

PRESS RELEASE

WINNERS OF THE HERITAGE RAILWAY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL AWARDS 2013

These highly regarded awards will be presented at a dinner to be held at the Bath Guildhall Banqueting Room on the evening of Saturday 8th of February 2014 during the weekend of the HRA Annual General Meeting.

PETER MANISTY AWARD for an exceptional contribution to railway preservation.

The Winners.

London Transport Museum, London Underground and Partners for the excellent and exhaustive programme of events to mark the 150th anniversary of the world's first underground railway including the successful operation of a complete steam hauled wooden bodied train.

HRA ANNUAL AWARD (LARGE GROUPS) made to a HRA member organisation for an outstanding achievement in railway preservation.

The Winner.

The **Bluebell Railway** in recognition of its completing the long awaited physical link with the national rail network which enhances the profile and business opportunities both on the railway and in the local economy. This enormous task was made possible by the removal, mainly by rail, of a large quantity of landfill waste material.

HRA ANNUAL AWARD (SMALL GROUPS) made to a HRA member organisation for an outstanding achievement in railway preservation.

The Winner.

The **Lynton and Barnstaple Railway Trust** in recognition of it taking a major step forward in its mission to recreate a piece of North Devon transport heritage in its original form with the restoration of three original carriages. This was enhanced by the visit of a Lynton and Barnstaple replica Manning Wardle locomotive in Southern Railway green." Perchance the L&B is now wide awake!"

A Highly Commended Certificate will be presented to:

The **Aln Valley Railway Society** for the establishment, after many years of struggle, of a standard gauge station and depot complex from new on a virgin site.

THE JOHN COILEY AWARD which is made for locomotive projects.

The Winner.

The **National Railway Museum** to acknowledge and celebrate the international co-operation and achievement of the transatlantic partners in the movement of the Dominion of Canada and Dwight D Eisenhower to take part in Mallard 75. This involved major input from the Friends of the National Railway Museum, the National Railway Museum itself and all the groups whose generosity made this move possible, particularly haulier MOVERIGHT INTERNATIONAL. This operation would not have been possible without the unstinting support of Exporail: The Canadian Railway Museum and the National Railroad Museum in the U.S.A..

MORTON'S MEDIA (HERITAGE RAILWAY) INTERPRETATION AWARD.

The Winner.

The **Purbeck Mineral and Mining Museum** for the operation and return to steam of a section of the former extensive narrow gauge mineral tramway network on the Isle of Purbeck, and for the creation of a unique museum devoted to the history and technology of Ball Clay mining complete with underground mine tunnel and associated rail tracks and rolling stock, in part of the Jurassic Coast which is designated as a World Heritage Site for the richness of its geology. The museum at Norden is not only a valuable education resource in its own right but a quality visitor attraction adjacent to and interacting with the Swanage Railway, a branch over which the extracted clay was shipped out, with the interchange being recreated.

MORTON'S MEDIA (RAIL EXPRESS) MODERN TRACTION AWARD.

The Winner.

The **Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway** for staging an innovative modern traction event featuring a special reinstatement of a main line connection with through running from Aylesbury and some highly sought after guest locomotives.

Highly Commended.

A Highly Commended Certificate will be presented to the **Diesel Traction Group** for the standard commercial use of a first generation heritage icon, Western Champion D 1015, in hauling freight trains on the main line. It is the only diesel hydraulic locomotive in main line use.

RAILWAY MAGAZINE ANNUAL AWARD for SERVICES TO RAILWAY PRESERVATION.

This Award will be made to **Ian Allan O.B.E.** for popularising the hobby of loco. spotting by launching the ABC number book series; for inspiring and educating a generation of enthusiasts through publication of hundreds of quality railway publications; and for his long running sponsorship of the National Railway Heritage Awards.

A Highly Commended Certificate.

This will be given to **Eileen Clayton M.B.E.** for instigating and helping to run, for twenty one years, a week of activities on the Ffestiniog Railway designed to get young people involved in a heritage railway, thereby providing a valuable example to all heritage railways.

STEAM RAILWAY MAGAZINE AWARD.

The winner has yet to be announced.

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