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**ANNUAL
GENERAL
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2014**

**Thursday
6 November
Galashiels
7.00-9.00pm
(followed by
informal hour)**

**6.15 Doors
Open and Buffet**

**7.00 Guest
speakers, Q&A**

**8.00 AGM
business, Q&A
and resolution**

**9.00 Stay on to
meet friends, or
leave in time for
last buses north
and south**

AGM 2014: Ten Months From Today

Campaign business and guest speakers including Settle & Carlisle Chairman

ALL roads, or rather tracks, lead to the last AGM before the Borders Railway opens between Edinburgh and Tweedbank, and we are behind this project from start to finish, and onwards in the future.

The meeting is being held in St Peter's Church in Abbotsford Road (the A7 south of the town centre). It's a glorious opportunity for you to express your views on the future of the Waverley Route and railways in general in the Borders.

We're welcoming special guests - including Richard Morris, chairman of the Friends of Settle-Carlisle Line, who shares

our commitment for reinstatement to Carlisle. We'll update our guest speaker list via our Website and Facebook, where you can comment too.

Doors open at 1815 for a 1900 start, allowing for those travelling by bus. Roll on 2015 and the advent of a frequent evening train services! The X95 bus passes almost to the door of the Church. Last Edinburgh bus is 2106, Selkirk 2125 and Hawick 2225. The meeting will finish no later than 2100.

No need to miss your tea! There will be a buffet from 1815 (donations welcome).

Non members are welcome for a nominal charge of £5.00 for the buffet - and we'll even include a year's membership.

The theme of the meeting is 'Ten Months From Today' and our part to play in supporting and promoting the railway.

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proof that the work is anything but finished

We'll reaffirm our resolution that 'The Campaign continues to work for the restoration of services along the entire Waverley Route main line and to support the best possible railway for the Borders in 2015.'

There will be reports from officials, among them chairman Simon Walton, and short talks followed by a Question and Answer session.

The new railway is on schedule to open 6 September 2015, so get yourself on board early by joining CBR if you are not a member already.

Campaign seeks extra Committee members

Another hugely busy year coming up. You can play a bigger role in shaping the future of the Campaign by joining the committee.

We need more members to come forward. You can either stand for election, stand for any vacant office, or seek to join the committee without a specific office.

The demands are as much or as little as you want. The Campaign is entirely voluntary, but all our work is taken seriously, both by CBR, and by all the organisations we deal with, from Network Rail and Transport Scotland to local and national government.

To stand or nominate, contact Chairman Simon Walton.



With the track laying train due on site shortly, preparations are underway up and down the line.



email address please

If you have an **email address**, please let us know. New CBR membership director David Adams is updating our contacts, and he can be reached at dgma@talktalk.net or 01768 362022

We are social media

Log on to **Facebook** and join in the conversation at this link ([campaignforbordersrail](https://www.facebook.com/campaignforbordersrail))

Follow us on **Twitter** too. Our handle is [@BordersRail](https://twitter.com/BordersRail)

Don't forget our **website** and **blog** too, for frequent updates. www.campaignforbordersrail.org

Campaign for Borders Rail Committee

Office bearers

Chair: Simon Walton (chairman.bordersrail@uwclub.net)

Vice-chair: Tom Curry

Treasurer / Membership secretary: David Adams

Other committee members:

CRP liaison: Sarah Nelson

London officer: Nick Bethune

Social media: Andrew Bethune

Committee member: Allan McLean

Honorary Campaigner: Madge Elliot

Other supporting members include Simon Longland, Bill Jamieson, David Spaven, Stuart Middleton, Mhairi Middleton, Robert Drysdale, Mark Annand, Tony Hill, Richard Crocket, Chris Harvie and Kim Elliot.

Atholl Innes - newsletter editor

Many of you will know Atholl already - as a former Borders newspaper editor and currently active reporter, covering sports across Scotland and maintaining roving features brief. Atholl is collecting material for future newsletters and, if you'd like to

contribute, send your submissions to

a.innes@virgin.net



From summer of '69 to the sight of the new 2015

New CBR newsletter editor Atholl Innes lets his enthusiasm run free with a personal view on what the Borders Railway means.

