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Southern launches its new Station Partnership Scheme. See inside for the full story

Hello and Welcome

From the Chair

On this occasion I am having to introduce *Train Times* to you in an online rather than printed format. Because the printed magazine was largely funded by grant from the Department for Transport we have been asked to suspend publication for a time as part of the government's general moratorium on publicity and publications.

Yes that's quite a blow. It's our community rail shop window - yours and ours. It's our big drum for banging the community rail message, telling both industry and the wider world of your achievements whilst spreading examples of best practice. But be assured we are investigating ways of overcoming this, and thus the current issue - which was already largely prepared - is being made available online as an interim measure.

We are looking at ways of reducing the costs of publication, we are looking to see if we can find further sponsorship, we are looking at all and any possible ways of keeping *Train Times* going in a printed format.

Meanwhile it is very much business as usual at ACoRP. The two grant schemes are thriving; we are preparing for the Awards in September with many entries received; we have recently held members' seminars and more are planned: and *Train on Line* will still come to you monthly.

We have been working on a forward strategy for ACoRP, and thank you to all those who have contributed to this at our seminars. Our core objective remains supporting members in the development of local rail services and facilities. To achieve this we will work with government and industry to deliver the objectives of the Community Rail Development Strategy, and report back widely on the successes.

We will promote and communicate community rail achievement, growth in passenger numbers, efficient use of resources, and the community benefits delivered (particularly those that help to meet Local Authority obligations and targets).

We will demonstrate the added value and Value for Money that Community Rail Partnerships bring to the table. And there is great value! You've seen these figures before from our two reports on the Value of Community Rail Partnerships and the Value of Volunteering. But they are important to

remember and worth repeating on every possible occasion. CRP projects bring an average cost benefit ratio of 4.6 to 1; and 4000 community rail volunteers bring £27 million in added value a year. Those are impressive achievements of which members of community rail can and should be proud.

A final word - we need to refresh the community rail message and assert its benefits widely, especially to the new generation of politicians and advisers now in place following the general and local elections. Much achieved, much still to be done.

Peter Roberts MBE
ACoRP Chairman

To all our Community Rail Colleagues

As we suspected, times are hard and will no doubt be getting harder, although we need to await the outcome of this autumn's Comprehensive Spending Review to get a clear idea of where we stand. Nonetheless, I remain optimistic about the future for community rail as long as we play our cards right.

My experience to date confirms the coalition government's wish to promote the concept of the Big Society and this is something that Community Rail Partnerships can deliver in spades. We've already got the ACoRP report on The Value of Community Rail Volunteering which underlines the very high added value we can bring not only to the rail industry but to the communities we work in. In this respect, we already tick a lot of boxes so let's get out there and remind everyone about it!

Meanwhile, ACoRP will continue to argue your case at a strategic level and to emphasise this, you'll find our latest press release on page 7.

Community rail works so stick with it, be innovative and I'm sure we can see this through!

Neil Buxton
General Manager

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Regional Round-Up

What's going on in your neck of the woods ...

Partnership hails Derwent Valley success

Dramatic increases in passenger numbers and punctuality are proving a hit with passengers on the Derwent Valley Line.

The release of figures by the Derwent Valley Line CRP for 2009/10 show a 42% increase in passengers using local stations, with the biggest



Passenger numbers are on the rise at Duffield.

impact at Matlock Bath and Duffield stations, which saw 62% and 49% increases respectively.

There has also been a significant increase in punctuality, with an annual average of 92% of trains running to time, compared with 83% two years ago, even though trains were less frequent and were only operating between Matlock and Derby.

Commenting on the figures, Councillor Garry Purdy, Chair of the Derwent Valley Line CRP said: "The train service has been a great success and the Partnership is really pleased to see more and more people using it."

Mr Urdd goes green!

Popular Welsh Mascot Mr Urdd is getting his feet wet helping to launch the Cambrian Railways Seaside Strolls and TrawsCambrian Trailways.

