

BEHIND THE SCENES *and the* HERITAGE TRANSPORT GALA

Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September 2016

This is the weekend of the year when there is “Behind the Scenes” access on the South Devon Railway. There are opportunities at all three stations on the line. Trains run all day between Buckfastleigh, Staverton and Totnes Littlehempston - the ideal way to visit the various “Behind the Scenes” attractions. Regular fares apply on the trains. “*Behind the Scenes*” is part of the *National Heritage Open Days* project.

Bus rides along the abandoned section of the railway between Buckfastleigh and Ashburton, with stops at Buckfast Abbey, Ashburton and the Valiant Soldier.

Heritage Car and Motor Cycle Rally at Buckfastleigh Station.

Cars are next to the locomotive sidings and Motor Cycles are in the forecourt.

Dartmoor Otters & Buckfast Butterflies alongside Buckfastleigh Station Car Park and also the Totnes Rare Breeds Farm adjacent to our Totnes Littlehempston Station are open as usual. If you intend to visit either or both by using the trains, ask for a “joint ticket” which gives a reduction on the overall cost.

**Driver for a Fiver. An opportunity to drive a steam locomotive at Totnes.
Wickham Trolley rides at Staverton.
Children’s Green Tank Engine Hunt at Buckfastleigh.**

Stationmaster Stevens shows you how to use Great Western carriage doors which do not slam-shut automatically.



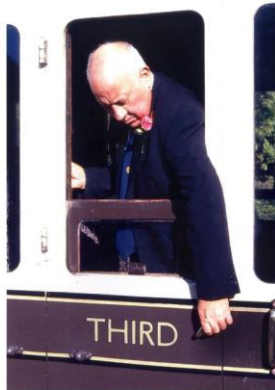
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Turn the handle vertical, open the door and enter the carriage.



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After closing the door behind you, gently lower the window using the strap. Please do not let the window drop on its own, as this may break the glass.



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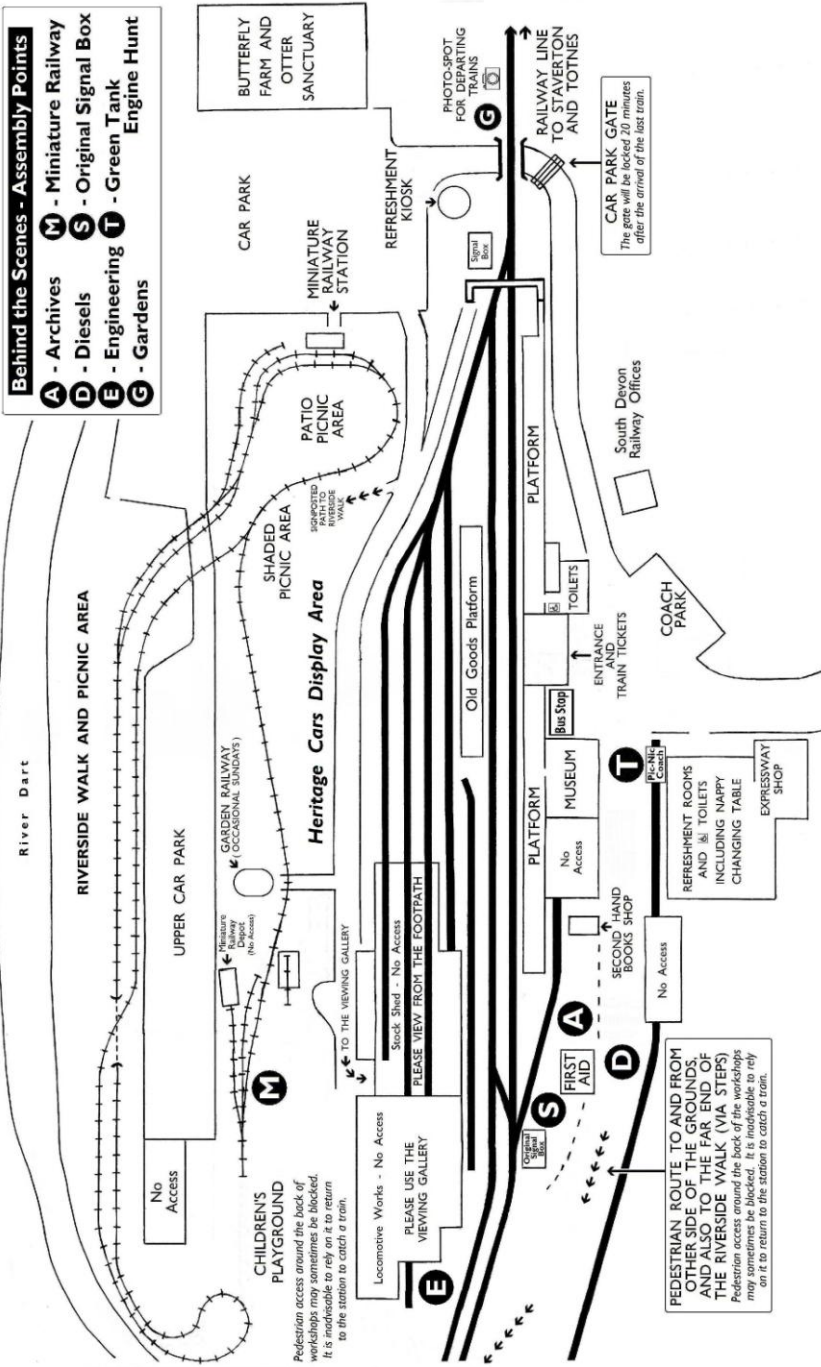
At the same time, use your other hand to hold on to a fixed part of the carriage, as the door may still open.



