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EDITORIAL

Bellerophon has had a busy summer taking its' vacation at the 'Crewe Heritage Centre' from July 13th to August 7th. We are pleased to be able to give you a report on the visit and a pictorial for people who did not have the opportunity to visit the centre and see the loco in action.

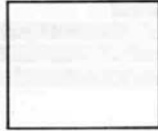
Please find enclosed with this newsletter our new leaflet outlining the current objectives of the Trust. We hope you will use it yourself by means of the many ways you can help the Trust and also pass it on to your fellow transport enthusiasts and encourage them to help the Trust either through membership, donations or practical help.

It leaves us only to wish you a *Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

John Brailsford

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

If a 'X' appears in the box below, then your membership subscription is now due, please send subscriptions to Membership Secretary :-



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Subscriptions can be also renewed at either of our two shops, 5 Mill Hey, Haworth, or Platform 4 at Keighley Station.

At a Committee meeting on Saturday 8th August, 1987 it was passed and minuted that all overdue subscriptions not paid by the end of the current year, i.e. 31st December, 1987 would automatically be deemed to have elapsed, and the members names etc; would be deleted from the new list published early in 1988. Should you be one of these members, then I will have included a letter of reminder with this issue of the *News* and would be obliged for your renewal at your earliest convenience please.

Thanking you in anticipation of your continued support to the Vintage Carriages Trust.

Arthur Berry.

INGROW CARRIAGE SHED

The Architect is in close touch with the Planning Authority and our application will be considered at the next meeting. No difficulty is expected. Site work should therefore start late September or early October. The Architect is showing a toilet block outline and the required foul-water drains on an updated drawing, as requested by Mr. R. S. Greenwood: this will allow him to proceed with the lease. A clearance diagram had been received from Mr. A. Walker and was now with the Architect. The Architect will indeed consider Mr. Walker's suggestion to push the whole shed back a little to allow parallel tracks the full length of the Shed. This may not prove feasible, by reason of the Water Authority drains at the back and we have no money to bridge these. This would mean that a short length of the second track could not carry vehicles, but this is as previously accepted by the Trust. The site investigations had shown that the foundations will cost *less* than had been budgetted. A YEB cable crosses the site and the Architect is in touch with the YEB about this - which means that electric power should be available at the site much more cheaply than previously envisaged.

LOCOMOTIVE REPORTS

■ BELLEROPHON

Recently Bellerophon has been on a working holiday at the newly opened 'Crewe Heritage Centre'. The locomotive left the railway between the Saturday night 'specials' returning just in time to run again on August 8th.

From my point of view the 9 days of steamings went very well and was worth the time organising the visit. The day before departure, by Econofreight of Stafford, (whose driver delivered 'City of Wells' to the railway), a few repairs were needed which had been found on the previous Saturday night. All went well until they were stopped by the police near Crewe but that is another story . . .

I must thank the organisers at Crewe and the 8E Association based at Northwich for looking after her when VCT and KWVR members could not be present.

This winter it is hoped to remove the piston rod and slide boxes for re-surfacing and polishing.

■ SIR BERKELEY

The only news at present concerns the boiler which is now at Airedale Engineering at Keighley, undergoing repairs, of which there is not as much work needed as first thought since a re-inspection by Cornhill Insurance inspectors. More news, I hope, next time.

M. Todd.



Bellerophon on low-loader ready for departure to Crewe, to seek royal approval!
Photo: M. Todd

COACH RESTORATION REPORTS

- **NINE-COMPARTMENT METROPOLITAN COACH**

This coach is currently in Oxenhope Exhibition Shed. The transfers for this coach have now been received from London Transport and are hoped to be fitted to the coach shortly.

- **CHATHAM COACH**

This coach is still available for service but when carriage workshop space permits it is hoped that external maintenance can be carried out.

- **METROPOLITAN BRAKE COACH**

This coach is at present supported at the Oxenhope end on sleepers with the bogie out whilst the weakened platwork is rebuilt and strengthened. The cost of repairs to this end will come from Worth Valley Railway as part of running costs. We are to obtain an estimate to allow similar strengthening work to be carried out on the other end.

