

# THE RAG

THE RAILWAY ACTION GROUP

NOVEMBER 2014



*Get a ticket to ride  
at Bonfire Night on  
Friday 7 November*

*Next RAG Meeting:  
Saturday  
29 November  
9.30 am in the  
Memo Hall*

## NEWS

**Leaves on the line?** Not anymore! Many thanks to Mr Lloyd for felling the trees near the station. The station area is looking good and the view for Bonfire Night is much improved. Thank you also to parents for their hard work just before the half term break. The track has been ballasted and re-laid from the station toward the tunnel, and the carriages serviced. So we are all set for a great Bonfire Night.

As you can see in the picture above, our expert engineers have taken a “refresher hobby session” and they will be donning their overalls and neckerchiefs to take charge on the night.

**\*\*\* Bonfire Night fun is on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November - tickets from the school office \*\*\***

### **Through the Tunnel - Phase 1 Update**

Plans for the earthworks and drainage improvements have been finalised, and we are keeping a keen eye on the weather. With autumn already in the air, it is likely that the heavy plant work and excavating will commence in the spring. However, there will be much to keep us busy in the next few months, with plenty of painting and tidying to be getting on with. Thank you to Mrs Inchbald and Mr Shardlow who are spearheading the plans. Mrs Inchbald will be meeting with the full board of Railway Trustees at the end of the week for project sign off.

### **Lights, camera, action!**

See the RAG in action in the video at <http://dlrtrust.btck.co.uk/Campaign/RailwayActionGroup> or visit Facebook for more updates and photos [www.facebook.com/DLRTrust](http://www.facebook.com/DLRTrust)

### **Date for your diary**

The next RAG Meeting is on **Saturday 29 November at 9.30 am in the Memo Hall**. Please join us for an update.



## Sign writing skills?

Are you a dab hand with the brush? We are seeking sign writing skills to improve the look of the containers and station by painting the DLR logo on various surfaces.

## Hobbies

Saturday morning Railway Hobby will resume by the spring, or possibly as early as next term, with Mr Cook, Mrs Carmichael and Pete Smith.

## Donate

Donate now online at

[www.dlrtrust.btck.co.uk/Campaign](http://www.dlrtrust.btck.co.uk/Campaign)

Or leave a cheque made payable to The Downs Light Railway Trust at the Headmaster's office.

## More Information

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# WHAT CAN YOU GIVE?

## Equipment

- We are currently in desperate need of the loan of an insured and ticketed excavator and/or dumper truck, with a ticketed driver if possible.

## Materials

- Ballast and Concrete

## Money

No amount is too small, and all donations are gratefully received. You can donate now online at [www.dlrtrust.btck.co.uk/Campaign](http://www.dlrtrust.btck.co.uk/Campaign)

- £2 will buy a track screw and rail clip
- £5 will buy a sleeper
- £20 will buy a ton of ballast
- £50 will buy enough coal to power an engine for a year
- £100 will buy enough geotextile material to lay under 200 yards of ballast
- £250 will buy two rails to form one section of track
- £1500 will buy a replacement point

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## Thank you

Thank you to so many parents and friends who continue to support the Railway with time, effort and money. With your help we will be able to get this fantastic resource up and running for the children again.