

**Ymddiriedoleath Amgueddfa Rheilffyrdd Bach Cul  
The Narrow Gauge Railway Museum Trust**

**Registered Office: Wharf Station TYWYN Gwynedd LL36 9EY**

**Registered Charity 1040128 Elusen Cofrestredig**

**Registered Museum RD1433 Amgueddfa Gofrestredig**

**Annual Report  
and Accounts  
for 2002**

**The principal object of the Trust is the collection, conservation and display of  
narrow gauge railway relics and material  
for the education of the public in an enjoyable way  
in accordance with the Trust Deed dated 11 July 1994**

**Trustees appointed by the Talylyn Railway Preservation Society**

**Michael Howard MCIPS - Treasurer**

**Donald H Newing BSc, CEng, MIEE, MIRSE**

**C Keith Theobald - Chairman**

**A Christopher White MA - Secretary**

**Anthony J Coulls , BA, MSocSc (Ind Arch) - Conservation Adviser**

**Co-opted Trustee - Winston McCanna**

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**Education Advisers**

**Elizabeth J Mann, PGCE**

**Jonathan M Mann, PGCE**

**Narrow Gauge Adviser - James IC Boyd**

**Legal Adviser - Charles EE Fleming**

**Curatorial Adviser - Gareth Haulfryn Williams, MA**

**Language Consultants - Beryl Griffiths, Renaud Olgiati, Gerhard Urban  
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**Website: <http://www.talylyn.co.uk/ngrm/>**

# Report of the Trustees for 2002

## Introduction

This report covers the period from 1 February 2002 to 31 January 2003. The recorded attendance was 10,537 compared to 11,419 the previous year. We thank our voluntary attendants and the staff and volunteers of the Talylyn Railway for all their help. Victor Thomas retired as our Senior Attendant during the year and we thank him for his service. Reg Dawson took over the duties and we appreciate all his assistance.

## People

The trustees and officers named on the front served throughout the year.

## Finance

The Trust ended the year with a balance of £223,924.11, of which £155,261.81 was held in the Talylyn Heritage Fund started in 1999 and £20,000 as a contingency reserve. The trustees consider that the financial position is satisfactory but that further funds will be needed to redevelop the Museum. £1,773.83 was spent on the collection and equipment. £32,000 in the CAF Balanced Growth Fund suffered a further reduction in value to £21,886.34 during the year in common with such funds generally.

## Grants

**A grant of £180.00 was received from the Council of Museums in Wales. No grants from our funds were made in view of the need to raise funds for the redevelopment.**

## Documentation

The new computerised system on Catalist was updated regularly during the year and much detailed information recorded with several items in the museum being recorded for the first time - the database now contains 567 records of items in the collection.

## Locomotives stored away from Tywyn

*Cambrai* remains at Irchester in a very satisfactory state of conservation.

*Penelope* is at North Ings Farm Museum in working order. It was used during Railway Experience Days for younger volunteers in May and October.

*Nutty* is at Peterborough and restoration work has started subject to available funding.

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**No progress was possible during the year although plans are being made for removal from Tywyn to the English Midlands so that a detailed condition report and schedule of work required may be prepared and grant aid sought for cosmetic restoration.**

## Wagon restoration

Restoration work on a Talylyn Railway slate wagon with working brakes was completed during the year.

The Furzebrook wagon which has suffered through being stored outside since it came to Tywyn in 1958 has been moved to Swanage where we hope it will eventually be fully restored and find a home in the new Purbeck Mineral and Mining Museum.

## Publicity

The present web site was updated on a regular basis and pilot studies are taking place for an improved web site to give access to all the appropriate records held by the Trust.

The 100th anniversary of the end of the Boer War was celebrated in August with a special display of items from the collection and the archives. A display panel about the products of the deWinton Works at Caernarfon was introduced.

## Wharf Station

The legal preliminaries for the development of a two storey building to replace the existing museum building were completed during the year. Interpretation and Conservation Plans were prepared and adopted by the trustees. On 1 March 2003 we heard that the Heritage Lottery Fund has agreed to a grant to enable the work to proceed. This will involve the closure of the museum and the removal and storage of the contents and a complete redesign and redisplay of the collection. The trustees have resolved that the whole of the capital and interest in the Talylyn Heritage Fund will be devoted to this project and will seek other grant funds in addition. The trustees will be involved at all stages of this work and are looking forward eagerly to seeing the results which should create a place where the collection can be enjoyed and its educational potential realised by residents and visitors alike.

# Financial Statement

	31/1/2003	31/1/2002
	£	£
<b>Balance brought forward</b>		185,587
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Donations at the door</b>	2,475.9	2,538
<b>Other donations</b>	474.72	5,486
<b>Interest</b>	6,323.92	8,050
<b>Grants received</b>	180.00	709
<b>Tax refund</b>		17,759
<b>Total receipts</b>	9,454.54	34,543
<b>Payments</b>		
<b>Museum collection</b>	1,706.83	1,868
<b>Grants made (Note 3)</b>		
<b>Postage and stationery</b>	55.15	26
<b>Marketing and publicity</b>		535
<b>Subscriptions</b>	101.00	67
<b>Site services</b>	283.74	360
<b>Equipment</b>	57.00	600
<b>Total payments</b>	2,203.72	3,457
<b>Balance in hand</b>		
<b>CAF Balanced Growth Fund (Note 2)</b>	32,000.00	32,000
<b>CAFCash Ltd</b>	36,662.30	34,749
<b>Tallylyn Heritage Fund (Note 4)</b>	155,261.81	149,924
<b>Total</b>	223,924.11	216,673

Notes

1. The Trustees have resolved to maintain a Contingency Reserve of £20,000 which is included in the general funds of the Trust.
2. £32,000 in the CAF Balanced Growth Fund was valued at £21,886.34 on 31 January 2003 (compared to £30,067.11 on 31 January 2002 and £34,705.64 on 31 January 2001) based on the mid price of the units. Any gain or loss will appear in the accounts for the year in which the units are sold.
3. The Trustees have resolved to make no more grants for the time being in view of the need to build up funds for the redevelopment of the Wharf site.
4. A designated fund kept separate from the general funds of the Trust - the primary purpose of the fund is to secure the protection and conservation of the Tallylyn heritage including the items in the Museum collection.

**Agreed by the Trustees at their meeting on 1 March 2003**

**Signed**

**CK Theobald, Chairman**

**AC White, Secretary**