

Another year of Sunday Trains !

Great news from GMITA – on Friday 21 Jan the authority approved the subsidy required to keep Sunday trains running from Walkden for another 12 months.

The Sunday service was launched as a one-year trial in May 2010 with GMITA paying an operating subsidy to Northern Rail. Now – thanks to the popular take-up of the trains – the arrangement will be renewed this May to keep the trains running until May 2012.



Spending Cuts halt Station Improvement Plans

GMITA have put planned station improvements on hold while the DfT reviews its spending commitments in the light of the government's spending cuts.

The improvements, which include passenger information screens and a Help Point, were scheduled for this spring but are now indefinitely postponed until the DfT publishes its revised plans.

If it's any consolation Walkden remains at the head of GMITA's station improvement "queue" but nobody knows if or when the DfT money might be available.

Good Luck and Thank You Marion



We are very sorry Marion will be retiring from the Booking Office at the start of March. In her 5 years here at Walkden Marion has delivered great customer service and commitment to serving the public. Whether it was finding cheap tickets, putting a stop order on the express, or making her trademark *"Passenger coming up !"* announcement on the tannoy, many a passenger has good reason to be grateful to Marion.

Behind the scenes Marion has given FOWS wonderful practical help and support, and we will miss her very much.

We're sure all passengers will wish Marion a very long and happy retirement.

FOWS Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will be held at 7.15pm on Wednesday 2nd March in the Walkden Legion Club.

All passengers are warmly invited to attend.

Watch this noticeboard for further details.

Flower Beds got Winter Blues

Our flower beds have taken a bit of a hammering in this winter's cold weather. We're planning a major refresh in the spring when the worst frosts are over.



If you have any plants you'd like to donate to the station gardens, please do get in touch with us - our bank balance is pretty low ☹