



Newsletter

Dear

Overview of last month

Our winter steam up was a great success. We had limited tickets based on hard standing parking availability and we sold out. Two steam locos ran (Helga and Katie) and Bill chatted about the collection with our visitors. The day was made even better by being one of the very few sunny days in January.



Coming up

Diesel Wednesdays are BACK!

From 18th Feb, every Wednesday 11am – 2pm. No need to book – just turn up. Tea room is open 9am-3pm. Please note, there is no treasure hunt on a regular Diesel Wednesday – only during advertised school holidays. Please check Facebook, Instagram or the website prior to visiting.

Easter Trains and Treasure Trail

Wednesday 8th - Friday 10th April 2026

Wednesday 15th – Friday 17th April 2026

Midweek fun during the Easter holidays

Celebrate the Easter holidays with a relaxed springtime adventure at Bredgar Railway. Join us midweek only for pay-per-ride Diesel Train rides, perfect for families, little ones, and anyone looking for a gentle day out in the fresh air.



Our trains will be running from 11am to 2pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, offering a cheerful Easter outing without the weekend crowds.

Train Ride Prices (Pay Per Ride)
£4 per adult (17yrs+)

£3 per child (4–16yrs)

FREE for children aged 0–3

No booking required – tickets are first come, first served and available from the Shop.

Easter Treasure Trail – The Lost Easter Bunnies

Add some Easter magic to your visit with our Easter Treasure Trail, running alongside the trains.

The Easter Bunnies have been hopping around our woodland and have gone missing! Children are invited to explore the trees and pathways to find the hidden Easter Bunnies, complete the trail and solve the challenge.

FREE with every child's train ticket

£3 per child if not riding the train

Note : Yew Tree Farm School, the Museum/Engine Shed, and other attractions will not be open on these days.

Young Engineers Experience Day – Saturday 30th May 2026

For the first time ever, Bredgar & Wormshill Light Railway is opening its doors to young railway enthusiasts for a truly exceptional Young Engineers Experience Day, delivered in partnership with Chris Vine of Peter's Railway.

Families often ask if children can visit the footplate or explore our workshop. For good reason, the answer is normally no — railways and workshops have strict age limits to ensure safety.

However, we are passionate about inspiring the next generation of engineers and railway people. This special day has been carefully designed to offer a safe, supervised, and genuinely hands-on experience that simply isn't available anywhere else.

[Event information and tickets here](#)

Tearoom News

Due to the amount of rain we're experiencing we have now put our stretch tent over the tables outside the tearoom allowing you to eat and drink outside in the dry. The car park is used by volunteers and Yew Tree Farm School, so cars in the car park is NOT an indication of how busy the tearoom is.

Menu and information here

Workshop News

We have had a lot happening in the last month with the Bridge taking up more than its fair share of time (details below). However other areas and items have been worked on.

The Garrett traction engine was fully checked over and passed its annual inspection.

The Brouhot portable has now had all new boiler tubes and the "doors" refitted. It passed its cold hydraulic test and the outer covers are being refitted ready for a full steam test in the coming weeks.

The Aveling-Barford steam roller completed its annual checks and inspection.

Maintenance work and annual inspections were completed on locomotives Helga and Zambezi. Helga was able to run on 23rd January which was great to see.

Following the winter steam up we have removed the cast iron signal blocks and brought them into the workshop for maintenance.



Bridge News

The Founders' Ticket — An incredible opportunity to be written into the history of this Victorian Railway Footbridge.

If you have followed the story of Garforth Bridge so far, you will know this amazing structure has been saved by BWLR and is undergoing essential repairs prior to re-erection at the Bredgar Line. This project will be completed this year, with the backing of the Heritage Railway Association and many local people who have already donated towards materials, we are now closing the funding gap to bring this historic bridge back to life!

We are offering a Founders' Ticket — created for those who care deeply about railway history, engineering, and preservation. This is not a standard appeal. It is an invitation to become permanently associated with the survival of a Victorian railway structure.

What Your Founders' Ticket Includes

* Permanent recognition on a brass plaque

Your name engraved on a brass plaque displayed alongside the restored bridge, marking your role in saving and reinstating this historic structure.

* Invitation to the private unveiling reception

Attend the official unveiling before public access, alongside invited guests, dignitaries, press, and fellow supporters. The date has yet to be set but will likely be Spring 2027.

* First official crossing of the restored bridge

Be among the very first to cross the bridge after the ribbon is cut — a symbolic moment recorded as part of the railway's archive.

* One-year pass to railway events

[Secure your Founders' Ticket here](#)

That's all folks

Thank you for continued support and we look forward to welcoming you again in the coming weeks.

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