

Trains for Marie Curie Cancer Care; Review of the Year 2014, and Dates for 2015

Executive Summary:

Somesay Island Railway operated a full service on 7 days in 2014.

Receipts for the year totalled **£5,207**, all of which was remitted to **Marie Curie Cancer Care**.

Major station improvements were undertaken at **Port Pourri and Aveatque Vale**, for the benefit of passengers, and to serve expanding factories at the Vale.

Over Cotes station was closed as part of the singling of the line between **Ballyfuss** and **Aveatque Vale**. In response to strong protests orchestrated by the local Vicar, a halt, served by a peak-time only DMU service, was instituted to meet the commuting needs of the workers transferred from **Ballyfuss** and **Overcotes** to the new factories. The new facility is called **Parson Bye Halt**.

Torrential rain on August Bank Holiday Monday meant all services were cancelled

The standard timetable was operated on all days of operation, both by the (invited) general public and participants in corporate team-building.

Reliability, and **punctuality** varied, but best performance was achieved on May Day Bank Holiday, when a significant proportion of the operating staff were in the under-10s age-group. This may have implications for future operations.

In its 16 year association with **Marie Curie Cancer Care**, **Somesay Island Railway** has attracted donations totalling **£45,681** for the Charity.

The Future

During **2015 Somesay Island Railway** will be open to the invited Public for operation as a battery powered railway on the following 7 days

May: Sat 23rd, and Sun 24th,; Sat 30th and Sun 31st

August: Sat 29th, Sun 30th and Mon 31st.

