

DECEMBER 2018

Hello All

This month's newsletter is a bit late but it's been a busy week!

News & Events

- Preview Event and Sussex Belle Steam Train - Tuesday 27th November

Around 70 people attended the preview event at the station to thank all those involved in the restoration project. The Mayor cut a ribbon at the entrance doors, thank you speeches were made by the Mayor and Town Clerk Linda Larter and we were all entertained by Michael Portillo.



A cake with the Bat & Ball Station logo on was cut and the prosecco (and orange juice) flowed, whilst Robert Pound did some amazing magic tricks. The Sussex Belle steam locomotive passed through a little earlier than was expected; it was rather brief and wet out on the platform, but it was a great addition to this fantastic event.

Memorabilia

Below are some images of memorabilia which has been donated to STC and is being displayed in the Luggage Room at the station.



If you have any railway inspired items, old suitcases or items relevant to Bat & Ball Station please email an image and a short description for us to review.

Website - www.batandballstation.com

Visits to the website for November were 72. Keep encouraging colleagues, local groups, friends, family etc to visit the site and don't forget if you have any memories relevant to Bat & Ball Station please submit them in the 'Post your memories' section, it's very easy - just click the link from the home page.

Used Lottery Tickets



We need still need your 'used' lottery tickets for the community art project to create Queen Victoria's dress. Workshop taking place in February at the station. Please bring any used lottery tickets to the Town Council offices for the attention of the Heritage Engagement Officer.

Future Events

- Friends of Bat & Ball Station AGM

Thursday 19th December 2018, 18.30pm – Bat & Ball Station

- Station Open Days

Saturday 19th January and Saturday 16th February 10am- 12pm

The station building will be open for the public to view. Staff and volunteers will be on hand to talk about the hiring facilities, volunteering opportunities and give out information about the station. There will be some activities for children and refreshments will be available from the café.

If you have suggestions of items we could include in future newsletters, then please email heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk by **Sunday 28th December**.

Thank you for all your enthusiasm, assistance and involvement in 2018.

*Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and
looking forward to a busy 2019 at Bat & Ball Station*

Linda Redden, Heritage Engagement Officer