

IN THE MEANTIME

**Please Join us in paying
a Special Tribute to
British and Allied Armed Services**



**Spitfires from 315 Squadron (Polish)
based at Ballyhalbert in County Down
during World War II.**



**Consolidated Catalina IVA of 202 Squadron
based at Castle Archdale, County Fermanagh
during World War II.**

**The B.& C.D.R. Museum Trust has agreed to
purchase two steam engines
that are to be named**

'HERO' and 'REMEMBRANCE'

**and we have received considerable support
towards this objective from a number of famous
celebrities - please see below.**

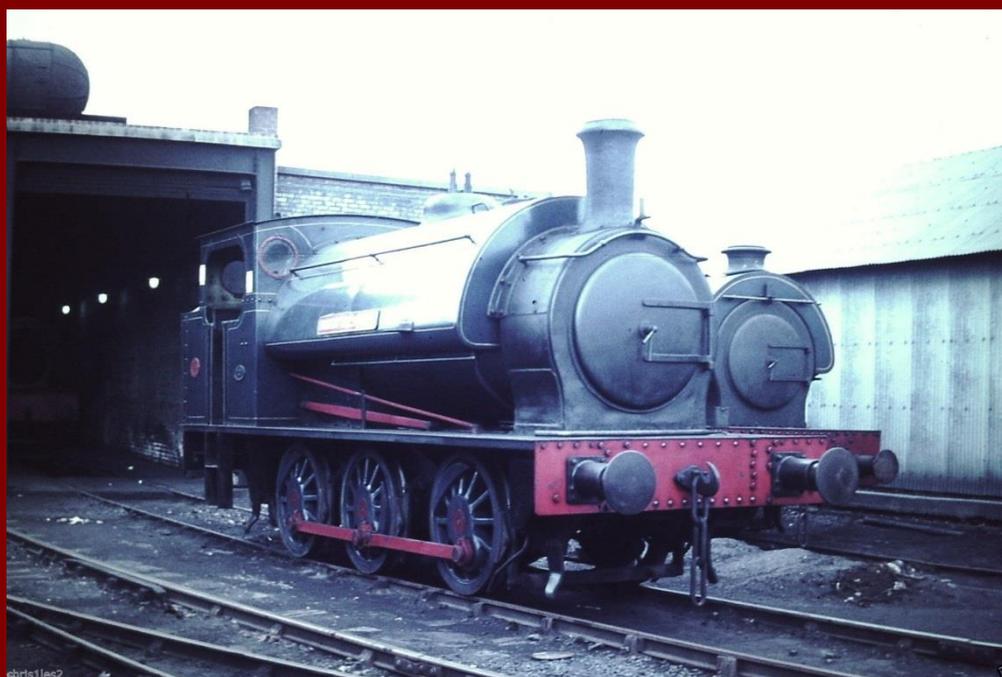
**These engines will be named in recognition of the
sacrifice made by those who fought and died in the
various conflicts from the First World War
through to the present day, including those
currently serving in the various conflicts around
the world.**

The tribute will also recognise the services provided by those who supported the various war efforts at home, much of which goes unrecognised, and will include officers of the various civilian services: Police, Ambulance, Fire Brigade, and Prison Service, many of whom died serving their respective communities.

Ideally we would like to unveil the two engines on 1st July, 2016 -

The 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, in which so many men from all parts of Ireland, and the rest of the British Isles were to loose their lives.

Please see below for details of how you can help.



The type of engine that would be ideal for our purpose.



**Our First World War carriage No. 18.
Built in 1914, it is to be restored to run with the engines
as part of a First World War train.**

**A book recording the names of all who contribute towards this
memorial will be retained permanently.**

**To secure two suitable engines therefore we need to raise at least £80 -
£100,000 to cover the cost of their purchase and transportation to Northern
Ireland. We will need also to raise at least a similar amount to cover the
cost of overhaul, restoration, and long term maintenance, so we are
appealing to all possible sources for funding to please help us to secure the
funding required.**

***A number of celebrities have very kindly provided
the Trust with
Personally Autographed Photographs
(Not pre-printed unless stated)***

***or have contributed various items to be sold to raise
funds for this***

Very Special Tribute.

**We would sincerely thank all of them for their
valuable support.**

**We look forward to having your support, and we
trust that you will purchase some of these items
that are detailed below.**

Please contact us today.

**In each case, unless stated, only one copy is available, and you can
order by contacting us at:-**

trust@bcdr.co.uk

or by sending your order with a cheque or Postal Order to:

The Belfast & County Down Railway Museum Trust

9 Kilbriart Road,

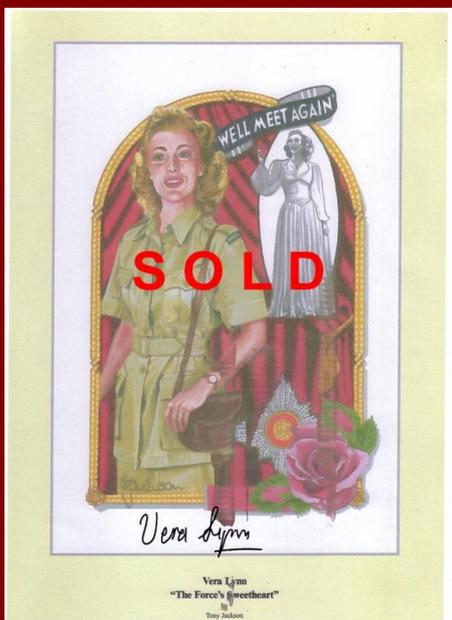
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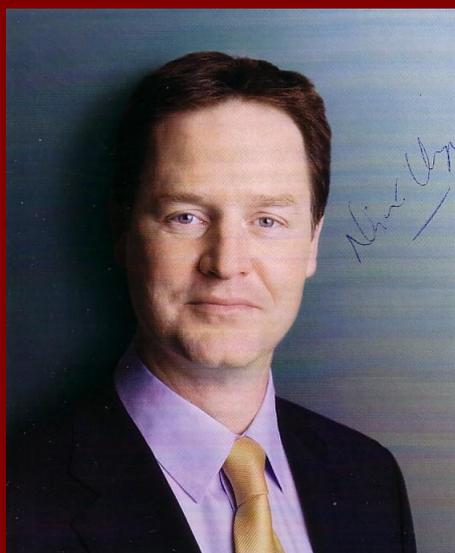
Co. Down, BT22 2HQ.

