



Newsletter 3  
December 2009

Merry Christmas to  
our supporters!

**We thought you would like to know that we are making *real progress* with the project.**

### **The all-important money news**

We have had some great encouragement in the past few weeks:

- We have received a grant of £2,000 from Quartet's Express Fund for further development work (architect and CDM co-ordinator fees).
- We have received a grant of £7,450 from the Department of Health's Social Enterprise Investment Fund for development costs (project management and other professional fees).
- The Railway Heritage Trust has awarded us a grant of £65,000 towards heritage aspects of the building restoration.
- Yatton Parish Council has awarded a grant of £1,000 towards the match funding for disabled toilets.

### **Pending**

- The Heritage Lottery Fund liked our preliminary approach and invited us to make a full application. We have applied to them for £40,000 (£25,000 towards the capital restoration costs and £15,000 revenue costs) and are waiting to hear from them
- The South Western Rural Development Agency has invited us to apply in January for a grant (both revenue and capital) under their RDPE scheme. We will be asking for £100,000 - £125,000.
- We have been invited to make an application for £50,000 to the Big Lottery Fund under their Reaching Communities programme. We hope to make this application in January.
- We have applied to the Department for Transport's Access for All fund for £13,500 (half the cost) of providing disabled toilets

### **Community Fundraising**

- Our second steam evening at Horsecastle Chapel in November raised almost £300 for the project
- Sales of *A Life on the Railway* book have raised £350 so far.

- Thanks to Long Ashton RBL for their quiz winners' donation of £100
- Thanks to Helen and Paul for donating their Bristol Biggest Bike Ride sponsorship of £225.
- Thanks to all who donated prizes for our tombola stall at Yatton Infant School Christmas Fayre. We raised over £75.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP US WITH OUR FUNDRAISING:

- We are planning a Prize Draw in March. Sell tickets for us.
- Buy at least one copy of *A Life on the Railway* – an ideal gift for anyone interested in local or railway history, available from Yatton Books and Prints ([www.abebooks.com](http://www.abebooks.com)) at £5.95 (all profit to the project).
- Buy a DVD on cycle maintenance from [cyclerepairsdvd.com](http://cyclerepairsdvd.com) – an ideal gift for cyclists who would like to understand a bit more about what makes their bike go - and stop going. (donation to the project for each one sold)
- Organise a fundraising event for us.
- Help with events we are organising in the spring.
- Get on your bike: Sponsored cycle ride along Strawberry Line from Yatton to Winscombe Millennium Green May Fayre on the May Day Bank Holiday. Look out for details on the website.

## In-Kind Support

We wouldn't have got this far without the donation of professional services from:

Alder King (lease negotiations)  
 Barcan Woodward solicitors (legal advice)  
 TLT Solicitors (legal work on lease with Network Rail)  
 ARUP (foul drainage investigations)

## Other Progress

We have completed our Business Plan.  
 We have made our first Annual Return to Companies House.  
 We have re-vamped our website – you can now subscribe for email updates and donate online.

**To find out more or offer your support, please contact:**

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