

NOVEMBER 2018

Hello All

Work is progressing very quickly at the Station with new glass, painted woodwork and floors being laid. Read on to find out about other news, events and opportunities.

News

Community Rail Partnership

STC have taken another step towards Bat & Ball Station becoming part of a community rail partnership. In order for STC to be part of the station adoption scheme staff members Linda Larter, Bonnie Tarling and Linda Redden and volunteer Derek Medhurst attended a Health & Safety training session run by South Eastern. Further training sessions will be available to staff and volunteers – dates TBC.



Website - www.batandballstation.com

In September we had 172 visits to the new website and in October 159. Please encourage 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 - just click the link from the home page.

Teapots and Tickets!



We need your 'used' lottery tickets!

Artist Jane Churchill will be overseeing a community art project to create Queen Victoria's dress which will be made of labels, images, postcards and tickets – including used lottery tickets. Workshops will take place next year and the finished artwork will be on display for the 'official opening event' at Bat & Ball Station in 2019.

We also need old (and new) teapots in good condition which can be used and displayed in the Café at the Station.

Please bring any used lottery tickets or teapots to the Town Council offices for the attention of the Heritage Engagement Officer.

Events

During October we held two events;

On Thursday 25th October we saw lots of families at the Arts & Crafts workshop in the Community Centre. Children made crafts to take home and created fun luggage labels which will be hung as bunting at the opening event next year.

At the final Hard Hat tour, on Wednesday 31st October, we saw lots of new faces from the local community who came to view the progress of the station refurbishment. Feedback about the restoration work was very positive and encouraging and there was a lot of interest in the hiring facility which will be on offer.

Future Events

- Lantern Workshops – Christmas Lights Switch on Event

To link with the opening of Bat & Ball Station the theme for this year's Christmas Lights lantern workshops will be steam trains. Families can take part in the free lantern workshops which will be held on the following dates/venues

- Saturday 10th November, 10am – 3pm – Plaza Suite Stag Theatre
- Thursday 22nd November, 3.30-6pm – Sevenoaks Community Centre
- Saturday 24th November, 10am – 3pm – Sevenoaks Community Centre

- Preview Event and Sussex Belle Steam Train
Tuesday 27th November 3.45-5pm – Bat & Ball Station

The Railway Touring Company are running the Sussex Belle steam locomotive from London Victoria to the Sussex coast and on its return journey to London the train will pass through Bat & Ball Station (due around 16.15pm). Anyone is welcome to view the train from the platform; however the preview of the station building is by invitation only.

- Cancelled Thomas Crampton talk. Roger Johnson has kindly offered to deliver a short talk/presentation about Thomas Crampton which will be held at Bat & Ball Station in the new year.

Volunteering opportunities

We are looking for people to train as 'Heritage Explainer' volunteers. Do you fit our specification?

- Do you have a friendly, enthusiastic manner and enjoy meeting people from all walks of life?
- Can you communicate with all age groups?
- Are you keen to learn about the history of Bat & Ball Station and Station Building or share your existing knowledge?



To apply for the Heritage Explainer volunteer role or if you think you would like to be involved in training new volunteers about the history of the station, please email. For further information about other volunteering opportunities go to www.batandballstation.com

If you have suggestions of items we could include in future newsletters, then please email heo@sevenoakstown.gov.uk by **Sunday 25th November**.

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