

NEWS UPDATE JANUARY 2018

Kerr Stuart steam locomotive 'Diana' to feature at the 2018 Railway Event on 22nd July.

Phil Mason's restored 1917 steam locomotive, fresh from its 100th Anniversary tour will be operating on the Brickwork's 2ft line during the Railway Event, brought forward from September to Sunday 22nd July.

The Trust's steam locomotive 'Cloister' Hunslet No: 542 (1891) was back in steam during 2017 thanks to help from the Statfold team. Acquiring a boiler certificate enabled the engine to operate at the annual Threlkeld Quarry Event in July and then be invited to steam at the West Lancs Light Railway for their 50th Anniversary Celebration Events in August and September. Thanks are due to both railways for their invitations.

'Cloister' is wintering at Statfold Barn Railway. Plans for 'Cloister' during 2018 are not yet settled but she will be on her travels once more. Watch this space.

With possible future visits to Wales, steam locomotive 'Wendy' has also been busy.

Bagnall No: 2091 (1919) 'Wendy' is currently at Hayling Seaside Railway having 'starred' in the special event to launch HSR's new Depot and Station at Eaststoke Corner on 6th August 2017. Reoccurrence of a broken left hand steam elbow was hastily repaired by a member prefabricating a replacement. The original has now been repaired to maintain originality, the cast part will be re-instated at a later date.

The Trust is now preparing for 'Wendy's 100th Anniversary Tour during 2019. Prior to the celebrations members hope to carry out repairs to motion parts. For 2018 several options for visits are being considered.

Petrol Simplex 'Brambridge Hall' is now operational at The Brickworks on demonstration trains but ex Fawley Refinery 2 cylinder Petrol Simplex remains out of action pending necessary funds for a rebuild.

A new Agreement has been signed at the Brickworks.

At the beginning of the year the Trust has renewed their agreement with the Museum Trust at Bursledon Brickworks and remain Duty Holders for all railways on site.

The railway now has in its care a Hibberd Type 39 Planet 2 cylinder diesel locomotive

Thanks to one of its Trustees, this is a welcome addition to the fleet. Having electric start it has already become a favourite.

Winter work includes:

Upgrading the turnout between the Mineral and Passenger lines and also the annual 'Festival of leaves on the line' is being held as usual. The miniature railway is also having a check over and a new electric locomotive is hoped to be in action soon.

Ruston 'Alistair' has returned to Hayling Seaside Railway.

'Alistair' a 2 cylinder 11/13HP diesel, on loan to HNGRT for a number of years, returned during March 2017. The new owner has begun restoration of this historic locomotive, once used on building the Ffestiniog Railway track deviation.

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