

2012 Timetable

February							March						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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27	28	29					26	27	28	29	30	31	

April							May						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	28	29	30	31			
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June							July						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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August							September						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5					1	2	
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30

October/November							December						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7					1	2	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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29	30	31	1	2	3	4	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Key to Events

	Steam Trains		Diesel Service		Gala		Santa Special		Weekday Diesel Service
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For more comprehensive details of any events please visit our website at:

www.amertonrailway.co.uk or contact us.

All services subject to availability.

Train Times

Steam hauled trains 12.00pm to 5.00pm

Sundays 25th March to 4th November, Bank Holiday Weekends, Easter, May Day, Whitsun and August

Diesel hauled trains 12.00pm to 5.00pm

Saturdays 24th March through to 3rd November, also 12th and 18th Feb. (except as above and Gala Weekend)

Weekday Running 12.00pm to 4.00pm

We will be running each weekday during school half terms and summer holidays with *Gordon* our Hunslet diesel engine.

Fares

Children £1.50 Concessions £1.70 Adults £2.20

Steam Gala Weekend 16th & 17th June

This year's Summer Steam Gala will be held on 16th & 17th June 2012, where we will have up to three visiting steam engines running a varied selection of passenger and goods trains running in both directions on our line.

Santa Specials

We will be running Santa Specials on selected weekends in December, see timetable for dates, or website for full details.

Booking recommended, (after 1st October) on 01889 270294

Location and Contact Details

The Amerton Railway is situated at Amerton Farm, Stowe-by-Chartley, on the A518 between Stafford and Uttoxeter. We are 6 miles from Stafford and 1 mile east from the junction with the A51 at Weston. There is ample free parking for the Farm and Railway. The farm has a restaurant, toilets, shops, picnic site and many other attractions. Tel: 01889 270294 or visit their website at www.amertonfarm.co.uk for more information.

Amerton Railway, Stowe-by-Chartley, Nr Stafford, ST18 0LA

Tel: 01785 254919 (Railway enquiries only)

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Take a trip on.....

The Amerton Railway

"Stafford's Rural Little Railway"



Our 20th Year!

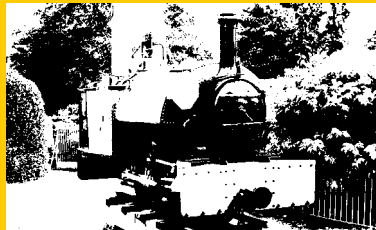
Home of Stafford's Isabel 115 Years old!

The Amerton Railway

Bagnalls of Stafford were a locomotive builder with a world-wide reputation for excellence. The Amerton Railway is dedicated to the preservation of *Isabel* and other narrow gauge locomotives, steam and diesel. *Isabel* is a very special 2ft gauge steam locomotive with links to the Town of Stafford going back over one hundred years. *Isabel* is jointly owned by Stafford Borough Council and the Amerton Railway.

Isabel

Isabel was built in 1897 by W.G.Bagnall at the Castle Engine Works, Stafford and was delivered to the Cliffe Hill Granite Co. in Leicestershire for use on their expanding quarrying operation, finally ceasing work in 1946. In the early 1950s Bagnalls were looking around for a suitable elderly example of their craftsmanship for display and in 1953 repurchased *Isabel* and brought her back to Stafford. She was restored by the apprentices of the day and took up a prominent place in the yard. With the demise of Bagnalls in the early 1960s, *Isabel* was saved by members of the Stafford Railway Circle before being donated to Stafford Borough Council for display outside Victoria Park.



Many people come to Amerton to show *Isabel* to their children and grandchildren and stand them on her footplate just as they did as children outside Victoria Park! Eventually by the late 1980's her condition had deteriorated dramatically and she was removed from display. The Staffordshire Narrow Gauge Railway Ltd, became involved in 1987, taking over the restoration of *Isabel* to full working order, a task which was successfully completed in 1990. After that achievement attention then turned to the building of a suitable railway for *Isabel* to run on, and after an extensive search for a suitable site, agreement was reached with Amerton Farm, near Weston for a completely new line to be built from scratch.



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The railway which opened in 1992, has since gone from strength to strength and now runs in a 1 mile circuit through the attractive countryside with *Isabel* as its centrepiece.

We also have two other steam locos at the Railway, which share the passenger duties with *Isabel*. *Jennie* is a Wren class loco built as recently as



2008 by Hunslet at Tamworth and *Paddy* was built by a group of our members in 2007 and is rather unusual as it is a vertical boilered loco with a small tender. As well as the steam locos there are a number of preserved diesel locomotives most of which worked in industry. Our main passenger locomotive is *Gordon* dating from 1978 and is a Perkins powered Hunslet hydraulic underground locomotive, restored and fitted with a new body built on site. We also have Motor Rails, Rustons and Baguleys at the Railway including the famous *Golspie* from Trentham Gardens. Work continues

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Visit Amerton Farm and Craft Centre!

Amerton Farm is a great day out for all the family. Amerton Farm prides itself in serving good quality home made fresh food using locally sourced produce in our Tea Room. The Bakery boasts a full range of delicious cakes, sweets and savoury produce. The Farm shop has a wide range of locally produced meat, cheeses, cream and eggs. Amerton Farm Ice Cream is also available. We have a well stocked Craft Centre and Cook Shop. Children can enjoy a visit to our Farmyard, Playbarn and Toyshop. We are also home to the British Wildlife Rescue Centre, Jewellery Shop, Studio Pottery and Glass Centre, amongst many other attractions.



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Santa Specials

We run Santa Specials at weekends throughout December. These are very popular, the children receive a present and the adults sherry and a mince pie.

Booking is available after 1st October and is advisable due to the demand.

Please Tel: 01889 270294 to book.



Our Summer Steam Gala

On the weekend of 16th & 17th June 2012 we will hold our Summer Steam Gala. Over the years this has had a number of visiting steam engines from all over the country and we normally have 4 or 5 engines in steam. The weekend will feature an intensive timetable operation so that there is always something to see with goods services mixed in with the passenger trains. There are other attractions as well. Please go to the website for the latest information of what will be visiting us this year.



Our Volunteers



As well as running the railway most of the work around the site including maintenance is carried out by ourselves. Training will always be given for any task. We are always on the lookout for volunteers and if you would like to join us an application form

is available on the website or talk to any of our volunteers on site.

A complete history of *Isabel* and a New Full Colour Guide Book is available from the Ticket Office.