THESE are exciting times for railway enthusiasts across the country, not just the Borders, and we all hope that the re-opening of the Waverley Route from Edinburgh to Tweedbank is a mere starting point on the way to Hawick and Carlisle.

The railway comes hand in hand with the development of tourism and the opportunity to widen our perspective on what we have to offer south of Edinburgh.

There is talk of the Scottish Tapestry being housed in Tweedbank to draw tourists into the region – certainly an appetising 'draw' for those interested, with Abbotsford House, the Abbeys and short walks on offer after dropping off the train.

Railway buffs from all over the country will want to travel down the Gala Water, and back, and one has only to see the numbers of people who travel every week into Carlisle, by steam and



A veteran of the Waverley Route, LNER A4 Pacific Union of South Africa would be a popular choice of motive power.



Shawfair station taking shape earlier this month- one of two communities that did not exist when the line closed in 1969.

diesel, over the Settle and Carlisle route to strengthen the demand for similar excursions on the Borders Railway.

The £350 million project over 30 miles will put life back into the region. Plans are developing for a festival next September – CBR wants to play a major part in the development of the line.

I personally recall 1969 when the line shut, and the misery that it caused to thousands of people. I sent my mum, who stayed close to the line in Galashiels, to take a picture of the Class 47 special, and she did manage to succeed with a photograph that will always be a treasured possession. Mind you, the train was late after a hoax bomb call at Millerhill.

September 2015 will be a red-letter day for the Borders. Did we ever believe that we would

probably see an A4 Pacific on the line again? Will it be 60009 Union of South Africa, which I recall in days (many) gone by at the Lochty Railway in Fife?

Watching the railway develop, on time and budget we are told, is exciting news for the Borders – the laying of the line at Bowshank Tunnel, the building of new bridges, and, of course, the stations.

We need to make sure that ScotRail, who are expected to operate the line, proceed with naming their coaches. We have Freddie Trueman on the Northern Line, and why not say trains named after rail campaigners Madge Elliot and Brydon Maben?

Let's have your views at the annual general meeting. Remember it is your railway.

Campaign planning special train

Steam hauled charter the goal for organising team

There's been something of an oversight on the part of the Transport Scotland chaired "Borders Railway Opening Celebration Committee. We're not on it.

Still, everyone makes mistakes, don't they, so no hard feelings. Anyway, we're not leaving things to chance.

The Campaign is working hard to organise a special of our own. From within our own resources, we're confident of getting our own show on the rails.

Leading the planning are committee members Tom Curry and Bill Jamieson. Both Tom and Bill will be at the AGM to update the meeting on plans.

They'll take your questions on the night, so get along and see them there.

Is your membership up to date? Please renew

Rates will rise after the AGM, so please renew now if you need to.

At only £5.00 per annum, and just £30.00 for life membership, we're not just one of the most successful grassroots rail campaign bodies in Britain, we're the best bargain too.

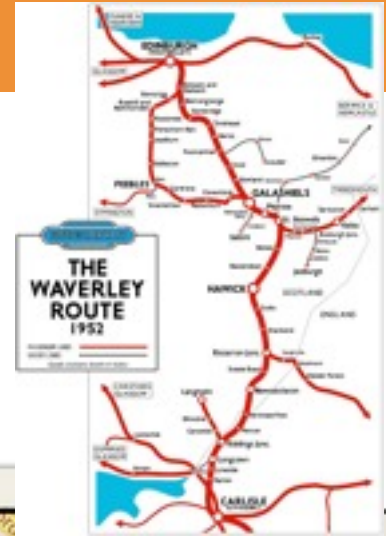
You can renew simply by sending a cheque (made out to "Campaign for Borders Rail") to our membership secretary, David Adams, membership secretary, Campaign for Borders Rail, The Station, Long Marton, Appleby-in-Westmorland Ca16 6BJ

Please include your name, address, phone number and email address.