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With the handle horizontal, the fully-shut carriage door is secure.

BUCKFASTLEIGH STATION AND GROUNDS



BEHIND THE SCENES

Opportunities are available between 10.00am and 4.00pm on both days, unless indicated otherwise.

To get to any of these events, please go first to the Assembly Point at the host station where one of our volunteers will take you to the right place. There are various assembly points at Buckfastleigh which are shown on the Site Plan opposite.

Please remember that the railway is not a dangerous place - **that is until you forget that it can be**. Follow the instructions of railway staff, and do not go past any barriers unless accompanied or specifically told to do so.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT TOTNES LITTLEHEMPSTON

Assembly Point : “Monster” wagon 594¹ at the back platform under the awning.

Restoration work in progress behind the station, including wagon repairs. Supervised tours on Saturday and Sunday, at 11.30am, 1.0pm, 2.15pm and 3.30pm.

South Devon Railway Association Recruitment. Information display and enrolment, either inside the “Monster” wagon or outside on the platform.

¹ - 594 is a **Great Western Railway “Monster”** - its appropriate name being the telegraphic code used to describe it in railway internal communications. It was built in 1918 for the carriage of scenery probably by theatre companies using railways to tour the country.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT STAVERTON

Access Point : The gate behind the corrugated-iron lamp hut on the platform. The permanent way depot is open on both days continuously between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

A selection of permanent way on-track machinery and plant is on display. Where possible there is supervised access to the cabs of the Tamper and TRAMM and it is hoped to have demonstration runs with the Wickham Trollies. Equipment is explained in more detail on displays alongside the exhibits:-

Plasser & Theurer Universal Tamper / Liner. A track maintenance machine with the primary capabilities of packing the ballast (the stones) such that the track is correctly aligned both on the straight and on transition into the curves.

TRAMM (“Track Relaying And Maintenance Machine”). A versatile machine capable of moving up to six 60 foot length rails. It can also lift other heavy items.


The Wickham Trolley Collection. A motorised trolley usually used by staff involved in routine track inspection and maintenance. Rides are available from the track maintenance depot and along the sidings to and from Bishops Bridge Signal Box.

The café coach in the station bay platform is open on Saturday and Sunday continuously from 10.00am to 4.00pm.
Volunteer and recruitment material available.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT BUCKFASTLEIGH

INCLUDING THE SOUTH DEVON RAILWAY ENGINEERING WORKS

Assembly points : These are shown on the Buckfastleigh Station and Grounds Plan.

Assembly Point Letter shown on the Buckfastleigh Station and Grounds Plan		
<p>South Devon Railway Trust Museum Education and Archive Centre. Located alongside the road between the refreshment rooms, and the museum in the goods shed.</p>	A	
<p>Diesel Locomotive 6975. Supervised on both days from 10.0am to 4. 0pm. There are steps with handrails to allow access to the locomotive cab. .</p>	D	
<p>South Devon Railway Engineering Works. 45 minute supervised tours :- Saturday at 11. 0am, 12.30pm, 2. 0pm and 3.30pm Sunday at 11. 0am, 12. 0noon and 3. 0pm</p> <p>Proceed along the road between the refreshment rooms and museum, past the original signal box and over the level crossing to meet outside the boiler shop by the small turntable. We have a large and busy workshop with an impressive inventory of sophisticated equipment used by our specialist staff. Projects are undertaken, such as the extensive overhaul of resident Great Western Railway steam locomotive No. 5526, and also work for other heritage railways which they cannot undertake themselves.</p>	E	
<p>Gardens. 45 minute guided tours of the nationally-recognised grounds on both days at 11. 0am and 3. 0pm. Meet in the main car park on the right hand side immediately after passing under the railway.</p>	G	
<p>Miniature Railway Depot. Meet on the lawns alongside the swings for shunting demonstrations. <i>The station for rides on the miniature railway is adjacent to the main car park.</i></p>	M	
<p>The Original Signal Box. Supervised continuously on both days from 11.00am to 3.00pm. Alongside the road after the refreshment rooms and museum.</p>	S	

Children's Green Tank Engine Hunt.