**If you don't wish to purchase an item you can still support this
special tribute by taking out a membership, or by sending a
donation to the Trust at the address given above.**

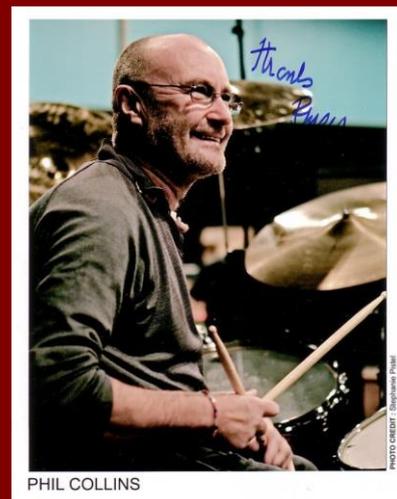
**We would also welcome items from any other celebrity who may be
interested in supporting this appeal.**



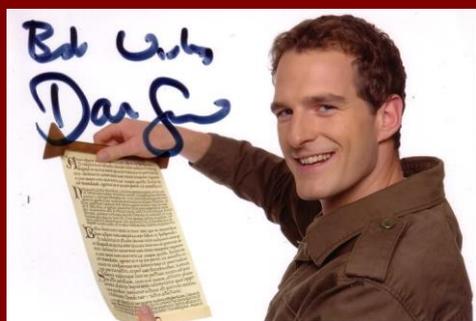
**Dame Vera Lynn – A4 Poster
SOLD**



**Nick Clegg 7" x 5 3/4"
At Least £50:00.**



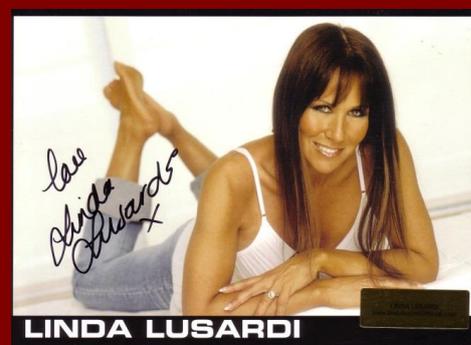
**Phil Collins 8" x 10"
At Least £200:00.**



**Dan Snow 6" x 4".
At Least £50:00 each.**

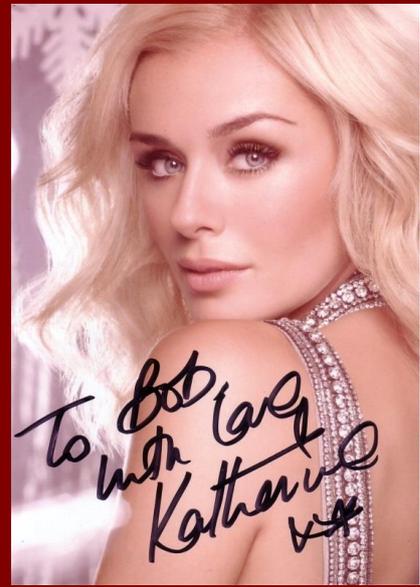
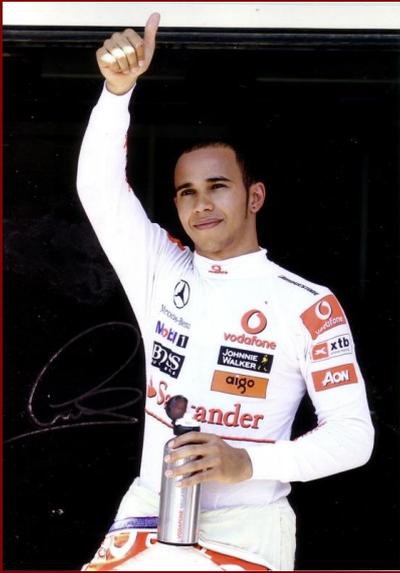


**Torvill & Dean 8" x 6".
At Least £150:00.**



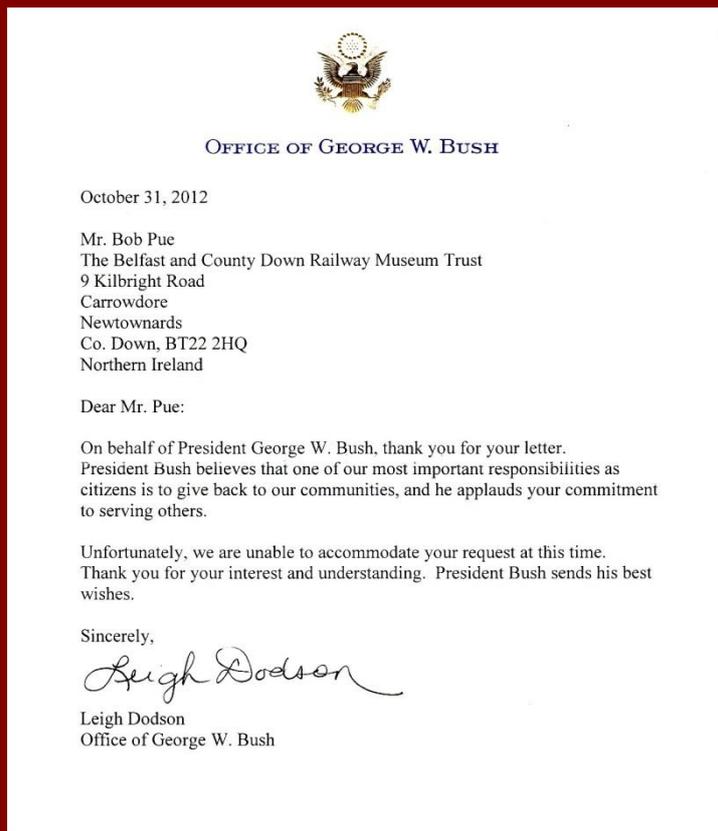
**Linda Lusardi 8 1/4" x 6".
At Least £75:00.**

Dan Snow has very kindly provided us with 3 copies each individually signed.



Lewis Hamilton Two 8" x 6 "
At Least £500:00 for the pair, or £300:00 each.

