

1066: Hastings to Tonbridge

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- Community and rail representatives joined 4 generations of the family of Etchingam platelayer Joseph Weston (1878-1972) to unveil a Blue Plaque in his honour. Joseph's granddaughter Linda Neve did the honours and received a copy of the plaque as a souvenir. This magnificent community event was organised and hosted in collaboration with South Eastern colleagues, notably station manager Damien Collyer and Station Assistant Maggie Capps. Pics by Colin Boylett (top) and Kevin Boorman (bottom).
- I delivered plants to the wonderfully established station garden at Crowhurst, and to our fledgeling project at High Brooms where I helped Sales Clerk Sharon Jeffrey plant them all. This is thanks to Steve Crowley who shared these with us.
- In a wonderful example of collaborative working, I attended a meeting about a bike project at High Brooms and Tonbridge with Kent Police and others. This is in the context of reducing anti-social behaviour at/near the stations. The introduction was made by Grace Simpson, Project and Operations Manager at Royal Tunbridge Wells Together.





Arun Valley: Gatwick Airport to Bosham
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Spring is in the air, volunteering everywhere!

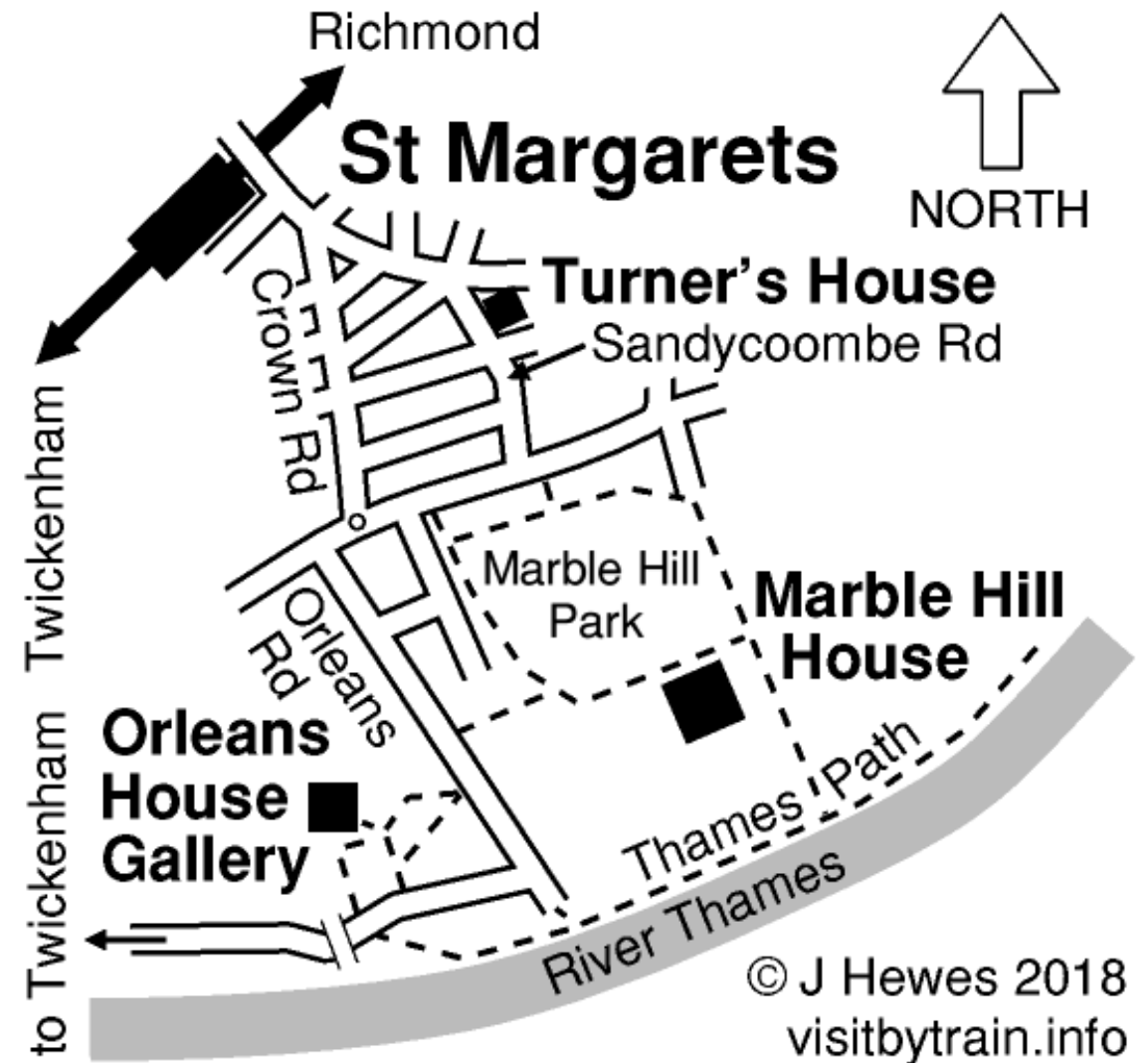
- QE2 SEND school have removed their old artwork, cleaned the station gallery and are now planning their next exhibition.
- Crawley Youth Community Services did their first litter pick at Ifield; they also delivered flyers to local residents, inviting them to a community meet up at the station next week.



