

## **Editor's Report**

### *The Globe*

If you have selected to be sent a digital version of The Globe, you should have it by now. If you choose to be sent a hard copy, it will take a little longer while it is printed. Thank you to all the people who contributed to it and to Alan Townsend for helping me proof read it. You are an amazingly talented bunch. The next Globe is due out in July 2024, so I am looking for contributions by the end of June. You can send them in as soon as you like however. If you are thinking of submitting something, ask me for the Guidance Notes for Contributors.

### *The World on Track*

Stocks of our The Railway that got the World on Track book, which is given to all new members, and which sells at £7.99, are now running low. I have commissioned another 1,000 to be printed, so we can continue to give them to new members and have enough to see us through 2025. If you know anyone who would like to stock it, we can offer retailers a discount.

### *S&DR Podcasts*

I have devised a series of S&DR podcasts to be broadcast monthly through 2024 with Archie MacKay, the Managing Editor and Director of South West Durham News CIC. We are looking for a business sponsor to pay for a bit of specialist technical input. This is a modest sum of money (£500 for the year) and in return the business would get a shout out at the beginning and end and a longer 30 second promotion in the middle of the broadcast. If you know of any businesses that might be interested in helping with this please point them in my direction.

### *S&DR Coffee Table Book*

I have gathered nearly all the costs for a beautiful hardback book designed to celebrate the S&DR. One area I'd like to explore is providing some sound with a few of the pages. This might be the sound of a locomotive, a poet reading their own poetry or birdsong from some of the more rural areas. If anyone has any technical experience of doing this, I'd love to hear from you. Once we have all the costs we will explore if we can afford to produce it.

### *Webmaster's Report*

In the last month we have sold 14 products bringing in £177.50, the bulks of these have been renewal of memberships. [Michael Bailey and Peter Davidson's report on Locomotion](#) is now in our online library (thanks to Jonathan Ratcliffe). Don't forget that we have a number of publications including second hand books for sale in our [online shop](#).

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