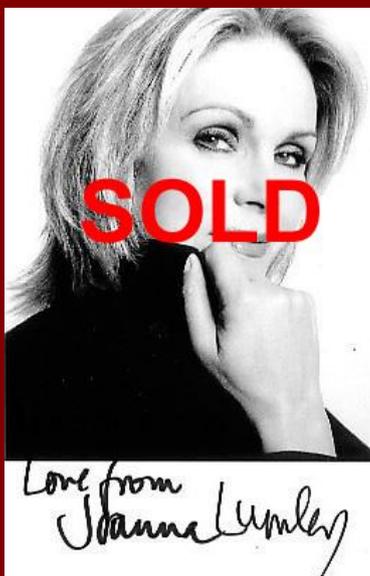
Katherine Jenkins 7" x 5"
At Least £150:00.



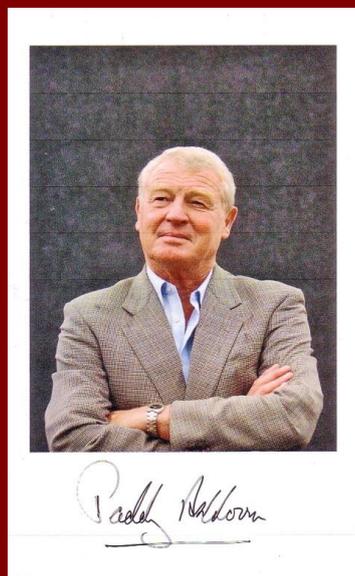
8½" x 6½" Letter from the Office of George W. Bush, former US President.

The President appreciates the importance of supporting veterans, but was unable to support our request for an Autographed Photograph for this appeal.

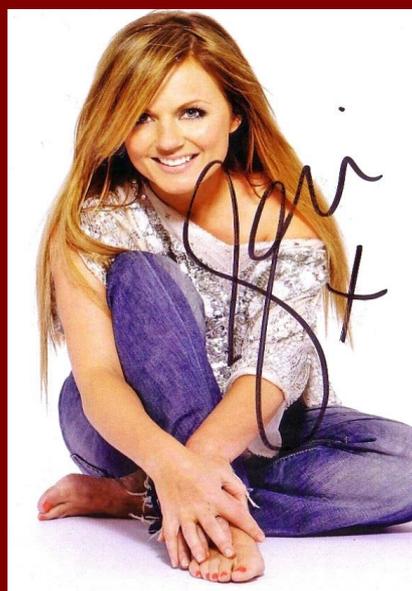
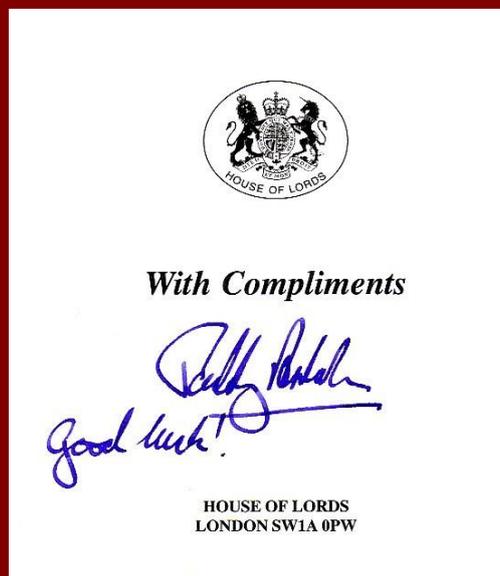
At Least £50:00.



Joanna Lumley 6" x 4".
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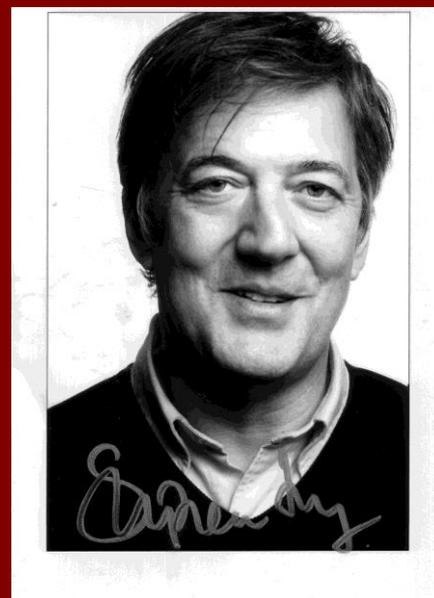
Paddy Ashdown 6½" x 4" with signed
House of Lords Compliments Slip
At Least £75:00 for both.



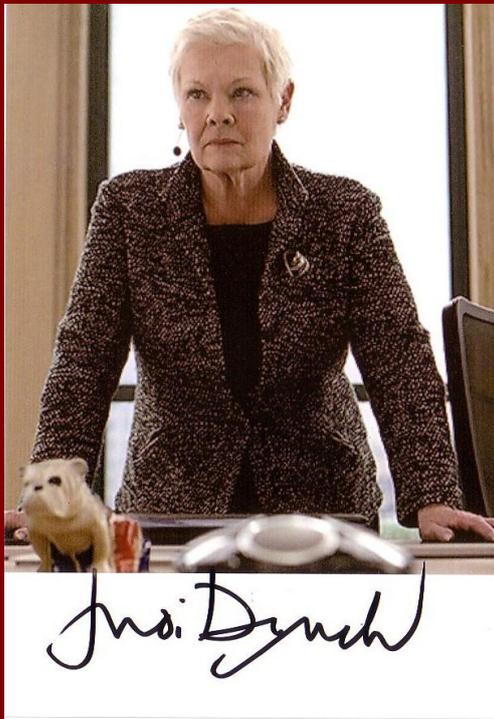
Geri Halliwell 6" x 4".
At Least £100:00.



