



Swanning Around

A Look At What's Happening Around The Swanage Railway

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It's summertime in Purbeck, and that means peak timetable at the Swanage Railway. This year, that means a two train service with steam haulage on one and diesel on the other. Mixed in are some special events and experiences that you can find by going to the Swanage Railway web site at

<https://www.swanagerailway.co.uk/>

In this issue, it's carnival time, Sunset Shuttle, work with cranes and more.

More important is a new video for Save Your Railway.

On 10th August, *Manston* starts the first train of the day from Swanage, while D6515 *Lt. Jenny Lewis RN* waits to form the second train of the two-train service.



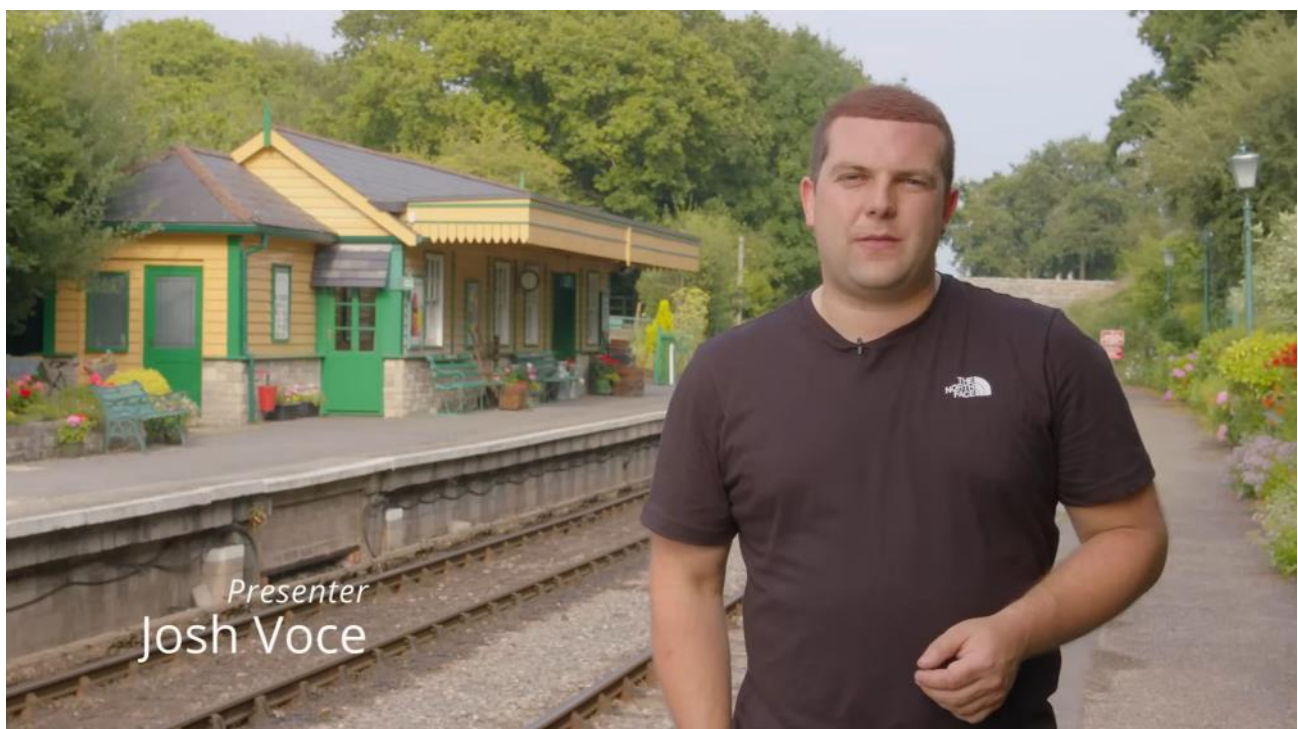


Save your Railway is an ongoing appeal, and we need not say too much here as Episode 2 of Save Your Railway on video is now available to watch on YouTube at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLiJgdL6ehU>

Please donate, if you can. For details of how to donate, go to the Swanage Railway web site at