Here is the list



It's not as easy as you think. One Green Tank Engine may spend most of the day at Totnes. Others are in unlikely places and one is in pieces being repaired. If there isn't a number or name on the engine, there is a Help Notice. One might be too shy to come out of its shed, in which case the clue is in this leaflet.

Collect an entry form from the little railway coach parked outside the Refreshment Rooms. The hunt is for children as grown-ups may find the search too difficult.

1420
5526
6412
Carnarvon
Glendower
LadyAngela
LeeMoorNo.2
Tiny

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ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR THE RAILWAY

Why not join us as a volunteer? The range of available jobs is huge - from heavy engineering and permanent way to museum stewards, buffet car attendants and station staff. Almost everyone today is a volunteer, and you will be very welcome to become part of the team.

RED BUS SERVICE

Rides along a section of the old railway route (i.e. a section of the A38 "Devon Expressway") towards Ashburton with glimpses of the terminus where surviving buildings will be pointed out. It is not feasible to take the bus into the old station forecourt as St. Lawrence Lane from the town centre is too narrow.

	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	
Buckfastleigh Station	11 35	1 10	2 10	3 10	4 10	No bus fare is charged, but a donation towards the cost of fuel would be appreciated.
Buckfast Abbey	11 40	1 15	2 15	3 15	4 15	
Ashburton (Bull Ring)	11 50	1 25	2 25	3 25	4 25	
Buckfastleigh (Valiant Soldier)	12 0	1 35	2 35	3 35	4 35	
Buckfastleigh Station	12 5	1 40	2 40	3 40	4 40	

HERITAGE VEHICLE RALLY

The weekend sees the bi-annual gathering at Buckfastleigh under the supervision of Devon Vintage Car Club stewards with cars displayed alongside the road next to the locomotive shed. Motor cycles are displayed in the station forecourt.

BUCKFASTLEIGH MINIATURE RAILWAY

The station is alongside the main car park. There is a small charge for rides.

THE GARDEN RAILWAY

Located just behind the car display area, this is expected to be running on both days.

THE BUCKFASTLEIGH SITE

The site extends over about ten acres and the plan in this leaflet shows the places which you might like to explore. As well as the locomotive sheds and workshop (for which there is a viewing gallery), there is a museum (next to the station platform), play area, picnic area and riverside walk. There is plenty of room for children to let off steam, so feel free to wander in the open spaces. In the interests of safety, please do not cross fences, or trespass on the railway or miniature railway. There are modern toilets in the Refreshment Rooms building and also at the station (access from the platform), both with ♿ easy access and nappy changing facilities. Portaloos for the weekend are in the middle of the site alongside the Lee Moor shed which houses a **Green Tank Engine** named "Lee Moor No.2"..

ENJOYING YOUR DAY

We want you to enjoy your visit, but must remind you about safety considerations:-

- Keep a close watch on your children at all times; they are your responsibility.
- As with all railways, never walk on or near the track.
- Never sit on the platform edge.
- Keep away from platform edges and stand back when the train approaches.
- Do not run on the platform; tripping in front of a moving train could be fatal.
- Never open carriage doors or touch carriage door handles on a moving train.
- When lifting small children in and out of the train, do so from the platform.
- Keep everyone's fingers out of doorways.
- Don't lean out of carriage windows - you may get soot in your eyes.
- Alight from the train carefully - mind the gap and be aware of the low platform.

Our trains are not large toys. They are as potentially lethal as modern ones.

LOCOMOTIVES IN USE

G.W.R. Steam - 1366 Class pannier tank No. 1369 mainly shunting at Buckfastleigh.

G.W.R. Steam - 2251 Class Mixed Traffic No. 3205 on passenger trains,

G.W.R. Steam - 64XX pannier tank No. 6412 mainly on Driver for a Fiver.

British Railways Diesels - Class 33 No. D6501 on passenger trains.

PASSENGER TRAIN FORMATIONS

(BR - British Railways 1950s. GWR - Great Western Railway 1930s to 1950s)

The Chocolate & Cream Set.

