

Dear Friends and Volunteers,

We are pleased to report that we have had another successful year both financially and activity-wise. Provisionally we made a surplus of £42,000 in 2010/2011 as against an estimate of £25,000. In terms of activities we held a number of very successful art exhibitions, fairs, workshops and events. You can read about some of these in this newsletter and also see what's coming this summer.

The Station has also maintained its high profile by hosting visits by the Regional Director and the Chair of the Heritage Lottery Fund; previewing the new ITV "Dales" series; and hosting a DeliciouslyYorkshire event.

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This edition of the newsletter includes information on:

- InVisible – the summer open art exhibition
- Future events
- Trustees
- Tenants



Press Freedom

Thank you to Donald Cline for organising Press Freedom, the excellent Print Makers Exhibition. This was both an artistic success and a financial one for The Station.

Platform and Room Hires

Dales Mountain Biking at Fremington has continued its series of successful mountain bike film evenings including some films made by a local lad. We held a successful Wedding Fair and continue to hold the regular record and CD fairs.

New Website

The Station now has a new [website](http://www.thestation.co.uk). If anyone wishes to include information on our website then please send it to news@thestation.co.uk. The website is being updated weekly so we will be relying on everyone filtering information through this email address.



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June

Wednesday 15th June – Wartime Wedding – 1.30pm - ‘in costume’ talk by [The History Wardrobe](#) on the clothes and fashions of a wedding during the wartime period. The talk will last about an hour and the speakers are happy to chat to the audience afterwards and show the costumes in more detail. Ticket price is £6.00 and includes tea and cake.

Sunday 19th June 10:30am to 3:00pm **Grand Plant Sale 2011**. Sales of locally raised plants - a wide variety of perennials, annuals, house, vegetable and herb plants available for sale. All proceeds of sale go to The Station Community Fund.

From 11am to 12am talk on Using Medicinal Herbs At Home by Herbalist Bel Charlesworth Free Entry to Sale and Workshop.

For further information, offers of help with the sale or donations of plants please contact Mike Heseltine Tel: 01748 823558 or email noguru48@gmail.com

Also on Sunday, 19th June Richmond Open Gardens Around 20 private gardens open from 1pm- 6pm. Programme with map and list of gardens £4 from Richmond Tourist Information Centre and The Station (15th - 19th June) and from Richmond Town Hall (15th - 17th June).

Proceeds from the Open Gardens shared between the Station Community Fund and Richmond Open Spaces Appeal.



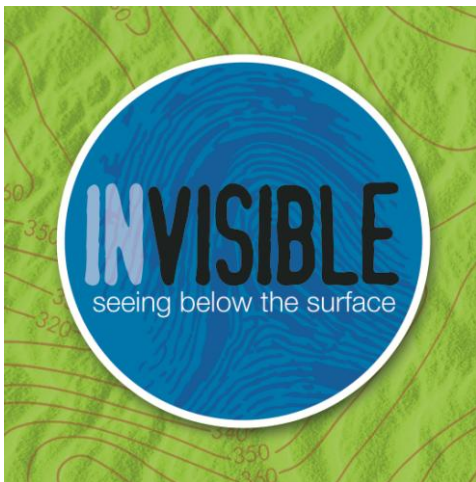
July

Saturday 9th July from 10.00am to 4.00pm - Railway Collectors Fair. A repeat of the successful railway collectors' events which were held here both before and after The Station re-opened.

Around 30 stalls on the Platform, in the Swale Room and under the Port Cochere, selling a wide range of railwayana, including railway relics and signs, books, ephemera, photographs, tickets and much more.

There will also be stalls from preserved railways and societies, including the Wensleydale Railway, the North Yorkshire Moors Railway, and even the Corris Railway from North Wales.

It is hoped that there will also be space for a Station book stall – volunteers will be sought to help staff this.



