



TBS News Update - January 2020

2 January 2020,

Dear Thomas Brassey Society Member,

First of all can I welcome you all to the TBS society. As Secretary, I will keep you informed of things as they develop throughout the year by Email which will keep our postage charges down. We have had our first meeting and the officers of the society were put in place from the members who wished to be part of the committee, selected at the inaugural meeting at the Queen. Our team includes:

Stephen Langtree	Chairman
Richard Coackley	Vice Chairman
Peter Bolt	Secretary
David Bebb	Treasurer
David Hooley	Membership Secretary
Catherine Mechan	Research Officer
Peter Cocker	Minute Secretary

We are looking for a webmaster and would be pleased to hear from anyone who could help in this respect. (*We are pleased to announce that this position is now filled by Phil Pearn - see www.thomasbrasseysociety.org*)

Thanks to Society member David Allen, there should be an article regarding the formation of the society in the Heritage Railway magazine by feature writer Geoff Courtney due out about 17th – 20th January.

I have been asked many times for recommended books to read about the life and times of Brassey. So here is a short reading list which you may consider. Most can be picked up through Amazon Books.

The life and labours of Thomas Brassey - Sir Arthur Helps. (*Considered the Bible*) Amazon
Thomas Brassey railway builder – Charles Walker. Amazon
The Railway Barons - David Mountfield. Amazon
Thomas Brassey Railway Builder and Canada Works – John Millar Amazon
Greatest Railway Builder in the World – Tom Stacey. Amazon
The Brassey Tribute Stones Project – Doug Haynes. Amazon
The Life of Joseph Locke Civil Engineer – John Devery. Amazon
The Diary of William Mackenzie – David Brooke. Amazon (*Brasseys time in France 1840 – 1849*)
The Railway Navies – Terry Coleman Penguin Books. Amazon
The Storeton Tramway – R. C. Jermy Amazon

I will be in touch as things develop

Peter Bolt
Secretary - The Thomas Brassey Society