



Supporters Newsletter for the



Heritage Railway Trust

Spring 2021

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2021. The lockdowns have been a difficult time for many people, and our working members have been unable to progress with our normal workdays as we would have wished. But with any luck the situation appears to be improving and we hope to return to normal workdays in April.

We did have to ask a limited number of volunteers to attend Waldersea site on the 13th March to make repairs to the our van storage facility, following a break in, causing damage to the doors. Thieves decided to force their way in through the rear doors, probably to be disappointed to only find a limited quantity of timber for restoration work, a mower, and a wheelbarrow. The mower was thrown into the adjoining dyke, now recovered, and a wheelbarrow was stolen.



Repair work following the break in.



Rear doors damaged.



The damaged entry point has now been securely boarded to hopefully discourage further problems.

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BACK ON TRACK

Neil Harriss

We're sorry to advise the passing of Neil Harriss. Neil will be remembered by many for his cheery face at the National Festival of Railway Modelling at Peterborough. He was the mainstay of the Bramley Line roadshow stand there for many years, where he would relate many tales of his exploits in younger days on the local railways. He also gave many visitors a history lesson of the local lines, the fares and travelling times, the connections, and the people he met who worked on the railway. A mine of information, he will be much missed.



Neil at 'The National', manning the Bramley Line stand in 2019

RIP.

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March is the time of year when annual subs fall due, and this year after getting through a year of Covid, it would be great to see both new and returning faces. The Bramley Line trust is looking forward, commuter lines are years away if they ever happen, and with the increasing interest in heritage of all kinds, here is an opportunity to get in on the ground floor. Individual annual membership is only £12 (that's 4 or 5 cups of coffee to some people), giving you the opening to join work days and make a difference to the groups progress.

Full membership options below:

Membership Fees for 2021/22		
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

For new memberships, go to the website, where you can join by card through our Paypal link.

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 at the bottom of the page. We look forward to hearing from you.



We are hoping to hold this year's AGM on the second Saturday in May, the 8th. This will ultimately depend on the Covid roadmap, and what happens with restrictions between now and then. As soon as things become clearer nearer the time, we will be back in touch and let you know a firm date place and time. It's your opportunity to get see what's going on, get more involved, and help establish the future of heritage rail in the local area.

In the meantime, we look forward to seeing our member volunteers back at Waldersea after a very patchy year for all.

KEEP SAFE ALL

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