BR 34945 - 3rd Class compartment carriage with a guard's brake compartment.
BR 4805 - 3rd Class saloon carriage (Open plan instead of compartments).
BR 4802 - Was identical to 4805, now converted to a buffet and ♿ easy access saloon.
GWR 1295 - 3rd Class saloon carriage reflecting its 1930s Art-Deco vintage.

The Crimson & Cream Set. (Carriage experts tell us not to call it Carmine & Cream)

GWR 1645 - 3rd Class compartment carriage with a guard's brake compartment.
BR 1917 - Originally a restaurant car now converted to a buffet and ♿ easy access.
BR 4962 - 3rd Class saloon carriage.
GWR 7377 - 3rd Class compartment carriage with a guard's brake compartment.

Auto Trailer (Push-Pull carriages - ♿ Easy Access)

GWR 233 - Built in 1951, four years after Nationalisation. After withdrawal from passenger service, modified as a Derby Research Centre test vehicle and recorded as running at 104 miles per hour; this will not be attempted over the weekend. The modifications are retained to show how it might have been altered had it remained for a longer period in passenger use by British Railways. It is repainted in the G.W.R. chocolate and cream livery first applied at Derby in 1985.

GWR 228 - This is how 233 originally looked but is unaltered.

228 and/or 233 will be used if necessary to provide extra seating on any of the trains.

NON-PASSENGER TRAINS

With the single line of the South Devon Railway used close to capacity for most of the day, the only non-passenger working is a goods train hauled by Great Western steam locomotive 1369. It includes a milk tank, a sleeper wagon, a mineral wagon, two ballast wagons, a "Mogo" car wagon and a "Toad" Goods Train Brake Van. On both days, the goods train runs from Bishops Bridge Loop at 9.30am to Buckfastleigh 9.45am and returns from Buckfastleigh at 5.13pm to Bishops Bridge Loop 5.33pm.

Wickham Trollies run from Buckfastleigh at 9.13am to Bishops Bridge Loop 9.27am on Saturday, and from Bishops Bridge Loop at 6.8pm to Buckfastleigh 6.21pm on Sunday.

PHOTOGRAPHY


You are encouraged to record the Railway, but please be considerate to others. Avoid busy areas, especially station platforms when a train is due, and only use tripods if they do not create a hazard. Please do not wear high visibility clothing in any public area. This could not only cause confusion to drivers and other staff, but is a source of annoyance if unavoidably recorded in the photographs taken by others. For a good view of trains leaving Buckfastleigh station, there is a “photo-spot” on the rising ground opposite the refreshment kiosk at the entrance to the main car park.

**DON'T GET
LOCKED IN!**

The entrance gate to Buckfastleigh Station Main Car Park is locked about twenty minutes after the arrival of the last train.

Every effort is made to provide the facilities advertised. However, the Company reserves the right to alter services, facilities and days of operation without notice and accepts no liability for any loss, inconvenience or delay caused. Except where indicated at stations or as supervised as part of “Behind the Scenes” access, entry to railway land is prohibited.

Time Table of Trains SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER and SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2016

	Steam	Steam	Steam	Diesel	Steam	Diesel		Steam	Diesel	Steam and Diesel	Steam	Diesel	
	3205 6412	3205	1369	D6501	3205	D6501		3205	D6501	6412 D6501	3205	D6501	
	Buffet a.m.		Buffet a.m.	Buffet a.m.	Buffet p.m.	Buffet p.m.		Buffet p.m.	Buffet p.m.		p.m.	p.m.	
Buckfastleigh	10. 0	...	10.45	11.30	12.15	1. 0	...	2.15	3. 0	...	4. 0	4.40	...
Staverton	10.20	...	11. 5	11.50	12.35	1.20	...	2.30	3.20	...	4.20	5. 0	...
Totnes Littlehempston	10.32	...	11.17	12. 2	12.47	1.32	...	2.42	3.32	...	4.32	5.12	...
Totnes Littlehempston	...	Buffet a.m.	Buffet a.m.	Buffet p.m.	Buffet p.m.	Buffet p.m.	...	Buffet p.m.	...	Buffet p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	...
Staverton	...	10.47	11.32	12.17	1. 2	2.10	...	3. 2	...	4. 2	4.42	5.32	...
Buckfastleigh	...	11. 0	11.45	12.30	1.15	2.23	...	3.14	...	4.15	4.55	5.50	...
	...	11.15	12. 0	12.45	1.30	2.45	...	3.32	...	4.30	5.10	6. 5	...
	Every train has a wheelchair-accessible carriage.												
Buffet	Trains until late afternoon have a buffet as shewn in the column heading.												
Toilet	Every train has a toilet.												