

Editor's report

The Globe was issued in December 2020 and April and July 2021 as usual. This has been our first full year of providing hard copies to those members who have elected to receive them. Thank you very much to Peter Bainbridge our membership secretary for posting them out.

The events section was curtailed due to Covid, but now that we have an Events page on our [new web site](#) it will probably remain fairly short despite more events taking place. The Globe is available to all members as a [PDF on our web site](#) and hard copies can also be [purchased there](#) for £3.00 plus p&p. Back copies of The Globe as a PDF are only made available to non-members after several months. Hard copies can also be purchased at any events we attend, so do look out for forthcoming events.

Many thanks to all the contributors who have donated articles and other content, especially to those who have continued to make contributions despite considerable obstacles including Covid restrictions. I am particularly sorry that we no longer have Brendan Boyle contributing his well-researched articles due to his death at the end of May. However, he has left a legacy of research on railway taverns of the S&DR and discussions are in place with Historic England regarding having his research published.

The deadline for the next issue is December 3rd 2021. Please ask to see the guidance notes for contributors before writing a submission – it can save a lot of time.

Work on **Enriching the List** with Historic England (assessing whether sites are suitably designated for protection or not) continues. We were pleased to see Hackworth's House upgraded to II* and the Goods Shed opposite listed for the first time (only the boundary wall was listed previously). Associated research uncovered S&DR Committee minutes on failed attempts to purchase Kilburn's Iron Warehouse (often referred to as Soho Shed) in the 1850s which led to the building of the Goods Shed instead. The listing description for Kilburn's Warehouse has consequently been revised and updated. Work is now concentrating on the bridges between Shildon and Darlington which has led to interesting discussions on their date, when the S&DR enlarged the bridges and the discovery that there was more than one John Carter working for the S&DR. Building on Brendan's research into railway taverns, I have had a brief site visit to the Railway Tavern in Darlington where I discovered that the level of survival there is very good from its original phase and from its remodelling by GG Hoskins. These are two excellent reasons why the building needs to be cherished. If you are passing, please buy a glass of something.

On other matters, we have had a donation of some railway archives and a presentation clock from the family of Dennis Ibbetson who worked for British Rail all his life - as did his father. A significant part of the archive consists of four photograph albums which are now being scanned by Peter Bainbridge and Samantha Townsend. You can read more about it on our [web site](#).

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