Produced by the Cambrian Railways Partnership, the Seaside Strolls promote travel by train to the best beaches on the Cambrian Coast Line.

Working with the Welsh Assembly Government and the TrawsCambria network, the CRP has also developed the TrawsCambrian Trailways, promoting travel by bus and train to two of the area's best known walking routes – The Mawddach Trail between Dolgellau and Barmouth and a section of the Ceredigion Coastal Path between Blaenplwyf and Aberystwyth.

Helping launch the new schemes at the Urdd Eisteddfod in Llanerchaeron was Mr Urdd himself - mascot for the Welsh youth movement (known as the Urdd.)



Launching the new leaflets are (left to right) Mr. Urdd, Heather Millard (Traveline Cymru), Ben Davies (Arriva Trains Wales), Gerwyn Jones (CRP) and Arfon Lewis (Arriva Bus).

£720,000 raised for North Staffs route

North Staffordshire CRP is celebrating its fundraising efforts, which have seen it secure more than £720,000 for the Crewe – Derby line.

The CRP, which brings together local authorities, rail interest groups and train operators, has procured the funds since its inception in April 2006. Sponsors have included Local Transport Plans, regeneration funding pots, community funds and the rail industry.

There are clear signs the investment is working, with passenger numbers growing each year. The most recent figures, based on a measurement of 12 months until the end of January 2010, show an overall growth of 17.8% based on the same period during 2008/2009.

Commented Michael Willmot, Chair of the CRP: "The success of the Partnership is self evident, both in the amount of investment and in the significant increase in passenger numbers which has ensued."

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The Ffestiniog gets familiar!

The Ffestiniog Railway (Blaenau Ffestiniog – Porthmadog) and Arriva Trains Wales joined forces to host a familiarisation event, helping raise the profile of local rail services.

The event saw Tourist Information Centre and council staff and accommodation providers from the Conwy, Llandudno and Betws y Coed areas travel on the Conwy Valley route, before joining the Ffestiniog Railway service as far as Tan y Bwlch station.

Highlights included a talk from local writer and BBC presenter Huw Jenkins, the Conwy Valley Rail Initiative's Larry Davies emphasising the importance of partnership working and a presentation from the Ffestiniog Railway's Commercial Manager Clare Britton, who told the group about activities on both the Ffestiniog and Welsh Highland Railways.

To finish, Gerwyn Jones, Rail Officer for the Cambrian Railways Partnership, took the group on a brief journey down his line's past golf courses and real ale pubs, before returning to Blaenau for the return service to Llandudno.



Gerwyn Jones selling the benefits of train travel in Wales. Gerwyn Jones selling the benefits of train travel in Wales.

Northern wins franchise extension

Northern Rail has secured a two-year extension to its franchise after beating performance targets for its 2,500 daily train services across the north of England.

The Department for Transport has confirmed that Northern, which is owned by a joint venture of Serco and Abellio (formerly Ned Railways), will now run the franchise until 15 September 2013.

Northern has improved the punctuality of its train services from 83.7% in the 12 months to December 2004 to 91.6% in the last 12 months, meaning that on average 200 more trains arrive on time every single day than in 2004.

Welcoming the news, ACoRP General Manager Neil Buxton said: "Northern has the highest number of CRPs of any train operator with 17 in total and during its existence has demonstrated a growing commitment to the Community Rail movement. This extension is excellent news for all concerned and is well deserved."

Go wild at Marwell!

Three Rivers CRP has relaunched its successful free Summer Sundays and Bank Holiday shuttle bus service between Eastleigh Station and Marwell Wildlife park.

The service has been made possible thanks to the support of Marwell Wildlife, ACoRP and One Community Transport, which provided the vehicle and drivers for the service.