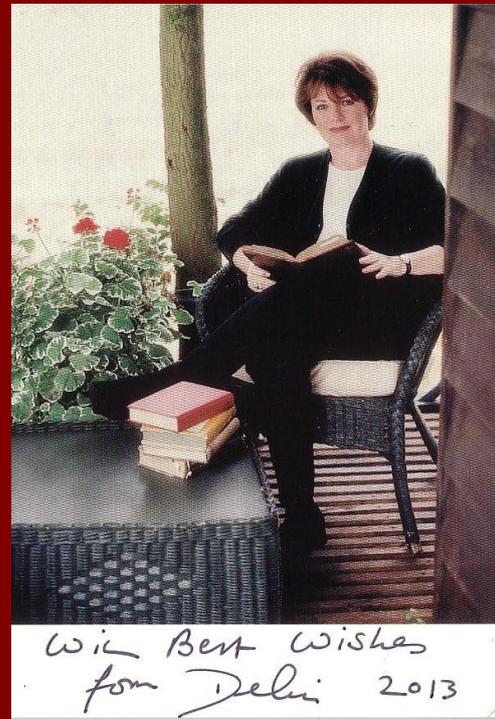
Barbara Windsor 6" x 4"
(Pre-printed)
At Least £25:00 each.
Barbara has kindly provided us with 4 copies



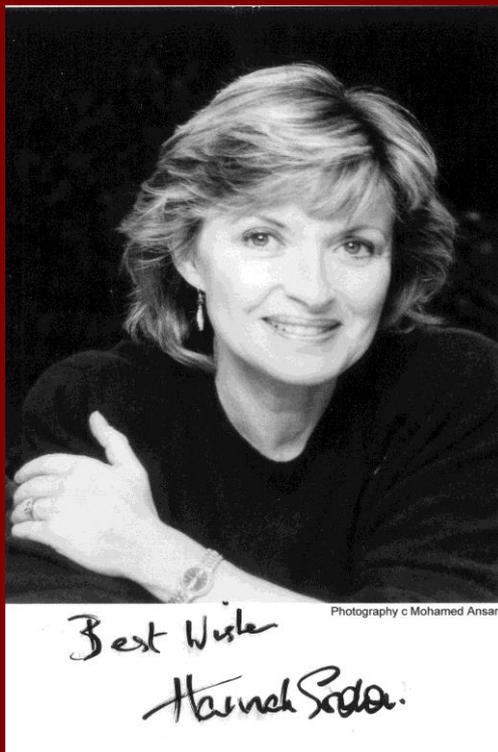
Stephen Fry 7" x 5"
(Possibly pre-printed)
At Least £50:00.



Dame Judi Dench 6" x 4".
At Least £200:00.

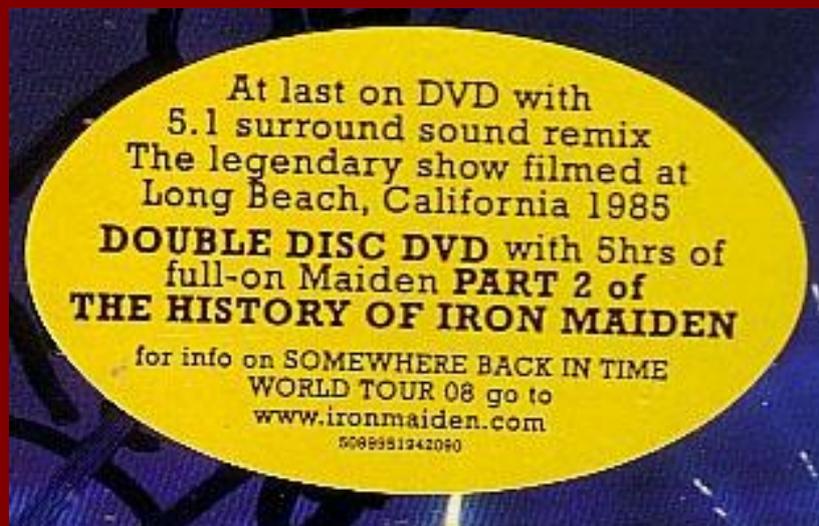
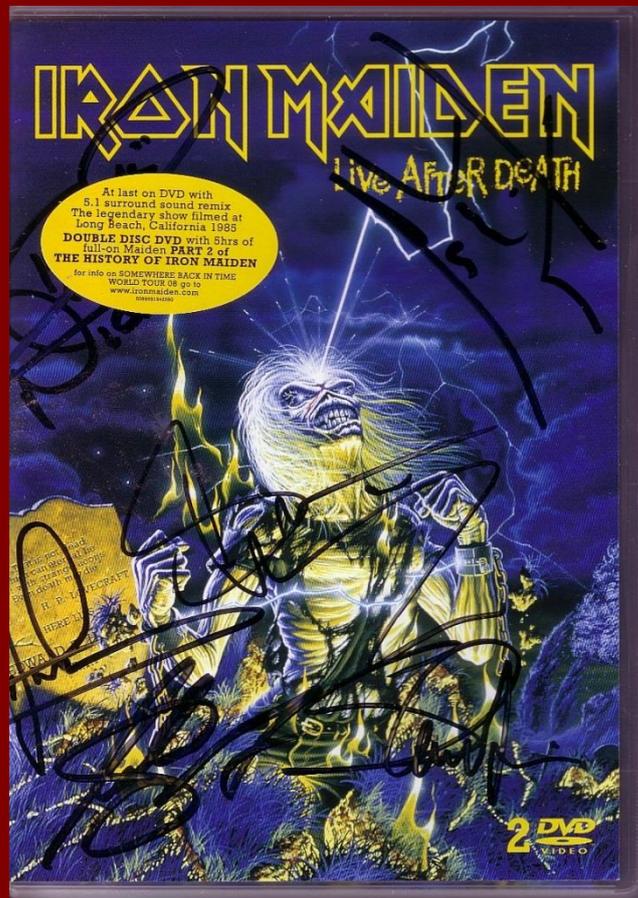


Delia Smith 6" x 4"
At Least £200:00.



Hannah Gordon
At Least £200:00 for the pair or £150:00 each.

Signatures are slightly smudged, but the pair will also come with an accompanying card which is also personally signed by Ms. Gordon if both are purchased together.



Bruce Dickinson of Iron Maiden has kindly given us a special double DVD set, the cover of which has been personally signed by all members of the band.

This is an exceptionally high value item, and the support of Bruce, and the other members of the band is very much appreciated indeed.

We hope to achieve at least £3,000 for this item.



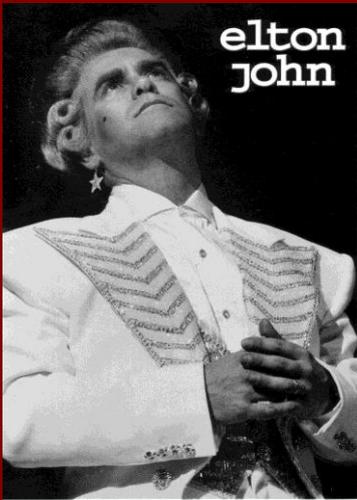
**Chris Tarrant 6" x 8½" photograph plus a personally signed
'WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE' Sweatshirt.**

**The sweatshirt is one that is used during rehearsals for the
programme.**

The two items come with a personally signed letter from Chris.

