

## **Report from Caroline**

### **Editor**

The deadline for articles for The Globe is 22<sup>nd</sup> March, although I may not be able to start work on it until April. Contributions so far are news items so I will be looking for meatier articles before then. Richie has agreed to do a HAZ update.

### **Web site**

Although I am currently not adding information to the web site, I am dealing with orders. Since January 1<sup>st</sup> we have had just over £300 of sales (after fees deducted) of which £219 is membership fees with the orders forwarded to Peter and Ian, £50 the S&DR booklet and the rest walks booklets, back copies of the Globe and one Royal George print. We also had an enquiry about sending Royal George postcards to Israel but it came to nothing.

### **Other sales**

I sold two S&DR booklets at the recent talk I gave at St. Helen's a couple of weeks ago. I've still got the cash here and will transfer in due course.

### **Haggerleases Branch**

The historic background research is complete. We have had help from a number of Friends and non-Friends in transcribing original documents and these will be added as appendices. One London based Friend Maggie Pulle has also visited The National Archive on our behalf and photographed the Dixon plans of the Branch (1839) and a series of expenses to build the branch (these still need transcribing). One of the goals of this project is to get members and non-members involved so we are already ahead on this, with two of the transcribers being non-Friends (thank you to Peter for this information).

I am now waiting on the GIS historic mapping data which will allow me to pinpoint where we should be looking for former sites such as milestones and level crossings and to create the gazetteer. Once I've done that, we are ready to do the fieldwork in March when I hope we will get better weather.

### **S&DR Music**

I am starting to try to pull together a musical backdrop to the celebrations based on what was played at the various S&DR openings and performed by local bands. I've had help from Dave Reynolds with this and I am currently working with a specialist band who play instruments from the period to create freely available downloads. I attach the project brief as it stands at the moment. If anyone can help with this or suggest additional sources of potential funding, I'd be grateful.

### **Storm Names**

When I suggested on Facebook that we ensure that the Met Office allocates storm names in 2025 based on locomotive names, I wasn't joking. As Norman made some suggestions I wondered if he would like to contact the Met Office to ask if they would consider this? I know it's a gimmick, but we need to do everything we can to raise awareness at a national level in 2025. This is just one small part of that. I suspect there will be many storms based on this year's wintery weather.....

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