In addition, the CRP (which covers Salisbury-Romsey-Eastleigh-Southampton) has also introduced a Summer Sundays and Bank Holiday Shuttle Bus service between Romsey Abbey, Romsey Station, Choice Plants, Kimbridge Gift, Food and Deli, Mottisfont Abbey and Mottisfont and Dunbridge Rail Station.

Special thanks go to Hillier Gardens, Kimbridge Gift, Food and Deli, ACoRP, Test Valley Borough Council and Test Valley Community Transport Services, who have generously contributed to the service.

A vertical advertisement for a 'FREE BUS' service. At the top, it says '2 May to 26 September 2010'. Below that, 'FREE BUS' is written in large white letters on a blue background, with a small image of a blue bus. Underneath, it says 'on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays' and 'Eastleigh - Marwell Wildlife'. The middle section features a photograph of a penguin swimming in the water. At the bottom, there is a red circular logo that says 'Go wild on Sundays!' and two logos: 'Three Rivers Community Rail Partnership' and 'Marwell Wildlife'.

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News in Brief

St Albans Abbey up for national award

Fingers crossed for St Albans Abbey, which goes head to head with Kings Cross/St Pancras (London Underground stations) for the title of Rail Station of the Year at this year's National Transport Awards.

The St Albans Abbey Station Improvement project has been shortlisted for the prestigious prize, which was due to be awarded at a special ceremony at the Palace Hotel, Manchester on 15th July. (Editor's note - Unfortunately this was just after we went to print, so lets hope St Albans came out on top.)



Mosaics at St Albans Abbey Station

Closing the slam door(s)

The last original slam door stock operating on the national rail network was given an official send off on the Lymington-Brockenhurst line.

Organised by the Lymington – Brockenhurst CRP, Wightlink and South West Trains, the event saw hundreds attend to bid farewell to the old 'BR' units.

A variety of entertainment was also laid on, including live music, stalls and memorabilia.



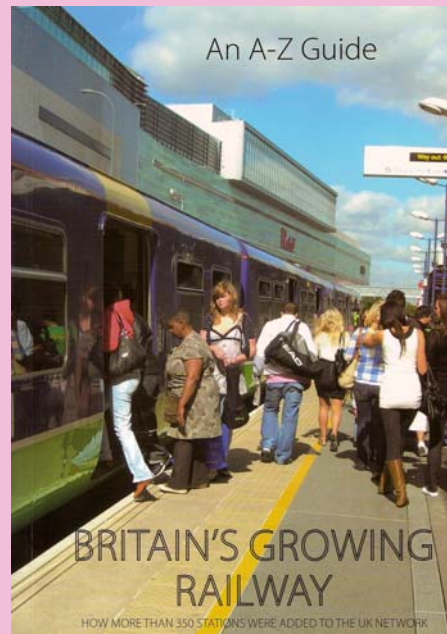
The Lymington Flyer makes its final journey from Lymington to Brockenhurst. Picture supplied courtesy of Nathan Amos Photography. www.nathanamos.co.uk.

Britain's Growing Railway

A new book chronicling the growth of the UK rail network over the last 50 years has been published by campaign group Railfuture.

The book, called 'Britain's Growing Railway' (and previously entitled the 'A-Z of Rail Reopenings') looks at the 350 stations and 800km of new routes that have been added to the network since 1960.

'Britain's Growing Railway, An A - Z Guide' costs £9.95 including delivery and is available by sending a cheque, made payable to Railfuture, at Britain's Growing Railway, 24 Chedworth Place, Tattingsstone, Suffolk, IP9 2ND. Alternatively, it can be ordered from the Railfuture website, at www.railfuture.org.uk.



Isle of Man stamps its rail authority!

The Isle of Man Post Office has issued a new set of stamps showcasing the remarkable Railways and Tramways of the Island.

The six stamps feature various scenes of some of the oldest working steam locomotives in the world and come complete with a souvenir sheet.

For further information visit www.gov.im/post/stamps.



The Isle of Man's new stamps.