Art Events June - October

- 11th to 25th June. Victoria Bellas-Carter - Floral Designs made from multilayered tissue paper; and Suzanne Tweddle - silver and glass jewellery.
- 18th June to 1st July. Geoff Hewitt – Figurative and Portrait paintings; and Brian Hewitt – Abstract and Natural photography.
- 25th June to 8th July. Gary Keat – Photography of many different styles and subjects.
- 2nd to 9th July. Reeth & Gunnerside Schools, pupils' photography. (Community exhibition).
- 16th July to 3rd September. A Major Summer Open Exhibition – [InVisible: Seeing below the surface](#), entries open to all artists in Yorkshire, Cumbria and the North East with 150 works on display throughout The Station.
- 10th to 23rd September (Mezzanine). Exhibition by artists from the Teesdale Art Group.
- 10th to 23rd September (Lower Platform/New Build). Exhibition by pupils from Richmond Schools.
- 24th September to 7th October. Paintings by Ian Lightfoot - portraits, landscapes and futuristic.
- 8th to 21st October. Exhibition by Darlington Society of Arts. (Whole building).
- 22nd October to 4th November. New works by Allison Woodroffe-Charlton.

Further details of all art exhibitions from [Lou Holliday](#), 824360.

August/September

Sunday 14th August - 5 artists who work for The Clervaux Trust will demonstrate traditional crafts of wood turner, artist blacksmith, potter, textile artist and soap maker.

Sunday 25th September - There will be another Richmond Walking and Book Festival Book Fair. This has become an annual event at The Station. Stalls will run along the platform into The Swale Room and down along the Food Production Units. There will also be an author event during the morning in Screen Two. This year Yvette Huddleston and Walter Swan will talk about Dale in a Day. Entry for this will be by ticket but the Book Fair is Free.

The Book Dealers will present books, and ephemera across a range of specialist areas including: Agriculture, Art and Design, Children's books; Crime Fiction; History and Local History; Literature; Military books; Natural History; Sport; Theatre; Topography; Transport and Railways; Travel, and Walking and Climbing; plus a large number of general subjects. There will be books for collectors, first editions and bargains for all. Look out for The Station's own stall, which will be raising money for the Community Fund.



Other

Sunday 9th October - Caroline O Neill has booked The Platform for another Wedding Fair.

Sunday 6th November - Annual Craft Fair

Saturday 26th/Sunday 27th November – Festive Food & Gift Fair

Community Fund activities such as Watercolour classes, French and Italian classes, Rag Rug making, Patchwork, Jewellery/Beading and Knitting – see the [Community Activity](#) tab on the homepage of our website.



Putting on these activities requires a lot of voluntary effort and we are always in need of people to help with events and on the reception desk. If you know of neighbours or friends who would be willing to help then please ask them to contact Jackie Edwards our new volunteer manager (email: stationvolunteermanager@yahoo.co.uk or telephone: 07432 384815).



Seasons are offering a Mexican menu – two courses for £10 on Tuesday to Saturday 5.30pm – 9pm from April 27th to June 25th. If you wear a sombrero when you come for the meal you will get a free sweet.

A reminder that the 'Friends' card 10% discount is valid in Seasons Darlington as well as Seasons at The Station.

The Station Cinema, after its successful screening of the Royal Wedding, is currently in negotiations with the **Metropolitan Opera** in New York, the **National Theatre** in London and several other sources. It will soon be screening various Operas, live productions from the National Theatre, ballets, live Question and Answer sessions etc, all in stunning High Definition on their 6.5 x 4 metre screen! The first event will be a live screening on 30th June 2011 of the National Theatre's spirited new version of Anton Checkhov's ["The Cherry Orchard"](#).



We say farewell to Ethical Investments who have now vacated their office and give a welcome to Calvis, an IT and Management Consultancy, who have taken over the lease.

Trustees and Staff

We welcome two new Trustees and a new member of Staff to our team. Angela Harris and Joyce Steele have been co-opted as Trustees. Angela will take the lead on marketing and liaising with Seasons and will be a member of the Management Group (James Gravenor, Ian Hepworth and Angela Harris) whose role is to manage the staff and develop policies and procedures for The Station. Joyce will assist Jim Jack in events management. Jackie Edwards has been appointed as Volunteer Manager – she will spend 20 hours a week for the next six months co-ordinating, recruiting, and training volunteers.



Angela Harris



Joyce Steele



Jackie Edwards