



The Newsletter for Exmoor Associates CIC Issue 38 March 2023

Just a quick update this time, to keep you informed of a couple of important news items. The next edition, being prepared now, will bring more detail of the recently acquired sections of trackbed, and many other items besides.

Martyn – Guest Editor

Tony Brown

After many years of helping the L & B and for the past twenty years helping Exmoor Associates. Tony Brown has decided to step down from his roles within E A at the end of March to tie in with the end of this financial year.

Firstly I need to take you back to when we were looking to open the station at Woody Bay, finding the right people to help us was not easy, but when Tony turned up I knew we had the cream of the crop.

Tony was a former Lynton & Barnstaple Railway Trustee and also Company Director, he guided us through the many challenges we had, his work rate was amazing, and we achieved a working railway down to Killington Lane, I wonder if we could have done it without him.

During this time of setting up the railway at Woody Bay, we always wanted the big picture but realised you could not do anything and it was pointless until you owned the trackbed, so we set up Exmoor Associates. Directors were Tony Brown, Mike Selby, Nik Barrie and myself.

Tony needless to say has been looking after us all once again, since 2002 not content with being Exmoor Associates Company Secretary, Membership Secretary, Finance Director, Trackbed Trails Editor, and any other things we can find for him to do.

Somebody you would want to have on your side.

Finally a message from me. Tony knows I have absolutely relied on him over many many years and I want to say the biggest thank you to him from me and also on behalf of the other Exmoor Associates Directors, Yeo Valley Trust Trustees, Exmoor Associates share holders, and the many L & B friends he has got to know over the years.

Whilst Tony is stepping down from his many roles he will continue being a Director of Exmoor Associates and still be available for his valuable contribution and advice.

Tony, Thank you

Mike Buse

Reminder About Our Next Meetings

Our annual May meetings will be held on 13th May 2023 at our usual venue Goodleigh Village Hall EX32 7LU.

The hall doors will open at 9.30am when there will be tea, coffee, and biscuits available.

All Exmoor Associates shareholders along with non shareholders, and volunteers are most welcome to attend the meetings as usual.

The Exmoor Associates meeting will commence at 10.00am followed by a short break then onto the Yeo Valley Trust meeting.

Following that we will be providing a finger buffet, £5 donation, could I please ask that you let me know if you are coming so the catering team can have enough food, my details are at the bottom of the page.

After lunch we will be walking the two new sections of trackbed starting at Chelfham Station finishing at Chumhill, (Kind thanks to Nigel and the Chelfham volunteers for making us all welcome yet again). Access is very difficult directly on to the new trackbed so quite a long walk I'm afraid, please bring suitable foot wear clothing etc. Volunteers from E A and Chelfham will have cleared a path but some climbing will be required in the quarry. As in previous walks assistance in difficult areas will be given. I have found the quarry so attractive with its ferns etc, but you can make your own mind up, not quite the lost gardens of Helligan but it's a start.

Bratton Fleming Station will be open by kind permission of Andrew Naish from 10am until 5pm on Sunday. As usual Andrew and Carol will welcome all.

We have had it confirmed that the Lynton and Barnstaple Railway meetings will be on the 13th May, further details will be released by them in due course.

Look forward to seeing you all

Kind regards
Mike

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