Whitby's Help for Heroes

The 'Help for Heroes' charity received a £2,000 plus boost when a special 'Spirit of the 40's' event was held at Whitby Station.

Organised by the Esk Valley Railway Community Rail Partnership and supported by the local army cadets and Ryedale Folk Museum, the event served to highlight the importance of community spirit during the 1940s.



Helping the Heroes at Whitby.

Explained Esk Valley's Development Manager Angie Thirkill: "We invited the Army Cadets to showcase their organisation and help generate funds for the Spirit of the 40s chosen charity, Help for Heroes."

Special thanks also go to the Co-op, who generously supported the event, to Ryedale Folk Museum who brought along a fascinating collection of 40s memorabilia and to everyone else who helped in any way.

£100m S & C renewals reach last leg

The Friends of the Settle Carlisle Line have welcomed the start of this year's track renewal campaign, with 23 miles of old jointed track being replaced by continuously-welded rail.

The work is the final stage of a five-year, £100m programme by Network Rail, which will see the whole of the route upgraded to modern standards during a programme of overnight works.

Mark Rand, Chairman of the Friends of the Settle Carlisle Line said: "This is a huge vote of confidence by Network Rail in the future of the route and we are delighted at the scale of the investment."

Plasticine power!

Stations along the Ribble Valley have been immortalised in plasticine, thanks to local schoolchildren.

The work is part of the 'Meet Me at the Station project,' which has seen Ribble Valley and Blackburn Primary schools working with local artist Alastair Nicholson to create a huge number of 'mini-me' models, based along the Blackburn and Clitheroe route and now on display in Clitheroe's Platform Gallery.

The project has been funded by the Aggregates Levy and Ribble Valley Borough Council and is supported by the Clitheroe Line and East Lancashire Community Rail Partnerships, Ribble Valley Rail and the Platform Gallery.



35 not out for Dalesrail!

Dalesrail celebrated 35 years of service when train operator Northern Rail named one of its units in its honour.

The event at Clitheroe Interchange was attended by 60 guests, including Howard Hammersley from the Lancashire Rail Ramblers, who spoke about the history of the service, which is a partnership between Lancashire County Council, Northern Rail, the Clitheroe Line Community Rail Partnership and the Rail Ramblers.

More details of the 2010 DalesRail service can be found by visiting www.dalesrail.com



Howard Hammersley naming the Northern Rail service

Community Day for Great Yarmouth

It was all hands on deck at Great Yarmouth, when the local community, National Express East Anglia, BBC Radio Norfolk and the Borough Council joined forces for a special community day.

The event, held at the station, saw volunteers put on their gardening gloves and take up their trowels to plant flowers donated by Highway Garden and Leisure, as well as carrying out 'spring-cleaning' activities.

James Steward, NXEA Area Manager said: "I would like to thank everyone who took part in our Community Day and I'm grateful for the sterling work of all who participated. The station is now a brighter and more welcoming environment for all who visit it."

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Levenshulme flies the flags

Manchester's Levenshulme Station is a brighter place, thanks to the arrival of three new flags.

Illustrating scenes from local shops and entertainment, the flags are the work of children from the local library's homework club, assisted by local artist Anne Gilligan and funded by a grant from Manchester Community Foundation.

The flags were unveiled with the help of Northern Rail's Client and Stakeholder Manager Mark Barker, who presented the aspiring artists with free tickets to enjoy a day out on its network.



Flying the flag at Levenshulme. Picture supplied courtesy of the Friends of Levenshulme Station.

Art attack at Snodland

Snodland Station is a livelier place, thanks to three new pieces of artwork on the station platform.

Commissioned by the Kent Community Rail Partnership, the colourful murals, which feature images of the town, were designed and produced by students Chloe Johnson, Gaby Sutton and Rachel Wilson at the Snodland based Holmesdale Technology College.

The artwork project materials were provided through a grant from ACoRP's Small Station Projects Fund, with the finished items installed by train operator Southeastern.