Ken Manley has virtually completed the exterior woodwork, including the wet-rot section of the Keighley end framing. We are pleased that the wet-rot proved much less serious than was feared. The majority of this work was grant-assisted. We are pleased to report that the Worth Valley budget includes recovering the roof in the modern material already applied to the other two Metropolitan coaches.

- **MS&L 4-WHEEL COACH**

The coach is still on display in the Oxenhope Exhibition Shed.

- **FIRST CLASS METROPOLITAN COACH**

The exterior woodwork, including the ends, have been completed by our contractor, Ken Manley. Half of the work was Museum Council grant assisted. Jack Butterfield has now painted the two ends to his usual excellent standard.

- **GREAT-NORTHERN 6-WHEEL COACH**

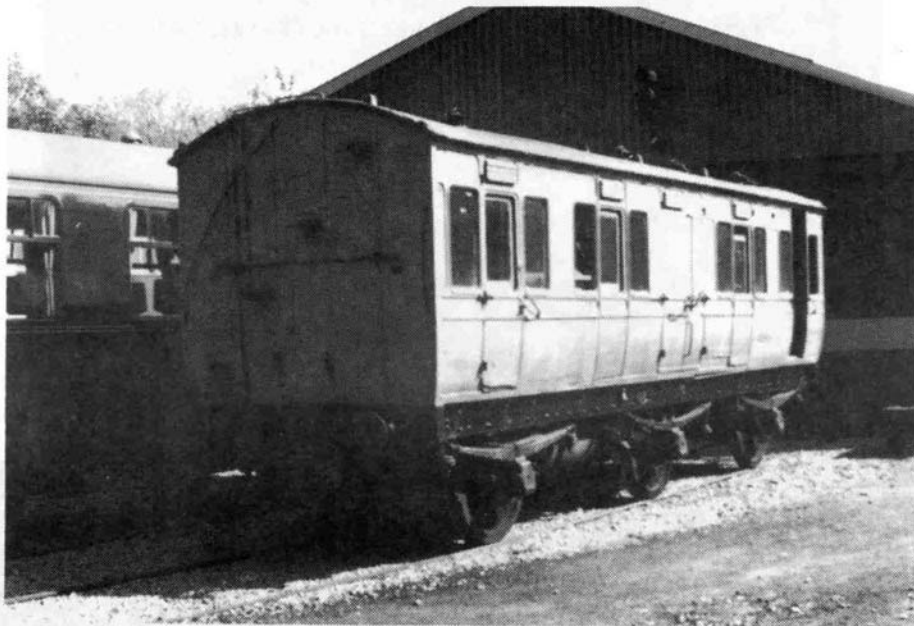
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- **BULLEID COACH**

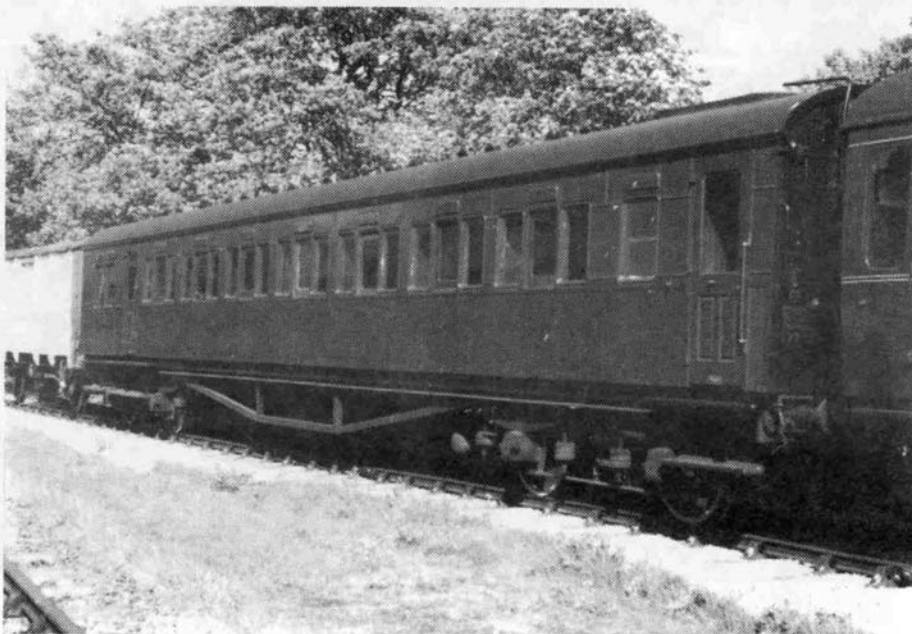
The curved toughened glass is now on site and awaiting fitting. Further work is expected to continue on this coach this Autumn.

