This was followed by our Group meeting at Ardington on April 28th , when we had an excellent talk from Ian Cowling , Railway Finance Director , who spelled out with various slides the actual progress being made to prepare the stage for our Planning Application (needed before we can go for the Transport & Works Order) . The civil engineering consultants , Arup , are really helping in this work and the first public consultation took place last week . This is the first of several and will allow the general public to declare their feelings about having a railway in their area once again . Ian showed slides of the proposed workshops at Blackmoor Gate and of the proposed new station at Lynton . All 18 members present were really enthused by this and sales and donations totalled £200 !! Thank you all who were there ! As a result , we have been able to send another £600 to the Heritage Coaches Appeal - SUPER !

Our forward programme for the TV Group looks like this :-

June 17 th	Corby Exhibition
June 30 th	Steventon Exhibition
July 14 th	GROUP MEETING AT ARDINGTON, 2-4pm
Sept 12 th	Presentation to Basingstoke Model Railway Club , Wote Street Club , 8pm
Sept 23 rd	Banrail 2012 , Banbury School , 10-5pm
Dec 5 th	Presentation to Fleet U3A , 2pm

Peter Miles, the Railway Chairman is hoping to come on July 14th so please do your best to come .

“Perchance it is not dead , but sleepeth “

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It's all systems "go" to progress our beloved railway !

Chris Ward

Leader , TV Support Group

Ps : With postage costs spiralling , would all who have email addresses but haven't registered them with me , please see if you could let me have them . I reassure you that I send them out as blind copies , so no one else will see your address , if that is a concern . I have 60 emailers and 50 paper copiers . If any of the 50 , don't wish to receive any more newsletters , please say so .

Pps: For those with website access , Trevor has just produced a smashing summary of the Vintage Weekend - some very different pictures