At least £1,500 for all three items.

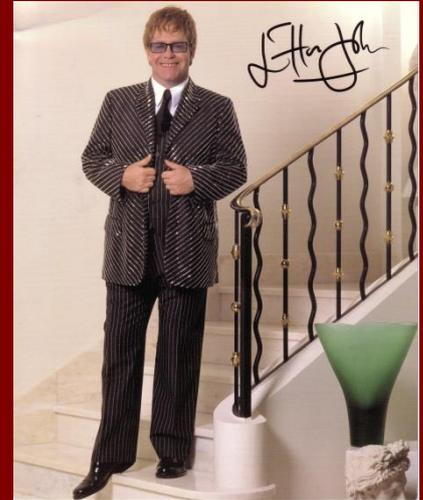
Sir Elton John Collection



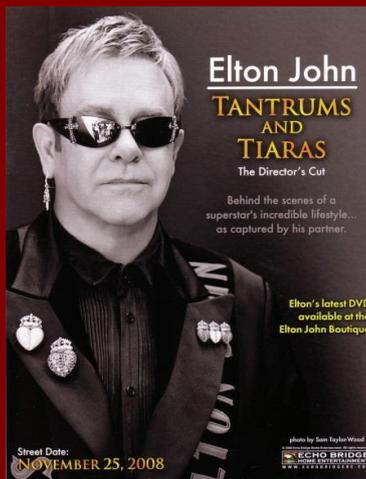
Postcard Size Photograph



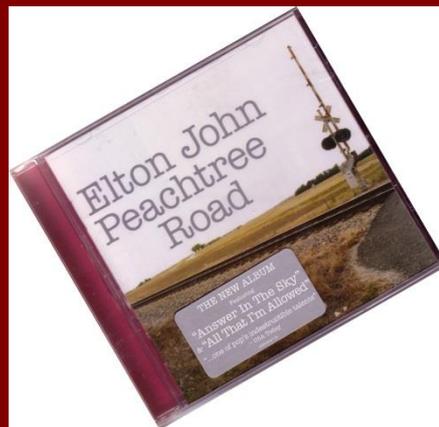
Final Performance Caesars Palace
T Shirt Unsigned



Pre-signed photograph
8" x 10"



A4 size poster 2008



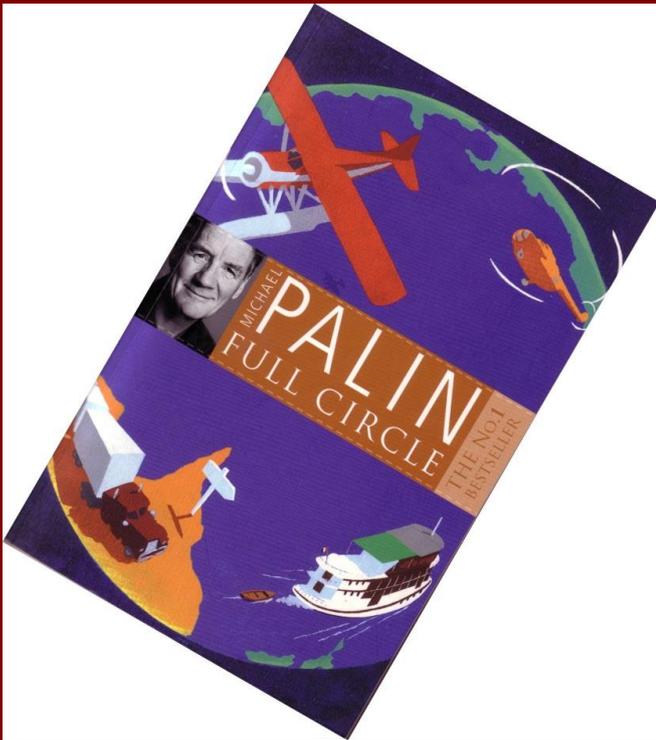
2 x CD's still in cellophane wrappers
Peachtree Road and The Captain & The Kid