- **MIDLAND COACH**

Our approval has now been given to the Stations Department to proceed with work on this vehicle for use as a Stores Van at Ingrow Station.



The Midland 6-Wheel Coach is to be restored by the Railway's Station Department to its final British Railway condition as a stores van for use at Ingrow. This will improve the coach structurally before the eventual full restoration by the Trust at a later date.

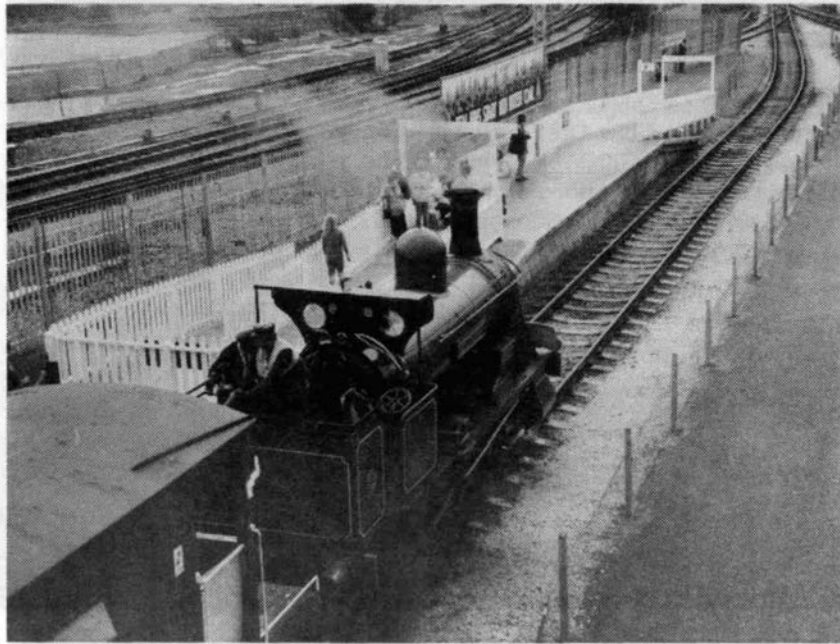


Chatham Coach at Oxenhope during 1987.

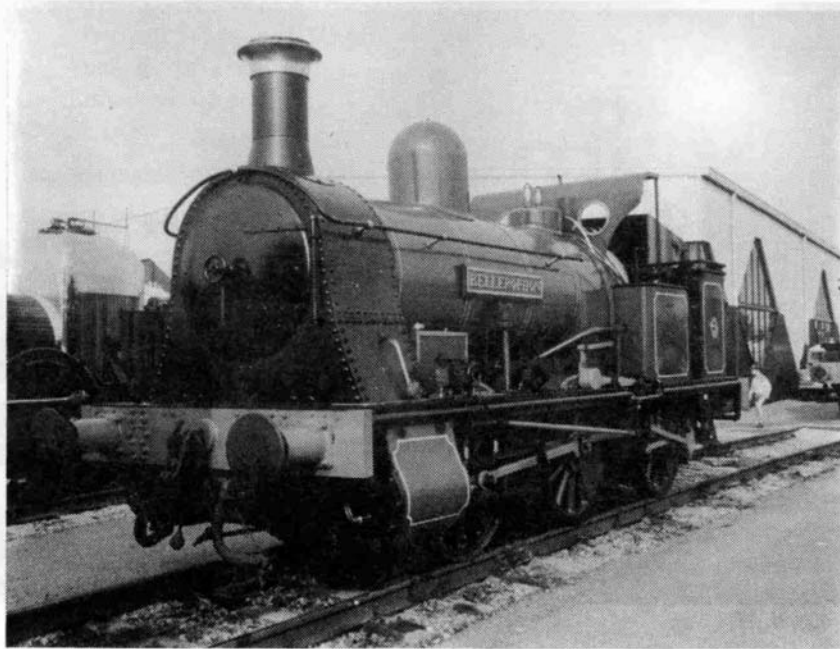
BELLEROPHON AT THE CREWE HERITAGE CENTRE, 1987



Safely delivered at Crewe! Not a scratch on the paint. 14th July 1987.
Photo: Eddie Bellass



Bellerophon pauses for water, clear of the passenger platform, during service at the Centre
Photo: Eddie Bellass, Sunday 19th July 1987.



