



PRESS RELEASE

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Sun Shines on the Bramley Line for the first ever Sponsored Walk!

On Sunday, March 7th, it was our first ever group organised event, a Sponsored Walk of the line by members. Weather wise, it was a lovely day, with the sun shining all day and fairly warm too.

The assembled crowd gathered at Wisbech, Weasenham Lane at 10am ready for the 10.30am departure to March. At 10.30am, our chairman gave the whistle and waved the green flag and the team departed.

The group departed at 10.30am On Time and started to make the way to March. It was interesting watching the look of the people at the Wisbech Sunday Market, as a crowd of men and women in Orange Coats walked past the market, a sight I am sure they have not seen for many years, let alone seeing a train depart.

Upon arrival at Waldersea, the group had a break, but we were all surprised to find a Crossing Keeper, who closed both gates to road traffic to allow us to cross. Some of use doubted if the unrefurbished gate would even open without falling apart.

After a cup of tea, we headed south through Coldham and onto Chain Bridge. As we approached, a trespasser was coming the other way, who asked to leave the railway, when he saw the group of orange vests coming, he did so, but wasn't very happy about it. The group arrived complete safe and well back at March Elm Road Level Crossing at 13.50 hours

The group would like to thank everyone who has donated to the sponsored walk and who participated. By totalling up the figures at the end of the day, the Walk should raise over £500 for the Bramley Line.

Notes for editors

- This press release is available for immediate publication.
- Chairman Simon Rudge can be contacted on 07799 337283
- A key aim of the Bramley Line is to recreate a typical Fenland Branch Line of the 1960s, using first heritage diesels and later steam locos, with the ultimate aim of gaining access to March mainline station and reconnecting Wisbech with the rail network
- Our next event is the Bramley Line Model Railway Exhibition will be held in St Peters Church Hall on Saturday 19th June 10am – 5pm (£3 adults £2 children). A range of layouts from a number of model railway clubs and individuals in East Anglia will be on show as well as trade stands and the Bramley Line Roadshow. Further Details from website.
- The Bramley Line website www.bramleyline.org.uk gives further details of activities and fundraising events or you can e-mail office@bramleyline.org.uk