

Steam Trains and Fairytales at Butterley 23-24 May 2026

SUNDAY 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>
11:00	THE CASE OF GOOD FORTUNE	St Saviour's Church	<p>Join Nimrod to learn about the travelling case he inherited from his grandfather which guarantees good luck in all circumstances when travelling through fairytale realms and on famous trains. Find out the winning number for next week's lottery (somewhere).</p>
11:00	WILLOW WAND WEAVING	Johnson's Building	<p>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.</p>
12:00	ELSIE'S ATTIC	St Saviour's Church	<p>As if by fairytale magic, Lady Elsie has found a trunk of clothes in her attic labelled 'Miss Havisham'. Also another one labelled 'Miss Estella', and a third labelled 'Ghiselle'. What do they all have in common? Come along to St Saviour's Church and find out.</p>

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13:00	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.
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!).
14:00	A SHORT AND COMPLETELY SERIOUS HISTORY OF NIMPH	St Saviour's Church	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
14:00	MAKE A FAIRTALE PICTURE FRAME	Johnson's Building	Join Karen from Kitty Sugar Powertex to learn how to make a fairytale picture frame using Powertex. Numbers will be limited so please book with Karen at her trading stand in advance.
15:00	PHOTOSHOOT	Swanwick Station	The DMU will pull into Swanwick junction at 14:47 for 43 minutes, departing 15:30. If you are wearing a fairytale themed costume please do come along to Swanwick Junction for a group photo alongside the train.
15:15	CTHULHU'S WITNESSES	St Saviour's Church	Learn about the weird dark fairytale Steampunk spoof, cult and religion and maybe sign away your soul.
15:15	PARASOLL DUELLING	The Green	If duelling with guns sounds too violent and duelling with biscuits sounds too calorific, why not come along and try your hand at duelling with parasols? An activity as suited to fairies as to witches (no you can't use your broomstick). No previous experience

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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>			