
I have just come out of hibernation and am now ready and raring to start the new season at the Railway! Over the winter period I decided to revamp the newsletter, I hope you like the new look.

This issue is filled with lots of things to do over Easter: from puzzles and games, to cooking recipes and fun facts! I do hope you enjoy it!

Happy Easter! 

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One of the oldest 15" gauge steam engines in the world is ‘Bonnie Dundee’. ‘Bonnie Dundee’ was built in the year 1900 and has had a very busy life, she worked at a Gas Works until its close in 1959 when she was then looked after by a member of the Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway Preservation Society. ‘Bonnie Dundee’ was kindly given to our Railway in 1976 and is a treasured member of our team of locos. Although she does not operate daily, she is brought out for special events and has become a firm family favourite! She is now a mascot of the La’al Ratty Kids’ Club.

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Dates for Your Diary

Easter Fun with Haribo
29th March - 1st April 2013

Meet the World Owl Trust
30th March 2013

Family Fun Weekend
4th - 6th May 2013

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The Hunt for the HARIBO Bear!
The HARIBO Golden bear is hidden throughout this newsletter, how many can you find?
Answer on the back page.
Did you know...?

The Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway is one of the oldest steam Railway’s in Cumbria dating back to 1875! In those 138 years that have gone by a lot has happened, in each edition of the Ratty newsletter we will begin to explore the history of the Railway. If you want to know more, come and visit our Museum at Ravenglass Station.

Can you help me with this crossword? Just answer the numbered clues in the yellow box below and fit them in the grid. Answers can be found on the back page.

The Playground

Across:
1: Easter eggs are often made out of this treat! (9)
4: The season in which Easter is celebrated. (5)
5: A type of hat you may wear around Easter. (6)
7: ‘Baa-by’ animals with woolly coats. (5)

Down:
2: These hatch out of real eggs! (5)
3: This round object is a tasty Easter treat. (9)
6: Where a bird calls home. (4)

The Turntable

"Can you guide River Irt across the Turntable?"

Answers on the back page.
Fellbites Café is a great place for grabbing a bite to eat and watching our locos steam into Dalegarth Station. Our Chef, Kath, makes the most delicious cakes and has shared one of her favourite Easter recipes with La’al Ratty Kids’ Club members.

1. Butter an 8 inch square tin and line it with cling film, allowing a little extra to overhang at the edges.
2. Crush the biscuits into small pieces by placing them in a sandwich bag and gently tapping them with a rolling pin.
3. In a small pan, gently melt together the butter, sugar, syrup, cocoa and chocolate. Remove from the heat and cool for 15 minutes.
4. Add the biscuits to the mixture in the pan and stir in the Mini Eggs and sweets. Make sure you mix it well!
5. Spoon the mixture into the tin and cover the top with a little cling film. Leave to set in the fridge for two hours before eating!

**Ingredients**

- 110g unsalted butter, cubed
- 150g plain biscuits
- 90g caster sugar
- 2 tbsp golden syrup
- 1 tbsp cocoa powder
- 50g chocolate
- 150g assorted sweets, including Mini Eggs!

**REMEMBER**

Cooking should always be done with the help of an adult!

The Western Lake District is a wonderful place and there are lots of things to see and do; especially from our Line! Next time you visit us why not explore this beautiful area with a short walk to a magical waterfall, it’s really easy and the whole family can do it!

**Stanley Ghyll Force Circular Walk—2 miles**

1. From Dalegarth Station Car Park turn right and walk along the road for 300m.
2. Follow the signposted lane on the left.
3. After you cross over the bridge over the River Esk you will come to a junction, turn left at the junction.
4. Keep to the lane until you see a gate on your left, this will take you through Stanley Ghyll Wood.
5. From the gate follow the stream, cross three wooden foot-bridges then climb the steps to view the waterfall!
6. Return to Dalegarth by the same route.
Eggtastic Fun!
At the Railway, there will be fun for all the family with our HARIBO Discovery Trails on 29th March—1st April. You will receive a bag of HARIBO once you have completed the trail - now that is what we call sweet success!

"Today's the day the Teddy Bears have their Picnic!"
During the main Easter weekend, children (5—15 years) bringing their Teddy Bear for a day out on the Railway will be allowed to travel for FREE for the day! For the ‘bear essentials’ visit our website.

Going Loco!
We are delighted to announce a locomotive from the Bure Valley Railway will be having a little mini-break this Easter up in the Lake District. 'Wroxham Broad' will be visiting La'al Ratty over the Easter so come and say hello!

Visit ravenglass-railway.co.uk for more news and events!

Answers
The Hunt for the HARIBO Bear!
There are 6 HARIBO Bears hidden throughout the newsletter.