



# SPA VALLEY

RAILWAY

**A DESTINATION AT EVERY STATION!**

**MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEERING**

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS & ERIDGE RAILWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY**



**JOIN US AND GET INVOLVED TO KEEP OUR  
TRAINS RUNNING!**

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# JOIN OUR RAILWAY!

The Spa Valley Railway, although not known as such until later in its life, was born after the line from Tunbridge Wells West to Eridge was closed by British Rail on 6th July 1985.

The aim was clear – to preserve and operate trains on the former line between Tunbridge Wells West and Eridge.

## **So what happened?**

On 7th May 1987 the Tunbridge Wells & Eridge Railway Preservation Society was born. Following a merger with the North Downs Steam Railway the first steam hauled services were operated in December 1996 and the following August the line opened to Groombridge.

## **The Extension to Eridge**

The society's aim was always to restore services to Eridge. This dream became a reality in March 2011 when Class 37 37254 complete with our 101 trailer car made its way into Eridge station.

On Friday 25th March 2011 the first passenger train returned to Eridge. The honour of hauling this rather special train fell to resident steam locomotive No. 62 'Ugly'.

## **The Future**

Since opening to Eridge we have grown in visitor numbers and expanded our operation to run bigger events and more trains.

Groombridge Signal Box was brought into action for the first time in August 2014 with further enhancements taking place 2 years later. The commissioning of the signalling at Groombridge has provided us with a passing place for trains half way along the line. A major benefit of this is that private charter trains and driver experiences can run on our normal operating days.

The future of the Spa Valley Railway is certainly an exciting one. Whilst we have reached our ultimate goal of re-opening the line to Eridge we are still developing our railway to enhance the visitor experience.

In the 20 years we have been running trains we've grown from strength to strength. Now is probably one of the most exciting times to get involved so join us today and keep our trains running for future generations!

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please fill in the relevant details and hand in at any Ticket Office, or post your application to the address shown below.

I wish to apply for membership of the Tunbridge Wells and Eridge Railway Preservation Society. I agree that my details may be stored electronically for the Society's and Railway's internal use only. See the Railway's website [www.spavalleyrailway.co.uk](http://www.spavalleyrailway.co.uk) for a full Privacy Policy.

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Date of birth <i>(Student/Junior members)</i> :			
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## CURRENT MEMBERSHIP RATES

ANNUAL		LIFE	
Joint/family	£30	Joint	£560
Adult	£20	Single	£400
Student <i>(16-18)</i>	£12	Senior (60+)	£200
Junior <i>(under 16)</i>	£6	Joint Senior	£300
Senior <i>(60+)</i>	£13	Partner of existing life member	£175
Joint Senior	£20		
Corporate	£100		



# VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Our railway is run by a team of dedicated volunteers with ages ranging from 14 to 90. Why not become part of our fantastic railway and start volunteering with us today?

Over 30 years ago the railway from Tunbridge Wells to Eridge closed. Since then, dedicated volunteers have worked around the clock to restore services along the line.

Now for over 20 years we have been operating trains through the glorious High Weald countryside, all undertaken by our ever-growing family of volunteers. We are proud of every single person who has volunteered their time to make our railway what it is today and who continue to build on the successes of previous years.

They may be driving the train, clipping your ticket or fixing the track. Without these hard working individuals we would simply not exist.

<b>OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT</b> <i>Locomotive Crews, Guards, Signalmen, Crossing Attendants &amp; Responsible Officers</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT</b> <i>Station Masters, Ticket Inspectors, Booking Office Clerks &amp; Shop Staff</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CATERING DEPARTMENT</b> <i>Kate, Tunbridge Wells Buffet, Eridge Buffet &amp; Groombridge Kiosk</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>DINING TRAINS DEPARTMENT</b> <i>Dining in the Weald Experiences</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>LOCOMOTIVE/ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT</b> <i>Overhauling &amp; routine maintenance of our historic steam &amp; diesel locomotives</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>CARRIAGE &amp; WAGON DEPARTMENT</b> <i>Restoring our carriages and wagons and their routine maintenance</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE DEPARTMENT</b> <i>Signalling &amp; Telecoms, Permanent Way, Civil Engineering, Lineside &amp; Gardens</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>BACK OFFICE ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT</b> <i>Processing bookings, handling phone calls and liaising with our customers.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Tick the relevant box (or boxes) above and hand in with your membership form. Our volunteer liaison officer will be in touch with you in due course using the details you've provided. Go on you know you want to!  
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