Celebrating the murals at Snodland

ACoRP Backs 'Big Society'

This press release was circulated by ACoRP during the third week in July and is alluded to in the General Manager's piece on page 1.

The Prime Minister's 'Big Society' initiative has been endorsed by ACoRP, the Association of Community Rail Partnerships.

"We know it works," said ACoRP General Manager, Neil Buxton. "Community Rail empowers communities, encourages volunteers and gives rail users, local authorities and businesses the tools they need to input directly to plans for their local railway."

The Prime Minister said that his new approach was about 'empowering communities, redistributing power and fostering a culture of volunteerism.'

Around the country, Community Rail Partnerships and Station Friends Groups have been successful in attracting more passengers to their local lines as well as improving local stations and supporting the local economy.

"The Prime Minister has called for 'forward-thinking, entrepreneurial, community-minded people ...to come forward to play their part,' Mr Buxton added, "and we are already fielding 4,000 Community Rail volunteers around the country. With continued support from the railway industry and local authorities, we can do even more in the future."

Making the case for Community Rail

Guest writer Chris Austin OBE

Manifesto

In the run-up to the election, ACoRP produced a Community Rail (CR) manifesto, designed to brief Prospective Parliamentary Candidates (PPCs) on the benefits of CR and to pave the way for making contact with the new intake of MPs following the election.

This was circulated to ACoRP members to adapt and use, along with additional local information relevant to the constituencies of the PPCs being targeted. The manifesto underlined the high benefit/cost ratio of CR projects (typically £4.60 in benefits for every £1 spent) and highlighted the value of volunteering (worth £27m to the rail industry).

The 'lobbying' part of the Manifesto was modest and was simply a plea to deliver on the commitments given in the plan for 2009-14 (Control Period 4) for additional rolling stock and agreed infrastructure projects and to maintain or increase the resources to support the Designated Community Rail Development Fund. It also pressed for local authorities to be given a duty to promote local public transport, providing a firm foundation to encourage continued local authority funding for partnerships.

The Coalition

That was back in March, but now, following the election, things look a little different. The Coalition produced a commendably clear document, setting out the broad lines of policy they were going to pursue, drawing from both Conservative and Liberal Democrat manifestos. But, as ever, the devil is in the detail.

Following a report by the National Audit Office, the Government is reviewing the requirement for the 1,300 additional vehicles planned, in the light of lower levels of passenger growth, although the additional vehicles already ordered will be delivered. The case for investment is strong, as passenger numbers are still growing, albeit not as fast as two years ago when Control Period 4 settlement was agreed and, in general, growth rates have been higher on Community Rail lines than the average for the network as a whole.

Chris Austin was head of the Community Rail Unit at the Strategic Rail Authority at the time of publication of the Community Rail Strategy in 2004. He is now a co-opted member of the ACoRP Board

Nevertheless, I would expect the coaches for which contracts have not yet been let to be deferred or cancelled to meet some of the DfT's £680m target for cost saving.

However, in the short to medium term, it looks as if service levels generally are likely to be protected through the franchise agreement and that projects for which contracts have been let will continue. At risk is uncommitted expenditure and what is true for the rail industry is also going to be true for local authority spending.

The strength of CRPs is in their modest demands for funding and the effectiveness with which they use their limited resources. The high benefit/cost ratio means that we need to continue to lobby for the modest funding we need to achieve these results. As major uncommitted schemes are cut back, it may even be possible that some money might become available to carry out more modest schemes where the benefits are high, although most of the cutbacks will be to meet the targets that will be set to the spending departments as part of the budget.

All Change!

The election saw a record number of new MPs enter the House, quite apart from the change of the ministerial team at the DfT with the arrival of a new Government. Along with this comes a new group of special advisers and a new generation of policy experts in think tanks and consultancies, which together influence the development of public policy. This underlines the need to refresh and restate the case for Community Rail at every opportunity and to tell a new audience about passenger growth, community engagement, work with young people, the presentation of stations and, overall, the value for money achieved by Community Rail Partnerships.

