

Station Adopters Report for Parish Council meetings January 2020

... Working parties continue to meet monthly and we have finished planting bulbs and other plants including pansies in the beds and tubs in preparation for the spring.

... The new lights on the platform continue to cause a problem to local residents. The issue is being dealt with by Stuart Freer and Alan Neville is also involved and is liaising with the Parish Council to try and resolve the problem. I have asked if the communication with us could be improved!

...I have made contact again with Gainsborough school art department who had expressed an interest in painting a mural on the station car park wall but their communication halted over the lead up to Xmas. I am awaiting a response to arrange a meeting with them.

...New trains are currently being tested on the Gainsborough Line. This is the only regional route not to have them now and the reason is the unique signalling system. The trains have to be fitted with a part which has to be transferred off the older trains. The trains will be disabled friendly and in spring when the weather is more conducive, we still plan to meet at the station with staff and all members of Ferriers Barn and Alan Neville to look at disabled access to and from the platform with a view to what improvements might be needed. We are also hoping to arrange for a special trip on a new train for users of Ferriers Barn, possibly to include a Cockney sing along...yet to be arranged.

... We meet regularly with other station adopter groups and with Alan Neville, June Povey and Jayne Summer who keep us up to date with news and they prove to be useful forums for information exchange. We in Bures are hosting the coffee morning in March and have been given permission to hold it in the barn on the common.

... Vanessa Christine and Mary attended the Xmas event in Chelmsford organised by Anglia Rail on December 2nd to say thankyou to station adopters for their contribution and was a great success.

...A box has been fitted inside the waiting room where we refill with walks of the local area.

...Jan is currently organising a walk along the Gainsborough line with June Povey and they are next meeting on 9th Jan to pursue..

...There will be future events planned on local trains in the region to include another music train on our line.

...We are waiting for new notice boards on the waiting room which will be coloured green.

Alan is dealing with our request for a new fence but it will depend on funding being available. We now have a history board erected on the platform.