<https://www.swanagerailway.co.uk/save-your-railway>





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Following on from 2023's Swanage Carnival procession entry, the railway again entered a float this year. With the Carnival theme being "Jurassic Rocks", it seemed the golden opportunity to promote the new 3-in-1 ticket "Jurassic Adventurer" giving a day's unlimited travel on the Swanage Railway, City Cruises, and Morebus. So a plan was hatched to recreate the three modes of transport in miniature form, with timber and cardboard cartoon-style versions of the T3, the Solent Scene boat, and a Purbeck Breezer open-top bus (all featured on the flyers for the ticket). City Cruises and MoreBus were on-board, as it were, supplying manpower and a financial contribution, so very few precious railway resources were harmed in this endeavour! Instigator, designer and builder Derek Pattenson sends his apologies to the T3 team, the model not quite replicating the grandeur, elegance and quality of finish of "the real thing". To bring everything bang up to date, he used Artificial Intelligence to create line drawings of dinosaur bus, boat and train drivers for that customised look, and thanks to some entirely fortuitous freebies each mini-float was also occupied by a large blow-up dinosaur.

Thankfully the day of the procession was dry (and hot) or the floats could have turned to mush. With helpers drawn largely from the porters, Sygnets and City Cruises the floats were shown off to an estimated 50,000 revellers, with hundreds of Jurassic Adventurer leaflets handed out, and thanks to the shop for scores of dinosaur eggs for the children (and possibly a few adults too). As the icing on the cake, the team were awarded first prize in the Walking Floats (fancy dress?) category, complete with silver cup (returned very promptly to the Carnival committee), certificate and rosette. Many thanks to all who got involved!

Words from Derek Pattenson

And here's Derek with that well-deserved award.

Well done to everybody!

photo: Lucy Clarke





What a great day for a carnival procession!

The Swanage Railway walking float is seen here along Shore Road in Swanage.

The procession was on 28th July.

these photos: Andrew P M Wright





And here's the result of their hard work preparing for the event.

Three scale models - nearly!

these photos: Derek Pattenson





Now we hear you ask 'what the heck is the Jurassic Adventurer?' And where can I get tickets?

For more details, go to the web sites for Visit Dorset , Morebus, and City Cruises at

<https://www.visit-dorset.com/event/jurassic-adventurer/347530301/>

<https://www.morebus.co.uk/jurassic-adventurer>

<https://www.cityexperiences.com/poole/city-cruises/jurassic-adventurer/>



On 22nd July, *Eddystone* starts the first train of the day away from platform 2 at Swanage. On the goods shed road, a coach has been lifted and is having some surgery on one of its bogies, crange being provided by a permanent way on-track machine.

Meanwhile, 33 111 has collected crane FBC1 from Norden and crosses *Eddystone* at Corfe Castle on its way to provide crange for the movement of the diesel depot workshop from Corfe to Swanage.





All diesel maintenance has now moved to Swanage, and the workshop portacabin from Corfe is now where the dining train access platform used to be at Swanage siding 2.

In the siding, class 121 'Bubble Car' and class 117 Diesel Multiple Unit, while in siding 1, class 08 shunter 08436 shares space with two of the dining train coaches waiting their turn to be shipped to new owners.

For a few weeks, the format of the 3-car DMU has been two coaches of class 117 plus the 121 single car. This owing to a faulty engine on the Swanage-end power car of the 117 unit. The power car was driven to Swanage on its other engine and fixed, so it is now back with the other two coaches of the unit, as seen in the picture above.





photo: Josh Voce

It's 28th July, and the first evening of the Sunset Shuttle evening service provided by Diesel Multiple Unit. On this evening, the class 121 'Bubble Car' was sufficient, and is seen here at Corfe Castle, ready to proceed to Norden. Driver Pete Frost and Guard Luke Lockton present. You may also notice a professional-looking camera in the picture. It's for the latest Save Your Railway video presented by Josh Voce.

Another picture finds the class 117 /121 hybrid 3-car unit ready to leave Swanage on 10th August.



photo: Andrew P M Wright



Here's a shout out to the crew on 10th August. Driver Pete Frost on the left, guard Ben Ford on the right, revenue protection (that's the ticket checkers/sellers) Luke Lockton and Adam Woodman, with operations assistants Ben Dolman and Robert Craine occupying the orange fashion statements.

When this evening service is running, only one signaller is required, at Corfe Castle. Here's the view from the signaller's comfy chair of the castle itself, at 21.42 on 28th July. There are worse views from signal boxes!





