



Heritage Railway Trust

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Spring is round the corner, the days are beginning to lengthen dispelling the winter blues, and the Bramley Line is making plans for 2013 and beyond.

First on the agenda, [the carriage restoration project](#) that you may have seen in the Autumn newsletter. Thanks to a couple of significantly generous donations, plus several others, we just about have the funds for collecting and transporting the carriage to depot. Coverage in the local press has been a great help, and a number of people have contacted us about assisting with the restoration. We are currently considering security at Waldersea prior to arranging the movement, hopefully in the next couple of months.

On the security topic, we need a steel shipping container for the secure storage of some equipment. If you happen to have one you no longer need, or know someone who has, please let us know.

We mentioned arranging [monthly working days](#). It has been decided to try this on the second Saturday of each month, working from 1100-1600hrs, or earlier if you are keen. For anyone travelling any distance who is interested in getting involved, you may want to consider stopping over and working on the Sunday as well. It would make it worth the journey, and get a lot more done. We propose to start this on the [9th March](#), subject to workable weather conditions. Please contact us, either by email or phone, if you can help. Suitable railway orange hi viz clothing will be necessary for this work, this and safety footwear can be obtained from McIntosh's of Norfolk Street, Wisbech if needed.



Approaching Waldersea depot from March

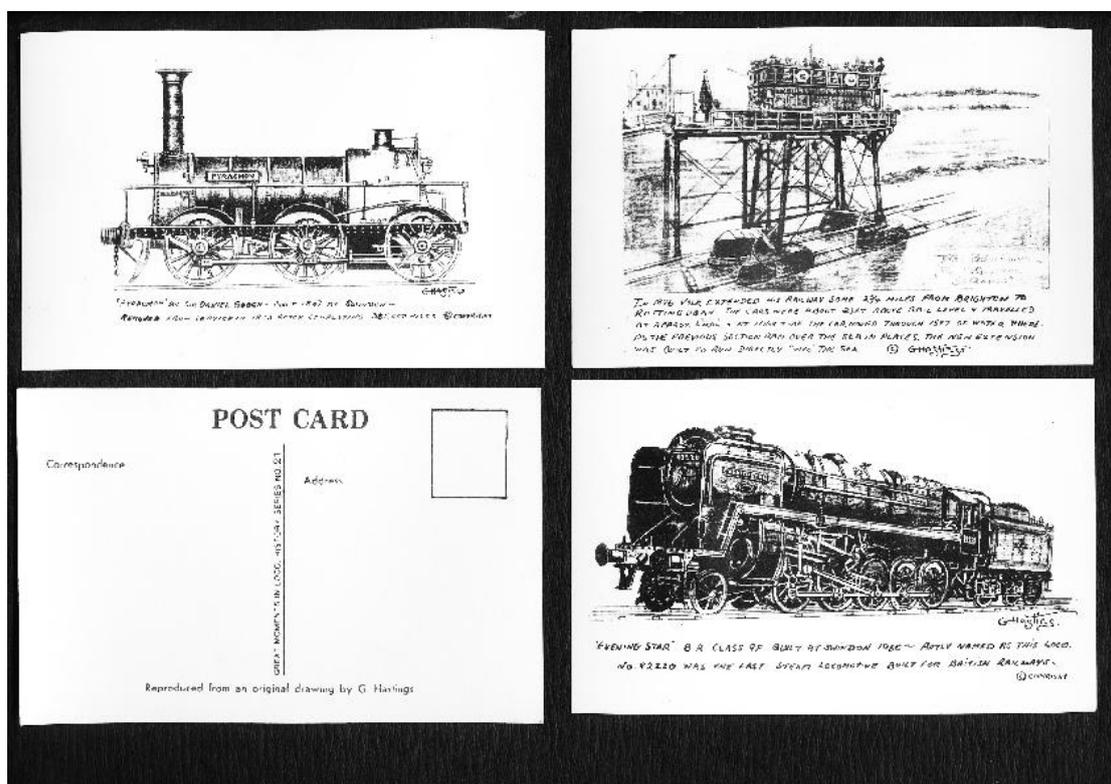
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Wisbech - March Railway

The Bramley Line AGM has been set for the 25th May at Waldersea Depot. We are hoping to make it a more interesting experience than just a meeting! All paid up members will be eligible to vote on all relevant points, which brings me to the point that the month of **March is membership renewal time** for most members.

If your card has an expiry date of March 2013, please support the Trust for another year by sending your renewal, either by post to the depot address, or by bacs to the Bramley Line Heritage Railway Trust, bank sort code 30-99-77, account number 19967868. Our membership support is crucial to the ultimate aim of getting trains back running between Wisbech and March.

Fundraising- Unfortunately the bonus ball club idea did not attract enough support to work, so we continue our day to day fund raising by appealing for any DVD's, jig saws, books etc. for our roadshow volunteers to turn into cash. Also, whilst the art of writing letters and cards seems to be dwindling, we have been given by Wisbech Museum a collection of vintage railway postcards of drawings by G Hastings. These depict a variety of methods of railway traction from 'The Great Moments in Loco History' series. We are selling these at £1 for a pack of six mixed cards, or 12 packs for £10, both prices including postage home.



Actual size: 5.5 inches by 3.5 inches sample of artwork shown above. Just drop us an order in the post with a cheque, or order by email sending a bacs payment to the Bramley Line account, as detailed earlier in this newsletter.



You may not be aware that the line has now attracted the attention of an organisation called Railfuture. They are a 'not for profit' company focusing on areas across the country where a need for renewed rail infrastructure is seen. Wisbech is regarded by many as in acute need for improved transport links, with the reinstatement of the railway being a least cost option against dualling the A47. Have a look at them on wisbechrail.org.uk

Spratts coaches of Wrenningham in Norfolk are proposing to organise a 'Fenland Railway Byeways' trip on Saturday October 12th. They are hoping to include in this excursion a rail trip from Ely to visit March Station, then by coach onto Waldersea depot. If you are interested in joining this, contact John Moore on 01508 531323 for further details.

The Bramley Line phone number has appeared twice in recent media articles with two digits in the wrong order, causing people to call a 'dead' number. Correction inserts have been requested to the publisher involved.

For 2013, the Bramley Line is focusing on the development of a [Heritage Site at Waldersea](#), primarily with the start of the carriage restoration project. Alongside this, the direction and formulation of the business plan as a first move towards obtaining a Transport Works Order is on the agenda.



Cleared track heading out towards March from Waldersea

Getting life back into the line was never going to be an overnight wonder, but genuine interest is now growing faster than at any time since the line closed to passenger traffic in 1968. Your continued support is very much valued and appreciated, and will make the difference in keeping the movement to restore this railway link alive and vibrant.

[Best wishes to all our members for 2013.](#)