



Newsletter

Dear

Overview

A busy February saw progress on the bridge repairs, boiler maintenance and inspections, general repairs and maintenance on the signal boxes and buildings.

A water pipe leak has been detected under the volunteer car park and whilst we have isolated the pipe, a new section will have to be laid in the next few weeks.

Over the winter the car park hard standing and drive have taken a bit of a battering and repairs will be carried out over the coming weeks. We do some of this when we are closed but that isn't always possible so we apologise in advance for any minor disruption we may cause.

Spring sees us replacing rotten and damaged sleepers which will take place over the coming weeks.

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Coming up

Diesel train Wednesdays started again and will now continue throughout the year until October.

Easter Diesel Trains and Treasure Hunt – The Lost Easter Bunnies
Treasure hunt running mid-week only Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

(8th-10th and 15th -17th April). 11am – 2pm. Add some Easter magic to your visit with our Easter Treasure Trail, running alongside the trains and included in your ticket. £4 per adult (17yrs+), £3 per child (2–16yrs) FREE for children aged 0–1.

The Classic Car Meet held on the third sunday of the month commences its 2026 season with a meet on Sunday 19th April. If you have a classic car just turn up with it - or just come and admire the work that goes into these collectibles.

May sees the start of our Summer events with Bluebells steam day on 3rd May then a Steam Locomotive Driving experience day on Saturday 16th May - This is for adults.

On Saturday 30 May 2026, Young Engineers Experience Day - A hands-on railway adventure like nothing else! This has a very limited number of tickets so if your child is a budding engineer, a railway enthusiast or just really inquisitive about how things work - you should really consider this one.

Later in the year we are hosting Kent Downs Wood Fair 11th-12th July and on 25th July an "Off the Rails Music Festival" featuring at least 5 fantastic local bands. A great way for the whole family to spend an afternoon and evening.

Tickets and information

Volunteer News

Samuel Jones, one of our young volunteers, has had a very exciting start to 2026 representing Bredgar & Wormshill Light Railway.

On 5th March he travelled to Westminster where he was awarded the Heritage Alliance Young Heritage Hero Award, even giving a speech to a room full of leading figures from across the heritage sector.

Then, just a few days later, we joined him in Llandudno for the Heritage Railway Association Awards where he was Highly Commended in the Lord Faulkner Young Volunteer of the Year category.

We have a lot of work to do on the bridge restoration including carpentry, iron and wood preparation and a considerable amount of

painting. If you are fit and able to work with minimal guidance you may be one of the volunteers we are looking for. Contact me by email giving a little information about yourself.

More info and pictures

Workshop News

Locomotive Zambezi had its rear suspension and axle supports renewed and it is now back together, annual boiler inspection completed and ready to roll.

Locomotive VII will have a cold inspection on Monday 13th April and if all goes well a steam test immediately following.

3 other locomotives are being inspected and steam tested over the coming 5 weeks as well as the Brouhot portable, which should also have its covers repainted and reinstalled.

Work on the signal semaphore boxes is well underway with new grease nipples and a fresh coat of paint. We have also converted these to battery from oil and renewed the coloured indicator glass.

Work on the Footbridge is progressing well albeit slowly. The timber for the decking has been ordered from a sawmill in Wales who are selecting the right trees to meet our needs. The work cleaning off the old paint and preparing all the components for shotblasting is progressing well. Quite a few components are having to be welded or built up. For more information and photos of progress [click here](#)

General News

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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