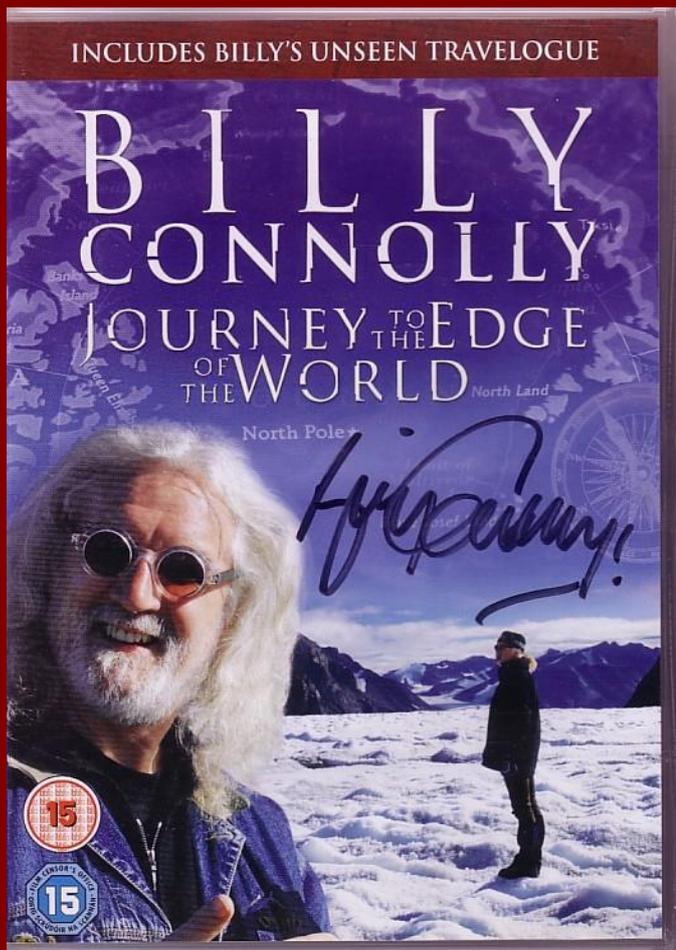
The Red Piano Tour Programme

None of the Items Gifted by Sir Elton John
are now available Commercially

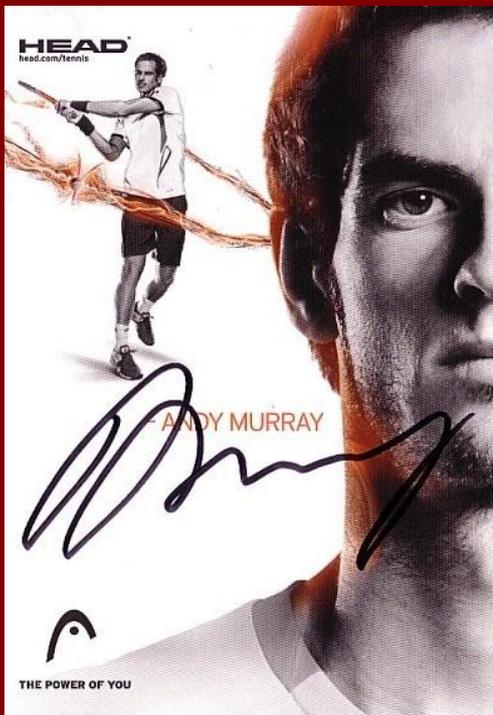
At Least £1,500 for the collection.



**Autographed copy of
Michael Palin's book
'FULL CIRCLE'
At Least £150:00.**



**Autographed copy of
Billy Connolly's double DVD
'Journey to the Edge of the World'
At Least £250:00.**

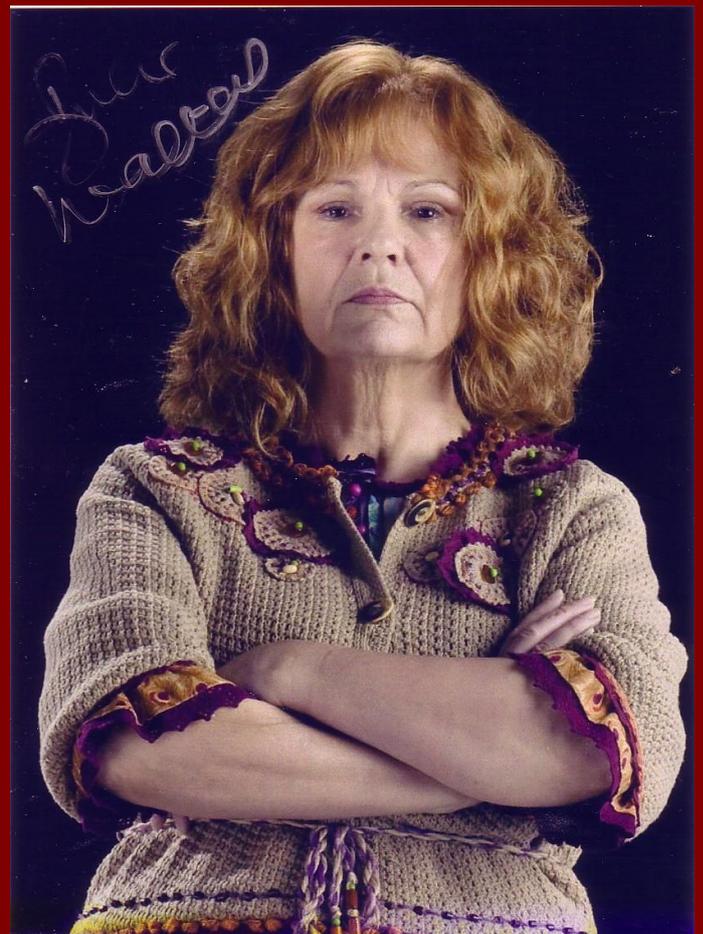


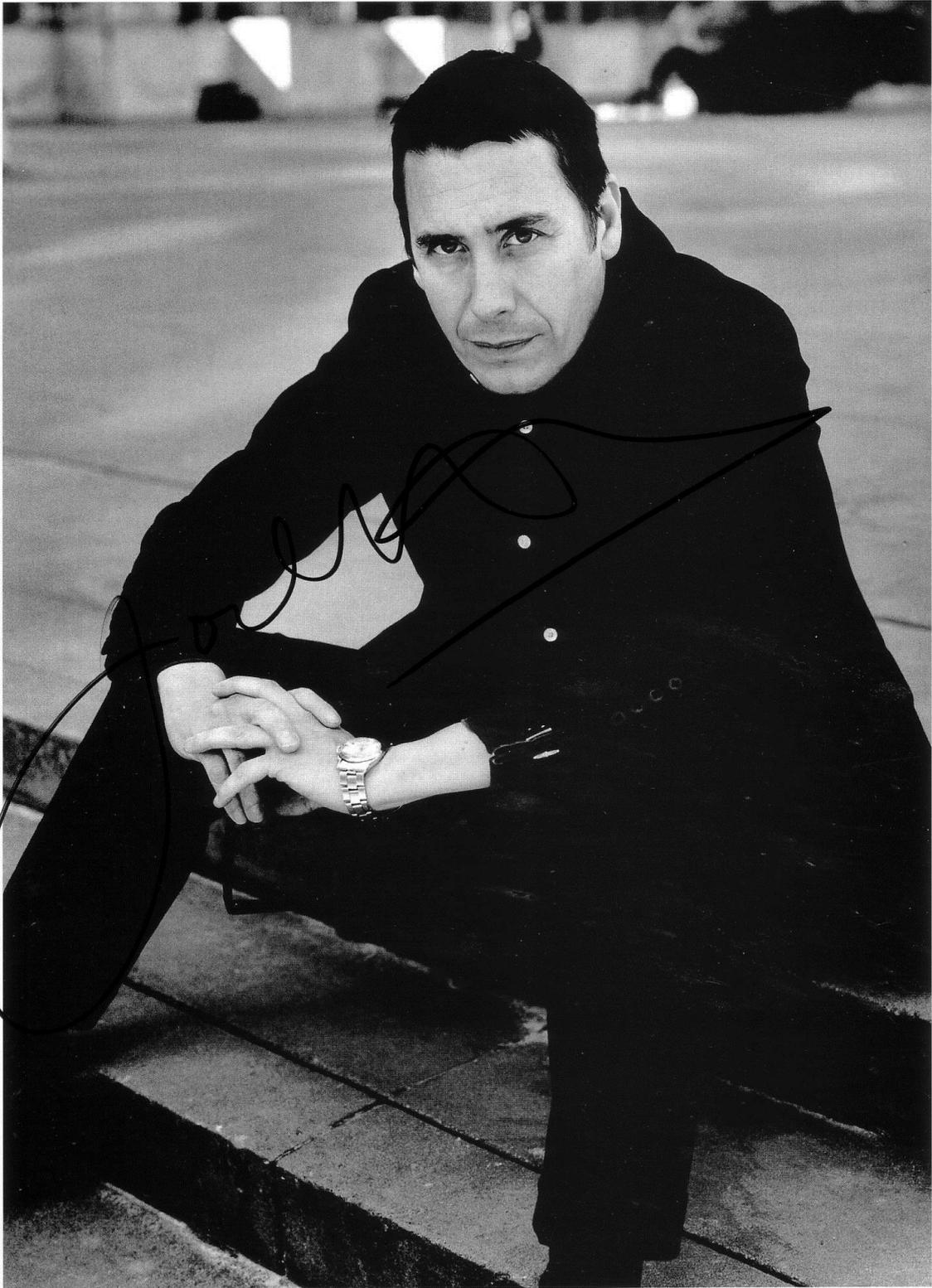
**Andy Murray – 2013 Wimbledon Champion
and Davis Cup Winner**

