

JULY 2019

Hello All

We have had lots of events over the past month. Read on to find out whats been happening in and around Bat & Ball Station.

NEWS

- VICTORIAN GARDEN



Work has started on some of the outdoor areas at the front of the Station. Future features for these beds will include Victoria rose bushes and a lavender plants.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with planting and maintaining the garden areas. If you are interested in being involved, please contact heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk for more information.

- GOVIA THAMESLINK RAILWAY PASSENGER FUND

GTR are contributing £15 million towards a passenger benefit fund which can be used to provide tangible benefits for passengers. The passenger benefit fund consultation period closes on the 31 July 2019, and GTR are encouraging as many passengers and stakeholder groups to submit ideas for their stations. So far, they have had no responses for Bat & Ball Station, so we are asking Friends of Bat & Ball if they could spare a few minutes to complete a survey.

Further details about the fund and how you can select your preferred scheme can be found here <https://www.passengerbenefitfund.co.uk/the-fund/> . To complete the survey go to the [website](#) and click **submission form**. Thank you in advance.

- HISTORY TALK by David Killingray

It is so gratifying to see the restored station now being used for events and particularly when a crowd of 40 people discovered how Sevenoaks developed as a result of Thomas Cramptons railway lines and the significance of Bat & Ball Station to the area.



- ARMED FORCES DAY

Saturday 29th July, one of the hottest days of the year so far, was Armed Forces Day and STC hosted an event on the Vine. The STC stall had local information and leaflets including those for Bat & Ball Station. It was a great opportunity for lots of local engagement and to promote the facilities at the Station including the Café, community rooms and events and to truly put Bat & Ball Station back on the map!



- EXHIBITION & TALK- Restoration Station - The renaissance of Bat & Ball 2018-2019



The last weekend in June Derek Medhurst and Roger Lee from Sevenoaks Camera Club hosted an exhibition featuring some of the more unusual images taken during the Station refurbishment. Despite the heatwave they had over 120 attendees, many of whom also enjoyed the facilities in the Café at the Station. On Tuesday 2nd July they delivered an equally successful talk to over 50 attendees, about the processes of recording the restoration of the station and some of the issues and challenges they faced.

Don't worry if you missed the exhibition and talk as they have produced a book called 'Restoration Station' which includes all the images from the show. The book retails at £35 hardback and £28 paperback and is available to purchase from the Café at the Station.

FUTURE EVENTS

- Friends of Bat & Ball Meeting

The next FOBB meeting will be held at Bat & Ball Station on Wednesday 18th September at 6.30pm. This meeting will be preceded by a short talk about Thomas Crampton by FOBB member Roger Johnson, at 6pm.

- Heritage Open Day

STC will be taking part in Heritage Open Days with an event on Saturday 21st September. More information coming soon. <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/>

WEBSITE - www.batandballstation.com

If you have any news items to include in the next newsletter, please email Linda Redden, Heritage Engagement Officer heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk by 29th July 2019.