

Full Steam Ahead!

A Celebration of the Revd Teddy Boston at Cadeby Church



August 13 & 14 2016

‘The Fat Clergyman’

Teddy Boston was great friends with the Revd Wilbert Awdry who wrote the Thomas the Tank Engine books.

In one book, Duke the Lost Engine, Mr Boston is the inspiration for the Fat Clergyman while Mr Awdry is the Thin Clergyman. The illustrations of the characters in the book look just like the two clergymen did in real life.

Mr Awdry wrote of him: “He was a parish priest first and a steam enthusiast second. He never forced religion on anyone but his sincere faith and devotion was there for all to see.”

Villagers who knew him remember him with great fondness.

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We are extremely grateful to members of Earl Shilton Flower Club for creating the arrangements for our celebration weekend and to villagers who have sponsored them. *(Please see back page for details).*

Special thanks to the Rose and Millward families for welcoming visitors back to The Old Rectory. Their hospitality is much appreciated.

We are pleased to be supported by the Cadeby Memorial Rally at Quorn which is in steam this weekend and which is raising money in part for the conservation of the Teddy Boston memorial window in Cadeby Church.

Special Memories

Thanks to all who have shared memories and memorabilia for display, in particular to Audrey Boston for the loan of very precious personal archive material. Press cuttings appear from The Hinckley Times, The Leicester Mercury, The Evening Tribune, The Heartland Evening News & other unidentified publications to whom we are very grateful.

Welcome to Cadeby Church!

The church of All Saints, Cadeby, dates from the mid-13th century and holds a list of Rectors of the parish from 1250 onwards. Perhaps the most famous of these has been the **Revd Edwin 'Teddy' Boston**, who was Rector of Cadeby from 1959 until his death 30 years ago in 1986, an anniversary we are marking with this special celebration of his life.

Mr Boston founded the **Cadeby Light Railway**, running a narrow-gauge track and locomotive around the grounds of The Old Rectory adjoining the church. He also created a large model railway, run from a shed in the rectory grounds, and set up a small museum of railway memorabilia. These were all regularly opened to the public to raise money for the church both during his time as minister here and for many years after his death by his widow Audrey.

The Revd Teddy Boston is commemorated in many ways in and around the church:

- The memorial on his grave near the base of the church tower reads '**Priest, Rector of Cadeby cum Sutton Cheney – General Manager of the Cadeby Light Railway – Died April 1st 1986**'
- A memorial bench beneath the tower bears the inscription '**In Memoriam The Reverend Teddy Boston – Rector of this parish 1959 – 1986 – Presented by The Rotary Club of Market Bosworth and the Cadeby Parish Pantry**'
- The church weather vane is in the shape of a traction engine
- Mr Boston is listed on a board of Rectors of the parish, on the wall of the south aisle
- A memorial brass to the left of the chancel shows Mr Boston and his wife Audrey with their dog and a narrow-gauge engine wheel, a real version of which can be seen below
- The stained glass east window, installed in 1979, shows Mr Boston on his narrow-gauge engine Pixie as well as tea cups and sandwiches in recognition of the Parish Pantry which was run by Mrs Boston to raise money for the church

Flower arrangements

Porch: **The Great English Eccentric** by Lyn Wherrett
Sponsored by Susan & Victor Broadfield

Font: **George Hudson** by Lyn Wherrett
Sponsored by Ellie & Ian Anderson

Windows: **Pixie** (Teddy Boston's steam engine) by Karen Brankin
Sponsored by Rachel Parrish

Thomas the Tank Engine by Mandy Earl
In memory of Tom Beaumont (4th January 2012 – 30th April 2014)

Fiery Elias (Teddy Boston's traction engine) by Catherine Greenwell
Sponsored by John Shepherd

Signs and Signals by Earl Shilton Flower Club
Sponsored by Diana & Steve Morgan

Shovel the Coal by Lynne Sharp
Sponsored by Kev Tansey

The Power and the Glory by Chris Godfrey
Sponsored by Sue & Paul Witham

Shine the Brass by Lyn Wherrett & Roz Fell
Sponsored by Claire & Richard Evans

Cadeby Light Railway by Earl Shilton Flower Club
Sponsored by Helen Aspin & John Taylor, Pierre Vettori

Floor: **Steaming On** by Roz Fell
Sponsored by Cris & Gary Moore

Reredos: **Just Like the Real Thing** by Roz Fell
Sponsored by Marjorie & Ken Pegg

Service of Evensong

You are most welcome to join us for a service of Evensong on Sunday at 6pm, to be led by Teddy's nephew the Revd Jonathan Boston