Autographed Postcard 6" x 4".

At Least £150:00.

Julie Walters
Autographed
Photograph 8" x 6"
At Least £200:00.



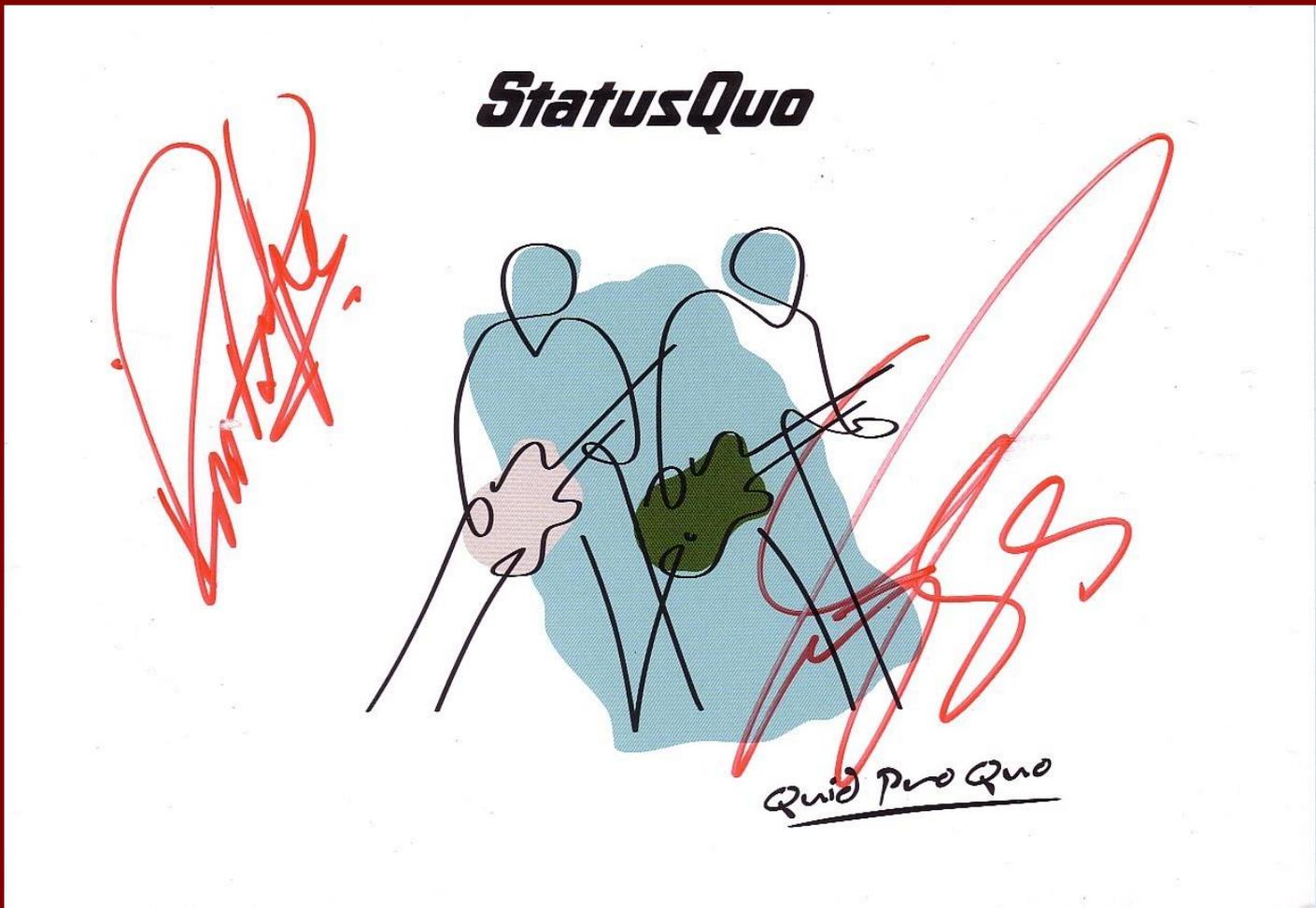


JOOLS HOLLAND

contact: Paul Loasby / Fay Woolven 0181 293 0999



Jools Holland
Autographed Photograph – Full A4 size.
At Least £250:00.



Status Quo

Autographed Card – A5 size 6” x 8”.

At Least £200:00.

**A substantial donation has also been received from
Sir Andrew Lloyd-Webber.**



The aim of this web site is to promote interest in the history of the former Belfast & County Down Railway, and to allow railway enthusiasts and others to participate in the preservation and restoration of part of its route.

It is also to provide information about the Trust's plans for the restoration of part of the company's line as a Heritage Railway that will depict as closely as possible the image, the aura, and the character of the Belfast & County Down Railway during its hundred years of operation, whilst providing a major tourist attraction.



What is the B.& C.D.R. Museum Trust?

