



# Newsletter

Dear

## Overview

Like everywhere, we have slowed up a bit in the current temperatures.

No trains ran on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June as the heat had caused displacement of the track – see below.

A gathering of Cubs and scouts with train rides planned for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> had to be “postponed” and with cooler pleaseant weather to come we are preparing for our Steam and classic vehicle gathering on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

It has also caused a delay in preparation and delivery of the timber for the bridge decking and steps. The Sawmill is fairly open, but `hit just shy of 40 degrees this week causing a shut down to protect the labour force and machinery.

[Website](#)

## Coming up

A busy July is ahead of us at the railway.

The fire truck is off on tour with 3 days at [Upton Park](#), Poole 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July. It then moves onto [RocknRibs](#) for a weekend of fun, 17<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup>

at the Bath and West Showground. Our volunteer crew will be taking people up the ladder for some amazing views.

Our [Classic Car and steam event](#) is running on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, tickets still available and if you have a classic vehicle – book in here and join us.

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July is [Kent Downs Woodfair](#), and beer and music festival. No passenger trains but some goods trains running log movements and many other activities. Wood carving, stalls and all sorts of woodcraft.

19<sup>th</sup> July – [Classic car meet with Spencer Norman](#). Should be well attended.

Diesels start running Wed, Thurs & Fri from 22<sup>nd</sup> July throughout the school summer holidays.

25<sup>th</sup> July brings our "[Off the Rails music Festival](#)", Fun for all the family with a great line up of super local bands

26<sup>th</sup> July is [Cars on the Green](#) at Bearsted while the Fire truck will be on display. Support the Air Ambulance by joining us all.

Tickets

## **Tearoom News**

Tearoom is open as normal and it is airconditioned, so be comfortable during your breakfast, lunch or snack.

Tearoom info

## **Workshop News**

Diesel locomotive Bredgar suffered from hi brake wear and a vibration that has been difficult to identify. Last month we have had it over the pit and found some of the engine mountings were in an advanced state of collapse. We were lucky to discover that Barford dumpers trucks use the same and replacements were delivered quickly. Now the

"simple" task of lifting the engine and gearbox to fit the replacements. [See more with photos.](#)

The heat this week caused us to shut the railway on Wednesday as the expansion of the rails caused the two main bends to displace by up to 70mm. Although the gauge was OK, we thought it safer to halt running until it is a little cooler and we can closely inspect for any damage. Although we have experienced small movements in the past our expansion joints have always been sufficient. Clearly some additions "adjustment" is going to be required to meet our warming climate!

#### Latest News

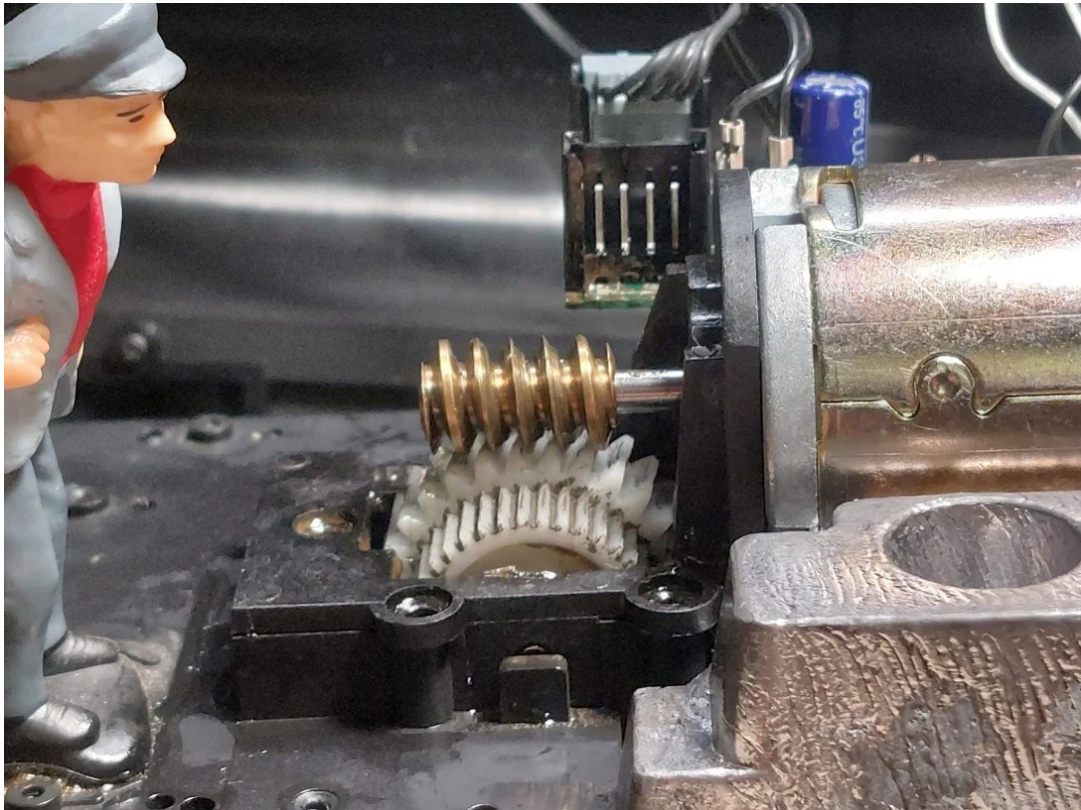


### Model Railway

After 20 or more years of running, the rack loco on our G scale model railway became very unreliable. It was quite jerky on the way up and extremely jerky on the way down the steep slope at the front of the layout. It was decided to investigate the problem and we found the main gears from the motor and the intermediate drivetrain to be very badly worn. The loco was then placed on the layout in a position that

looked like it had been derailed by a fallen tree. These are some of the pictures of the "derailment".

Our model railway had a serious failure recently. [See more info](#)



## Project News

Garforth Station Footbridge is still progressing albeit slowly. The timber decking from Tally Sawmill in Wales has not yet arrived. The heat last week has caused a further delay as it has been too hot for both workforce and equipment at the mill. Nevertheless we are advised it will be delivered imminently. On arrival it will need to be machined to exact sizes in our woodwork shop, which is likely to commence in August.

Shotblasting the frame has now been agreed and partly sponsored by B R Holland and Sons Ltd – mobile Sandblasting Services based at Paddock Wood. Thanks Wayne.

If anyone can gift or sponsor the primer required for the initial coating of the bridge components, please contact [Bill@bwlr.co.uk](mailto:Bill@bwlr.co.uk) urgently. Ideally, we need a Zinc Phosphate or a red oxide primer. We need quite a volume!!!

Footbridge

### **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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