Mapping the Borders Railway

Committee member and cartographically gifted Robert Drysdale produced this new version of the rail network map, as it will look from 6 September 2015. The dotted lines are buslink connections, and the historically adept will note they don't quite follow the routes of the former network (below).



DIGITAL EXTRA Shaping up for a new transport future

Allan McLean has been working hard behind the scenes for CBR, and has been reviewing work on the project.

The Borders Railway project is really taking significant shape with the start of track-laying in earnest, exactly 11 months before the public opening between Edinburgh and Tweedbank.

Many sleepers were lined up in advance, ready for work on laying rails to begin at Shawfair, where there will be 4,000 new houses beside the new station as part of a significant commercial development.

Another step towards delivery of train services linking the three local authority areas of Edinburgh, Midlothian and the Scottish Borders came on 3 October when Transport Scotland announced that the new ScotRail timetable from 14 December 2014 would include preparations for the public opening extending services through Newcraighall to Tweedbank on 6 September 2015.



When the original Waverley Route from Edinburgh to Galashiels, Hawick and Carlisle closed in 1969 it was all double track. The Borders Railway



Artist's impression of the Tweedbank terminus where platform foundations were evident early in October.

project will be mostly single track but there will be double-track sections through the stations at Shawfair and Stow, and also south of Gorebridge station, to allow trains to pass each other in opposite directions.

The main station is the existing one at Edinburgh Waverley. Trains will diverge from the East Coast Main Line at Portobello Junction to serve current stations at Brunstane and Newcraighall.

Then a completely new alignment is to be followed past the site of Monktonhall Colliery and the new station at Shawfair before rejoining the original route on the Eskbank side of the A720 Edinburgh City Bypass road.

The original trackbed is being followed through a new station near the old one at Eskbank, restored stations at Newtongrange, Gorebridge and Stow and a new station at Galashiels. The new terminus at Tweedbank never had a station before. It is between Galashiels and Melrose.

Hopefully, the railway between Edinburgh and Tweedbank will come to be regarded as Phase One of the eventual restoration of Waverley Route services further through the Scottish Borders Council area.

At the CBR, we believe that Hawick really deserves to get trains, but meantime we look forward to celebrating the opening through Galashiels to and from Tweedbank.

CBR committee member **Allan McLean**, was the Communications Manager in Scotland and Northern England for Virgin Trains, who helped to win the support of Virgin Group founder Sir Richard Branson in 1998 for a study into railway reopening for the Borders.



Auditions for "The Usual Suspects". Fails...

Membership - you can have a friend join now, just by printing off this form and mailing it back to the Campaign for Borders Rail... (save paper - set your printer to "current page" or "page 6" only)



Membership Form to join CBR's campaign for the best possible Borders Railway by 2015

Membership entitles you to regular newsletters and participation in CBR events, including our AGMs with guest speakers. Annual membership costs less than a single attendance at many other social and professional associations and networks.

"I apply to become a member of the Campaign for Borders Rail. I will help the Campaign in its support of the 'Borders Railway Project' (Edinburgh to Tweedbank) and uphold the Campaign's stated aim of restoration of the entire 'Waverley Route' between Edinburgh, Midlothian, the Borders and Carlisle. As a member I will have the right to take part in any decision making process affecting the affairs of the Campaign for Borders Rail, and will be bound by any such agreed actions, while upholding the good name of the Campaign."

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Telephone and Mobile: _____ (optional) / _____ (optional)

Email: _____ (optional, but really important, see below)

NB: Telephone, mobile, and email address are optional but please note that the Campaign communicates primarily by email, and may not be able to provide postal versions of all documents - such as regular newsletters, updates and member events and benefits. **Please provide an email address whenever possible.** The Campaign holds any personal information privately and does not share any confidential information.

Individual member: £5 annually (£30 Life Membership)

Corporate body: £12 annually (£72 Life Membership)

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