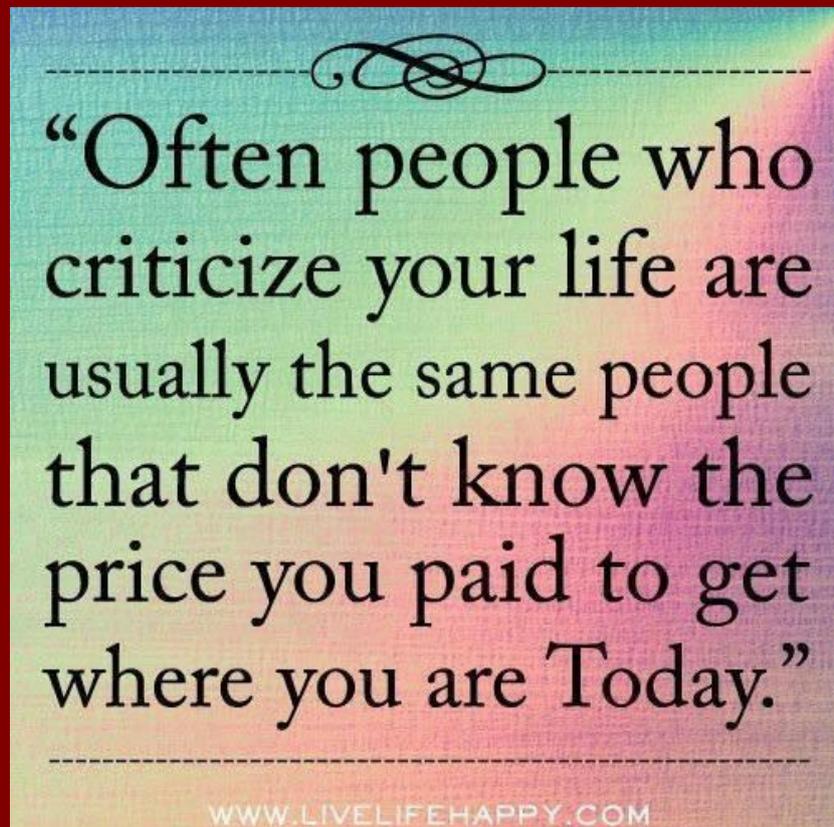
The Belfast & County Down Railway Museum Trust is a voluntary organisation that was established by a small group of railway enthusiasts in 1972, the primary aim being to preserve relics, artifacts, and photographic material relating to the railways of Ireland in general, and of the former Belfast & County Down Railway in particular.

The formation of the Trust was prompted by the loss in the early 1970's of a number of extensive collections of Irish railway archive materials which were not unfortunately protected in any way. As a safeguard therefore, the Trust was registered through the Northern Ireland Legal system at the time of its formation, thereby giving a guarantee of security to the materials and artifacts within its collection. The collection is overseen by a Board of Trustees who are charged with the responsibility of ensuring its continued preservation.

The day to day running of the Trust, is in the hands of a committee that is made up of members of the Trust who are elected at an A.G.M. each year. This Committee also has a representative from the Board of Trustees, who acts as the 'Go Between', being the link between the Trustees and the membership.

Soon after its formation the Trust proposed the development of a Working Railway Museum using a portion of the track bed of the former Belfast & County Down Railway, and indeed was the first railway preservation organisation in Ireland to promote the idea of an operational railway museum. The section of line chosen initially was that between Saintfield and Ballynahinch, which incorporated two miles of the former main line between Rowallane Gardens at Saintfield (The headquarters of the National Trust), and Ballynahinch Junction, and also the 3½ mile branch line from Ballynahinch Junction to Ballynahinch Town. This portion of the line was chosen in consultation with the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, but as stated above, these plans have now had to be abandoned following the uninvited intervention of other so-called railway enthusiasts.

Full details of the Trust's proposed developments, how you can help, and the present state of play can be found on other pages of this web site. These can be accessed by clicking on the links at the head of each page.



WANTED

ALL KINDS OF IRISH RAILWAY MEMORABILIA,
OLD RAILWAY PHOTOGRAPHS,
BOOKS and MAGAZINES etc.,

Particularly anything relating to the
Belfast & County Down Railway

FOR PERMANENT PRESERVATION

PLEASE CONTACT

THE B.& C.D.R. MUSEUM TRUST

9 Kilbright Road

Carrowdore

NEWTOWNARDS

Co. DOWN, BT22 2HQ

Freephone: 0800 980 1242

E-mail: trust@bcdr.co.uk

All items in our collection are protected for posterity under the terms of our
Deed of Trust

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**THE LAST TICKETS HAVE BEEN ISSUED, NEWCASTLE HAS
SEEN THE LAST
TRAIN OFF, AND THE SHARP WHISTLE BLASTS THAT
DAILY RENT THE
MORNING STILLNESS HAVE BEEN SILENCED AFTER
EIGHTY YEARS.**

A shade of sadness cast its sentimental gloom over sweet County Down when the last train passed over the many miles of the serpentine iron ribbon between Newcastle and Comber.

Yes, that train rocked and shook and passed by the hills and dales and vanished like a phantom on its journey into the past, and reminded one of the funeral cortege of a gallant warrior who had served his country well. Though there was no muffled drum, a death-knell did sound, not from a louvered belfry but from the occasional short blasts from the locomotive whistle, the signal of a duty being performed for the last time.

As those sonorous blasts died away in the evening air, so passed into the limbo of history a major portion of a railway whose embankments and cuttings will perpetuate it in the archaeological future when much of its story will have been long forgotten.

To those of us who remember its heyday, its decline and fall in this age of automotive transport on the highways and byways, the old 'County Down Railway will remain one of our most cherished memories.

Reprinted from the

BELFAST TELEGRAPH

at the closure of the main line of the

Belfast & County Down Railway

on 16th January, 1950.

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The following are links to a few other Irish railway sites that our visitors may find of interest.

IRISH RAILWAY RECORD SOCIETY <http://www.irrs.ie/>

COUNTY DONEGAL RAILWAY RESTORATION LIMITED

<http://www.donegalrailway.com/>

CAVAN & LEITRIM RAILWAY <http://www.cavanandleitrim.com/>

MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY OF IRELAND <http://www.modelrailways.ie/>

SOUTH DUBLIN MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

<http://www.sdmrc.hobbysites.net/news.php>

IRISH STEAM PRESERVATION SOCIETY <http://www.irishsteam.ie/>

ULSTER MODEL RAILWAY CLUB <http://www.ulstermodelrailwayclub.co.uk/>

NORTH DOWN MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY <http://www.ndmrs.co.uk/>

STUDIO SCALE MODELS <http://homepage.eircom.net/~studioscale/index.html>

FINTOWN RAILWAY www.anfraen.com

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