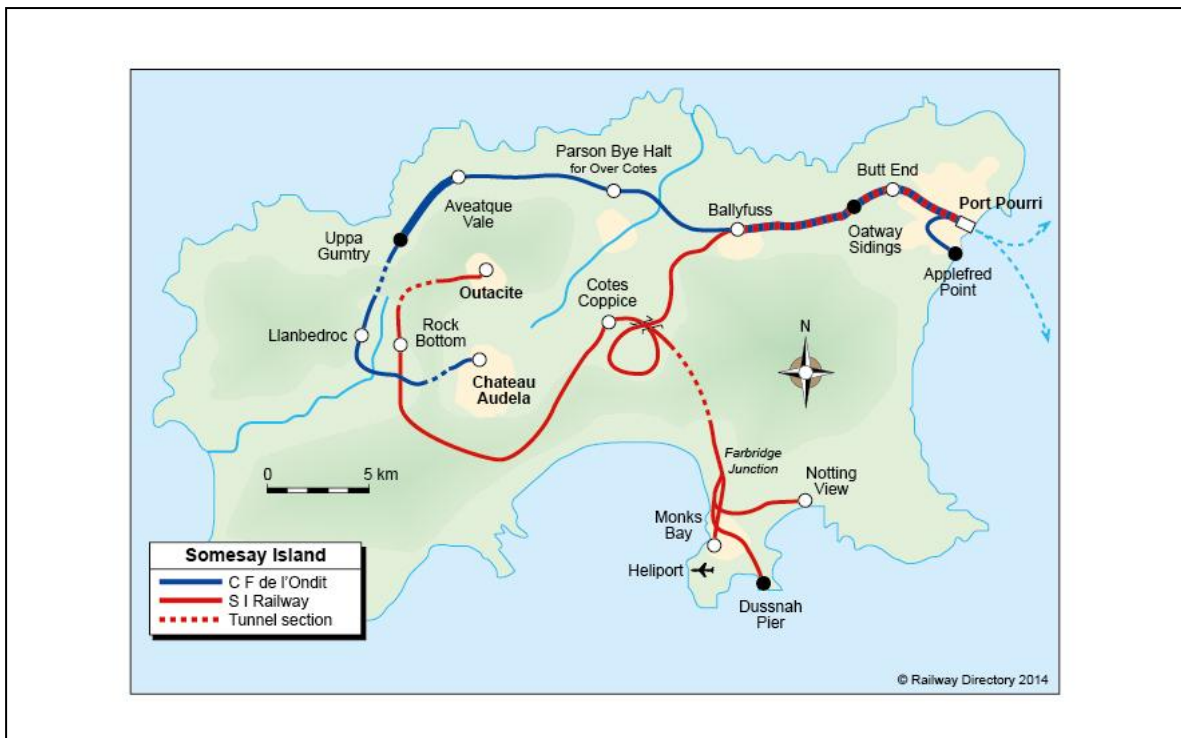
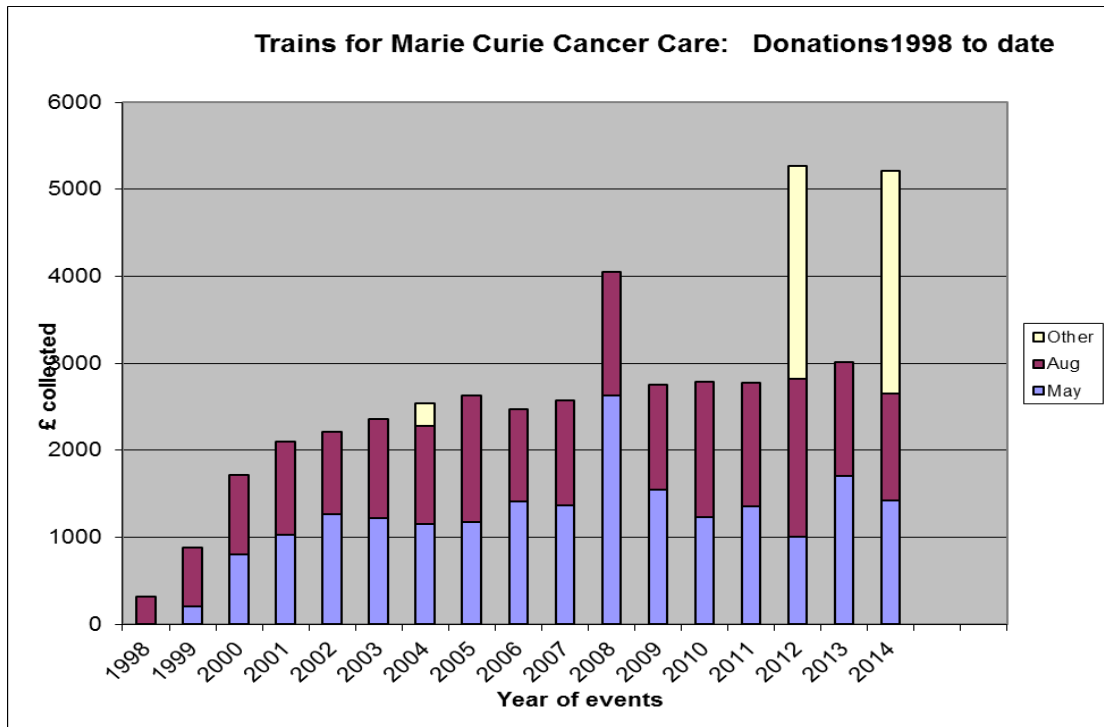
Please Note, the railway will NOT be open at the beginning of May for the May Day Bank Holiday.

Somesay Island Railway can provide a risk free environment for **team-building** and similar training for 20 to 30 people. The efficient operation of the railway requires all participants to differentiate clearly between their scope for individual improvisation and their obligations towards their colleagues. Bespoke programmes and challenges can be organised on request.

Members of BAG are "ex officio" invitees to attend any of the above dates. In addition, BAG members who would like the chance to run their own steam or diesel locomotives on Somesay's rails, are invited to an exclusive BAG day on Monday 25th May (Spring Bank Holiday Monday). All we ask is that you give us notice that you would like to come, and that you make some contribution to Marie Curie Cancer Care

We look forward to another successful year, meeting old friends and making new.

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