



Newsletter

Dear

Overview

Happy New year to everyone. 2025 was a real mixed year with a number of new events e.g. strongman and woman pulling a locomotive, and projects getting underway. Our Christmas experience went really well and we have received a lot of great feedback on social media and [google](#) and [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#). We arranged a special visit for Girl Guiding Ashford Crown division Rainbows. They had a fantastic, magical evening meeting Santa. As one little Rainbows said..."it was the best night ever!".

Over the year we became the home of 2 projects operated by different charitable groups, the [Wickham target trolley](#) and the [Fordson Rail Tractor](#). We expect these to be on display in our museum/workshop during the coming year as restoration work progresses.

[Garforth Station footbridge restoration](#) continues and whilst we have been given a further grant by the [Railway Heritage Trust](#) we will require a further £30,000 to complete this work. We aim to raise this from donations and have the bridge erected over the line by 1st September. If you are able to donate - we would really appreciate your help.

Donate to the bridge fund

Coming up

[Saturday 24th January](#) - Bredgar New Year's Steam Up. The Engine Shed will be open for viewing, with a tour and talk looking in detail at individual engines and some of the history.

The Steam locomotives will be on the line, providing passenger rides. The large model railway will be running and the train play table out for the children!

Due to the limited tickets, they are only available to buy online. Tickets will not be for sale on the gate.

Adult £10

Child £5

[Saturday 30th May – Young Engineers Day](#) We are frequently asked if we can allow youngsters onto the footplate or into our main workshop and the answer is always NO. There are age limits for volunteers on railways / workshops for excellent safety reasons. Notwithstanding this we are passionate about giving young people the opportunity to experience the world of engineering and showing them how things work in a direct, hands-on way. We have teamed up with Chris Vine of [Peter's Railway](#) to provide a very unique and exciting day that will allow an exceptional experience, including footplate rides. For more detailed information on this unique experience [click here](#)

Keep an eye on our events page for new activities being planned for 2026.

Book tickets for either event here

Tearoom News

The tearoom is now open again after the Christmas break with a great menu, cakes, coffee and so much more. Open Wednesday through Sunday every week. Reasonable prices, free WiFi, warm friendly environment and space.

Menu and information

Workshop News

Bagnall locomotive "No 4 Armistice" of 1919 has been acquired by Rob Ellis of Bressingham Steam Museum. It was transferred to the Norfolk museum from the Bredgar and Wormshill Light Railway on Saturday 29th November 2025. It required work for its 10year ticket which Rob and the team at Bressingham will carry out this spring. See [Press Release](#)

'Lady Joan' - 1922 Hunslet 'Port Class' also ran out of ticket and requires quite a lot of work to bring her back into use. The owners decided that they were not in a position to carry out the work required and have sold this to a local 2' railway. Although still currently at Bredgar, it is expected to move in January and more information will be provided in due course.

Brouhot Portable tubes are now fully installed and watertight. Cold hydraulic test has been good and we expect our boiler inspector to review in the next couple of week.

The Garrett Traction engine has had a new fusible plug installed and the debris flushed out of the boiler. Doors have been repaired and we expect the next inspection to take place soon alongside the Brouhot.

[More on these locos](#)

That's all folks

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

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