

Steam Trains and Fairytales at Butterley 23-24 May 2026

SATURDAY PROGRAMME			
Time	Feature	Location	Description
<p>Untimed Features</p> <p>The Midland Railway Trust at Butterley Station and Swanwick Junction is a fabulous location with a host of interesting buildings, trains and exhibits guaranteed to keep you entertained for hours. There will be steam and diesel trains running throughout the day.</p> <p>There will also be a steampunk market on the green and in the Johnson's Building in addition to the timed features below.</p> <p>The train timetable is listed separately.</p>			
10:00	EVENT START & ILLICIT MARKET	Butterley Station	<p>Get your passport stamped, sort your travel documents, interact with our monster hunters and creatures and get ready to catch the train to Swanwick Junction (the first train leaves at 10:30).</p> <p>While you are waiting, we've heard a rumour that there may be an Illicit Market taking place in the buffet area at Butterley Station between 10:00 and 11:00. If you wish to bring small steampunk items to sell you can do so, but please take any remaining stock back to your horse drawn carriage before catching the train. There will be strictly no illicit trading at Swanwick where the Pie Men are known to be particularly active.</p> <p>Also please keep any trading activities within the buffet area and do not spread out to the platform itself.</p>
10:35	BELLY FUSION DANCE COLLECTIVE	Swanwick Junction	Belly Fusion will welcome you to Swanwick junction with their joyful dance and winning smiles.
11:00	STORIES AND TALES (for adults)	St Saviour's Church	Our storyteller Tan has some short stories and maybe even a poem or two to enchant and entertain you. You can expect magic, witches, steam machines and maybe a very big rat! Please note this will be suitable for an ADULT audience only.
11:00	WILLOW WAND WEAVING	Johnson's Building	Suitable for all ages, Michelle will help you weave a wand from willow and ribbons, suitable for casting spells for the rest of the day.
12:00	HIGH NOON SHOOTOUT	Swanwick Platform	Join Major Tinker for a High Noon Shootout against the backdrop of 'The train now standing at Platform...' (the 12:00 from Butterley will be due in

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			to Swanwick Junction at 12:04). Expect fun and noise and a few flying nerf darts. Who will win the contest on behalf of their kind? Will it be a witch or a wizard, a monster or a fairy?
13:00	A SHORT AND COMPLETELY SERIOUS HISTORY OF NIMPH	St Saviour's Church	Join field agent and Dark Museum curator Burn O'Wolf for a lively, tongue-in-cheek exploration of the secret history of Britain's legendary monster-hunting organisation, NIMPH. From its fiery founding in 1666, through its eccentric steampunk heyday, and into the present day, this talk uncovers the myths, mishaps, and monsters that shaped its curious legacy. Warning: this feature may include singing. Expect useful (questionably so) insights into vampires, werewolves, and ghosts, alongside a whirlwind tour of a cabinet filled with dangerously peculiar artefacts. Blending occult lore, monster-hunting trivia, and the real-life escapades of NIMPH agents, this is a delightfully irreverent dive into a world where the strange is simply business as usual.
13:00	TEAPOT RACING	Road Transport Building	Try your hand at the exciting steampunk pastime of racing teapots. Yes, it is every bit as mad as it sounds (ask the Mad Hatter!)
13:30	BELLY FUSION DANCE COLLECTIVE	The Green	Belly Fusion will perform for your delight and amazement on the green. Not to be missed.
14:00	TEA DUELLING	St Saviour's Church	Have a go at the famous steampunk way to resolve disputes. Tea will be poured and biscuits will be eaten.
14:15	PHOTOSHOOT	Swanwick Station	16440 will pull into Swanwick junction at 14:10 for 35 minutes, departing 14:45. We invite anyone wearing a fairytale themed costume to come along to Swanwick Junction for a group photo alongside the train.
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15:00	STEAMPUNK 101	St Saviour's Church	Tinker explains what steampunk is and where it came from.
15:45	BELLY FUSION DANCE COLLECTIVE	Swanwick Junction	If you are leaving on the 16:15 train to Butterley Station then Belly Fusion will entertain you with their charm and grace before you leave the fairy realms for the day
16:15	LMS 3F Jinty 16440	Swanwick Junction	16440 and its carriages make their penultimate journey back to Butterley Station, arriving 16:35.
17:00	LMS 3F Jinty 16440	Swanwick Junction	16440 and its carriages make their final journey back to Butterley Station, arriving 17:18.
<p>All times and performances listed above are correct as of the date at the bottom of the page. Despite the Minister of Time Travel's best efforts, time can be a little fluid, so please expect some slippage in the published times. And of course the features, times and locations are dependent on performer availability, weather and a host of other factors outside of our control.</p>			