

2025 – FSDR EVENTS: Suggestions by Jane Hackworth-Young

I am aware that the Trustees are stretched but I do think we should plan our programme for 2025. **I think we should set up sub committees to orchestrate events/plan dates. We need to have all plans/dates submitted to Niccy Hallifax by this September.**

S&DR WALKS: John Raw with BIG, WASH and ETHERLEY is prepared to organise walks on the western part of the S&DR and I am sure the Yarm Groups will want to organise walks on the rest of the line, not forgetting, of course, Heighington, Fighting Cocks etc.

TALKS: ‘It Wasn’t Rocket Science’ by Mike Norman and ‘The Three Greeners of Etherley and a model steam engine’ by Tom Walker to be presented at the STUTE (Dates to be agreed). *Members of the FSDR may want to give other talks: to discuss.*

VENUES on the S&DR which have particular importance: **The First Five Miles** to include Shildon, **Locomotion and restored buildings, Heighington Station, Fighting Cocks, Hopetown, Preston Park and St John’s Crossing Stockton.**

COFFEE TABLE BOOK: Being drawn up by Caroline Hardie.

S&DR Extensions: **Circular Walk around Barney to cross the Darlington to Barney Line, Barney to Middleton-in-Teesdale Line, Line to Kirkby Stephen, South Durham & Lancashire Union Railway, Bishop Auckland to Barney line.**

Montalbo School : pupils are learning about the S&DR and there is as model engine in the school garden & a model of the Langley Viaduct; the garden will be open to the public during school holidays. Other schools are being approached.

WITHAM EXHIBITION: To run Friday 22nd August 2025 to Sunday 7th September 2025 (The Witham is closed on Mondays). A model is being built of the 2nd Barney Station & Langley Viaduct which will be shown at the Witham. A writer on the S&DR will show his books & has access to splendid photos of Deepdale, Broom-ilaw & the Gainford railway crash. Some of John Wigston’s paintings will be displayed. A leaflet will be produced on Teesdale/Barney events & appear in the Festival Brochure.

THORPE RAILWAY has obtained a narrow guage model of an old NER loco which is being restored and will be available for the public for rides during the summer,.

FITZHUGH LIBRARY will mount an S&DR Exhibition; is obtaining from the Cleveland Model Soc its model of Middleton-in-T Station/will be on display in the Masonic Hall.

Cllr Chris Foote-Wood is lead member on Barney Council for 2025. Applications for funding have been submitted to TAP. GSK has offered use of the Crossing Keepers House for displays & will help to fund a railway monument by the house. We feel a signal would be appropriate and I have talked to Andrew McLean of the NRM. GSK will clean the 7 railway seats (application to be put into Council for attaching plaques).

RESEARCH: By many members. Jonathan Ratcliffe and I have sorted out my railway photos/put them into 30 files for easy access/these are left to the FSDR. JHY 28.04.24