



Supporters Newsletter for the



Heritage Railway Trust

Late Summer 2019

Waldersea Depot.



The arrival of 60 foot lengths of rail earlier this summer.

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One of our members spotted some redundant sidings being lifted on Harwich docks earlier this year. Following some enquiries, the Bramley Line Trust was able to purchase 8 x 60 foot lengths of bullhead rail, along with chairs, clips, fishplates and bolts. Arrangements were made with David Watson Transport to use an extending trailer to move these rails, without cutting, to our Waldersea depot in North Cambridgeshire. The pictures below show our Waldersea yard manager, Roy Miles, assisting with the delivery by driver Ian Carter.



Waldersea work days and our volunteers.

2019 has been a positive year for progress at Waldersea depot. Our replenished group of active volunteers have been spurred on by the prospect of new rail to extend the current siding. Pictures below show the extension of the rail base, with membrane and ballast being laid prior to sleepers extending the siding length.



The arrival of the new-to-us rail, apart from extending the siding length, has meant that the temporary short rail sections in use have now been replaced with some of the new stock. A short video recently put on the

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website home page shows a work trolley trip before the temporary sections were replaced. The sound highlights the number of joints on the old rail, which has now been replaced by the four lengths seen against the running track ready for use. The end of the film shows the next four rails coming into view, ready for use when the next 60/120 ft length of ground is prepared ready to take them. If you are reading this on your computer/laptop, you 'may' be able to open the link below, failing that you should find it on the website.



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Membership.

A few members are still to renew their membership for 2019/20. If you think you may be one of them, and are not sure, drop a line to the office and we'll let you know. Membership rates haven't increased this year, still at 2018/19 rates, £12 for single, £18 for a couple, and £24 family membership.

Membership Fees for 2019/20

Annual Membership:

Individual	£12.00
Couple	£18.00
Family	£24.00
Individual Life Membership ONLY for the over 55's	£250.00
Individual Life Membership ONLY for the over 65's	£150.00
Corporate Membership	£100.00

Existing or expired memberships can be renewed by card through Paypal, just go to the links on our website, or by cheque through the post to the Waldersea depot address below.

The extended period membership options have been discontinued. The Trust continues in it's focus to restore railway heritage to the Wisbech to March line, and is continually looking for opportunities to retain the rail link between the two Fenland market towns of Wisbech and March.

Committee meeting update.

At the last committee meeting in July, amongst the many points discussed, Health and Safety was a key issue, as working members felt the safe systems of work needed revisiting. Whilst we have a very good safety record, it's imperative we keep it that way. Working rule books from other heritage rail associations will be used as aide memoires to review our own rules to see where they may require updating, and one working committee member volunteered to carry out this review and rewrite the Bramley Line rule book, including Safe Systems of Work, for us.

Two other members are looking at the possibilities of having a defibrillator at Waldersea depot, and also some refresher first aid training schemes for a number of the regular volunteers. As many of you will know, Waldersea depot is in the middle of a large expanse of Fenland countryside, served by less than adequate roads. The chances of any ambulance getting there in the event of an emergency, in their target response time, is minimal.

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We will be at the National Festival of Railway Modelling again this year, which is being held at the Arena building on the Peterborough Showground as usual. Always attracting a good crowd, this large show continues to be a mecca for not only railway modellers, but also for the general rail enthusiast. As it has been scheduled for a couple of weekends before Christmas, it presents an ideal opportunity to get those presents from the vast array of trade stands, in between viewing some magnificent and very busy working layouts. Open 10am-5pm

Back to Waldersea now, one of the main posts holding the longstanding front entrance gates to the depot, gave up recently, prompting a busy work day to rectify the situation. After considering various options, it was decided to bring the refurbished yard gate out of storage, to replace the two old main gates, and also the personnel entrance gate. Our two pictures below show the new gate 'in the raw' with volunteers having had quite an exhausting day, and on the right, two weeks later, looking much smarter with a new coat of paint.



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