



Newsletter

Dear

Overview

What a wonderful start to the Summer season with the Bluebells and Steam day in May. Despite some questionable weather forecasts, we had a beautiful day, with lots of families and friends out enjoying themselves.

[Main BWLR website](#)



A poster for 'Diesel Trains and Treasure Hunt' featuring a diesel train on tracks in a lush green setting. The text reads 'Diesel Trains and Treasure Hunt' in a bold font, with '27 - 29 May' and '11.00am-1.45pm' below it. To the right, there are three small images showing people enjoying the train and a treasure hunt. Below the images, it says 'A great value half term outing!', 'No booking required', 'Coffee Shop open 9am-3pm', and 'www.bwlr.co.uk for upcoming events'.

Coming up

Next week is half term once again so we're duly putting on the **diesel passenger trains and a treasure hunt** for a low-cost outing with the kids. If you've not been before, it's pay-per-ride between 11am and 1.45pm on Wednesday 27th - Friday 29th May. There's no booking for this because the trains run every 15 minutes, just catch the next one! Adults are £4 and children over 1 year are £3 – this includes the

woodland treasure hunt. Please note the museum and steam attractions are not running on these days.

The next **Steam Day is Sunday 7th June**. For this day the tickets are best value bought online in advance – remember the ticket office closes at 5pm on Saturday 6th June so get yours now! It's the next chance to ride a steam train, wander the museum and workshop – plus a teddy bear competition and hunt for the kids. All details and [tickets are here](#). Join us for a fab day out.

Info and tickets to all our events here

Tearoom News

Just because the car park appears full or very busy, doesn't mean the tearoom is full or lacking space. Our car park is shared with Yew Tree Farm SEN school and on occasions they have a lot of visitors. It is extremely rare that you wouldn't get a seat to enjoy your break in our peaceful surroundings.

Info & Menu



Workshop News

The package boiler that runs our Beam Engine water pump failed last year and work on retubing and renewing the burner controls was completed last week. Final testing and inspections will be completed coming month so we should be able to demonstrate the beam engine again after a 9 month "holiday".

The Brouhot portable has finally steamed again and is due for final certification in the next couple of weeks. The latest photos and information [here](#).

The [signals at Stony Shaw](#) have been pretty much "unloved" for quite a while, so the volunteers have been giving them an overhaul and update. Having replaced blocked grease nipples, cleaned and scraped, they have been given a fresh coat of paint and new coloured lenses. We have also abandoned the old parafin lamps inside for new 12V LED lights. The drivers should now be able to see them - all the time!

The steam locos' have been going through their normal maintenance procedures. Final annual inspections will take place in the next week. New fire bars are being milled and welded for Katie as we expect these to require replacement before the end of the year.

We have started to overhaul a bogie as an emergency replacement. One set of wheels are off and in the lathe ready to be renovated. This will be part of the demonstration for the Young Volunteers day on 30th May.

We are expecting Jack, our 15" locomotive to be back on display for June.

Information and videos of Jack

Project News

Our main ongoing project is Garforth Station Footbridge. Built around 1900 it was given to BWLR in July 2023. Three years on the foundations to site it have been laid and nearly all structural elements have been dismantled, repaired and restored. The next step is to have

all cast and steel components shot blasted and protected with primer. We expect this to be done in the next 6 weeks.

The timber (Western Red Cedar) has been ordered from Talley Sawmill Ltd in Wales. We expect delivery of the roughly sawn timber to arrive by mid June. Work on finishing this to the required sizes will then be undertaken by our volunteers in our woodwork shop.

Too many pieces of railway history disappear forever – this one was saved! Help restore and reopen a rescued Victorian footbridge while securing your place in its story with a limited Founders' Ticket opportunity. Full details on becoming a [Founder for the Garforth Bridge](#).

For the full story

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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