Adoption Page

Full bloom at Blythe Bridge

Blythe Bridge station adopters have helped bring some seasonal colour to the platforms.

Volunteers Graham and Norah Stanier have used their gardening expertise to plant up the 70 evergreen flowering shrubs in a display that has completely transformed the once overgrown plot adjacent to Platform two.

The project is part of a programme of station improvement projects for the North Staffordshire Line (Crewe-Derby) led by the North Staffordshire CRP and has been funded care of a £250 grant from ACoRP.



Graham and Norah in the new garden

Southern launches its 'Partnership Programme'

Train operator Southern has welcomed the first six groups to join its Station Partnership programme.

Signing up to the scheme in an event held at Hassocks Station were the Friends of Hassocks Station, community groups from the Hackbridge, Plumpton, Winchelsea and Three Oaks station groups and Aldingbourne Trust.

At Hackbridge, the message is a healthy one, with a 'Veg Van' ensuring the local community get their five-a-day!

Now Southern, working with the Sussex Community Rail Partnership, is looking for more partners who can add a special touch or flair to their station, making it a more welcoming and interesting place for the benefit of the community, local passengers and the station.

There are currently a number of groups working on their own partnership agreement, with new groups set to pop up at Uckfield, Three Oaks and Portslade, to name but a few. For further information about station partnerships at Southern's stations, visit www.southernrailway.com/stationpartnerships



Seeta Rajani with the 'Veg Van' at Hackbridge

Conwy Valley projects take the honours...



Volunteers' handiwork at Tal-y-Cafn Station

Dedicated volunteers from Tal-y-Cafn and Dolwyddelan on the Conwy Valley line saw their efforts rewarded at a special Stations Adopter's Conference held in Chester.

Organised by operator Arriva Trains Wales, the event saw members of the Llandudno and Conwy Valley Railway Society take top spot in the 'Best Group Contribution' category for their work in transforming the disused former loop platform at Tal-y-Cafn into a beautiful garden.

Dolwyddelan "Cylch yr Ifanc" local youth and villagers group were also winners, receiving the prize for 'Best Kept Station' for their work in turning their local station and the former goods yard into an idyllic setting for passengers and visitors to the village.

Blooming Beautiful at Millbrook!

Millbrook station on the Marston Vale Line (Bedford to Bletchley) has taken on a whole new appearance thanks to the local Friends group.



Paul Brooks and Peter Self after the first phase of work at Millbrook.

Members of the Friends of Millbrook Station have been hard at work installing planters and troughs, with the work funded by a start-up grant from the Marston Vale Community Rail Partnership.

The group plans to fit display boards on the station with 'vintage' British Rail posters later in the year.

Memorial to a signaller

The Friends of Dronfield Station have unveiled a memorial seat, dedicated to the memory of signaller Harry Sykes.

Harry was the last signaller at Dronfield, which lies on the Midland Mainline between Sheffield and Chesterfield, and sadly died last year.

But though gone, Harry is not forgotten, with the Friends raising funds to have a seat made by Bolsover Woodlands Enterprise, staging a special 'unveiling' ceremony at the station in May, attended by Harry's family and friends and members of the FoDS.



Unveiling Harry's new seat at Dronfield.

Arrivals and Departures



Left to right:
Philip Hammond, the new Secretary of State for Transport
Minister of State for Transport, Theresa Villiers.
The DfT's David Hibbs.

Following May's General Election and the establishment of the new Coalition Government, there have been a number of changes at the Department for Transport.

