



# Sittingbourne's Steam Railway

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## Press Release

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### **May at Sittingbourne's Steam Railway**

It's time for some more bank holidays! We have family fun with Jack the Station Cat & Edward Bear on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> and a Teddy Bears Picnic on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> with trains from 11am until 4pm on each of those days. On the other Sundays (12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>) and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> trains will depart Sittingbourne Viaduct station hourly 1-4pm.

Jack the Station Cat features in a series of children's books based on a railway cat. The Railway also features in two books in the series. During this event, Sittingbourne Viaduct and Kemsley Down stations change names to Tail's End and Much Purring respectively to reflect the stations mentioned in the books. There will be storytelling and a mouse hunt with a small prize for finding all the mice at Kemsley Down so allow two hours for your visit.

Sittingbourne's Steam Railway has a family of four wild cats living under the Footplate Café – the books' author Alan Cliff often sends food parcels for them!

Edward Bear features in a couple of books written by Railway member Barry Langford and is set at Sittingbourne's Steam Railway.

There are no woods but there will be a Teddy Bears Picnic on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> May. Children with a teddy bear and fare paying adult travel free. Bring a picnic or buy a snack at the Footplate Café. There will be a teddy bear hunt too with a small prize for spotting all of the bears.

The ordinary timetable operates on Sundays 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> and half-term Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May, this could be a good time to visit to take part in the Railway's Wheels of Time task and collect the Railway's exclusive badge, please allow two hours for your visit to complete this.

The return fares for 2019 are:

- Adults - £7
- Concessions - £6
- Child (aged 3-15) - £3.50
- Under 3s go free
- Family (2 adults and up to 4 children) - £20

Special fares and timetable apply for Steam & Beer. Other fares are available, such as single tickets, to enable passengers to walk one way via Milton Creek Country Park and the Saxon Shore Way. Passengers are advised to arrive 10-15 minutes early to buy the tickets as these are not bookable in advance.

For more information visit [www.sklr.net](http://www.sklr.net), email [info@sklr.net](mailto:info@sklr.net) or call 01795 424899.



*Figure 1 – Jack the Station Cat with ‘Superb’ at Kemsley Down station - photo available to [download here](#)*



*Figure 2 - Teddy Bear with 'Melior' at Kemsley Down station - photo available to [download here](#)*

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**Information for the media:**

1. The SKLR is now the longest continuous operator of the railway and is operated and maintained entirely by volunteers.
2. Postal address: SKLR, PO Box 300, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 2DZ.
3. For further information on Jack the Station Cat visit <http://www.jackthestationcat.co.uk>
4. For further information on Wheels of Time visit [www.wheelsoftime.uk](http://www.wheelsoftime.uk)



5. Photographs of the Railway can be found on the Press Officer's Flickr account

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'[www.sklr.net](http://www.sklr.net)'.

6. Press releases can be downloaded from the Railway's website:

<http://www.sklr.net/latest-news/press-releases/>

7. The Press Officer is available for interviews and recording sessions at the Railway or studios. Other members may be requested for interview through the Press Officer.

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