- I accompanied a group from the Aldingbourne Trust planting and watering team to the ROC (Rail Operating Centre) at Three Bridges, arranged by Debbie Morris, GTR conductor manager, as a thank you for all their hard work.

Hounslow to Richmond
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- John Hewes, curator of the *Visit By Train* website, has kindly agreed for us to use his very useful St Margarets station area map on future posters and flyers.
- Meeting with Sidonie regarding potential locations for new planters at St Margarets station, and ideas for new project at Richmond Station.
- Site visits with suppliers planned for potential project at Richmond and ongoing project at Mortlake Stations.
- Planning and admin in preparation for workshops at Smallberry Green School.



Marshlink Hastings-
Ashford International
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Excellent World Transport Day event at Eastbourne station with Eastbourne Area Bus User Group. Lots of engagement with travellers which highlighted the need for better signs and more onward travel information.

At Rye, there are lots of improvements to make the station a welcoming environment and the area attractive for train/bus travel: the waiting shelter is getting a much-needed repair, the Pugwash garden is blooming with replacement bench installed and Rye Harbour Nature Reserve has added more visitor information signs.



North Downs Gatwick- Redhill- Reading
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- We had a pop-up display at Guildford Station with outcomes from our Explore Nature by Rail for disabled people. The posters and artwork combined to make an eye-catching display, and we were interviewed by BBC Southeast for an upcoming feature on transport and access.
- I had a good meeting with our new line chair Martin Knowles to go through the 2026/27 Line Activity Plan.
- On Friday we will have a productive workshop and get together with staff and directors in Haywards Heath.
- Next week: complete the CRDF Annex B with Surrey Coalition.



Sussex Coast
Line Hove to Littlehampton
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- The refurbished tourist information sign at Littlehampton is now reinstalled and looking great. Thanks to Artswork for taking on this abandoned sign and making it useful again.
- We are organising an “unveiling event” at Hove Station for the Supajam photography exhibition. The students at Supajam college will do the event planning and we hope to get good coverage for the power of community rail far and wide. Watch this space for the event date and time.
- I have signed up to attend the Meet the BTP event, organised by CRN





Sussex Downs Line Seaford to Brighton

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- Saturday, we organized a Try the Train trip from Brighton to Seaford with the Early Years Project working with refugees and asylum seekers. Organiser Judy Simons said: “The sun shone , the venue was perfect and all the wonderful views of sheep, rolling hills from the train had all the adults gasping” (Photo left)
- Barbara Mine showed me around the refurbishment of the old waiting room at Bishopstone station, which is almost completed. The space will be used for a variety of community and school projects (Photo right).
- I met with the Aldingbourne Trust have kindly agreed to step in and help maintain the gardens at Lewes station.
- I met up with new steering group member, Lewes District Cllr. Daniel Stewart-Roberts.



Uckfield - East Grinstead – Oxted
& Ton - Reigate
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- This week has seen the joint Uckfield & East Grinstead and Tonbridge lines AGM, held at Edenbridge where information was shared with the steering group, including useful community focus steers from Southern by Patrick Ladbury Senior Partnership & CR Manager.
- An artwork shop was held to inform the design of the Sir Conan Doyle Mural for Crowborough community.
- Provisional date was set for the installation of an artwork at Reigate station.
- Lots of admin and project planning meetings, and exciting plans being made. Next week will see site visits and meeting with potential partners.



Windsor to Reading
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- Very productive meeting this week with the curator of the Egham museum. We discussed plans for the station's 170th birthday and generated lots of exciting ideas.
- Received some lovely feedback from the travel with confidence group that we took to Windsor Castle last week.
- General administration and starting some funding applications.



Go Learn Education
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- Printing and assembling Go Learn Station visit booklets for Year 6 station visits for the Summer Term.
- On Thursday and Friday I will be accompanying Year 10 students from St Anthony's Special School in Chichester to Bognor Regis. Travelling there by train and returning by bus with the Travelling with Confidence Programme. (27 students)



Go Train GWR Education
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- Met with Dee Burgisser from the My Journey team at Wokingham Borough Council. She will be going to help promote what we do to local schools.
- Met with Nikki at Evolve Advice to ask about working with them to develop our emergency cards for group leaders and participants on the Travelling with Confidence project.



Marketing and Communications
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- The Annual Review is now completed, and plans have been made for its release.
- Plans for launch of our new film. Please see a teaser here:
- [Instagram](#)



SCRIP CIC News

Fiona Morton
CEO, Trevor
Field Finance
Officer

- Busy Saturday at Etchingam Station and Bistro to meet descendants of Joseph Weston Platelayer- Blue Plaques community engagement project goes from strength to strength. Right Matt Fraser Community Manager SER, below, guests at dedication of plaque for Joseph Weston.
- Budget preparation, end of year payments, purchase of new equipment and delivery of new equipment.
- Great to meet our new Chairs and Vice Chairs at our annual meeting.