Former Secretary of State for Transport Lord Adonis is replaced by the Rt Hon Philip Hammond, MP for Runnymede and Weybridge. Elected to the House of Commons in 1997, Mr Hammond has held a number of shadow portfolios, most recently as Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

Joining Mr Hammond at the Department is Theresa Villiers, MP for Chipping Barnet, who has been appointed as Minister of State for Transport. Mrs Villiers will have a remit that includes responsibility for rail, London (including Crossrail), the Olympics, Europe and aviation.

In addition to the ministerial changes, Ian McBrayne, the Divisional Manager responsible for Community Rail at the DfT, has retired. David Hibbs takes on some of Ian's responsibilities as the Divisional Manager responsible for Community Rail, stations policy, sponsorship of the British Transport Police Authority, Passenger Focus and Rail Heritage Committee. Kulvinder Bassi will continue to work full time on Community Rail.

At Northern Rail, Ian Bevan has been appointed permanent Managing Director after carrying out the role in an interim capacity following the departure of former MD Heidi Mottram to become Chief Executive Officer of Northumbrian Water Group. In addition, Steve Butcher is also appointed Chief Operating Officer.

Jim Trotman has been recruited by the Lakes and Furness Lines as new CRP Officer, starting in his role during the course of this month (July). Jim's contact details will be published in the next edition of *Train Times*.

Amy Owen joins Sussex Community Rail Partnership as the new part-time Community Rail Officer for the Arun Valley line. This will allow the Community Rail Partnership along this line to be revived after a dormant spell. Amy can be contacted at Amy@sussexcrp.org.

Finally, South West Wales Community Rail Partnership has undergone a name change and is now known as 'All Points West.'



Amy Owen heads to the Arun Valley.

Community Rail Awards

Book now to avoid disappointment...



Those planning to attend this year's ACoRP Community Rail Awards are being advised to book early, as the event's popularity grows.

Now a highlight on the rail industry's social calendar, the 2010 Awards takes place at Cliffs Pavilion, Westcliff-on-Sea (on the Fenchurch Street to Southend line) on Friday 24th September, starting at 18.00hrs with dinner at 19.15hrs. For details of how to reserve your place, see below.

As always, the awards celebrate the great and good from the world of Community Rail. This year there are 15 categories, which are shown in the panel.

ACoRP General Manager Neil Buxton believes this year's event will be bigger and better than ever.

Said Neil: "The event has evolved each year and the emphasis, now, as ever, is on rewarding excellence and promoting best practice in Community Rail development, recognising ordinary people doing extraordinary things on behalf of the railway and the wider community."

How to Book

To book a place at the Community Rail Awards and Gala Dinner, please download the Gala Dinner booking form from the ACoRP website at www.acorp.uk.com. Alternatively, contact Hazel Bonner at hazel@acorp.uk.com or call 01484 848671.

Award	Sponsor
● Involving Young People	Network Rail
● Community Art Schemes	Grand Central
● Local Transport Integration	Lancashire County Council
● Best Station Garden or Floral Display	Network Rail
● Best Station/Train Retail Outlet	First TransPennine Express
● Outstanding Volunteer Contribution	First Great Western
● Outstanding Railway Staff Contribution	Network Rail
● Best Station Adoption Group	Northern Rail
● Best Marketing Publication	First Great Western
● Best Community Rail Event	Go-Ahead
● Station Development	Network Rail and Railway Heritage Trust
● The Local Station Environment Award	Network Rail and Devon County Council
● Passengers Matter	Department for Transport Special Award
● Themed Photo Competition	Bittern and Wherry Line CRPs
● International Award	Abellio

There will also be a special award for the Overall Winner, which will once again be sponsored by the Association of Train Operating Companies.

Entries to the CR Image section are now displayed on our website where they can be viewed and rated.

Arrivals and Departures (concluded from page 9)

New Man at the DfT

Since compiling the previous page Simon Hankin has joined the Community Rail team at the Department for Transport on 19 July. Simon joins Kulvinder Bassi in the team based in London. He previously worked in the bus and taxi section at the department.

The DfT Community Rail team continues to be led by David Hibbs as described opposite.

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