Bellerophon in very clean appearance on the eve of H.M. Queen's visit to the centre.
Photo: Eddie Bellass



*Bellerophon in use on the short passenger line at the Heritage Centre.
Photo: M. Todd*



*Bellerophon meets Lion at the Centre. 26th July 1987.
Photo: Eddie Bellas*

NOTICE OF ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting adjourned from Sunday 23 November 1986 and again on Saturday 8 August 1987 will be held at the Globe Hotel, Parkwood Street, Keighley on Saturday 7 November 1987 at 8 p.m. The sole business of this adjourned meeting shall be to consider and if thought appropriate to adopt the audited accounts for the year ending 31st March 1986.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held at the Globe Hotel, Parkwood Street, Keighley on Saturday 7 November 1987, immediately after the adjourned meeting above.

The agenda will be as follows :—

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of previous Annual Meeting.
3. Matters arising therefrom.
4. Chairman's Report.
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Reports of the following :—
 - a) Covenant Treasurer & Membership Secretary.
 - b) Publicity Officer.
 - c) Editor 'VCT News'.
 - d) Shop Managers.
7. Reports concerning Coach Restoration.
8. Reports concerning Locomotive Restoration.
9. Election of:
President; up to three vice-presidents; three trustees; Hon. Treasurer; Hon. Membership Secretary; up to four Committee Members.
10. Appointment of Auditors.

Nominations for the positions listed above are now called for and should be sent to me at Haworth Station, Haworth, Keighley, Yorkshire, BD22 8NJ. They should be duly seconded and countersigned by the Nominee as willing to stand. In accordance with the Constitution, nominations may be accepted at the Meeting only if an insufficient number of nominations for that post have been received prior to the meeting.

M. W. Cope,
Secretary, VCT.

VINTAGE CARRIAGES TRUST

Minutes of Adjourned Annual Meeting (adjourned from Sunday 23 November 1986) held at No. 3 Mill Hey, Haworth, on Saturday 8 August 1987.

Present: Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Cope (Mr. Cope, Secretary), Mr. R. A. Coulson, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. England (later), Messrs. J. T. Pickles, C. G. Smyth (Chairman), A. Troake, D. H. Wilson.

Apologies: Messrs. A. Berry, J. Brailsford, J. Downs, G. Forshaw, H. S. F. Jennings, M. Symm, M. Todd and B. G. Warwick.

The sole business of the meeting was to consider and if thought appropriate to adopt the Audited Accounts for the year ending March 31 1986. The Chairman noted that the Unaudited Accounts were now available; these were presented to the Meeting. Mr. R. A. Coulson explained that the sole reason for the Accounts not being Audited Accounts was that a slight problem had been encountered in the reconciliation of the Account Figures with the claims on the Inland Revenue in respect of our Covenant incomes for a number of years past. The actual difference was small and probably in our favour (maybe about £100) and he was pursuing this matter on behalf of the Auditors. The Audited Accounts, with this matter having been taken into consideration, should be available shortly.

It was agreed that the Meeting should be again deferred to allow for the above: this to be to Saturday 7 November at 8 p.m. in the Globe Hotel, Parkwood Street, Keighley (time and location subject to confirmation): to be then followed by the Annual Meeting for the year ending March 31 1987.

M. W. Cope, Secretary, VCT.

11 August 1987.

VINTAGE CARRIAGES TRUST LUNCH

The VCT earlier this year enjoyed Sunday Lunch at Haworth Old Hall and in the afternoon a train journey behind Bellerophon. There was a gathering of twenty, including new faces and regular working and committee members. The lunch was of high standard and the journey behind Bellerophon made a finishing touch to an excellent day. A visit was taken around the Oxenhope Carriage Shed on the uphill journey, a chance to see the restored vehicles and those undergoing restoration.

We hope you will patronise a similar luncheon which we hope to plan for early next year, more details in the next newsletter.

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