

COMMUNITY RAIL WEEKEND 2008 - PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Summary:

49 photographs were displayed in the Platform Gallery as part of the exhibition of railway related items including artwork from five local primary schools. The 49 were chosen from the entries received as best representing the theme of the competition 'Railways in the Community'. Over the weekend 755 visitors were counted passing through the Platform Gallery and of these 129 (17%) completed voting forms.

Each voter was asked to pick a first, second and third from the 49 photographs and these each vote was then scored in the following manner:

- 1st Place = 3 points
- 2nd Place = 2 points
- 3rd Place = 1 point

The results of this vote and subsequent scoring are shown in detail below and congratulations must go to Dean Weaver whose shot of a Royal Train being hauled over Ribbleshead Viaduct by a steam engine was far and away the outright winner.

As well voting for their favourite photographs each person was asked to provide their postcode. This information was used to see how far people had travelled to see the exhibition. The largest group was inevitably from the Clitheroe area with a good number from Blackburn, Accrington and Burnley. Others had travelled from Rochdale, Liverpool, Preston, Burscough and Keighley. The surprise was that there were votes cast by people from Hull, Long Eaton, Altrincham, Knutsford, Slaithwaite (the good Doctor), Nottingham and even as far away as Walton-on-Thames!

All in all this proved to be very worthwhile and is likely to be repeated in future years. Thanks go to all those who submitted entries and to all in the staff in the Platform Gallery who gave their help willingly. Thanks must also go to Marjorie Birch whose help Brian and I could not have managed without and also to Nigel Kirby who helped with the signage for the exhibition. Nigel must also be thanked for his prompt and ceaseless promotion of all things relating to the various Community Rail Partnerships through the Ribbles Valley Rail website.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION - First 21 PLACINGS LIST

	No.	Points	Description	Photographer
1	21	90	Steam on Royal Train on Ribbleshead Viaduct	Dean Weaver
2	18	58	Father & 2 sons watching Class 47 at Preston (B & W)	Ken Roberts
3	49	41	Lord Nelson at Bentham	Wendy Smith
4	34	40	Mother & son on Keighley & Worth Valley Railway (B & W)	Ken Roberts
5=	10	36	Princess Elizabeth at Langwathby	Matt Clarke
5=	27	36	Santa Services 2007	Nigel Kirby
7	36	33	In the Canadian Rockies	Brian Lloyd
8	3	31	Ladies joining 156 on the Wherry Line	Ian Dinmore
9	14	29	45526 at Lancaster Castle station (B & W)	Ken Roberts
10=	8	23	Ulverston station (B & W)	Ken Roberts
10=	19	23	A 153 in the snow at Langho	Brian Haworth
12=	28	21	Indian Railways	Trevor Marklew
12=	32	21	Flower bed at Horton-in-Ribblesdale station	J P Buckley
14	44	19	Pen-y-Ghent from Horton-in-Ribblesdale station	J P Buckley
15=	22	16	Carlisle bound platform at Settle station	Simon Clarke
15=	24	16	Small boy on 142 (B & W)	Ken Roberts
17	6	15	Gordon Wilson at Clitheroe station	Ken Geddes
18=	1	14	Asian musicians at Newton Heath depot	Ken Geddes
18=	7	14	A Wherry Lines 156	Ian Dinmore
18=	48	14	Himalayan train at tunnel entrance	Trevor Marklew