Changes are happening with the Harmans Cross station team. Station Manager Jeff Gregory, on the right above, has retired at the end of July and has been replaced by Bob Bunyar, third from the right. The rest of the team in the picture above are, left to right, Paul Clements holding the sign up, Judy Tovey balancing the sign on her head, and Mike Ellis leaning on the other end. While this lot were having their picture taken, Michael O'Neill was up at the entrance gates ensuring that the first public face of Harmans Cross station was tidy.





On 14th August, *Manston* arrives at Harmans Cross and greets the incoming D6515 *Lt Jenny Lewis RN* arriving with the down train.

Signalman Dave Harrison exchanges single line tokens with second man Bill Patten.





It's 15th August, and members of the 33/1 Preservation Co., the loco's owners, have descended on 33 111 to give it a check over and spruce up prior to its forthcoming visit to the Bluebell Railway. The loco will be attending the Bluebell's Diesel Gala and will remain for their Beer Festival weekend.

The Bluebell will have their 4VEP heritage electric unit at the gala, and 33 111 will be coupled up for push-pull operation, much like it can do with a 4TC unit, as seen previously at Swanage.

Above, Peter Evans has the paint brush out smartening up 33 111's nether regions.

While that is going on, *Eddystone* is having a steam test over at the shed as *Manston* leaves Swanage with another service for Corfe Castle and Norden.





On 7th August, crane FBC1 is being returned to its usual home at Lakeside Siding at Norden station. On the way, however, it was deemed convenient to visit Woodpecker Siding to recover a 7-plank wagon to the road/rail interchange for collection by new owners.

To shunt FBC1 into Lakeside Siding, FBC2 and the petrol shunter *Beryl* had to be shunted out to get them all in the right order. So this performance saw the miniscule *Beryl* sandwiched between the two cranes prior to shunting them all back into the siding.





Another shunt move on 7th August at Corfe Castle. Bulleid-design coach S5761S was removed from Corfe siding to the goods shed at Swanage.

The coach is in need of some metalwork, and one rusty panel has been removed, revealing the timber construction of the vehicle's upper structure.



What events are forthcoming? As usual, check the Swanage Railway website at

<https://www.swanagerailway.co.uk/events> to see what's happening around the railway. This will include the Classic and Steam Vehicle Show at Harmans Cross on 6th to 8th September.

The Music by the Sea festival is returning to Swanage for a fourth year at the end of the month to support local charities.

The family event was set up in 2021 to celebrate the life of young local man Henry Searle who lost his seven-year battle with a brain tumour at Easter that year aged 25. The town, family and friends from all around the country, and Cancare Purbeck and Swanage Railway, supported Henry over the years, along with local businesses. Henry was a big music lover and played in bands with friends in and around Swanage.

This year's Music by the Sea event in Prince Albert Gardens will feature an exciting line-up of artists performing music from the 1960s to current, including soul, disco, rock 'n' roll and DJ sets.

The festival has raised funds for WillDoes2004, Save Our Ambulance Car Swanage, Swanage Drama Group, GoFundMe for local Emily McDonald, Jack Gillespie family support and local families in need. This year the festival is helping Cancare Purbeck once again and the Swanage Railway Save Your Railway appeal. Visitors are welcome to take their own chairs and picnic blankets to the festival, but the event is plastic-free and visitors should take away their rubbish if possible. Local food and drink stalls and a bar will be at the event offering festival-goers plenty of choice.

The Music by the Sea Festival is on Saturday, August 31, from 11am-8pm, no entry after 6pm.

Tickets are on sale in partnership with Swanage Railway and available online

at www.swanagerailway.co.uk/events priced £10 adult, under-16s free – children must be accompanied by an adult.

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Tickets £10 Adults
Free for children U16
When accompanied by an adult.

Wristbands cash payment at **The Swanage School and Country Foods**.
Buy online visit www.swanagerailway.co.uk/events

Local Food stalls & Bar	Raffles, Tombola	Face painting	No entry after 6pm	No Plastic event
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As usual, volunteers are required in all departments, so,

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If you are not a member of the Swanage Railway, don't be put off! Contact us and volunteer (or at least make an enquiry)! You know you want to! You will be most welcome!

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